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### The Jipex Stamps.

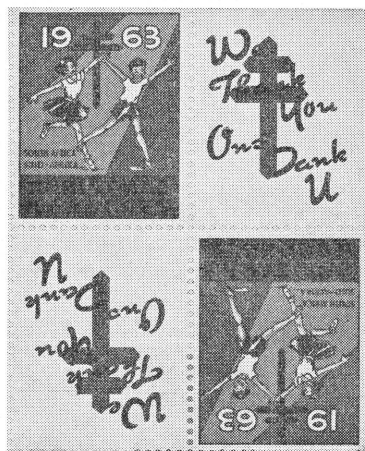
It was suggested at the Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa, recently held at Durban, that a booklet on the plating of the Jipex Stamps be published. The matter was referred to the Federation's Publication Sub-committee which desires to draw the attention of readers to two excellent articles dealing with this subject which have been published in the S.A. Philatelist. These are: "The Jipex Stamps" by the late Dr. Alec Kaplan, Vol. 13, No. 2, February 1937, p. 20, and "Union ½d. and 1d. Booklet Panes with Advertisements and Jipex Panes," by G. N. Gilbert, Vol. 13, No. 3, March 1937, p. 39.

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A reprinting of the 50c Value, from previously used cylinders, Nos. 70/54, on unwatermarked paper, appeared at Post Offices recently.

The issue was prepared on the Goebel 830 machine with four figure red cyclometer numbers twice on the sheet's right margin, opposite rows 8 and 9, and 19 and 20, and perforated, gauge 14, by the large hole eleven row appliance exhibiting the "Drunken Perforation" characteristic. The other printing conditions remain unaltered.

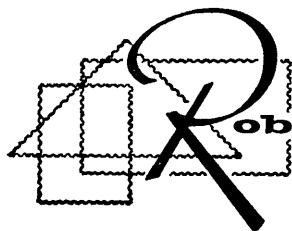


### Christmas Seals.

The Republic's 1963 Christmas Seals, illustrated, went on sale on November 4th and were available until the 24th December. They were printed on Arms Watermarked paper, the mark facing right, in Double Die Format on the Goebel 840 Machine, and the sheets were perforated by the Grover appliance, gauge 14.

The issue was made in sheet form and also in booklets of different denominations. Notwithstanding a diligent search, only one pane, probably the left hand one, has been viewed thus far. The absence of the companion pane may be assumed to be due to a condition whereby all these panes were used to make up the booklets, for out of a printing of 100,000 sheets only 15,000 were issued in sheet form.

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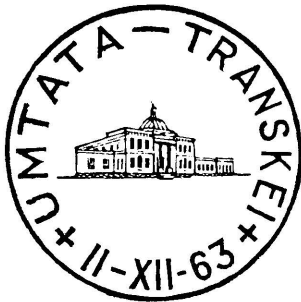
consists of one hundred seals of a nominal value of 1c each. The "blanks" are bilingually inscribed "We thank you/ons dank u," with the Cross of Lorraine superimposed. The first three horizontal rows are tête-bêche to the remaining three.

Only the left hand margin of the sheets viewed was perforated through, the others being imperforate. A punch hole was present on the top margin, above seals 13 and 14, which is wider than the bottom one, and a missing perforation hole appeared in the vertical perforation at every alternate seal of Row 1, indicating a missing pin in the Grover perforator.

The bilingually inscribed seals depict a boy and a girl in playful mood with the Cross of Lorraine upon a yellow and orange background. "Christmas/Kersfees" appear at the bottom margin and "1963" at the top.

The seals are intended for use on mail matter but 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.

#### The Transkei Stamp.



Further to the stop press announcement appearing in our December Number, we are now able to illustrate the special date-stamp which was used at Umtata on the 11th December, 1963, when the relevant 2½c postage stamps were issued.

The stamps were printed on RSA water-marked paper by the Goebel 830 machine in Double Die Format and perforated, gauge 15 x 14, by the small hole eleven row appliance.

The panes are of vertical format, pane B being positioned on the right of A, and comprise 20 rows by 4 (80) stamps—the departure from the decimal setting being probably adopted in order to use up an odd size of paper.

The top and bottom margins are perforated through and carry brown single line broken bars with an extended gap between the segments opposite stamps 2 and 3. The side margins are imperforate except for a single perforation hole, and contain centrally placed pre-manufactured brown arrows. The cylinder numbers, S12 green, S31 brown, Panes A and B, appear on the bottom margin of the respective panes, below stamp 4. Pane B carries four figure red sheet numbers twice on its right margin, opposite rows 9 and 20, while Pane A shows the printer's guide mark in the form of a cross in the two contributing colours on its right margin, opposite row 9.

The stamps are of horizontal format, stated in the Post Office Bulletin to measure 40.5 by 24.2 mm., and depict the old Bunga Building at Umtata in "dark brown" upon a "toned-down emerald green" background—the shades of these colours being supplied by the Government Printing Works. The inscriptions "Republic of South Africa/ Republiek van Suid-Afrika" appear respectively in the top left and right corners of the stamp, "1963" and "2½c" at the left and right margins, and "TRANSKEI" at the bottom margin.

The following are some of the varieties viewed:

#### PANE A:

The top marginal bar presents a short inclined brown line at its left and a short horizontal brown line at its right extremities.

Row:—

1-1. Prominent brown dot left of large 2 of

2½c, small brown dot on right margin, and another below H of SOUTH.

- 1-3. Tiny brown dot left of S of SUID.
- 2-1. Prominent brown dot above roof near right margin.
- 7-1. Tiny brown dot right of 3 of 1963.
- 7-3. Tiny brown dot above roof at right of base of dome.
- 8-1. Two tiny brown dots right of C of figure of value.
- 8-3. Small white dot right of fraction bar of ½.
- 10-1. Small white dot at one o'clock to F of OF.
- 10-4. Three small brown dots on right margin.
- 12-1. Prominent brown dot on right margin of stamp, opposite 2½c.
- 12-4. Small brown dot below second A of AFRIKA.
- 14-1. Tiny brown dot right of 3 of 1963.
- 16-4. Inclined brown line at toe of large 2 of 2½c.
- 17-3. Tiny brown dot left of large 2 of 2½c.
- 19-2. Small brown dot below large 2 of 2½c.
- 20-1. Tiny brown dot at 7 o'clock to head of large 2 of 2½c.
- 20-3. Small green ring in vertical limb of F of AFRIKA.

#### PANE B:

There is an inclined brown line left of the left extremity of the bottom marginal bar.

Row:—

- 2-4. Small brown dot at 7 o'clock to left lower window.
- 3-2. Two tiny green dots below UI of SUID.
- 5-2. Small green dot below U of SOUTH.
- 6-4. Smudged S of SOUTH.
- 8-1. Tiny brown dot below AF of AFRIKA.
- 8-3. Tiny brown dot left of head of large 2 of 2½c.
- 12-3. White diagonal line below R of TRANSKEI.
- 16-4. Prominent brown smudge on right margin of stamp.
- 18-1. Tiny green dot below UT of SOUTH.
- 20-1. Prominent brown smudge above T of TRANSKEI, near window.

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#### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The Ministry of Posts announces the issue of a definitive series of 14 stamps on 19th February, 1964. The values range from ½d. to £1; the designs feature various aspects of the natural resources of the country, and include a cameo portrait of H.M. the Queen.

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(TYPE II)**

(By MAJOR H. M. CRIDDLE)

(Note: By arrangement, this article is also being published in "Stamp Collecting").

In common with all the provisional surcharges of the territories of Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland, the surcharging was undertaken by the Government Printer, South Africa, at Pretoria and supplies were not available at the Crown Agents' Stamp Bureau in London. It was done by the letter-press process and the surcharge on this particular stamp applied by type known as 30 point Tempo Bold as compared with 18 point Tempo Bold on Type I

As far as I am aware, the date of issue has never been established. It is likely to be subsequent to 14 Feb 61 (the date of issue of Type I) but will probably only be found by tracing the earliest used copy by reference to the date. It may even be found that it was available on 14 Feb 61 together with Type I as this phenomenon has already occurred with the Bechuanaland One Rand Type II of which I have a copy used on a cover posted from Lobatsi on that date.

The total number surcharged with Type II was 58, 140. This total includes the original printing and a reprint, a comparatively few sheets of the latter being on the ordinary paper (S.G. D.8b) as opposed to the normal chalky paper. The Government Printer reported to the Crown Agents that 6,300 of this total were run off in one printing (i.e. the original) while 51,840 were produced in a later printing (i.e. the reprint). As I have mentioned above, a limited number of sheets on ordinary paper were included in this later printing. It would seem therefore that the original printing (6,300) on chalky paper is comparatively scarce.

It also seems that two printings of the basic stamp were used in both the original and reprint of the Surcharge as two distinct shades exist in each—a purple-lilac and a slightly paler shade with a little more red in it which may perhaps be called a rose-lilac.

In spite of the comparative unpopularity of Postage Dues in general, it may be of interest to have on record the constant flaws appearing on the original printing and the reprint. In most cases it is possible to allocate a stamp to one printing or the other. There are many flaws which are not constant such as pin holes, wisps of ink and smudges probably resulting from the use of dirty type, over inking and in general from the haste in which the printing was carried out in Pretoria. Of these non-constant flaws, the best known is that mentioned in the Shelley catalogue of the Decimal surcharges published by "Stamp Collecting" under their No. DV.5. It is evident that the type was not securely fixed in the chase with the result that one of the packing bars worked loose, its face inked and then brought into contact with the surface of the paper. This packing bar was reproduced on a few sheets of the reprint before it was noted. It appears as a vertical bar (about 0.7 x 12.4 mm. on my copy) midway between the surcharges on Nos. 3 and 4 in Row 1. My copy incidentally is postmarked Lobatsi 21 Jun 61.

I have recently completed an examination of 31 complete sheets of this Type II together with several positional blocks. Of these eight sheets proved to be from the original printing and 23 sheets and most of the blocks from the reprint. The flaws I have tabulated appear to be constant. It will be noted that in the original printing they are largely due to damaged type and possibly underinking while in the reprint they are due to slight doubling of the surcharge coupled with a comparatively few instances of damaged type. The doubling was caused by a slight flap of the sheet occurring during the surcharging process known in the printing trade as "lay slur." It generally appears on the sheet to the right of the surcharge but in the last vertical column it is to the left.

It is evident that when the original printing was completed, the type was dispersed and fresh type in far better condition set up for the reprint. The setting throughout both printings was a constant 10 mm. and the setting of 10.25 mm. noted against Nos. 1-3 in Row 7 of the reprint is obviously the result of over inking and not strictly speaking a variation of the standard setting.

Finally of course the thick "d" variety on the basic stamp occurs on No. 6 in Rows 9 and 10 of each sheet throughout both printings.

(To be continued).

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## BASUTOLAND 1962/63 DECIMAL DEFINITIVES

Collectors of these stamps may have been puzzled, as I have been, by the varying size and appearance of the perforations in the first issued decimal denominations.

In all the first issued sheets, with the exception of the R1, which had a different perforator, sheets appeared with small neat perforations as well as rough, ragged and much larger perforations, all in the same batches. It appeared obvious that the same single row perforator had been used throughout, as the same characteristics showed up in the same positions in both.

What puzzled me most of all was that the smaller perforations appeared to have a ridge round the perforations on the face of the sheet, just as if these had been perforated from below, which was, of course, extremely unlikely, while the larger ones were quite obviously perforated through from above in the normal way.

As the same perforator had been used for all of the sheets, and as also sheets were found with in-between sizes of holes, the answer seemed to be that the sheets had been perforated in batches, and that the top sheets received the neater holes, and as the perforated pieces were forced through to the lower sheets, the holes tended to become larger and rougher.

I wrote to Messrs. De La Rue and Co. enclosing samples of both types to illustrate my queries. Their Mr. Newman very kindly took the matter up with the Works, and their first reply said that the whole thing was very simple, as the die-plate of the perforator had become extremely worn and had been replaced later with a new one.

This did not explain why there were both large and small perforations and why the smaller perforations had the peculiar raised effect on the face, so I took the risk of being very unpopular, and wrote again for an explanation of **this**.

Their last letter I think gives the clue and confirms the theory that the sheets were perforated in batches, which, together with the fact that the die-plate was badly worn, would undoubtedly account for everything. I append the relevant portion of their last letter, and from this it would appear that printers of stamps very often think, and probably quite rightly, that philatelists are a barmy lot.

"Regarding your further airmail letter of Sept. 18th, if we may put it that way—you are making a mystery where in fact none exists. The old Basutoland perforator die at one time was extremely badly worn. This failed to have the effect of pulling the sheets back up against the stripper, and caused the roughness to appear on the top, of the sheet rather than at the back. This would be most noticeable in the top sheet of the **back of seven**, and there is no suggestion that we perforated sheets upside-down." (Query—should "back" not read "batch"?).

I would like to thank Mr. Newman and Messrs. De La Rue and Co. for their patient courtesy in answering my queries, and I am sure all collectors of these stamps will welcome the explanation given, which to Messrs. De La Rue and Co. was so apparent, but so puzzling to some of us.

—G. N. GILBERT.

## OBITUARY

### GEORGE KEITH FORBES

His many collector friends will learn with deep regret of the sudden passing of this old-timer whilst on a visit to Cape Town.

As a member of our Roll of Honour, since 1951, a biography (largely written by himself) was published in the S.A. Ph. Vol. 34, p. 189, but added here are a few notes not included therein.

He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1889, and came to South Africa at the age of 20. A bit of a roamer at first, including a spell in Australia, he spent most of his life as a building contractor in Port Elizabeth. In World War I he served with the South African forces in S.W.A.; later with the Australians in France, where he was awarded the Military Medal.

A stamp collector from boyhood, he described himself as merely a picker-up of trifles, but he had actually much out-of-the-way material, and did a lot for philately in Port Elizabeth.

Only a few months ago he started roaming again (on a small scale) and moved house and home to East London. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Dorothy Forbes and to his two sisters and a brother still living in Scotland.

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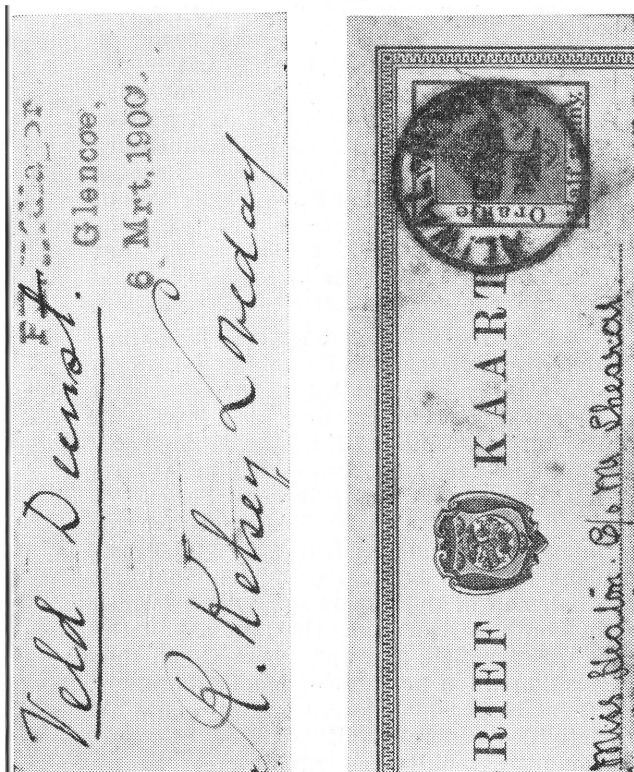
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## ANGLO-BOER WAR

### INVASIONS OF NATAL AND CAPE



#### Z.A.R. Invasion of Natal.

Mr. Louis Feinstein has found a cover with a Boer postal marking of this period, which appears to be unrecorded.

It is in violet from a rubber handstamp set up from moveable type and reads in three lines "P.K. Hfdlager/Glencoe/6 Mrt. 1900."

Some of the letters are rather indistinct, especially the "K" and the "e" of Hfdlager. The setting of the first line is somewhat out of alignment with the others and may possibly have been applied by a separate handstamp.

The cover is also endorsed "Veld Dienst" at the top centre, the "t" overlapping with the "K." This is in black ink and is in the same handwriting as that of the address to a lady in Pretoria.

#### O.V.S. Invasion of Cape.

Mr. F. G. Froelich has come across an O.V.S. half penny Postal Card from Aliwal North which raises some points of interest. Covers and Cards from there are of course fairly well-known, with dates ranging from

9 Dec. '99 to 7 Mar. '00, as listed by Stephen Rich in his "Philately of the Anglo-Boer War." They are recorded on Z.A.R. stamps as well as on those of the O.V.S.

(a) On checking up in Rich's book my eye was caught by illustration 1-7 on p. 22. This shows an Aliwal North date-stamp of DE 27 99 and cancelling an O.V.S. stamp, an oval "killer" with boxed number 868. Being interested in these numeral postmarks I checked up on it and found that so far it had only been recorded as "Used in Cape," i.e. it was only known on a loose stamp without any clue as to its place of usage. Well, here was the answer to that problem, there all the time if I had only remembered about it. But, of course, that was not a war problem.

Note: This number has been reported sometimes as 898. Hold it upside down and you will see how easily this mistake can be made. The clue lies in the 8's—the top half is appreciably shorter than the bottom half.

(b) Compare the place-date stamp on Mr. Froelich's card with Rich's illustration (it cancels the stamp, there being no Killer). In both cases we have to deal with a thick heavy single-circle mark of 24-25 mm. diameter; on the card there has been a slight double-strike of the right-hand half of the mark. The date on the card is FE 24/19. The use of 19 for 1900 was common in places where interrupted communications had prevented the supply of 00. There is no Index Letter in the mark on the card.

The main differences are (1) The presence of what looks like a hyphen (doubled) between Aliwal and North. (2) The most obvious one is the absence at the bottom of the letters C.G.H. and of the dots between the top and the bottom letterings.

This I think is suggestive of deliberate removal to emphasise the fact that at the moment the P.O. was not a Cape one. This suggestion has been made before but Rich, in Footnote 1, p. 22 of his book, thinks it more likely that an older canceller without the C.G.H. was used. Was there such a type? I do not know. The only older one I can refer to at present is of Dec. '96 and it has the C.G.H.

February, 1900, was a bad month for the Boer forces, what with the surrender of Cronje at Paardeberg on the 27th and the relief of Ladysmith on the 28th.

It was obviously time for the Free Staters in the N.E. Cape to be thinking of retiring to the Eastern O.V.S. They were not pressed, however, by any British force and Rich gives philatelic evidence that they did not clear out from Burghersdorp and Aliwal North till at least as late as March 5th and 7th. —J.H.H.P.

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

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### DISTINGUISHED SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELISTS

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#### CYRIL E. D. ENOCH

Commander Cyril E. D. Enoch, RD., RNR.,



was elected to the Roll of Distinguished South African Philatelists at the ~~1959~~ <sup>1960</sup> Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa. He has been an ardent Stamp Collector for over 50 years, having started as a small boy at the early age of 5. He had the luck to meet all the great Philatelists of the early twenties and was carefully led into the ways of Philately by such great Philatelists as the late F. J. Melville, H. R. Holmes, the late Dr. Collie and others. He was jointly awarded the Challenge Cup for

his collection of Belgium at the first School-boy Exhibition, held in London in January, 1926, and has since gained many awards in Senior Philately.

Commander Enoch came to South Africa during World War II and soon began to take a leading part in local Philately. He was Vice-President of the Cape Town Philatelic Society in 1945, before being transferred to Durban, and, later, to Johannesburg at the conclusion of hostilities. He was elected President of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg in 1950 at the time of the Johannesburg Philatelic Exhibition of that year and presided at the Philatelic Congress held in conjunction with that Exhibition.

During the years that have elapsed since the War, Commander Enoch has served on many Juries adjudicating on local National Philatelic Exhibitions, and also served on the Jury of "Unipex," the International Exhibition staged in Johannesburg in 1960. He has represented the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia on the Federation Executive for many years and has served as Vice-President of that body. He became the first Chairman of the Expert Committee formed in South Africa under the auspices of the S.A. Federation, and only relinquished that position when he suffered from a Coronary Thrombosis, which forced him to reduce his activities generally, although he has continuously maintained his interest in all matters philatelic and is still a member of the Expert Committee and of the Federation Executive.

Commander Enoch's personal philatelic interests are very wide-spread, and he has for years made a number of specialised collections of the more unpopular countries such as British Guiana, Dominican Republic and Thailand. His wide knowledge and far-flung interest has served as an inspiration to many junior collectors who have been encouraged to strike out on their own and to eschew following blindly in the footsteps of others. Commander Enoch's present collections include Great Britain Line-Engraved, Prince Edward Island, Thailand, Shanghai and, of course, his famous specialised collection of the Number Ones of the World, which was awarded a Gold Medal at Cape Town in 1961.

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## CANADA

A 15c definitive, featuring four Canadian geese in flight, went on sale on 30 October.

## PIETERSBURG

In our December issue reference is made to the description of a new variety of these stamps. In the November "London Philatelist" Mr. J. R. Danson reports finding used copies of the 2d. and 4d. similar to those previously described; the 4 Penny in particular has the small 4 in the NW corner exactly like the small 4 shown in the illustration in the previously noted article. This seems to suggest that there must have been at least two sheets printed with this error, not merely one as was earlier suggested.

## TRISTAN DA CUNHA

The Danish ferry-boat Bornholm, chartered to take the 198 islanders home, arrived there on 10 November. Next day was fine and they were all safely landed; then the weather broke and there was considerable delay in landing their personal belongings and stores. It was stated in "Stamp Collecting" that the special "official" covers issued for the occasion of the homecoming would be postmarked with the date of departure of the Bornholm from the island, probably about November 14th or 15th. With the hold-up in landing stores, however, the ship did not leave till the 22nd. We shall see in due course what the actual date of postmarking was.

The next mail from South Africa for Tristan will be leaving early in January, 1964.

## GAMBIA

Of the 13 stamps featuring birds issued on 4th November, four (½d., 3d., 1/- and 1/3) were overprinted "SELF GOVERNMENT 1963" and released on 7th November.

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## CAPE NUMERAL POSTMARKS

Mr. F. G. Froehlich records an unlisted number, 845, on a registered cover with place-date stamp 19 DE 97 of Dassie Deur. This office is given in P.O. Guide Books at least as late as 1912 as in the Cradock (Wit-moss) area; about 1950 it is given as Dassi-deur Sta., but after 1957 it ceases to be listed at all.

## O.R.C. NUMERAL POSTMARKS

Mr. S. J. Hagger reports five "Cape Type" numeral postmarks (barred ovals with boxed numerals), on 1d. Edwardian O.R.C. stamps, all loose, so that no positive identification of place of usage is available. The numbers are 7, 30, 63, 79 and 115; the first four have been reported from places in Cape Colony (Bedford, Piquetberg, Coerney and Cradock respectively). No. 115 has not previously been recorded at all; it is in purple.

The first four have also been recorded by Newlands in Bull. 34 (Sept. 1962, p. 419) of the O.F.S. Study Circle, on O.R.C. stamps.

The question of course arises: Were these stamps used in the O.R.C. or are they examples of Interprovincial usage in the Cape?

This has been dealt with by Pirie in the July issue of the S.A. Philatelist. Whilst admitting that it is impossible to give a conclusive answer, he gives reason in favour of their having been used in the O.R.C.

## CORRECTION

Under the heading "Mobile P.O. No. 3," on p. 194 of our October issue (repeated in November, p. 208), its starting date is given as 2 Sept. 1948. This should read "2 Sept., 1940." It is clear further on that it should have been 1940 and not 1948. The original recording of the correct date is in Vol. 35, 1959, p. 69.

Mr. R. D. Allen, Editor of "The Springbok" adds an additional type of marking, which he describes as "A sticky label with"—

R. Mobile P.O./Mobiële Pk. No. 3.  
Port Elizabeth 1  
No. (of package).

# THE "OCCUPATIONAL" POSTMARKS OF THE MANDATED TERRITORY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

By Capt. L. SIMENHOFF, E.D., B.A., F.R.P.S.L., R.D.P. (S.A.)

(Continued from page 225 of the December issue).

**Second Column: Postmark: "Occ. No.;"** type number of the mark; year of use, when known; colour, if other than black; diametrical measurements, if mark is circular.

**Third Column: REMARKS** on the office, etc.

<b>REHOBOTH</b> PTA 1916-17 PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 135	26	1916-23	31/21 mm.	South of Windhuk.  Mails via Rehobath.
<b>REHOBOTH RAIL</b> PTA 1916-17	Occ. 136	23	1916-	Violet. Greenish. Shades of Blk. 26 mm.	
PTtA 1918-21 PTA 1918-23	Occ. 137	13a		26 mm.	Occ. 137: "Rail" above "S.W. Africa".
<b>RHEINPFALZ</b> PA 1921-23	Occ. 138	22		Violet blk.	Mails via Rehoboth. Opened Oct., 1921.
<b>ROTKUPPE-RAIL</b>  PA 1916	Occ. 139	Line		28 mm. Violet Rectangle. Frame 6 4 x 30 mm.	Opened July-Sept., 1916. Mails via Luderitzbucht.  Only one postmark. Rare. "Rotkuppe 26 Apr. 1916 Station".
<b>SCHWEIKHARDTS (BRUNN)</b> PTtA 1916	Occ. 140	M/S.			Mails via Windhuk. Manuscript: „Postal Agency S' Bronn 28/7/16" Receiving date 58/16 Outjo + censor mark. Rarest of all occupationals.
<b>SEEHEIM RAIL</b> POTA 1916-17 POTtA 1918-23	Occ. 141	26	1916-	31/21 mm.	Mails via Keetmanshoop.
<b>SEEIS</b> POTA 1916-17	Occ. 142	22	1916	27 mm.	Mails via Windhuk/hoek. Occ. 143: irregular concentric circles. "SEEIS" in upper band.
POTtA 1918-23	Occ. 143	22c	1917		Date, month, year (inner circle).
	Occ. 144	13	1918	27 mm.	
<b>STAMPRIET- FONTEIN</b> PTA 1918-20 PTtA 1921-23	Occ. 145	22		? mm.	Mails via Keetmanshoop 1918-19, via Gibeon 1920-23.



<b>SWAKOPMUND</b> PTtA 1916-17 PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 146	6	1915	F.P.O. 13	Occupied Jan. 14, 1915. Officers' internment camp removed from Okanjande to Swakopmund in 1916, but frequent escapes caused removal of officers to Albrechts, chief port of German S.W.A., 21 miles by rail from Walvis Bay. Occ. 146: Length 31 mm. Height 29 mm. Probably closed at left. Occ. 149: Scarce on ordinary letters. Occ. 151: 10-barred. Occ. 151a: Swakopmund and date in single oval, which is centre of "South African Telegraph" cachet. Used on parcels during June, 1916. Receiving cachet, Postal Use Possible. Mails via Keetmanshoop.
	Occ. 147	2	1915	ARMY BASE 6A	
	Occ. 148	16	1916-23	T.P.O. Oval 33 x 27	
	Occ. 149	8	1916-21	28 mm.	
	Occ. 150	26		30/21 mm.	
	Occ. 151	20		29 mm.	
Occ. 151a	Oval	1916	Violet. Single Oval.	Occ. 153: Two lined. TSES and Date. Very rare.  Occupied 6 July, 1915. Mails via Windhuk. Occ. 156: Wanderstempel from Otavifontein. Occ. 157: Unaltered die, save DEUTSCH barred out.  Mails via Keetmanshoop to 1918, thereafter via Kalkfontein south.  Mails via Windhuk.  Mails via Windhuk to 1919, and Okahandja in 1920. Occ. 165: Thick, blurred umbrella-shaped unlined provisional.	
Occ. 151b	15	1918	25 mm.		
<b>TSES RAIL</b>  PTA 1916-20	Occ. 152	M/S.	1916		Manuscript and date.
	Occ. 153	Line	1916		Type-set.
	Occ. 154	22	1916		26 mm.
<b>TSUMEB</b>  PTA 1916-17 PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 155	8	1917- 6th-10th July		27 mm.
	Occ. 156	1	1915		
	Occ. 157	7	1915		
<b>UKAMAS</b>  PTA 1916-20 POTtA 1921-23	Occ. 158	26	1916-23	31/21 mm.	
	Occ. 159	5	1915	F.P.O. 23 blue.	
	Occ. 160	10	1916-	29 mm.	
<b>USAKOS</b>  PTtO 1916-17 PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 161	5	1915	F.P.O. 47 blue.	
	Occ. 162	10	1916-	28 mm.	
	Occ. 163	26		31/21 mm.	
<b>WALDAU RAIL</b> PTA 1916	Occ. 164	22	1916	27 mm.	
	Occ. 165				
<b>WALDAU</b> PTA 1917-19 PTA 1920	Occ. 166	15	1917-20	25 mm.	

(To be concluded)

**POSTAL SLOGAN**

Mr. Cairncross records the Slogan "Post Christmas Mail Early / Pos Kersfeespos Vroegtydig" from Cape Town with date 19-XI-1963. Actually it has been noted from most of the larger towns with similar early dates. In some the English version is on top, in others the Afrikaans.

**MOUNTING AEROGRAMMES**

Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey, whose Air Mail Notes are well-known to our readers has a useful article "Suggestions on Mounting and Housing Aerogrammes" in the 1st November number of "Stamp Collecting."

## GOUGH ISLAND

A mail arrived from the island, franked with South African Stamps, cancelled with Cape Town Paquebot mark of 20-XI-63. There is rather a plethora of ship cachets.

(1) At bottom left is a rectangular cachet in violet, of M.V. "R.S.A." with details of weight, horse-power, etc. Probably this was applied on the outward voyage of the "R.S.A." when taking the Administrator of Tristan da Cunha to Gough Island.

(2) A double-circle mark of 21 mm. at top left. This has, between circles, Gough Island at top and a 5-point star at bottom. In centre is M.V./Tristania in two lines.

(3) Below (2) is, in a single line, M.V. "ZEEHANN"

(4) On the back of some covers, but not all, is a cachet of Capt. M. T. Scott and his address in Cape Town; also alongside, in one line M.V. TRISTANIA. Capt. Scott is the skipper of the Tristania.

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It is learnt from Mr. A. B. Crawford that the Zeehahn, whose name has not previously been associated with Gough or Tristan mails, is a small cargo ship operating usually from Cape Town along the west coast of Africa. She was stated in the press recently as at Walvis Bay loading stores for Tristan. Actually she did not go to Tristan at all, but direct to Gough, under chartered to bring back a cargo of crawfish from the Tristania and the Frances Repetto, both of which vessels had been operating off Gough Island.

She also took to Cape Town the mail which had previously been taken aboard the Tristania from Gough Island.

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## CAPE TOWN MARITIME POSTMARKS

(1) **Shipping Postmaster.** Through the kind co-operation of Mr. R. D. Allen, who has what is almost certainly the most complete collection of these marks, I have received a cover with the two marks in use there at the present time. They are double-circle marks with "SHIPPING/SKEEPS/PM" as top lettering, dots between that and lower lettering, which is "CAPE TOWN/KAAPSTAD;" the other one has "2" in place of the "1" in the lower lettering. They differ

slightly in overall diameter, No. 1 being 30 mm. and No. 2 only 28 mm. No. 1 was introduced about 1 May, 1949, and I have a specimen of 24 Nov. 49. Whether No. 2 came in at the same time, I do not know.

Some of the older "Shipping Postmaster" and "Assistant Shipping Postmarks" are illustrated in the "S.A. Ph." 1949, p. 5.

(2) **Paquebot.** (a) A mark introduced in early 1949 was a double circle of 29 mm. diameter, the inner circle being cut into top and bottom chords to take the date 16.III.49—12:30. At the top, in small lettering, was CAPE TOWN/above KAAPSTAD; at the bottom, PAQUEBOT in 4 mm. high letters, i.e. twice the height of those in the top lettering. This type was still in use in Oct., 1962.

(b) A new type was first seen on 14 Apr., '63. A double circle of 31 mm. with the inner circle cut as in (a). Top and bottom lettering were both of the same size—2 mm., reading "CAPE TOWN-KAAPSTAD" and "PAQUEBOT."

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## RENEWED INTEREST IN POSTAL STATIONERY

Remarking on the reference to the discovery of an unrecorded post card (S.A. Ph. September 1963, page 161), Mr. R. J. Lawrence of London writes to say that his collection contains a similar specimen, post-marked FORT BEAUFORT 3 APL 21.

Mr. Lawrence suggests that the item in question fits in between Type 2 (PC4) and Type 5, a view generally shared by local collectors.

Since this intriguing discovery was first mentioned in the September issue of the S.A. Ph., two further copies have been reported, viz. the one mentioned above and one with postmark WELLINGTON 16 JUNE 1921, found by Mr. Fred Williams of Montrose, California.

It will indeed be interesting to see where number four will turn up and if a mint copy will ever be unearthed.

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Mr. Lawrence also drew attention to the "Ship twisted to the left" on the card

"Groot Schuur" in Type 10 (PC14), concluding that that condition must have been constant.

Quite right. The twisting is probably due to misalignment in the composition of the plate, since not only the ship, but the entire black printing "lists" to the left, i.e. the start of the inscription (POST CARD) is roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$  mm. lower than the end (POSTKAART).

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It is pleasing to see that philatelists are beginning to show a great interest in postal stationery. Up to fairly recently the tendency has been to pooh-pooh anything in the nature now pointed out by our correspondent. This awakening of interest brought to light another unrecorded item, as reported in the July number of this magazine. —(S.J.V.).

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### TONGA GOLD

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D. Worboys, in the Sept.-Oct. issue of the West End Philatelist reports his discovery that 2 Dies were used for at least six of the Ordinary Postage series of the "Gold Coin Series," viz. the Salote Head 2d., 8d. and 2/- and the Arms, 1d., 6d. and 1/6d.

In the Airmail Series, two of the Salote standing—10d. and 1/6d. and one of the Arms—11d.

He gives illustrations and descriptions of differences to be found in the stamps produced by the two different Dies.

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Mr. Willem C. Kuun, of Somerset West, describes a method of mounting these stamps, a problem which has worried many collectors.

He cuts two lines thus            in the album page. The lower part of the stamp is slipped under the paper bridge so made; the upper part can be kept in place with a stamp hinge.

Messrs. L. N. and M. Williams describe another method in "Stamp collecting" of 1 November—more complicated, in as much as it involves cutting holes the size of the stamps in a mounting board. This has the advantage of preserving the rather prominent embossing from pressure.

## BLACK BLOTS

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The American Philatelist for September lists several old acquaintances: (1) Afghanistan for a Red Cross imperf. airmail souvenir sheet, asking prices ranging from \$5 to \$7. (2) East Germany; The 3-stamp set for motorcycle racing has the 10 pf. value on limited issue. (3) Hungary; the set with a transportation motif is too long (28 stamps), with some values both perf. and imperf., and also in limited numbers. (4) Nigeria; Scout Jamboree issue—two triangular stamps included as oddities. Red Cross issue—set too long (seven stamps, 4 being on a miniature sheet).

In the October issue of the American Philatelist, the same old countries crop up in this War on Speculative issues.

**Albania.** A 10-stamp issue for European Sports Championship. Dealers ordering the set had to purchase a specified number of perf. sets to earn the "right" to buy a rationed quantity of imperf.

**East Germany.** A set of Protected Animals; the 50 pf. value issued in limited numbers relatively to the others.

**Hungary.** "Great Events" series. Imperf. values issued in limited numbers. The perf. values are not black blotted.

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### SHAR JAR

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A new name to be added to the long list of stamp issuing countries. It is one of the Trucial States of Oman on the Arabian Gulf. It had no post office, let alone stamps, up till July of this year, when it suddenly blossomed out with fifteen ordinary stamps and six stamps for airmail parcels which range in value from 1 to 10 rupees. Apparently there is need for these postal facilities; there is large R.A.F. base, a Petroleum installation, three banks and a large merchant colony.

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The opening of the Commonwealth Pacific Cable was celebrated by the issues on 3rd December of special stamps by Australia (2/3d.), New Zealand (8d.) and Great Britain (1/6d.).

## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

**"The Specialised Catalogue of the Stamps of France"** edited by "la Maison Berck" is certainly the "Genial little Book" it claims to be. The sequence of the listings of French stamps, strictly along thematic lines, is a possible forerunner of things to come. There are seven main divisions comprising Classics, allegoric designs, heraldry and national emblems, commemoratives in general, monuments and sites, personages and finally a compositum of the other issues, airmails, luxury editions, first day covers etc., etc. A finger index conveniently directs the owner to each section and there is enough for the semi-specialist to obtain information far beyond the usual European catalogues in use. The price of about 60 cents (postage included) is extremely reasonable and this truly novel pocket book is a must for every collector for the stamps of France —W.O.

**Specialised Great Britain** (Vol. I—Q. Victoria). Stanley Gibbons, Price 35/-.

At long last G.B. is to have a specialised catalogue. There was obviously a need for it and when it was announced as being about ready there had to be a reprinting as the orders were so numerous.

The detail it goes into may be judged by comparing the number of pages allotted as compared with the number in S.G.'s Commonwealth Cat.—130 for the Line Engraved and 30 for the Surface Printed as against 9 for each.

A number of writers have lended a hand in the compilation of this work and there is a good bibliography of specialised writings on the stamps of Great Britain.

There is a pleasant little appendix on Mulready covers and envelopes but it doesn't look quite at home in a "Stamp" catalogue.

Two items in the Commonwealth Cat. do not appear to be mentioned: The "Used Afterwards" and the Postal Fiscals of 1881-83.

A collector of Line Engraveds says, "Alas, gone are the days when one could buy mixed lots in the hope (sometimes realised) of finding scarce, or even rare, varieties. Now all such mixtures will be carefully gone over before auction; and anything really good picked out. Is life worth living?"

### **Aerophilately and Thematic Collecting.**

At a recent FISA Congress the following resolution was passed:

In making resolutions FISA (Federation Internationale Societes Aerophilatelique) has to take into account the following: Thematic collecting comes under two sub-headings (a) Collections which deal with a topic (birds, flags etc.); (b) Collections based on a theme (e.g. History of Architecture, Exploration, etc.) wherein a story the subject is unfolded. In both cases the main basis is derived from the actual design of the stamp. On the contrary, aerophilately is a branch of the older classical school and is thus a study of airmail stamps, flight covers, airmail documents and stationery. Fundamentally, therefore, there is no similarity between thematic collecting and aerophilately.

However, in case a collector should present a collection of stamps illustrating e.g. "The History of Flight," or "Types of Planes," etc., where the pictorial design of the stamp is the main feature—as against the philatelic study of a stamp issue—then this collection can be classified as a thematic one, especially where treated as a story, a theme or a topic. The history and development of airmails, either of a country, route or airline, illustrated usually by flight covers etc., is in no way a thematic collection and is pure aerophilately.

Astrophilately ought to be considered at the uppermost as a thematic section of aerophilately, and this until real mail-transport in space will have taken place.

**Commonwealth Q.E. II Catalogue.** Published by the Commonwealth Stamp Coy., 7 Leather Lane, Liverpool. Price 9/6d. (Post. 9d.).

This 1964 edition is up 27 pages on last year, as there have been so many new issues.

New Sales figures have been added for quite a number of stamps; this is an important feature of the catalogue. A new feature is the listing and pricing of official F.D.C.'s recently introduced in G.B.

A special listing of Booklets is given at the end of the volume. Eire and South Africa are still included in the catalogue.

A catalogue that can be confidently recommended to collectors of these issues.

**Cat. of Stamps in the Royal Collection, by Sir John Wilson.**

This is being republished in Sections by "Stamp Collecting, and the Sections may be purchased singly, so that one need only buy the Section you are particularly interested in. Section I (Great Britain and British Territories in Europe) is priced at R20.00. The other 4 Sections (British territories in America, Asia, Africa and Australasia) are priced at R10.00 each.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**8 October.** This was W. Oppenheim's night out with his "Usual as Required," which proved to be a real Olla Podrida, like an Argentine soup with almost every kind of meat and vegetable in it that you could think of. He started off with samples of France which included such rarities as a pair of the Louis Pasteur commemoratives, valued at R1,500. Switching to Somaliland he showed various interpostal issues and a Specimen issue of 1903 used postally. From Belgian Congo, one of his strong points, he showed the early pictorials, with their many overprint varieties. Finally he had a fine lot of U.S.A. Air Flights.

**28 October.** An Edwardian display by J. E. Frankland. This was remarkable for the superb condition of everything shown and every set complete to the highest values. Some of the countries shown were Hong Kong, New Brunswick (with K.E. VII as a young boy) and Somaliland "officials," including no-stop varieties galore, some so scarce that only eight examples are known to exist. This was a real expert specialist's evening.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**9 Oct.** From the news letter this meeting seems to have dealt exclusively with procedure at auctions. It was decided that all lots should have a reserve price, minimum 1/-; that there should be a maximum of 15 lots per seller; and that the onus for correct identification and catalogue price should be on the seller.

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**24 October.** Parts of Mr. Hurter's British Colonials were shown, although he was unable to be present himself. His collection contains many fine items and some very rare items; he is particularly interested in Antarctic Territory issues.

The second display was a selection of Dr. Vautier's Miniature Sheets, which now covers some 400 sheets. The first miniature sheet was a modest one from Luxemburg in 1921. Many later issues are real works of art, but some of the most recent are very badly designed.

### AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

**1 November.** 'n Mooi verteenwoordigende groepie Wesranders met drie oulike vertonings het ons met ons formele byeenkoms van Vrydag 1 November te beurt geval.

Aan die voerpunt was mnr. Jakobus met 'n puik versameling van die Unie-koppelttekenreeks, so na aan kompleet as maar kan kom, fraaiings uitgesluit; klaarblyklik 'n student van die Bruwer-skool en 'n waardige vaandeldraer van sy vereniging.

Mnr. Sharpe het gewys hoe daar op die muskiet jag gemaak word (malaria-bestryding); 'n geleentheidsuitgawe wat baie belangstelling uitgelok het en wat baie tot die aand se genot bygedra het.

Ten slotte het mnr. Kylander sy versameling gedenkseëls van Pakistan vertoon. Dit is 'n kleinerige groepie dog netjies versorg en interessant.

Die besoekers van die Wesrand het dus vir 'n goeie verskeidenheid gesorg en ons is hulle daarvoor dank verskuldig.

Die veiling was dié keer minder geslaag, seker omdat die aangebode goedjies nie in die smaak geval het nie.

Vier nuwe lede is tot one geledere gevoeg. Hulle is mnre. D. Coort, B. J. de Klerk, H. Schut en A. P. van der Wiele. Ons vertrou dat hulle lidmaatskap hulle veel vreugde en baie kennis sal besorg.

'n Verdere aansoek is ontvang, en wel van mnr. W. de Vries van Derde Straat 45, Northmead, Benoni (hy versamel Nederlands en gebiede).

### EAST RAND P.S.

**October Meeting.** Quite a good attendance. Mr. E. Sequeira exhibited Cylinder Blocks of the Union Animal Series. A successful auction sale took place. Members wished Mr. H. Suklje bon voyage on his trip overseas, and an apology from Mr. Suklje for his absence at the November and December Meetings. Members are requested to attend the Combined East Rand Philatelic Societies Meeting at the Germiston Philatelic Society on Wednesday, 20th November. Mr. J. Bogner will represent our society with New Zealand Health.

### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

**October Meeting.** A visit from members of "The Royal." The following showed exhibits:

(1) Mr. C. Mummery, Switzerland. His "Pro Juventute" stamps were particularly fine—many varieties.

(2) Dr. Vautier; various themes, especially means of transport.

(3) Mr. R. Jeidel, Egypt. Mainly forerunners and early covers without stamps.

(4) Mr. R. Putzel (Royal's President) gave a spectacular show: (a) Historical development of stamps of the Saar. (b) Divided Berlin. (c) Modern Portuguese stamps. (d) How to arrange stamps with the Topic "History on Stamps."

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**October Meeting.** Before a good audience Mr. Couzens showed his fine collection of Canada. There was also exhibited the Society's Rhodesian collection which has now been more or less completed and written up. The usual auction was held; bidding was slow at first, then things livened up and good prices were obtained.

Two members of the Society; the President, Mr. J. Creuvel, and Mr. Carter, have recently been appearing in the Television programme "To-night."

### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

**November 12.** The display was by Mr. J. F. Slabbert whose exhibit was entitled "Odds and Ends." He mentioned that he had intended to show us the stamps of South America but this had proved impossible. He stated that the material he had brought down did not include anything unusual but it was of interest in that all the stamps that were on display had come into his possession by correspondence or friendship—no money had changed hands.

The first section comprised the last few years' issues of the commemorative stamps of the United States and these made a lovely display as we were shown both used and unused copies. The next section covered the stamps of the Philippine Islands since they gained their independence and it was most interesting to note how the quality of the printing has improved with the more recent issues. Finally, Mr. Slabbert showed us some covers he had received from United Nations Headquarters.

Mr. G. Bülbring tabled some first day covers—the first two were from West Germany showing "The Big Bad Wolf" while the others came from East Germany.

### GERMISTON P.S.

**October Meeting.** There was a super attendance at this meeting and we are of the opinion that the continued interest in the society which is being evinced through good attendances, is largely due to the efforts of the Executive Committee.

For some months now this Committee has endeavoured to make the meetings more interesting through the persuasion of members to table exhibits not previously shown.

This policy has borne fruit as will be seen from the descriptions of the collections which were displayed at this meeting.

Mr. E. Sequira: Australian Commonwealth Games Cancels.

Mr. N. S. Hesselbarth: First Flight Covers.

Henry van den Ham: World Conquest of Space.

Members present found all of the above collections of great interest, each of which was described by the owners.

**20 November.** The Germiston Philatelic Society were hosts to the East Rand and Springs Philatelic Societies at their November meeting. This is the third occasion on which these three East Rand Philatelic Societies have held a joint annual meeting. In 1964 the venue will be Benoni.

Mr. Jos. Bogner, East Rand P.S., displayed his collection of New Zealand Health Stamps and Mr. G. Earnshaw of Springs P.S. tabled an interesting collection of first day covers.

The only Germiston philatelist who exhibited was Mr. S. L. Crozet, who by special request, showed his collection of South African postage stamps on which heraldry was depicted.

### EAST LONDON P.S.

The **November meeting** of the East London Philatelic Society took the form of a Ladies' Night, and members present were privileged to see three interesting collections tabled by lady-members. Mrs. Douglas showed Christmas Island, Norfolk Island, Falkland Islands, Falkland Islands Dependencies and Pitcairn Islands. Mrs. Hasted showed an interesting collection of covers, and Mrs. Schanknecht a thematic collection entitled "Aesop's Fables."

### ORANGE FREE STATE P.S.

**October Meeting.** A good attendance, and after the usual auction there was a small showing of new issues and acquisitions. There were seven displays entered for the President's Cup competition, the winner being Mr. Meyburgh with his Stamp Curiosities; there was only one junior entry, Miss van Ee, who made a brave display.

### PRETORIA P.S.

**4 November.** Competition for the Lecky Watson Cup. There were three entrants—Cdr. Enoch, Sian; J. M. Weinstein, Palestine Forerunners; J. Kriste, Ireland. It was a close run, but Mr. Weinstein was eventually declared the winner.

### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

**November Meeting.** This evening there was one of the worst storms experienced for many years, but there was a pleasant meeting in spite of it. Andrew Roy was in reminiscent and humorous mood; after tracing the history of the Society from its inception he displayed his collection of Eire and his small collection of stamps depicting Queen Elizabeth as a Princess. He also showed a few reprints of various early stamps.

### EAST RAND P.S.

**November Meeting.** Fair attendance. Further discussion of new venue for our meetings took place. Mr. J. Bogner was congratulated on his very fine display of New Zealand Health at the East Rand Combined Meeting. Mr. E. Sequeira showed First Flight Covers of South Africa—Australia. The Annual General Meeting will take place in January, 1964.

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

At our **November meeting** twenty-one members and four visitors were present and enjoyed viewing Mr. O'Maloney's collection of Australia. This covered the period from 1930, though a few pages of the earlier issues were also included. The Auction was well supported, both in the quality and quantity of material available, and bidding; this feature of our programme did not seem to suffer in any way for having been set down at the end of the evening.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**12 November.** The collectors due to exhibit were unable to come up to scratch so Mr. W. Oppenheim stepped in with his magnificent collection of Monaco—all issues, mint and used but getting more and more "philatelic" as the years went on. This is only what can be expected of a country depending on the sale of stamps to balance its budget.

**25 November.** New exhibitors' evening with two collectors showing. (a) Mr. Michelson, Jnr., with a well balanced collection of Great Britain ranging from 1d. blacks to the latest Q.E. II issue; although limited by the pocket-money available, every item it was good and well written up. (b) Cape of Good Hope, by Mr. L. J. Cooper, who called himself a beginner. Well, he has begun very well and showed a lot of fine material—pre-stamp covers; triangulars, many being on cover; rectangulars which he said he had found the most difficult to obtain; ending up with a good selection of postal stationery.

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

**November meeting.** There were two formal discussions this afternoon. The scheduled one, upon the Decimal Series, was led by Mr. Bruwer who gave an interesting resume of this Issue and its various printings. This information has fortunately been recorded and will be used in the new Catalogue in preparation; fortunately, because time was too short owing to the length of the other discussion, namely the effect of the "Drucken perforation" upon certain values of the Decimal Series. After the exposition of one theory, the discussion became so involved, with so many controversial views expressed, that the whole matter had to be left over to the next meeting. It is apparent that the intervening month will have quite a few members pleasantly intrigued by the "mysteries" of stamp printing.

Four recent reprintings were reported upon: the 2½c 12/11 RSA watermarked paper, the 2c S8/S35, the 10c 51A/121A and the ½c 104/66/45.

The items of interest were more varied than usual. Fold over paper with perforations are seldom seen, but here we had two, on the Red Cross 2½c and the "Constantia" 2½c. There was a most unusual double perforator strike on a 2½c "Constantia," and again the controversial "Emerald green" 10c appeared. It would appear that, to date, their sheet numbers range from 29,640 to 31,700, and there was talk about referring this item to Federation's Expert Committee.

At auction time the "reversed RSA watermark" on the "Red Cross" 2½c was put up. Now we have had it on both A and B panes of the 82 and the 99 printings and time will just have to tell which is the scarcest of the lot. At all events they are all in good demand as they are not as plentiful as one would be led to believe. Miniature sheets of the 99B realised between R3 and R3.50 and a full sheet of the 82A was sold for R8, an excellent point about that being that a portion of the R8 went to Circle's funds.

—H.J.R.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### Recent Re-printings.

The following re-printings from previously used cylinders are noted:

(1) The 1c value, Cyls. S33/S13, Panes A and B, has appeared with some sheets bearing the reversed watermark.

(2) The 50c value, Cyls. 70/54, has appeared with four-figure red sheet numbers opposite Rows 8 and 9, and 19 and 20, on unwatermarked paper.

(3) The 7½c value, Cyls. S21/S20, has appeared with four figure red sheet numbers below stamps 1 and 2, and 12 and 13.

## THE "DRUNKEN PERFORATIONS"

WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE  
DECIMAL SERIES

Being an address to the South African  
Stamp Study Circle,

By Dr. H. J. Raubenheimer

The first regular stamp printing machine to be installed at the Government Printing Works, Pretoria, dates from 1930, and put into commission the following year. It is the Goebel Rotary Stamp Printing Machine, Model K.M. 11. It was given the number 830 and since then it has been known as the Goebel Machine No. 830. It is still in almost constant use.

It can print in two colours, overprint in one colour and perforate, all in one operation. The inbuilt perforators are the eleven row comb type, and two of them perforate stamps of a 24.2 by 30.2 mm. size. These two are identical in all but one respect; the one, Die 2714, punches holes of what may better be termed regular size, while the other Die 2715, has its holes slightly larger. Their stamps have consequently been referred to as small hole and large hole types.

Now, in about 1936 or 1937 the bed of the large hole perforator, the Die 2715, developed two cracks along the line of the holes. Instead of returning it overseas to be repaired, the cracks were welded and smoothed at the engineering workshops here. The difficult task of drilling new holes in a straight line was nearly successful, the holes being very slightly out of alignment, so slightly indeed, that the pins in the comb bent themselves to fit the new holes, and still be able to perforate perfectly. The first appearance of stamps with these uneven holes was promptly welcomed with the unepithetous name—the "Drunken Perfs."

The positions of the "drunken perfs" are clearly shown on the accompanying diagram; they are also shown on page G2 of the Republic Catalogue, (but here is a small error: the line between rows 9 and 10 should be between rows 8 and 9).

Many issues of stamps were printed with this perforator in the machine. The first recorded was in 1937, King George VI Coronation, and the latest, just recently, the 7½c Republic, Cylinders S21-S20.

The following is a list of stamps which have appeared with the "drunken perfs." It does not signify that they have only had these perforations; a number have also appeared with the "small holes."

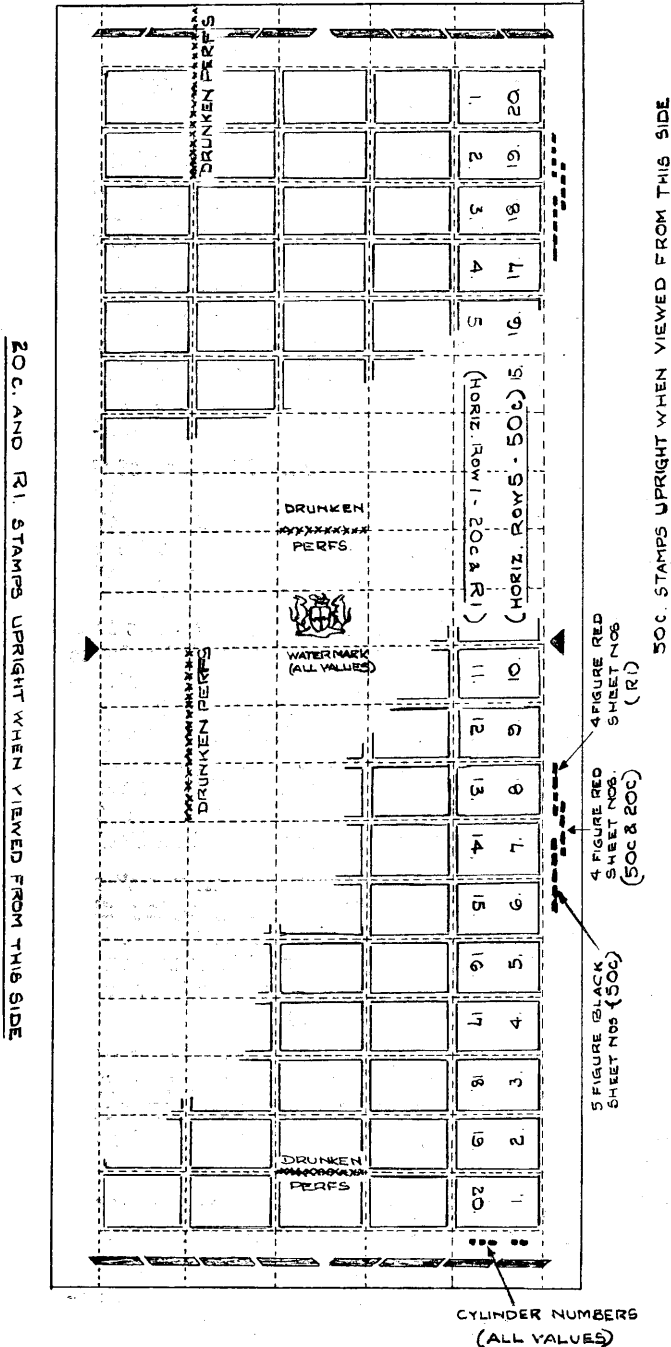
FIRST DECIMAL SERIES

20c, 50c & R1 VALUES

RELATIVE POSITIONS OF STAMP IMAGES,

CYLINDER & SHEET NUMBERS,

WATERMARKS & PERFORATIONS.



**Commemoratives:**

- 1937 Coronation — all values, including both issues of the 1d.
- 1942-3 Bantam War Issues—1½d.
- 1955 Covenant 2d.
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**Definitives:**

**Pictorials:**

- 1½d. Issues 1 and 3.
- 2d. Issues 7 and 11.
- 3d. Issue 7.
- 1/- Issue 6.
- 2/6 Issue 4, probably also Issue 3.
- 5/- Issue 3.
- 4½d. Ram.
- 1/3 Leaping Springbok.

**Animals:**

- 3d. Cylinders 16/107 Springbok wmk. and Arms wmk.
- 4d. Cylinders 53/93 Springbok watermark only.
- 6d. Cylinders 1/121 Springbok watermark only.
- 1/- Cylinders 94/104 Springbok watermark only.
- 1/3 Cylinders 106/38 Springbok watermark only.
- 2/6 Cylinders 66/23 Springbok watermark only.
- 5/- Cylinders 118/4 Springbok watermark only. (Cylinders transposed).

**Decimals:**

- 5c, 12½c, 20c, 50c, R1.00.

**Republic:**

- 2c, 2½c, 3c, 5c, 7½c, 10c.

In all these issues the "drunken perforations" appeared in their normal position whether the sheet format was horizontal or vertical, until, suddenly in 1961, the values of the Decimal Series, the 20c and the R1, appeared with the picture all awry. The "drunken perfs" were not in their usual position, but were found in the diagonal opposite sides of the sheets of stamps. The significance of this was not fully appreciated until some two years later, and then drew further attention to other curious features of these values. The features are tabulated as follows:

	The 50c value (normal)	The 20c and R1 values
Cylinder number position.	bottom left corner	top right corner
Arms watermark.	facing right	facing left
Sheet numbers.	on bottom margin	on top margin inverted
"Drunken Perfs."	normal	inverted.

NOTES ARE ALL WRITTEN AS NUMBERS, ETC., ARE READ UPRIGHT.

A prolonged investigation followed to determine how these features came about. If it is borne in mind that mental pictures had mainly to be relied upon, it will be appreciated that theories came thick and fast only to be discarded when they failed in one or more details. It was only after a realization that certain constants existed, being the direction of the watermark and the position of the red sheet numbers and the "drunken perms," that a theory was vaguely formulated which seemed to fit the facts. It needed just an examination of the actual multipositives used, and of the printing machine, to clinch the matter. Fortunately the powers that be in the Post Office showed a keen interest and a couple of visits to the Printing Works were arranged. The first visit led to confusion worse confounded. A mind attuned to photographic processes cannot readily assimilate the multitude of different processes involved.

The second visit was much more successful, for then the all-important actual multipositives of the three higher values were produced; they were the interior cylinders which carried the major details. Another look at the machine and all agreed upon what had happened. And this is what, it is believed, happened:

The multipositive of the 50c was prepared in the same way as so many others had been through the years; with the emulsion side on the top of the glass, the marginal bars and the arrows were added, the cylinder number 33 was placed in the bottom right hand corner, and the normal process continued. But, when it came to the 20c and the R1's turn—and they were done at the same time—their cylinder numbers, 100 and 109 respectively, were placed in the diagonally opposite corners, namely the top left hand corner. It was not an error, however; it was merely an interesting variation.

So here started the chain of events. Without wearying the reader with the details that followed, it will suffice to say that, when the carbon tissue was prepared from the multipositive, it also showed the cylinder numbers in the "wrong" corner. To bring it to the "correct" side the carbon tissue was merely inverted, "turned upside down," and placed round the chemically cleaned copper cylinder. And that was the second crucial step.

A stumbling block hitherto in the theories was that there was no question of the cylinder itself being placed in the machine in

the reversed position, as, at that time, there was a key or slot in the one end of the cylinder preventing it from being inserted reversed. By the same token neither the cyclometer nor the perforator can be reversed.

Coming now to the printing machine itself, the watermarked paper peels off the bottom of the roll towards the right, the roll being in the left bottom corner of the machine. The gummed side of the paper shows on top—it has to be there because the paper rolls over the top of the printing cylinder later. The paper passes through four main processes:

- (a) The cyclometer prints its four red numbers (red ink is merely used for convenience as it dries faster than black),
- (b) Over the two printing cylinders,
- (c) Through the perforator (with the "drunken perms"),
- (d) The guillotine cuts the roll into sheets.

The end result was that, when viewed as they came off the printing machine, the sheets seemed normal in all respects—except one, the important one, that the animals on the stamps were inverted, "they stood on their heads." That was no disability, however; the sheets needed only to be inverted to present themselves with all their curious features as we know them now.

### Conclusion.

The "Drunken Perforations" feature, alone, is not an exclusive factor to eliminate possible:

- (a) inverted watermarked paper,
- (b) reversed or inverted cyclometer,
- (c) reversed or inverted perforator,
- (d) inverted image alone on the multipositive,

but, combined with other factors, is an integral contributory one in explaining the printing of these two values. The 20c and the R1 stamps may, after all, give the Decimal Series its greatest claim to uniqueness.

May I express my thanks for the help received from the Chief Publicity Officer of the Post Office and from the Stamp Printing Section of the Government Printing Works. Such patience! To Mr. S. J. Hagger for his list of relevant stamps, and to Mr. G. H. H. Legge for his explanatory diagram, many thanks.

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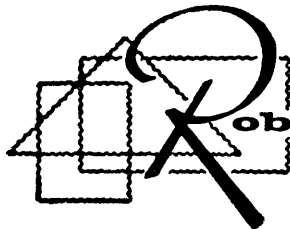
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### S. RHODESIA

A definitive issue of 14 stamps ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to £1) will be issued on 19th February. The designs feature various natural resources of the country, all including a cameo portrait of H.M. the Queen.

Bulawayo is holding its biggest ever "Central African Trade Fair" from 23rd April to 2nd May. If you think of visiting it book your accommodation early.

### HIGH VALUE S.A. GEORGIANS

Mr. R. D. Allen has an interesting article on these stamps in "Stamp Collecting" of 15 November, and poses the question "How many of the 10/- and £1 stamps were genuinely postally used?" His answer is "very few." But there are considerable quantities of cancelled stamps of these denominations in collectors' albums and dealers' stock books. A consideration of postal rates of the period shows that it was impossible to use a £1 stamp genuinely to pay full postage and the 10/- was not so often used. The stamps on the market have come mainly from cables, telegrams and other departmental documents. Such were supposed to be kept for a period and then destroyed. But they sometimes escaped. He illustrates a number of special telegraphic cancellations.

### UHURU — FREEDOM

Zanzibar became a sovereign independent state on 10th December, 1963, and celebrated the occasion with four Uhuru stamps. Each bears a portrait of H.H. the Sultan in addition to other features.

Kenya. Two days later this former colony also became fully independent and issued a set of 14 Uhuru stamps, 5 cents to 20/-; most of them feature Kenya's industries, one shows the Prime Minister Kenyatta facing Mount Kenya.

The East African Postal Union, with the unified set of postage stamps commencing in 1935 is now completely broken up.

Tanganyika became independent within the British Commonwealth on 9.XII.61 and issued its Uhuru set of 12 stamps then.

Uganda followed suit on 9.X.62, but as Kiswahili is not an official language there its set of 12 stamps was labelled "Independence."

### S.A.N.A.E. 1963-64

As announced, the research ship R.S.A. sailed from Cape Town on 27.XII.63 carrying 12 relieving members of South Africa's fifth expedition to the base on Queen Maud Land, where two members of last year's expedition will join them, having volunteered to remain for a second season. There were also on board three Public Works Department employees to make additions to the headquarters buildings.

This season is an important one, it being the first one of the International Year of the Quiet Sun (I.Q.S.Y.).

The R.S.A. expects to reach the base in late January and to arrive back in mid-February.

### NYASALAND

The overprinted revenue stamps were withdrawn from sale on 31.XII.63, a new definitive set of twelve values ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to £1) being issued on 1st January. These show natural features of interest in the territory but it is probable that the set will not be very long lived.

#### Future Plans.

It is expected that there will be two stamps issued on Independence Day, 6th July, bearing a portrait of Dr. Banda and the new name for the territory—"Malawi." Thereafter the definitives may also appear with the new name.

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By **Capt. L. SIMENHOFF, E.D., B.A., F.R.P.S.L., R.D.P. (S.A.)**

(Continued from page 12 of the January issue).

**Second Column: Postmark: "Occ. No.":** type number of the mark; year of use, when known; colour, if other than black; diametrical measurements, if mark is circular.  
**Third Column: REMARKS** on the office, etc.

<b>WALVIS BAY</b>						
PTMO 1916	Occ. 167	2	1915	Army Base 5. 31/21 mm.		Northern Base of operations from 25 Dec., 1914. Attached to S.W.A. Administration Sept. 1920.
PTtMO 1917-23	Occ. 168	3	1915	31/21 mm.		OCC. 168: Like 2, but date and number only (March-July, 1915).
	Occ. 169	31	1916-23	29/20 mm.		OCC. 169: Bilingual S. African cachet. Used ordinary mail only.
	Occ. 170	32	1916-23	30/20 mm.		OCC. 170: Name of country deleted. For registereds only.
<b>WARMBAD</b>						Name from Gei-ous=Warm Springs. First White settlement in S.W.A. In isolated south.
PTO 1916-17	Occ. 171	8	1916	28 mm.		
PTMO 1918-20	Occ. 172	26		31/21 mm.		
PTtMO 1921-23						
<b>WATERBERG</b>						
PTtA 1916-20	Occ. 173	26	1916-23	31/21 mm.		Mails via Windhuk to 1919, thereafter via Otjiwarongo.
POTtA 1921-23						
<b>WILHELMSTAL</b>						
PTtA 1920	Occ. 174	8	1920-23	27 mm.		From 1918 to 1920 letters cancelled at Karibib.
POTtA 1921-23						
<b>WINDHUK/ WINDHOEK</b>						
	Occ. 175	3	1915	Army Base 6.		Probably named after farm Windhuk, Klaver, Cape—former home of Hendrik Witbooi.
	Occ. 176	11	1915	27 mm.		Capital and seat of Administration. Occupied on 12th May, 1915.
PTMO 1916						OCC. 176. Transitory use.
PTtMO 1917-23		Double				
	Occ. 177	Ovals.	1915			OCC. 177. Double ovals. Rare. ARMY BASE P.O., top—SOUTH AFRICA, bottom. Inner oval: No. 6 and date, two lines. Used temporarily on registereds with Occ. 175.
	Occ. 178	14	1915-	26 mm.		OCC. 180: Used on ordinary mail from 9 Mar., 1915.
	Occ. 179	26	1916-19	31/21 mm.		
	Occ. 180	16	1915-23	T.P.O. Oval 33 x 27.		OCC. 180a. Time under POST deleted.
	Occ. 180a	16a	1920-21	Oval 33 x 27.		OCC. 181: R.L.S. Windhuk—registration only. Cachet rare on stamps.
	Occ. 181	8	1917-	27 mm.		



	Occ. 182	23a		26 mm.	OCC. 182: Similar to 23, but R.L.S. instead of RAIL. Two types used—receiving and transit cachets.
	Occ. 183	17	1915	28 mm.	OCC. 183: Unaltered 8-barred sectors. Used on day of surrender (12.5.15).
	Occ. 183a	20	1918	28 mm.	OCC., 183a: Like type 19. Used on telegrams only.
	Occ. 184	18	1919-20	28 mm.	OCC. 184: As occ. 183, but spelling in lower arc altered. Type 18 was applied to late postal matter, i.e. handed in after closing of receiving counter at 5 p.m. but still in time for despatching. This was a privilege.
	Occ. 185	32a	1922-3	31/22 mm.	Like Type 32, but letter BEFORE year.
	Occ. 186	33	1920	29/18 mm.	S.W.A.P. in lower arc.
	Occ. 187	33a	1921	28/18 mm.	P of type 33 deleted. Very rare. No stop after final A.
	Occ. 188	34	1921	30/18 mm.	Replaces occ. 187. New spelling: WINDHOEK.
	Occ. 189	35	1922-23	28/18 mm.	New date arrange of figures. S.W.A. in lower arc. Used on unoverprinted stamps in Feb., 1923, although use unauthorised after 31st Jan., 1923.
	Occ. 190	35a	1922-3	29/18 mm.	Like Occ. 188, but S.W.A. deleted. Scarce.
	Occ. 191			Triangle 50 mm. sides.	WINDHUK above base. Lettering 33 mm. long and 5 mm. high. Used on commercial matter. [N.B. Other Windhuk/Windhoek cachets were in use, but postal use doubtful].
<b>WITVLEY</b> (Gross-Witvley)	Occ. 192	22	1916-23	26 mm.	District Gobabis. Mails via Windhuk/Windhoek. OCC. 192: W and Y truncated.
<b>WITVLEI</b> PTtA 1916-23	Occ. 193	13	1918-23	27 mm.	

THE END.

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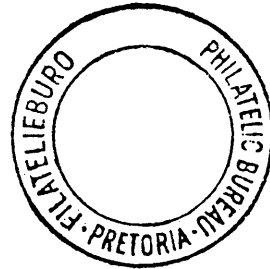
**THE STAMP RACE**

Some countries appear to issue as many stamps as possible, according to "The Philatelic Trader." The leader in the race is Russia, the summing up being based on S.G. Simplified Catalogue, which lists only face-different stamps.

Russia easily leads with over 2,000; eight others are well over the 1,000 mark. In order of totals they are Roumania (now close on the 2,000), Hungary, Spain, China, France, Poland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia. The total for these nine is well over 13,000.



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## THE LANDING OF VAN RIEBEECK

(By **SYLVESTER L. CROZET**, Assoc. S.P.M.)

At noon on Sunday, December 24, 1651, Jan van Riebeeck left Texel in the DROMMEDARIS accompanied by the REIGER and the GOEDE HOOP and a large fleet of merchantmen. There was a strong wind out of the East and soon the ships were in the open sea, heading for the Cape of Good Hope.

In the afternoon of April 5, 1652, after being at sea for 102 days, Table Mountain was sighted. It was seen, when some 62 miles distant, by the chief mate, who received a gift of four Spanish reals (the equivalent of R2.00) for his alertness. A gun was fired from the DROMMEDARIS and flags were hoisted so as to convey the information to the other two ships in the fleet.

During the night van Riebeeck's ship approached close to the shore, but a short tack eastwards was made as a measure of safety. A second lantern was lit, the two lights serving as a warning to the REIGER and the GOEDE HOOP to put about.

Variable winds retarded progress and as the view of Table Bay was obstructed by the mountains, a boat was sent to ascertain what ships, if any, might be lying in the bay. Two hours before dark the boat returned and the officer in charge reported that there were no ships to be seen. In the position where van Riebeeck's ships were lying, comparatively close to the shore, was that portion of the peninsula coast to-day known as Camps Bay.

Late in the afternoon a southerly breeze arose which carried the DROMMEDARIS and the GOEDE HOOP around Green Point and the vessels anchored in the Bay shortly after sunset. The REIGER, being too far to leeward, followed the next morning. The position taken up by the ships was off the Fresh River, in 5 fathoms with sandy bottom. This stream is not to be confused with the Liesbeeck, which was also called the Fresh or Sweet River.

On the evening of the following day, April 7, van Riebeeck and his party were taken off the DROMMEDARIS in small boats and set foot on the soil of the Cabo de Boa Esperance, in Rogge Bay. This was a small indentation located where the bottom of Adderley Street existed some twenty years ago.

Today, this historic shore no longer may be seen, for with the march of time it has been engulfed within the vast scheme for the reclamation of the foreshore.

### PHILATELEC—PARIS 1964

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## LIST OF "CAPE TYPE" NUMERAL POSTMARKS AS RECORDED UP TO THE END OF 1963

By J. H. HARVEY PIRIE

A paper dealing in general with these postmarks (vertical barred ovals enclosing a boxed numeral), first introduced in the Cape of Good Hope in 1964, was published by the writer in the S.A. Ph. of October, 1963, p. 186. It was stated there, near the end, that it was hoped to follow up with a consolidated up-to-date list of all the known marks of this type, with their places of usage. Well—here it is, with the postmarks arranged in numerical order.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1—Cape Town.              | 36—Calvinia.                  | 78—Sea Point.                 |
| 2—Port Elizabeth.         | Middelpoort.                  | 79—Cradock.                   |
| 3—Grahamstown.            | 37—Humansdorp.                | O.R.C.                        |
| 4—King Williams Town.     | Middelburg.                   | 80—O.R.C.                     |
| O.R.C.                    | O.R.C.                        | 81—Richmond.                  |
| 5—Avontuur.               | Union.                        | Touws River.                  |
| O.R.C.                    | 38—Aliwal North.              | Montague Road (1883).         |
| 6—Wynberg.                | O.R.C.                        | 82—Dordrecht.                 |
| O.R.C.                    | 39—Paarl.                     | 84—North End, Port Elizabeth. |
| 7—Bedford.                | 40—O.R.C.                     | 86—Cape.                      |
| O.R.C.                    | 42—O.R.C.                     | O.R.C.                        |
| 8—Cape (on Triangular).   | 43—O.R.C.                     | 87—Cape.                      |
| 9—Ceres.                  | 44—Spektakel.                 | 90—Cape.                      |
| 10—Clanwilliam.           | Union.                        | 91—O.R.C.                     |
| O.R.C.                    | 45—Zeekoegat.                 | 92—Bedford.                   |
| 11—Queenstown.            | 46—Natal.                     | 93—Willowmore.                |
| 12—Swellendam.            | 48—Byrnetown, Natal.          | 94—Cape.                      |
| O.R.C.                    | 49—O.R.C.                     | 95—Cape.                      |
| 13—Stellenbosch.          | 50—O.R.C.                     | 96—Cape.                      |
| Victoria West (1886).     | 52—(? 32) Phisantfontein.     | O.R.C.                        |
| O.R.C.                    | Natal.                        | 98—Cape.                      |
| 14—Uitenhage.             | O.R.C.                        | O.R.C.                        |
| O.R.C.                    | 53—(? 65) Kenhardt.           | 99—(?) Vosburg (See 66).      |
| 15—Worcester.             | 55—Umtata.                    | 100—Cape.                     |
| 16—Burghersdorp.          | 56—Piquetberg.                | 101—Cape.                     |
| O.R.C.                    | 57—Cape.                      | 103—Piquetberg Road.          |
| 17—George.                | O.R.C.                        | O.R.C.                        |
| O.R.C.                    | 58—Cape.                      | 104—Cape.                     |
| 18—Graaff-Reinet.         | O.R.C.                        | 105—O.R.C.                    |
| O.R.C.                    | 59—Cape.                      | 106—Cape.                     |
| 19—Hopetown.              | 60—De Aar.                    | 107—Kokstad.                  |
| 20—Oudtshoorn.            | O.R.C.                        | O.R.C.                        |
| 21—Somerset East.         | 61—Cape.                      | 108—Cape.                     |
| French Hoek.              | 62—Cape.                      | 110—Cape.                     |
| 22—Cradock.               | 63—Coerney.                   | 111—O.R.C.                    |
| (?) Colesberg (1883).     | O.R.C.                        | 112—O.R.C.                    |
| (?) George (1890).        | 64—Cape.                      | 113—Union.                    |
| 23—Dordrecht.             | 65—(? 55) Umtata.             | 115—O.R.C.                    |
| O.R.C.                    | 66—Vosburg (without stop.     | 116—Stellenbosch Station.     |
| 24—Springbokfontein.      | See 99).                      | 117—O.R.C.                    |
| O.R.C.                    | Willowmore (with stop).       | 118—Cape.                     |
| 25—Robertson.             | 67—Port Nolloth.              | 119—Cape.                     |
| 26—Riversdale.            | Natal.                        | O.R.C.                        |
| 27—Simonstown.            | O.R.C.                        | 120—Ceres Road.               |
| 28—Kalk Bay.              | 69—Hackney.                   | 121—Victoria West.            |
| 29—East London.           | O.R.C.                        | 123—O.R.C.                    |
| 30—Piquetberg.            | 70—Mosterds Bay (Somerset     | 125—Burghersdorp.             |
| O.R.C.                    | Strand).                      | O.R.C.                        |
| 31—Wellington.            | 71—Malagas.                   | Union.                        |
| (?) Richmond.             | 72—Tamboersfontein.           | 126—Cape.                     |
| 32—(? 52) Phisantfontein. | Kenhardt (1896).              | O.R.C.                        |
| O.R.C.                    | 73—Cape.                      | 127—Cape.                     |
| 33—(? 331) Lawrence St.,  | O.R.C.                        | 128—Cape.                     |
| Port Elizabeth.           | 75—Dock Road, Cape Town.      | 130—Adelaide.                 |
| O.R.C.                    | 76—North End, Port Elizabeth. | 133—Outhing, Basutoland.      |
| 34—George (1865).         | beth.                         | 134—Sir Lowry Road.           |
| Wellington (1868-99).     | O.R.C.                        | 136—Tullbagh Road.            |
| 35—Rondebosch.            | 77—Cape.                      |                               |

- 137—Cape.  
 138—Robben Island.  
 140—Cape.  
 141—Cape.  
 145—Colesberg.  
     Queenstown.  
 147—Cape.  
 149—Rockford.  
 150—Jamestown.  
     (?) O.R.C., probably Interprov.  
 153—Clarkebury.  
 156—Mafeteng, Basutoland.  
 157—Porterville.  
 158—Robertson.  
 162—Letjesbosch.  
 163—Cape.  
 165—Cape.  
 167—Cape.  
 170—Cape.  
 172—Taungs Sta., Bechuanaland.  
 173—Cape.  
 174—Cape.  
 176—Transvaal.  
 179—Spitzkop.  
 180—Cape.  
 181—Cape.  
     Geluk, Bechuanaland.  
 182—Pala.  
 183—Coerney.  
 184—Middelburg.  
 186—Jansenville.  
 189—Eerste River Station.  
 190—Halfmanshof.  
 194—Ruytersbosch.  
 196—Murraysburg.  
 198—Cape.  
 200—O'OKiep.  
 201—Graaff-Reinet.  
     Bechuanaland.  
 202—Buffels Jachts River  
     Bridge.  
     Beaufort (1874).  
     Beaufort West (1881).  
 204—Maraisburg.  
 205—Aberdeen.  
 206—St. Marks.  
 207—Cape.  
 208—Cape.  
 209—Maribogo, Bechuanaland.  
 210—Mohaleshoek, Basutoland.  
 212—Cape.  
 213—Springbokfontein.  
 214—Barrydale.  
 215—Malmesbury.  
 216—Riet Vlei.  
 217—Hex River.  
 218—Wolverfontein Station.  
     Steytlerville.  
 219—Lady Grey Bridge.  
     Middle Post.  
 220—Cape.  
 221—Red House.  
 222—Mossel Bay.  
 223—(?) Newlands.  
 224—Cape.  
 225—Smithvale.  
 226—Cradock.  
     Transvaal.  
 227—Kimberley (7 mm. numerals vertically and 5 mm. numerals horizontally).  
 228—Cape.  
 229—Fraserburg.  
 230—Graaff-Reinet.  
     Britstown.  
     Grahamstown.  
 232—Barkly West.  
     Rawsonville.  
     New Republic.  
     Union.  
 233—Kabousi.  
 234—Tarkastad.  
 235—Malmesbury Station.  
     43 Strand Street, Cape Town.  
 236—Zuurbrak.  
 237—Prince Alfred Road.  
 238—Mill River.  
     Garies.  
 239—Palmietfontein.  
 241—Grootfontein.  
 242—River Zonder End.  
 244—Matjesfontein.  
 245—Cape.  
 248—Kei Road.  
 249—Cape.  
 250—Caledon.  
 251—St. Mathew's.  
     Keiskama (?).  
 252—Barkly East.  
 253—Van Rhynsdorp.  
 254—Gamtoos River Ferry.  
     Thorngrove.  
 255—Breede River.  
 256—Cape.  
 257—Transvaal (? Interprov.).  
 258—Cape.  
 259—Mortemer Station.  
 260—Cape.  
 261—Fish River.  
 262—Cape.  
 263—Cape.  
 264—Cape.  
 265—New Hantam.  
 266—Mission Siding.  
     Schoongezicht.  
 267—Klaasvoogts River.  
     Riversdale.  
 268—Butterworth.  
 270—Venterstad.  
     Laingsburg (1893).  
 271—Great Brak River.  
 272—(?) Paarl Station.  
 273—Cape.  
 275—Cape.  
 276—Blanco.  
     Tarkastad.  
 277—Salt River.  
     Morija, Basutoland.  
 278—Cape.  
     O.R.C. (Interprov.).  
 279—Cape.  
 280—Petrusville.  
     Engcobo (1897).  
 281—Maseru, Basutoland.  
 282—Woodehouse.  
 283—Cape.  
 284—Oudtshoorn.  
 286—Cape.  
 287—Greenpoint.  
 288—Newlands.  
 290—Cape.  
 291—Blanco.  
 292—Cape.  
 293—Brandewyn Kuil.  
 294—Klipheувel.  
 295—Saron.  
 297—Welgevonden.  
 298—Yellow Wood Trees.  
 300—Walvisch Bay.  
 301—Cathcart.  
 302—Cape.  
     Union.  
 303—O.R.C. (Interprov.).  
 304—Cape.  
 305—Cape.  
 307—Heidelberg.  
 308—Klipplaat.  
 309—Sutherland.  
 310—Jan Fouries Kraal.  
 311—Cape.  
 312—Cape.  
     Iron Mine Hill, Rhodesia.  
 313—Diep River.  
 315—Cape.  
 316—Cape.  
 317—Thlotse Heights, Basutoland.  
 318—Cape.  
 320—St. Johns River.

### CZECHOSLOVAKIAN PHILATELIC QUIZZ

The Editor of a Czechoslovak daily newspaper, *Mlada Fronta*, has organised a philatelic quizz in regard to the postage stamps of this country.

Participants are requested to answer the four following questions:

(1) Which Czechoslovak postage stamp issued in 1963 do you like best and why?

(2) Which set of stamps issued in Czechoslovakia in 1963 do you consider most suc-

cessful?

(3) Which Czechoslovak postage stamp issued in 1963 do you consider to be a failure, and why?

(4) Which set of stamps issued in Czechoslovakia in 1963 do you find fault with as far as aesthetics are concerned?

No details of the prizes offered are furnished and entries must be received by the Editor, "*Mlada Fronta*," Panska 8, Prague 1, Czechoslovakia, by February 29, 1964.

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## PRINTER'S WASTE

(A paper read before the S.A. Study Circle)

(By S. J. VERMAAK)

We believe our views on the subject of printer's waste are well known and consequently the following paragraphs will be more in the nature of supporting arguments. (This is written in the plural because the writer is of the opinion that he does not stand alone in this matter).

Let us first, at the outset, examine the cause of the printer's waste wrangle:

It has lately been variously stated that certain classes of philatelic material must be condemned and banned because:—

- (1) They are printer's waste and therefore non-philatelic.
- (2) We in the Republic have introduced an undesirable element into philately by artificially boosting such material; a failing not found in any other country.
- (3) Unrealistic valuations have been placed on certain items by us; and
- (4) Exhibition Juries will in future be instructed to eradicate such weeds by discrediting "Printer's Waste."

Let us pause to consider the import of the expression "Printer's Waste."

It has been defined by such authorities as the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain (A Glossary of Philatelic Terms), R. J. Sutton (The Stamp Collector's Encyclopaedia) and Anna H. Smith (The Language of Stamp Collecting), as:—

Impressions put on one side as printer's proofs, or as being defective in some way, and therefore not intended for issue, but which have come into the hands of collectors. They may be badly printed, incorrectly cut or perforated.

(The phrase "but which have come into the hands of collectors" might have been qualified by the use of the word "clandestinely" between the words "have" and "come").

The force of our argument lies in the words **put on one side and NOT INTENDED FOR ISSUE**. If such obviously rejected material should clandestinely have come into the hands of collectors, then and then only can there be printer's waste in the sense of something ill-begotten. After all, basically there is nothing wrong with printer's waste. It only assumes the propor-

tions of ill-fame when it does what it is not supposed to do namely, to leave the printer's premises. It follows that printer's waste and filching go hand in hand and that there cannot be a thought of Printer's Waste as the philatelist understands the expression, until there is evidence of unsavoury back-door, *sub rosa* happenings. Senior members of the Study Circle are aware of such happenings and unfortunately the issues at stake have never had prominence in our philatelic press owing to possible exposure to libel action. (Strictly speaking such items should be given wide prominence, for what they are, as a warning to innocent, uninformed and unsuspecting collectors).

By what standards or manner of comparison can anyone associate stolen material (for that is what printer's waste is) with good, legally acquired material? It is our view that any philatelic ware bought from the post office in the normal course, is legitimate, whether it be "badly printed, incorrectly cut or perforated" or has any other unusual freak. There is one test only, and that is that the material must have been acquired as indicated and not by means of devious surreptitious stunts.

Let us now consider the four points enumerated above:—

Point Number One—Printer's Waste vis à vis philately: It is held that printer's waste constitutes an important link in the printing of philatelic matter and that printer's waste as such is therefore very much philately. However, the collectability of such matter is a point which should not exercise our minds simply because it is not intended for issue. For obvious reasons we disown items of printer's waste and will not have them in our collections. For one, the stigma attaching to them permeates the entire collection and our very persons suffer in the eyes of our fellow philatelists. But, never, never must all pieces which theoretically resemble printer's waste, be associated with it.

The printer's waste cry went up fairly recently with the quite regular and widespread appearance of "Interrupted Printings," which if that is so unusual, is to our way of reasoning quite a normal occurrence attributable to two entirely human factors. In the first instance, acute staff difficulties may result in less diligent checks and in consequence more frequent passing of such varieties. For the rest we ourselves are responsible for it because we have every postal

counter clerk so fully keyed up to these things that we venture to submit that hardly any varieties these days disappear among the ordinary and commercial users of stamps. We consider the opinion that the quality of the printing has deteriorated lately as being without grounds.

We find it very strange to hear that things that we have been made to cherish as gems should now be condemned by none less than our masters. Varieties which are now being accorded the ill-sounding sobriquet of "Printer's Waste" have all down the line been "very desirable items" (etc.). Our Handbook/Catalogues bristle with them. Take any catalogue of repute and you will find them there appropriately adorned with double or treble figure price quotations.

A few examples will not be amiss here:—

King's Head ½d.

- UHB 2 V8 Stamp doubly printed.
- V9 Stamp partly printed.
- V10 Printed on gummed side.
- V11 Complete offset.
- V12 Repaired paper. (Something similar but of more recent issue was at Port Elizabeth described to us as rubbish).

King's Head 1d.

- UHB 3 V7 Perforated through fold over. (One example of something very like it but not quite as pronounced is found in the current Republic issue—but is scathingly referred to as printer's waste).

These are only a few of the King's Head varieties and we aver that they helped many an enthusiast to gain top awards at National and International Exhibitions. Why suddenly brand them as printer's waste? But, let us look at a few more taken at random:—

Pretoria Rotos—1d.

- V6 to V16 ranging from missing perforation hole to repaired paper and missing centre!

(We have no knowledge of an equal number of similar varieties in any single denomination of any of our more recent issues than in emissions of that period. By what stretch of imagination can we say that these things are more plentiful today or that the printer is slipping these days?

Have a look at Pretoria Rotos 1d. V19 and associates, far too many to mention here,

and stand aghast (to be consistent).

Taking a handful of handbook pages we open at page 186—hyphenated 1/- 50A V7 Completely missing frame (of course there are many other like varieties) and one wonders what superlatives would today be enjoined in condemnation of such a classic.

Come to Animal Series, the Decimal Series the Republic Issues, and with them this cry of "Printer's Waste." Why? Let the Printer's Waste Criers answer!

Point Number Two: We find the contention that the type of material in question is not collected overseas and that we in the Republic have made much out of artificialities, to be absolutely without substance. As against this stand we counter-claim that more, very much more, is made of major varieties and freaks overseas than is the case here, as we will show later in this talk.

Relative numbers have much to do with the collection of the disputed type of material and with the spotting or occurrence of such items in collections. Because their numbers are necessarily limited it stands to reason that one is more likely to spot one of ten varieties of a thing in a hundred collections than one would be if those ten varieties were distributed among a thousand collections. We believe that is how the notion got around that overseas there is no demand for such like.

If we have ten collectable pieces of interrupted printing, all safely housed in local collections, it follows that "such things are not collected overseas." Therein lies the answer, and therein alone is to be found the factors controlling the collection of the class of material under discussion. Numbers and availability and no other factor, control the point at issue.

(To be continued).

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### UNITED NATIONS

This organisation issued its first commemoratives for 1964 (5c and 11c) on 13th January. They are in honour of IMCO, an Inter-Governmental Consultative Organisation with headquarters in London. This has the primary objective of furthering co-operation among governments in technical matters of all kinds with regard to shipping.

The stamps depict two ships at sea under the protection of the IMCO emblem.



## SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PHILATELIC ROLL OF HONOUR

This list of Distinguished Philatelists is in chronological order according to date of election. Members are elected by Congress, but not more than two at any one meeting. The first ten were elected in 1932 when the Roll was instituted and they may be termed "Foundation Members." The rule was suspended once, viz. at the first post-war Congress in 1948, not having been held for a number of years. In the S.A. Ph. for Aug., 1960, there is a list similar to this, but giving also references to where biographical notes can be found about the members on the Roll. The names of members deceased are marked with an asterisk.

- \* 1932 G. J. Allis.
- \* " A. J. Cohen.
- \* " G. Blockey.
- \* " Sir H. L. Gorges.
- \* " Chas. Hand.
- \* " G. J. Houbert.
- \* " Saul A. Klagsbrun.
- \* " J. Ritchie.
- \* " Emil Tamsen.
- \* " Louis Simenhoff.
- \* 1933 J. Herbert Curle.
- \* 1934 W. J. Harrington.
- \* 1938 L. A. Wyndham.
- " G. N. Gilbert.
- \* 1939 C. H. Thornton.
- \* " W. L. Ashmead.
- \*Jan., 1948 A. E. Basden.
- \* " " A. A. Jurgens.
- \* " " P. C. Bishop.
- " " J. H. Harvey Pirie.
- \* " " Wm. Redford.
- Oct., 1948 A. Hilton Sydow.
- \* " " N. Welsford.
- \* 1949 Alec Kaplan.
- " K. Freund.
- \* 1951 G. K. Forbes.
- " Sam Legator.
- 1952 Ernest Hunt.
- \* " And Watson.
- \* 1953 B. L. R. Fox.
- 1954 W. N. Sheffield.
- 1955 J. H. H. Chamberlain.
- \* 1956 T. B. Davie.
- " W. Newlands.
- 1957 S. J. Hagger.
- 1958 Leo Buchen.
- 1959 T. B. Berry.
- " C. E. D. Enoch.
- 1960 M. F. Stern.
- 1963 I. H. C. Godfrey.

## WAR ON UNNECESSARY AND SPECULATIVE ISSUES

The "American Philatelist," November issue, has given **Black Blots** to two countries:

(1) East Germany—two sets, (a) National Liberation War of 1813 set, in which the 40 pf. value is "blocked" (a limited printing). (b) The assassinated Anti-Fascist Athletes II semi-postal set in which each stamp includes a tab label describing the sport in which the athlete participated.

(2) Monaco has what is described as a year's end 20-stamp "catch-all" deluge. It earns its black blot from being an excessive issue and from having oddities intentionally included. One of the poorest substitutes for a postal issue in years is the set of the three singles and two blocks of four stamps honouring the Football Association Centenary. The blocks of four include a soccer ball right in the centre of each block, thereby appearing in a different corner of each of the four stamps of the block.

The Joint B.P.A. and P.T.S. committee which has been set up to warn against stamps of doubtful status have issued a note as follows:—

(a) They have been advised by the leading British catalogue publishers that there are a number of varieties of the Sierra Leone "1853-1963" overprints which seem to have been deliberately arranged and that they do not propose listing them.

(b) The collecting public are reminded that "stamps" issued by a number of islands around Britain are described by the G.P.O. as "local carriage labels."

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### AUSTRALIA

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Two stamps will be issued on 26th February in the "Navigators" series—a 10/- depicting Matthew Flinders and a £1 showing George Bass.

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### ISRAEL

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Forthcoming issues announced are (1) An IL 1.00 stamp for the maiden voyage of the liner S.S. Shalom, (2) Four stamps (IL 0.20, 0.6, 0.08 and 0.12 featuring Red Sea fishes.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**14 November.** (1) Competition for Simenhoff Cup by the Ladies. There were two exhibitors, Mrs. H. Jeidel and Mrs. N. Bergman. The former was awarded the cup, whilst the latter received a Silk Scarf presented by Mr. R. Wilson.

(2) In the second half of the evening Cdr. C. E. D. Enoch showed a portion of his collection—the Number Ones of the World. He said some were easy to obtain, but some just the opposite; he showed altogether about 916 stamps.

**28 November.** (1) Mrs. Jeidel presented a collection entitled "Towards United States of Europe" showing the phases through which Europe had passed. (2) Mr. Bülbring showed his collection of Portugal, with some pre-stamp covers preceding the first stamps of 1858.

**December 12.** President's evening.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**November Meeting.** The evening commenced with a short talk by Mr. J. Davenport on how to separate, with the minimum amount of damage, mint stamps adherent to one another or to album sheets.

There was then shown, by courtesy of the French Consulate, a film dealing with the production of stamps in France. A good auction rounded up the evening.

### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**November 11.** Mr. R. Putzel, President of the Royal Cape Town, was the exhibitor, showing two sections from his many collections. The first section was modern Hungary. This was complete with miniature sheets and many interesting covers, including special balloon flights. The second section was Zeppelin flown cards and covers ranging from the first to the last—a very fine exhibit. The members really enjoyed these fine exhibits.

**November 25.** Capt. M. F. Stern made a first showing of part of his new thematic collection "Maps and Exploration," the section of this large collection covering the world was only Africa, Antarctica, Australia and Pacific Islands, and also Map Projections, and covers of nuclear submarines to the North Pole. —M.F.S.

### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

**November Meeting.** This was dedicated to the "first year of the State of Israel—1948."

Mr. Lewak's address dealt mainly with the "First Coin" issue.

Mr. Putzel showed the 1948 normal issues, with flaws and varieties, and Mrs. Jeidel's show of all the plate blocks in Festival 1948 issue was the star item of the meeting.

Mr. Galloon has done some research on the 1st Festival issue, especially on the production story and the placings of printers' marks on sheets.

Altogether a most interesting meeting.

### AFRIKAANSE PHILATELISTIESE VERENIGING VAN PRETORIA

**Desember.** Na afhandeling van die jaarverslae, finansieële state, ens., is die nuwe bestuur soos volg saamgestel: Voorsitter: Mnr. H. D. Wessels; Onder-Voorsitter: Mev. J. M. Ockerse; Ere-Sekretaris: Mnr. H. J. Fouché; Penningmeester: Mnr. J. M. Becker; Rondsensbeampste: Mnr. G. F. du Preez; Addisionele Lede: Mnr. S. J. de Swardt, mnr. I. P. Strydom.

Ons volgende vergadering sal op 22 Januarie plaasvind.

Namens die bestuur word alle lede 'n baie geseënde Kersfees en 'n voorspoedige Nuwejaar toegewens. Ons hoop die Nuwejaar bring vir almal baie interessante stukke in die album.

### FISH HOEK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**November:** Mr. F. L. Archer showed a selection of his Vatican City collection.

**December:** Mr. R. C. Steinbauer showed German South West Africa. —M.F.S.

### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**December 9.** This was the President's Night and Capt. M. F. Stern showed the stamps of Poland during the last three years. This full exhibit including miniature sheets all on special commemorative covers (first day of issue). This was followed by a philatelic quiz which was won by Dr. P. L. Vautier, with prizes to the runners-up, Miss G. Hoffman and Mr. A. Botha. —M.F.S.

### PRETORIA P.S.

The **December meeting** of the Society was by tradition the President's evening and some good fare was provided for the members and visitors present.

The President, Mr. Impey, displayed two exhibits, the first one of the Orange Free State and then a selection of Australian mint stamps. Mr. E. C. Wright of Johannesburg, sent over a selection of his Natal collection, including some scarce items and specimens. Miss Versfeld read a paper on "Stamps printed on Metal" and to illustrate her talk tabled the now famous Tonga Coin Set. The members present thoroughly enjoyed the exhibits.

The President paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Alec Kaplan of Germiston, who had passed away. The Doctor, although not a member of this Society, was a well-known philatelist and made important contributions to the hobby in South Africa. —J.K.

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### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

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**26 November.** The second meeting of the month was well attended. After society affairs had been dealt with, a new member, recently arrived in Port Elizabeth from the Congo, was welcomed. The display of the evening proved to be very interesting.

Mr. A. S. Aldis showed a part of his collection of Postmarks of South Africa, consisting of those from Post Offices in the Cape Province. He is to be complimented on his fine achievement in gathering together such a representative lot in a comparatively short time. Throughout the cancellations had been selected with great care and with an eye as to their clearness and many members were intrigued by examples from small or almost unknown Offices and were amazed at what Mr. Aldis had accomplished.

Mr. G. Bülbring moved a vote of thanks. A smaller than normal auction concluded a stimulating evening.

**10 December.** The last meeting of the year, as has been the custom in recent years, was the President's evening. On this occasion, Mr. Bülbring gave us a display of the stamps of Portugal, but, before doing so, he welcomed those present to our Christmas meeting and thanked the members for the support he had received during the year.

We were shown a representative collection of the postage and newspaper stamps, in which there were very few gaps, most of the items being postally used. There were some excellent pre-stamp covers, the earliest having been cancelled on 22nd February, 1827. The display included the first stamps issued in July 1853 and we were shown examples of all the various types of cancellations, including the G.P.O. Travelling cancellers. The newspaper stamps for the period 1876 to 1888 were complete and we also saw the elusive Provisional Issue of 1893. Amongst the commemorative issues were the 1894 set celebrating the 500th anniversary of Prince Henry the Navigator and the 1895 issue commemorating the 700th anniversary of the birth of St. Anthony of Padua.

### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

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**December Meeting.** A film show has become the usual fare for this meeting. Major McGregor was unable to arrange one this year, but Mr. N. Michael stepped in and showed two. The first was a short comedy, the second a full-length Western; both were much appreciated.

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### EAST LONDON P.S.

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At the **December meeting** of the East London Philatelic Society, the President's Cup was competed for. It was most gratifying to have five entries for this competition, and the judges were hard pressed to arrive at a decision—in fact, the winner only won by two points! The entries were Miss O. Feros (Junior member)—Austria 1940-1948; Mr. L. Hellman—Israel, complete; Mr. J. Morris—U.S.A. 1870 to date; Mr. J. Paviour—Canada 1959 to date; and Major C. Hasted—Great Britain Q.E. II. The winner of the Cup for 1963 was declared to be Mr. Hellman, a decision which was well received.

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## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

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### Boer P.O.W. Camps in India.

The December number of the Anglo-Boer War Philatelist has a comprehensive article, well illustrated, on the Censor Marks, Cachets and Postmarks of the 11 or 12 camps in India. Despite this being what is almost certainly the fullest listing available, the author, Mr. N. Snowden, carefully points out that there is still quite a lot of information lacking to make the story complete.

### H. R. Harmer Organisation.

The report for their 1962-63 season shows that for the fourth time £1m. total has been exceeded. The highest price ever paid for a single stamp—\$41,000 for a 2c Hawaii "Missionary" is included in that total. There is the usual lot of illustrations, plain and coloured, of fine items sold.

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### Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 9th August to the 8th November, 1963. For the previous list see our November, 1963, number.

### Postage Stamps.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 32982.56 contd. No alteration to that recorded in our November Notes.
- 1c—Job No. 41286.78. On an order for 2,000,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 24,600 sheets was made on the 5th September, 1963, the total delivery to date being 311,800 sheets. Cyls. Nos. S 33 Int., S 13 Ext. Same multipositive used. First printing on R.S.A. watermarked paper; printed and perforated double width on Goebel M/C 830.
- 2c—Job No. 41287.79 contd. No alteration to that recorded in our November Notes.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 21008.27 contd. A total of 741,033 delivered by the 22nd August, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. 12 Int, 11 Ext., and printing factors as recorded in our August Notes.

Job No. 41288.80. On an order for 2,000,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 13,000 sheets was made on the 7th November, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. 12 Int., 11 Ext. R.S.A. watermarked paper used for first time from same quadruple-format cylinders on Albert M/C.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ c, Red Cross.—Job No. 39398.08 contd. No alteration to that recorded for Cyls. 42, 82 and 89 printing in our November Notes.

Same Job No. and requisition contd. A total of 398,119 sheets was delivered from Cyls. 42, 99 and 89 to the 17th October 1963. Other printing factors are as recorded in our November Notes.

3c—Job No. 35855.27 contd. A total of 176,247 sheets delivered to date. Cyls. Nos. S 35 Int., S 8 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

5c—Job No. 32984.58 contd. A total of 142,200 sheets delivered to date. Same Cyls., Nos. 31 Int., S 1 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

10c—Job No. 38333.54 contd. No alteration to that recorded in our November Notes.

$12\frac{1}{2}$ c Red Cross.—Job No. 39398.08 contd. A total of 17,776 sheets delivered to the 17th October, 1963. Same Cyls. Nos. 7 Int., 82 Ext., and printing factors as recorded in our November Notes.

20c.—Job No. 35979.23 contd. A total of 75,503 sheets delivered to the 3rd October, 1963. Same Cyls. Nos. 27, 6 Int., 6 Ext., and printing factors as recorded in our August Notes.

### Air Letter Sheets.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 36802.38 contd. A total of 692,600 cards delivered to the 17th September, 1963. Same Cylinders and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

Job No. 44329.91. On an order for 2,000,000 cards, a delivery of 12,000 cards was made on the 3rd October, 1963, the total delivery to date being 294,500 cards. Same Cyls. and printing conditions.



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1½c—Job No. 36803.39 contd. A total delivery of 1,723,200 cards made to the 29th Oct. 1963. Same Cyls. Nos. Z 17 Int., Z 14 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

Job No. 44470.30. On an order for 2,000,000 cards a delivery of 38,000 cards was made on the 5th November, 1963, the total delivery to date being 52,000 cards. Same Cyls. Nos. Z 17 Int., Z 14 Ext., and printing factors.

**Roll Stamps.**

½c—Job No. 32427.06 contd. A total delivery of 6,440 rolls x 500 stamps, and 2,969 rolls x 1,000 stamps, total 9,409 rolls, made to the 12th Sept. 1963. Same Cyls. No. 108, 11 Int., 94 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

1c—Job No. 32428.07 contd. A total delivery of 7,430 rolls x 500 stamps, and 3,371 rolls x 1,000 stamps, total 10,801 rolls, made to the 24th September, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. 58 Int., 102 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

**Recent Reprintings.**

There was only one reprinting of the Republican Issues for the period under review—that of the 5c Boeing Aerogramme, CAL 207, which sheet format has an angle instead of a round cut along the gummed edges at the instruction for opening.

The printing was again made on the Goebel 840 machine, the other data remaining unaltered.

**Items of Interest.**



Mr. I. R. Minnaar, of Cape Town, has brought two interesting items to our notice:

(1) A ½c stamp, illustrated, with the perforation greatly displaced, so much so that a portion of the neighbouring stamp is included.

He states that he has other used copies, all bearing the Johannesburg postmark, the perforation of which is still more out of alignment, one exhibiting the bird's head above the bottom perforation.

(2) A yellow doctor blade line, 2 mm. wide, extending across the left margin and stamps 1 and 2 of Row 1, and also across stamps 19 and 20 (of Row 1) and the right margin, of the 12½c value, Cat. No. 210. A very interesting example of a doctor blade lift!

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## TELEGRAPHIC CANCELLATIONS ON SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH VALUE GEORGIANS

[Ed. Note: This article is reproduced with permission from "Stamp Collecting" of 15-XI-63. It differs (1) The six illustrations in the original are omitted. They featured (a) Two numeral cancellations as described under (a) in the list here given; (b) four marks, two each from Bloemfontein and Johannesburg as described in the last.

There is also added a letter written by Mr. Allen subsequent to his original article. An advance copy of this was kindly sent us by the Editor of "Stamp Collecting"].

The highest value stamp issued by the Union (Georgian type) was the £1, genuinely postally-used copies of which are extremely scarce. It is also very difficult to obtain good postally-used copies of the 10s. There are, however, a good quantity of these two stamps reposing in collectors' albums and in dealers' stock books, but how many of them have been genuinely used for postage?

One useful check is an examination of the various postage rates that were current at the time. The official Post Office Guide of the period (1913) gives the information.

**Letter Rate:** For delivery within the Union, Bechuanaland, South West Africa, Northern Rhodesia and Mozambique, the rate was 2d. for each ounce, with no limit to the weight of the letter. Therefore, to make up for the £1 postage stamp genuinely used the weight of the letter must be  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lb. Gold and other articles of value are mostly sent by registered parcel rate, which is cheaper. The letter rate to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth is the same, but registered parcels could not be sent; the weight of the letter was limited to 4 lb. 6 oz., hence only 11s. 8d. can be made up in postage, or 12s. if registered. For other countries the rate was 3d. for the first ounce and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. for each additional ounce, with the weight limit of 4 lb. 6 oz. which makes a letter cost 8s.  $10\frac{1}{2}$ d.

**Parcels:** Inland (South Africa) it was 6d. per lb., with a limit of 11 lb., so that the maximum is 5s. 6d., with an additional 4d. for registration. There was, however, an exception. Parcels containing gold, silver or copper coinage and raw gold, irrespective of value, were accepted up to 19 lb. in weight, but even if they were registered they cost

only 9s. 10d. (A fact to bear in mind is that the Post Office of South Africa did not insure letters or parcels and banking institutions were not granted facilities for the conveyance of specie, which were usually forwarded at registered parcels rate). For parcels sent to foreign countries, the highest rate for an 11-lb. parcel was 13s. 9d., to Northern Rhodesia, Asia, America, and foreign possessions in Australasia came next, where the postage was 12s. 2d. for a maximum weight parcel of 11 lb. The maximum weight for the Belgian Congo was 11 lb., and that cost 12s. It was cheaper to send an 11-lb. parcel to other British possessions or foreign countries.

It is quite plain to see that it was impossible to use a £1 stamp genuinely to pay full postage on any packet through the post, and the 10s. was not so often used. Of course, if you wanted to put a couple of £1 stamps on an envelope, the Post Office would not refuse to deliver it for you. Bearing in mind the true postal rates, it is rather safe to assume that genuine postally used £1 and 10s. stamps should be scarce, but there are considerable numbers of each about. From where have they come? From cables, telegrams and other departmental documents.

How can we tell those that have been used by these means? Before that is explained, we should ascertain how it was that these stamps came on to the market. All cables, telegrams and official documents were kept for a specified period, after which they were destroyed, when the stamps were sometimes removed and disposed of as "used" copies. The control of the destruction today has vastly improved, but although there was a control in those days, "things," as we know, did get out. In the larger cities it was easier for the authorities to trace the place of leakage, for they bore the place-name, but unfortunately that was not always the case. Some Post Offices, as they do in the United Kingdom, use the same date-stamp for all purposes, but to help us there was a limited number of post offices to which the £1 stamp was issued for use, and not all stocked the 10s. value, for there was no normal business for that amount of postage.

Non-postal cancellations are the clue. They are of several types described below.

#### Typical Telegraphic Cancellations.

(a) Circle with numeral in the centre. This is easily recognised, the circle being about 25 mm. across and the figure therein about 15 mm. high.

(b) Date, showing c.t.o. (Central Telegraph Office), usually seen with the name of the town. Single- and double-lined circles are known, between 25 to 30 mm. across.

(c) Date-stamp with CONTROLLER, similar to (b) above. The word CONTROLLER is used instead of c.t.o. Johannesburg may be found with CONTROLLER OF POSTS.

(d) Small numerals, from 5 mm. to 6 mm. tall. (Each telegram as it is handed in receives a serial number). Types are different, but somewhat similar to types associated with counting and numbering machines.

(e) A star punched out of the stamp. Used on cables. The star is a five-pointer, being about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  mm. across at the widest.

(f) Perforated with the word CANCELLED, the holes being about 1 mm. each.

(g) In my collection I have: (i) "Exchange-Johannesburg"; (ii) "Cape Town—G.P.O. Ca. . . ." I do not think that these are postal marks.

It should be remembered that stamps of the Georgian era other than the 10s. and £1 may bear these marks, especially when we recall that the 1s. 3d. was primarily issued for telegram purposes.

#### "TELEGRAPHIC CANCELLATIONS ON SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH VALUES

SIR,—With reference to the above article, which I contributed to *STAMP COLLECTING* on November 15th, letters sent to me suggest that stamps other than the high values, not only of the Georgians, could have been used for the purposes as outlined in the article. The following notes may, therefore, be helpful.

(1) It is possible for low values of the Georgians to have come on to the market illegally under similar conditions to the high values. When the telegram rate was advanced from 1s. to 1s. 3d., the stamp of the new charge was not available. I have not seen any such stamps so used.

(2) During World War II, when application was made at post offices for petrol coupons, postage stamps were affixed to the back of the motor vehicle licence at the time

of the issuance of the coupons. The majority of stamps so used were of the War Effort "bantams" which were then current. The highest values of the war issues being 1s.3d., stamps of a higher value were used, and I have seen a pair of the then current 2s. 6d. so used.

The canceller used in each was the post office counter type. I cannot say if there is any marked difference between the canceller used over the counter or in the cancellation of the mail, but hasten to add that **most**, not all, postal cancellers do embody the usual wavy lines and/or a slogan.

The South African G.P.O. inform me that great care is taken to prevent unauthorised material coming on to the stamp market and also that the larger post offices dealing with telegrams **do not** affix stamps but affix cash register receipts, i.e. metered stamps, to the forms.

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R. D. ALLEN.

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(By S. J. VERMAAK)

(Concluded from p. 35 of Feb. issue).

To carry the argument further, we would draw attention to related items enumerated in some of the best known catalogues and we leave you to decide whether catalogue editors would go to the trouble of listing material not collected and whether they would run the risk of harming their own cause by associating themselves with back-door and other spurious issues.

We start off with Stanley Gibbons because it is the catalogue best known to most of us and the catalogue to some of us. There are really so many important varieties of freakish nature listed that they can very conveniently be taken up in a separate catalogue. If we bear in mind that catalogue editors usually list only those freaks which they have handled, you will realize that a very small percentage of the known varieties is really listed. Suffice it for us to quote just one item from each of the S.G. Catalogues:

Great Britain SG418(b) Double print.  
Austria (SG3(c) Printed both sides.  
Uruguay SG39(a) Centre inverted.

In Gibbons Stamp Monthly for November Gibbons timeously further strengthens our case with two beautiful examples of what we mean. On page 36 is illustrated a pair of the current 3d. Rhodesia and Nyasaland with centre missing "Clearly due to the folding over of a corner of the sheet."

On another page, a pair of the current 15c of Tanganyika is shown, one stamp with missing background colour (Interrupted Printing). There are ten collector's units only and the illustration is accompanied by a very significant observation: ". . . I fear they may all be gone by now to specialists on my list . . ."

To specialists on my list . . . At this juncture we pause and pose two questions: How many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of collectors and specialists of this type of material are not on the "list" referred to and what malice prompted the story that "these things are not collected overseas?"

The Netherlands "Speciale Catalogus" as a matter of policy lists mainly three facets namely, mint, used and first day covers,

generally steering away from varieties and freaks. This is understandable because the catalogue is a government issue. Still, it sometimes finds it necessary to list unusual items such as double impressions, inverted overprints, etc. Occasionally one comes across a footnote, such as "Owing to the printing method employed numerous plate flaws are present in this issue." Because this specialist catalogue does not list many varieties and freaks we are apt to believe that the Netherland specialist does not heed them. We can only ask ourselves how many really first class Netherlands collections we have seen. Have we for instance seen the Jan Poulie collection? (Some of it was on view at Unipex). No, there is really one reason only, but one only, why Hollanders and other Netherlands specialists do not bother about varieties — there are simply not enough to go round, so they do not collect them, obviously.

Let us now just have a quick whip through a few more catalogues:

### Scott:

Chile—No. 13(b) Imperforate and centre inverted.

Colombia—455(a) Surchage inverted.

U.S.A.—3, 4, 5, 6 and 10c of the 1894/95 set—Imperforate; 2c and 50c—Imperforate between.

### Holmes (Canada):

1928/29 Set—complete set imperforate, imperforate horizontally, imperforate vertically as well as tête-bêche of 1, 2 and 5c.

### Michel:

178. 40c on 50c Double surcharge (Trial printing in red corrected in black).

### Billig's:

Canada—SG343. 3c Printed on gummed side.

On second thoughts, let these examples suffice. There are hundreds of catalogues, listing thousands of major varieties. Rest assured that every stamp printer makes mistakes and all checkers are human. (He who never made a mistake never made anything).

Similarly stamp printing errors will continue to be made, no matter what the process used, and some of those errors will continue to reach us, the collectors: One

point we cannot get away from: This type of material is collected overseas—in a big way—much bigger than we surmise, as is borne out by the prices commanded, strictly on the rule of supply and demand.

This brings us to Point Number Three viz., unrealistic valuations placed on certain items by us.

There can be no such thing. The term implies a non-existent state whereas the "Valuations placed," or prices charged, for certain items by some members of our philatelic fraternity locally, are very real and in fact very much in keeping with prices elsewhere. In other words, the pricing standard set by the patrons of South African philately have all down the line been far too conservative, far too sponsorial, far too tight. There always seems to be a reluctance to admit an item into a higher price range. Just why this should be so we could never quite understand. Surely if demand dictates a higher price, it is to the good of our country's stamps that we acknowledge an enhanced valuation? The limiting of price range must produce a tendency to discouragement on the part of potential big collectors, to the detriment of our country's philately.

South Africa must surely be the only philatelic section in the world not believing in the time-proven concept: Buy outside the country of origin; sell inside. If we want a good price for good material we have to take it outside; if we look for bargains we do so inside.

If a local seller (be he collector or dealer) charges something like an "overseas price" for an item we are inclined to say that he should be scolded. This attitude serves to drive local discoveries out of the country and we are the losers. The time cannot be far away when we will surely lose every single classic to outside buyers.

We can quote a number of examples, but let us mention one which should be fresh in all our minds. A few months back a popular stamp monthly featured the discovery of a strip of the Academy Issue showing an interrupted printing. There were five collector's pieces priced at R500 (£250) each. We all said "Madness" and turned over the page.

To us it may have been madness but to other collectors of good judgement and discriminating tastes it was something well

worth having at the price charged. (To our knowledge four of the five pieces were sold at the figure quoted whilst the fifth is still unsold, mainly due to pencilled markings on the margin).

That, to our mind, is the criterion. A stamp is "worth" what we are prepared to pay for it. If in the spirit of philatelic rivalry something excites a high pitch of desirability within us and that state prompts us to join forces with other enthusiasts similarly disposed, we will inevitably have to face up to it.

Point number four: If it should come to pass (as has been hinted in some quarters) that successful efforts are made to have exhibition entries "disqualified" if they contain the type of material under discussion, it will be a sad day for the specialist.

In conclusion, one final observation: We are brought to wonder what legal redress we would have if we were now to find that we were misled by the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa through the editors of the various handbook/catalogues, etc. into spending hundreds of rand on what turned out to be waste matter.

## Mafeking and Bechuanaland Philatelic Society

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# EXHIBITION

## 1st April, 1964

Non-competitive exhibition on Wednesday evening, 1st April, 1964, in the Mafeking Town Hall as part of the Mafeking Boy Scouts Jamborally. On show will be fine displays of:—

- (2) Mafeking Siege Covers.
- (3) Tritan da Cunha.
- (4) Various members' exhibits; thematic and general.

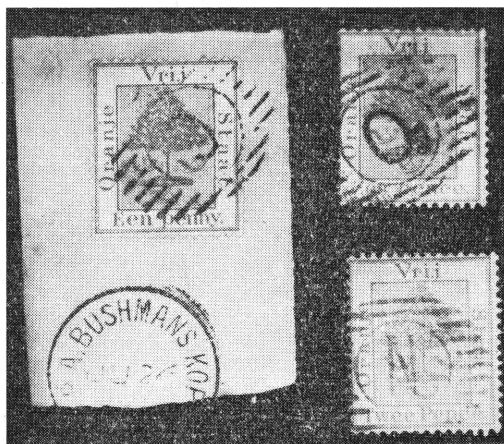
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**ENQUIRIES FOR COMMEMORATIVE  
COVERS INVITED.**

## O.V.S. "LETTER" CANCELS

The fullest information about this group of Markings is in A. Cecil Fenn's book "O.F.S. Postal and other Markings." On p. 6 he illustrates two types, A8 and A8a, the former being the commoner. Both are 11-bar horizontal ovals, with a circle enclosing a letter in the centre. The letter in A8 is wider than that in A8a. Some details are given in the "S.A. Philatelist" of 1952 in articles by P. Smits; e.g. he records that all the letters from A to Z are known except the "V".

As regards locations the position is not so bright. Only eight have been recorded for place of usage. Mr. F. G. Froelich has shown me a Bushmanskop mark, here illustrated,



which appears to be a perfectly good "C". As Fenn records it with an "O" I also show a specimen (location unknown) of this from my own little lot. There is unfortunately no year available in the place-date marking of Bushmanskop.

The "C" appears to be a narrow type as compared with the "O".

Bushmanskop was situated some 23 miles south of Wepener at the junction of what were in the eighties two important trade and mail cart routes. One of these was from Basutoland via Morija, the other from Bloemfontein to Port Elizabeth.

There was still a P.O.A. there up into the early days of the Union, but it is not now listed as in operation.

Here is a list of the recorded letters with place of usage known. It is as given by Fenn, but I have added Bloemfontein to

"X" on the authority of Smits and I have added Rouxville to "K", but with a ? mark. I must have had some good reason for marking it thus in my collection but cannot now quote my authority.

- A Clocolan.
- C Smithfield.  
Bushmanskop (Froelich).
- D Abrahamskraal (1894).
- K Zastron.  
(?) Rouxville.
- O Jagersfontein (1882).  
Bushmanskop.
- R Bloemfontein.
- X Vrede.  
Bloemfontein (Smits).
- Y Dewetsdorp.

Fenn's book was published in 1956. Surely there must be more additions to be made by this time. Look through your collection!

The illustration shows on the left the narrow C with Bushmans Kop place-date stamp, and for comparison a wide O and a narrow N on the right.

—J.H.H.P.

## STOP PRESS

### REPUBLIC DEFINITIVES TO BE REDRAWN!

The Chief Publicity Officer of the G.P.O. announces that the complete set of definitives is being redrawn as the country designation is hardly discernible in its present form.

The first denomination to show the bolder name will be the 12½c. Work on this issue is well advanced and the stamp is expected shortly. The remainder of the set will be issued as convenient.

The Philatelic Bureau requests that orders for stamps in the redrawn series be **not** placed until they are available.

## LIST OF "CAPE TYPE" NUMERAL POSTMARKS AS RECORDED UP TO THE END OF 1963

By **J. H. HARVEY PIRIE**

(Continued from p. 33 of Feb. issue)

A paper dealing in general with these postmarks (vertical barred ovals enclosing a boxed numeral), first introduced in the Cape of Good Hope in 1864, was published by the writer in the S.A. Ph. of October, 1963, p. 186. It was stated there, near the end, that it was hoped to follow up with a consolidated up-to-date list of all the known marks of this type, with their places of usage. Well—here it is, with the postmarks arranged in numerical order.

- |  |  |                                   |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 321—Beaconsfield.<br>Hout Kraal Station.   | 405—Cape.                              | 471—Klapmuts.                     |
| 325—Orange River Station.                  | 407—Outhing, Basutoland.<br>Matatiele. | 475—Cape.                         |
| 326—Mtentu.                                | 408—Cape.                              | 477—Cape.                         |
| 327—Cape.                                  | 409—Cape.                              | 480—(?) Vredendal.                |
| 328—Idutywa.                               | 412—Waldecks Plant.                    | 482—Cala.                         |
| 329—Cape.                                  | 413—Cape.                              | 483—Cape.                         |
| 330—Cape.                                  | 415—Carnarvon.                         | 485—Springbokfontein.<br>Caledon. |
| 331—(? 33) Laurence St. Port<br>Elizabeth. | 416—Uitenhage.                         | Wynands River.                    |
| 332—Sinska Bridge.                         | 417—Cape.                              | 486—Caledon.                      |
| 333—Forest Hall.                           | 418—Cape.                              | 488—(?) Vredendal.                |
| 334—Cape.                                  | 419—Cape.                              | 490—Carnarvon.                    |
| 335—Lynedoch.                              | 420—Alfred Docks, Cape<br>Town.        | 491—Groot River.                  |
| 337—Cape.                                  | 422—Fairfield.                         | 493—Cape.                         |
| 338—Cape.                                  | 426—P.O. Triangle Station.<br>Union.   | 494—Cape.                         |
| 341—Bensonvale.                            | 427—Cape.                              | 496—Cape.                         |
| 344—Worcester Station.                     | 428—Campbell.                          | 498—Woodstock.                    |
| 345—Belvidere.                             | 429—Upington.                          | 499—Kuku.                         |
| 346—Cape.                                  | 430—Kokstad.                           | 500—Ibisi.<br>Bashee.             |
| 349—Hex River East.                        | 431—Doorn River.                       | 503—Namroep.                      |
| 352—Cape.                                  | 432—Cape.                              | 504—Cape.                         |
| 353—Cape.                                  | 434—Cape.<br>Union.                    | 505—Cape.                         |
| 354—Trappes Valley.                        | 435—Cape.                              | 506—Cape.                         |
| 356—Stutterheim.                           | 436—Cape.                              | 507—Cape.                         |
| 357—Cape.                                  | 437—Uniondale.                         | 508—Hanover.                      |
| 358—Cape.                                  | 438—P.O. Klein Berg River.             | 509—Cape.                         |
| 359—Cape.                                  | 439—Daljosphat.                        | 510—Cape.                         |
| 361—Haaspoort.                             | 440—Cape.                              | 511—Thorngrove.<br>Union.         |
| 366—Prieska.                               | 442—Richmond.                          | 512—Richmond Road.                |
| 367—Fraserburg Road.                       | 444—Tygersfontein.                     | 514—Hanover Road.                 |
| 369—Cape.                                  | 445—Riebeek East.                      | 515—Maclear.                      |
| 370—East London, West Bank.                | 447—Kalk Bay.                          | 517—Lady Grey R.                  |
| 372—(? 272) Paarl Station.                 | 448—(?) Brakfontein.                   | 520—Rhodesia.                     |
| 373—Mount Frere.                           | 449—Van Wyk's Vlei.                    | 521—Cape.                         |
| 375—Cape.                                  | 450—Venterstad.                        | 524—Aliwal North.                 |
| 377—(? 577) Morija, Basuto-<br>land.       | 451—Cape.                              | 525—Main.                         |
| 378—Cape.                                  | 452—On T'vl. Edw. (? Inter-<br>prov.). | 527—Patriots Klip.                |
| 381—Prieska.<br>Draghoender.               | 456—Cape.                              | 528—Cyphergat.                    |
| 382—Kalabas Kraal.                         | 458—Robben Island.<br>Haarlem (1893).  | 529—Griquatown.                   |
| 384—Cape.                                  | 459—Cape.                              | 530—Cape.                         |
| 385—Somerset West.                         | 460—Kenilworth.                        | 531—Draghoender.                  |
| 386—Beaufort.                              | 461—Market Sq., Grahams-<br>town.      | 533—De Hoek.                      |
| 388—Cape.                                  | 462—Cape.                              | 534—Kuruman.                      |
| 390—Bechuanaland.                          | 463—Cape.                              | 536—Puromorg.                     |
| 391—Observatory Road.                      | 464—Cape.                              | 537—Cape.                         |
| 393—Victoria West.                         | 465—Hertzog P.O.A.                     | 538—Pacalts Dorp.<br>New Amalfi.  |
| 396—Muizenberg.                            | 466—Union.                             | 540—Andries Kraal.                |
| 397—Cape.                                  | 467—Middelburg Road.                   | 541—Cape.                         |
| 398—Port St. Francis.                      | 468—Cape.                              | 544—Cape.                         |
| 401—Genadendal.                            | 469—Vraaiplaats.                       | 545—Steenkamps Poort.             |
| 402—Three Sisters.<br>Nelspoort.           | 470—Victoria West Road.                | 546—Peddie.                       |
| 403—Cape.                                  |  | 547—Cape.                         |
| 404—Warrenton.                             |  | 549—Cape.                         |
|  |  | 550—Embootatwa.                   |

- 553—Cape.  
 554—Taungs, Bechuanaland.  
 555—Vryburg, Bechuanaland.  
 556—Somerset East.  
 557—Cape.  
     Rhodesia.  
 558—Omdraaisvlei.  
 559—Transvaal.  
 560—Transvaal.  
 563—Millwood.  
 564—Cape.  
 566—Lamberts Bay.  
 567—Greyton.  
 568—Bechuanaland.  
 572—Cape.  
 573—Constantia.  
 574—Bechuanaland.  
 575—D'Urbanville.  
     Kraakeel River (1897).  
 576—Houses of Parliament.  
 577—(? 377) Morija, Basuto-  
     land.  
 578—Bechuanaland.  
 580—Cape.  
 581—Carlisle Bridge.  
 582—Groenfontein.  
 583—Cape.  
 584—Cape.  
 585—Cape.  
 586—Achter Sneeuwberg.  
 588—Beaufort West.  
 589—Molteno (?).  
 590—Setlagoli, Bechuanaland.  
 594—Ladismith.  
 595—Cape.  
 596—Minard.  
 603—Cape.  
 605—Cape.  
 606—Cape.  
 607—Transvaal.  
 610—Cape.  
 611—Longdens.  
 612—Graaff-Reinet.  
 614—Cape.  
 615—Sour Flats.  
 617—Darlington.  
 618—Cape.  
 619—Transvaal.  
 620—Transvaal.  
 621—Transvaal.  
 622—Cape.  
 624—Claremont.  
 626—Cape.  
 628—Swaziland.  
 636—Bechuanaland.  
 637—Bechuanaland.  
 638—Mafeking.  
 640—Pearston.  
 641—Seymour.  
 644—Cape.  
 647—Kei Bridge.  
 648—(?) Brakfontein.  
 640—Fishwater.
- 650—Groot Drink.  
 651—Cape.  
 652—Cape.  
 653—Montagu.  
 654—Barkly East.  
 655—Cape.  
 656—Cape.  
 657—Cape.  
 658—Ashton.  
     Bechuanaland.  
 659—Cape.  
 661—Doornbergfontein.  
 662—Wynberg Camp.  
 663—Storms River.  
 664—Cape.  
 666—(? 999) Wyders River.  
 667—Cape.  
 668—(? 899) Cape.  
 670—Cape.  
 672—Cape.  
 674—Bechuanaland.  
 676—Palachwe, Bechuanaland.  
 677—Kange, Bechuanaland.  
 678—Cape.  
 679—Tati, Bechuanaland.  
 680—Cape.  
 681—Cape.  
 683—(?) Outspan Reserve.  
 684—Philipstown.  
 685—Cape.  
 686—Cape.  
 687—Olyvenhouts Drift.  
 688—Cape.  
 690—Camerons Glen.  
 691—Linton.  
 694—Blignants Pont.  
 696—(? 969) Div. Aliwal  
     North.  
     Lady Grey.  
     Lusikisiki.  
     Bechuanaland.  
 701—Gardens, Cape Town.  
 702—Beaufort West.  
     Union.  
 704—Cape.  
 705—Cape.  
 706—Cape.  
 707—Cape.  
 708—Cape.  
 710—Cape.  
 714—Colesberg.  
     Norvals Pont.  
 715—Cape.  
 716—Cape.  
 718—Swaziland.  
 722—Cape.  
 724—Norvals Pont.  
 726—Cape.  
 727—Patentie.  
 728—Prince Albert.  
 734—Cape.  
 735—Cape.  
 740—Cape.
- 741—Cape.  
 744—Cape.  
 746—Vogelvlei.  
 747—Cape.  
 748—Cape.  
 751—Paarl.  
 752—Dunedin.  
 754—Cape.  
 756—Robertson.  
 758—Bechuanaland.  
     (?) Transvaal.  
 759—Cape.  
 760—Cape.  
 761—Cape.  
 762—Garstlands.  
 765—Cape.  
 766—Windmill.  
 771—Halesowen Siding.  
 773—Seven Weeks Poort.  
 780—Cape.  
     (? 280) Engcobo.  
 782—Buy's Post.  
 784—Albert Junction.  
 785—Van der Byls Kraal.  
 788—Cape.  
 789—Cape.  
 790—Klein Zwartberg.  
 791—(? 794) Oudtshoorn.  
 795—Brandwacht.  
 799—Klipdam.  
 801—Cape.  
 806—Murraysburg.  
 808—Gouritz River Bridge.  
 811—Cape.  
 813—Cape.  
 816—Tulbagh.  
 820—Schoombie.  
 822—Cape.  
 824—Burghersdorp.  
 825—Tuli, Rhodesia.  
 826—Victoria, Rhodesia.  
 827—Salisbury, Rhodesia.  
 828—Rhodesia.  
     (?) Nyasaland.  
 829—Cape.  
     Rhodesia.  
 830—Colesberg.  
 831—Longhope Siding.  
 833—Nyasaland.  
 836—Bechuanaland.  
 840—Cape.  
 842—Cape.  
 845—Dassie Deur.  
 850—Cape.  
 851—Nyasaland.  
 852—Nyasaland.  
 853—Cape.  
     Nyasaland.  
 854—Blantyre, Nyasaland.  
 855—Nyasaland.  
 859—Nyasaland.  
 860—Nyasaland.  
     (To be continued)

## EXHIBITIONS

We are informed by the Austrian Trade Delegate that an International Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Vienna in June, 1965. Further details will doubtless follow.

## U.N.O.

On 13th January this organisation issued its first commemorative for 1964 — a 5c honouring IMCO (Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation), a specialised agency with headquarters in London.

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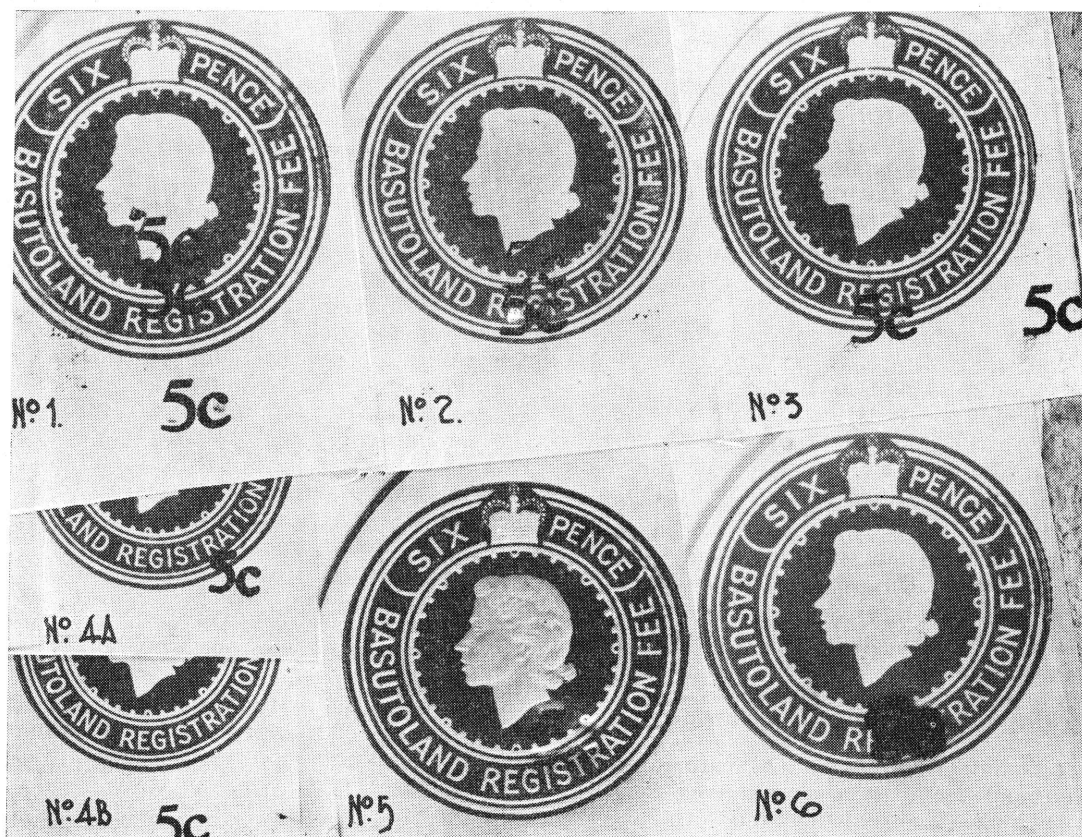
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## BASUTOLAND

### OVERPRINTED REGISTERED ENVELOPES

I have not seen any reference to varieties that can be found in these registered envelopes, so the following description of varieties that I have found may be of interest. These all came from normal stocks on sale at Maseru from time to time, and were purchased by me at the normal price of 7½c each.

(1) Two envelopes were found with triple overprints, one had the three impressions all on the embossed stamp, and the other had two on the stamp and one below and off the stamp. The impressions were all vertical.

(2) One envelope had a partial double impression above the normal one on the embossed stamp.

(3) One had a double impression of the overprint, one on the stamp and one off the stamp to the right.

(4a) Several envelopes had the overprint

(4b) misplaced in varying degrees, some completely off the stamp.

(5) Three envelopes were found with albino overprints, no ink, and only the impressions of the slug showing.

(6) One envelope had the overprint so heavily overinked and the pressure so excessive that it appeared as a black blob, and the pressure of the slugs made the impression appear right through to the back of the envelope.

All the above overprints were the larger and thinner type 1 (as recorded in the Shelley Catalogue), with the exception of one misplaced overprint which was type IV.

Illustrations of some of the main varieties are shown.

—G. N. GILBERT.

## FINLAND

5 February. A 0.35 mk. commemorating centenary of the Society of Artists. It features a sculptured elk head.

27 February. A 0.35 mk. stamp honouring the centenary of the birth of Emil Nestor Setola, professor, chancellor and councilor of state.

## ANGLO-BOER WAR

### INVASION OF CAPE

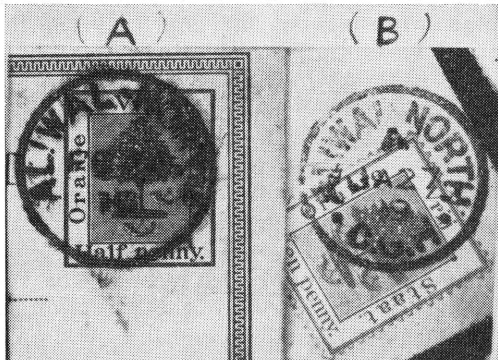
In our January issue, p. 19, an article was published dealing with postmarks of the Boer invasions of Natal and of the Cape.

What was written about the postmarks of Aliwal North requires revision, through the finding by Mr. F. G. Froehlich of another Aliwal North postmark on a part of an envelope, cancelling a 1d. O.V.S. stamp and dated JA 27 19. This is shown in the illustration as (B); it is identical in type and size with the mark of 17 DE 96 referred to in our January issue, and also with the place-date mark figured by Rich as illustration 1-7 on page 22 of his book.

The mark (A) in our illustration here is a repetition of that shown in our January issue.

It was suggested there that (A) had been made by deliberate removal of the C.G.H. etc. to emphasise the fact that the P.O. was not at the moment a Cape one.

It is now evident that (A) cannot have been made from (B) because it is clear even to the naked eye that its diameter is larger by about 2 mm.



The full story of Mark (A) cannot yet be told but there would appear to be at least two possibilities — (1) That there was another mark (not yet discovered!) of the style of (B) but with the overall size of (A); it might even have a hyphen between Aliwal and North.

(2) That the canceller was made *e novo* after the occupation. In this case it would be much more of a “finished” article than the only other known temporary mark (Colesberg) made during this invasion.

Seeing that the second possibility is highly improbable it is to be hoped that someone will produce a better explanation.

—J.H.H.P.

### TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Still a delay in the issue of the island's Red Cross stamps. They are now announced as for 1st February.

The Official Commemorative Covers for the return of the islanders by the M.V. Bornholm have arrived. These were arranged for by the Crown Agents through the Connoisseur Stamp Service and went back to the latter by the ship, after post-marking by the Tristan single-circle mark of 11 Nov '63. Thanks to the services of Mr. H. E. J. Evans we received specimens—attractive covers with an outline map of the S. Atlantic showing the position of the island, a small picture of the Bornholm and its cachet reading “Voyage of/M.V. Bornholm/October-November '63.” The covers are autographed by the heads of the seven main families of islanders in the returning group. The stamps used on the covers was the provisional St. Helena three penny overprinted “TRISTAN DA CUNHA/RESETTLEMENT/1963.” There were also other similar covers autographed by the Captain of the Bornholm.

It is understood that a new definitive set of stamps for the island will be issued soon.

It is officially reported that the Postmaster has so many other official duties that he cannot deal with other than the receipt and despatch of normal mails, and has therefore appointed an islander to handle all philatelic business on a commission basis. The amount of this is not as yet announced.

### S.A.N.A.E.

The R.S.A. has struck heavy ice on its voyage to Queen Maud Land. On several occasions they have been playing Rugby on it. On 21st January Capt. McNish reported that they still had 130 miles to go and progress was very slow. On the 24th he “hoped they would be able to break out within the next 24 hours.” They did and reached the base on 25th January.

In the press of 7.II.64 it was reported that the R.S.A. was due to leave the Antarctic base either that day or the next.

After her return home she would be taking relief teams to Marion and Gough Islands about the end of March or beginning of April.

The R.S.A. left the base on 7 February, encounter very little ice on the homeward voyage, reached Cape Town on the morning of 18 February, and so ended the voyaging of the fifth S.A. Antarctic Expedition.

The mail received the familiar S.A.N.A.E. cancellation dated 24 January 1964.

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## THE UNION BUILDINGS

(By Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.)

Before the consolidation of the four colonies to form the Union of South Africa, the Transvaal province found itself with a substantial budget surplus which it felt should not be handed over to the new government. Accordingly it was decided that a large portion of these funds should be used for the creation of projects from which both the Transvaal and the Union would benefit.

One of the schemes financed from this surplus was the erection of the Union Buildings which had been designed to accommodate the administration staff of the new government.

During the first two sessions of the Union Parliament, strong criticism was expressed on the actions of the Transvaal cabinet, which it was said, had acted irregularly.

The site of the Union Buildings was chosen by Herbert Baker, an architect who had been commissioned to design the structure. His selection of the locality was enthusiastically acclaimed by General J. C. Smuts, who was then Secretary in the Transvaal cabinet.

Magnificently situated on Meintje's Kop, some 2½ miles from the centre of Pretoria, and overlooking the city and its surroundings, this site has been described as one of the finest in the world. In 1909 the Transvaal government paid £40,600 for this land.

Excavations for the buildings were commenced during the first week of May, 1910, and the entire undertaking was completed on October 11, 1913, at a cost of £1,180,000.

The foundation stone was laid on November 26, 1910, by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, in the name of His Majesty,

King George V. The silver trowel which was used at this ceremony is now preserved in a stinkwood cabinet in the Transvaal Museum, Pretoria.

The buildings are of a modified Grecian style with a semi-circular colonnaded central block flanked with twin domed towers, 180 feet high, which connect two extensive wings.

Between the wings and in front of the colonnade is a large amphitheatre capable of accommodating 9,000 persons. In the amphitheatre is a central rostrum with a sandstone dome surmounted by a bronze figure of Mercury.

The length of the buildings is 900 feet, under a roof of red tiles, with two pavilions projecting from the extremities of each of the administration blocks located on either side of the central feature. The Ionic columns to the colonnade and the pavilions are 24 feet in height. The full extent of this magnificent piece of architecture is not shown on the stamp which serves to illustrate this article.



The buildings are generally three storeys in height, with basements which house the Archives, the post office, garages for ministerial cars. Besides these, there are a great number of store rooms. On the floors above are the offices of the Ministers, which are grouped around internal courts.

As far as was practicable, South African materials were used in the construction of this imposing edifice.

The building face terraced gardens 164 acres in extent. On one of the terraces is the Delville Wood Memorial while below this is the Pretoria War Memorial, in the Garden of Remembrance. A statue of General Louis Botha—the first Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa—has also been erected in these gardens.

Herbert Baker was knighted in 1926 and many of his creations, in the form of stately public buildings, churches, schools and dwellings grace many of our cities. Among his best known achievements in this country are the restored Groote Schuur, Pretoria Railway Station, the Governor-General's residence in the capital city and the Institute for Medical research in Johannesburg.

### MOBILE P.O.'s CAPE TOWN

No. 4 has blossomed out in a type of mark quite different from that in any of the other towns in the country, so far as we are aware. A large double circle mark, outer circle 35 mm. diameter, inner circle 18 mm.

Running continuously inside the outer circle is "Mobiele P.K. Mobile P.O." at the top, and No. 4 at the bottom. Outside the inner circle is "Kaapstad" at the top, and "Capetown" below. Date in one line across centre.

Prior to this mark we have only seen unilingual marks from No. 4 P.O., one in English, one in Afrikaans. Can anyone supply the date of introduction of this mark?

No. 5 started on 2-IX-40, also with 2 unilingual marks, but it acquired a bilingual mark at least as early as 1953 and this mark is in use at the present time. It is a double circle mark of 26 mm. diameter. The wording is "Mobiele PK. No. 5 Kaapstad" above, and "Mobile P.O. No. 5 Cape Town" below. Date in one line across centre.

No. 10, which started operations on 3.IX.51 has a mark similar to the present day one of No. 5.

### BECHUANALAND OVERPRINTS

In connection with an incidental remark by Major Criddle in our January issue on the dates of the overprinting of the R1 with Types I and II, Mr. J. Robertson writes that the Type II overprinting was printed and issued quite some time after the Type I. He says "I had to wait several weeks after 14 February, 1961, for the fulfilment of my order for R1 stamps. I had ordered a large supply and received only a small proportion of some in Type I, the balance of the order being executed with Type II." Mr. Robertson is not impressed by Major Criddle's reporting a Type II of RI postmarked 14 Feb. '61, as he feels that "first-day covers prove little or nothing."

## MAFEKING

### JAMBORALLY AND STAMP EXHIBITION

The Mafeking and Bechuanaland Philatelic Society inform us that the Northern Transvaal Division of the Boy Scouts are to hold a Jamborally during the period 28 March to 4 April, when 400 of them are expected to attend, also some thousands of extra visitors.

The Society purposes to hold a one-day exhibition in the Town Hall—exact day not yet settled. They are anxious to have a good display of Mafeking locally made and overprinted stamps and one has been promised.

They intended putting out an attractive brochure and will be servicing some 3,000 Jamborally motif F.D.C.'s with a special cachet.

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## CANADA

### WORLD'S FIRST CHRISTMAS STAMP

To Canada must go the honour of having issued the world's first Xmas stamp, although it is admitted that the title "Xmas 1898" on the stamp had no relation with the special significance normally attached to Christmas.

It merely happened that it was issued on that day. The stamp is better known as the map stamp as it shows the world on Mercator's projection and it was specially issued in honour of the introduction of "penny postage" within the British Empire of these days.

**British Turbo-Prop Aircraft**, Francis J. Field, Sutton Coldfield. A reprint from The Aero-Field. Price 5/-.

Vickers Vicounts were flown by 35 airlines and Bristol Britannias by 22 companies. Not all carried official mail and/or commemorative covers, but such as have been traced are listed in this pamphlet. Reports of any omissions would be welcomed by the publishers.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**10 December.** A record attendance of 62. Firstly, Mrs. M. Bergman, in absentia, showed two exhibits: (a) Boer War covers, a very fine selection. (b) A charming collection of "Children on Stamps." Mrs. G. R. Koralek also gave two exhibits: (a) A selection of Netherlands covers, and (b) a collection of the Kristkinde stamp of Austria, this being accompanied by an interesting talk on the development of the postal arrangements of the little town of that name. A third exhibitor was Mr. J. G. Walker, the founder of the "Phooey" Club in Durban. This caused much amusement and Mr. Walker is to be congratulated on showing the lighter side of philately.

After the magnificent tea provided by the ladies for the evening there was a film show of two well balanced items. The first dealt with Postal systems from the time of the First Crusade to 1840. The second showed modern electronic machines dealing with the ever increasing volume of the mails; one machine even had a look at the stamps to see if the postage was correct, then if it was O.K., went on to cancel them.

**14 January.** (1) Mrs. G. Koralek showed Austrian First Day Covers, in superb condition and with stamps hard to beat for quality and for their cancellation. The covers told so much of a story and the write-up had been kept down to a minimum.

(2) Mr. B. Seelig showed "Unusual Switzerland," in two parts. The first was the various League of Nations overprints, singles, large blocks and even some complete sheets. The second part was the early tête-beche arranged sheets, obviously being in this format to facilitate checking in the Post Office.

Two very excellent exhibits—more of this type would be welcomed.

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**12 December.** The President showed a selection of British Commonwealth. Then there was an auction. After this five members gave short displays: Mr. Pillans—Morocco and Argentina colour; Dr. Keller—Poland on cover; Mrs. Jeidel—Katanga; Mr. Jeidel—Orval issues of Belgium.

### GERMISTON P.S.

At the **January meeting** no less than six displays were tabled by members of the Executive Committee. Members who did not attend this meeting missed the opportunity

of viewing some interesting collections which had not previously been presented. Mr. Harry Hay displayed a collection of Air Mail Covers and Mr. R. F. G. Bompas had some unusual items in his King George VI Overprints.

Mr. S. L. Crozet's exhibit of The Undraped Figure on Postage Stamps, in which he included items from Great Britain, New Zealand, the United States of America and South Africa, created some inquisitive interest. Mr. N. S. Hesselbarth's collection of the Republic of South Africa First-day issues was also interesting as was also Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill's Rhodesian "Double Heads." A Pot-Pourri Collection of covers, some dating from the middle of the last century, was displayed by Mr. R. G. L. Mephius.

### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

Our **December meeting**, (though not as well attended as was expected), was nevertheless memorable. Mr. Aubrey Miller, a member of the Johannesburg Society of Israel Philately, was kind enough to send us his collection depicting "The postal history of the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Campaign" (end of 1956). The collection, (in all 3 albums of selected material), was viewed with great interest by all. The President, Mr. Jack Galloon, welcomed guests and after the first part of the collection was displayed on the board, read the paper, (supplied by Mr. Miller), describing the postal and political development of the Peninsula from the biblical times. Page by page, the collection, which was recently awarded a Bronze Medal at the Istanbul Exhibition, was viewed and fully discussed. All the items were scrutinized. A magnificent array of various postal entities, covers, stamps, letters, photographs, stationery, proclamations, etc. was proof of the great research and search made by Mr. Miller.

### PRETORIA P.S.

Due no doubt to the holiday season the meeting held on the **6th January** was not as well attended as usual. The members present were well rewarded by viewing Miss van Heerden's collection of Red Cross and Humanitarian stamps. The collection was very comprehensive and included all the recent issues commemorating the centenary of this well-known organisation. Dr. Hack, who has a thematic collection on a similar theme thanked Miss van Heerden for giving us the chance of seeing this collection. It no doubt came as a surprise to most members to see the vast number of stamps issued to commemorate the work in war and peace of this world-wide body. The President, Mr. Impey, added his word of praise and thanks to the exhibitor.

## AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

**Januarie:** Die twee mededingers in die Rembrandt-wisseltrofee half-eindwedstryd het die beoordelaars 'n moeilike taak gestel om die beste versameling, volgens die reëls, aan te wys.

Lid J. H. Bruwer, die ervare ou strydros, met sy Rookkruisversameling van by die 200 blaale, het sy „jonger” teenstaander, lid K. E. W. Lydall, met 70 blaai „seëls in Metaalink gedruk” geklop, nie vanweë die grootte van sy versameling nie, of omdat dit duurder is nie, (die reëls is immers so gestel dat die nederigste versameling op gelyke voet kan meeding), maar omdat hy 'n groter kennis van sy tema (of „groep,” soos in die geval van hierdie twee inskrywings) geopenbaar het.

Die seëltoestand was in beide geval eersteklas, die aanbieding puik, met lid Lydall s'n effens sterker in die oog. Vir oorspronklikheid was lid Lydall sy teenstaander weer voor, maar hy het heelwat punte ingeboet deur te versuim om aan te dui waaroor alles gaan.

(Terloops, al twee die versamelings is in Afrikaans en Engels bygeskryf, sonder om afbreuk aan die aanbieding te doen).

Dit is pragtige versamelings waarop lede Bruwer en Lydall trots kan wees en ons wens hulle geluk daarmee.

## SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

**November meeting.** This was philatelically by far the best meeting of the year. It was however greatly marred by the untimely, sudden and unexpected death of our fellow philatelist, friend and foundation member of our Society, Dr. Alec Kaplan. At the previous meeting he looked so well and he was telling us about his travels overseas with a fuzd of new Philatelic knowledge. The chairman, Mr. L. Buchen, paid tribute to his memory.

We were then treated to the prize-winning displays at Istanbul by: (1) Mike Michelson—of Latvia and Riga, for which he was awarded a Silver Bronze Medal. (2) M. Weinstein of Pretoria, a Silver Medal for his Turkish Post Offices and Aden. (3) Boris Glassman—A Silver Bronze for his Mocambique. (4) Leo Buchen—a Silver Bronze for his Israel Provisionals, Doar Ivri and Air Stamps, and last but not least, (5) Aubrey Miller's also well known Gaza and Sinai Campaign. We notice he has added some scarce items to this collection and has made a deeper study of the History of Gaza.

Dr. Kaplan's two silver-winning displays would have been shown if he had still been with us.

## PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

The **January meeting** proved to be a most interesting one with our worthy chairman,

Eric Walker, showing his Union Hyphenated Rotos collection. This is the first time that we have had the pleasure of viewing the complete collection, with all the various printings and attendant varieties shown and I would like to express the meeting's appreciation to Eric. Actually we would like to see it again later to make a more detailed study of the stamps.

## S.A. STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

**January meeting.** The long awaited formal discussion on the 2½d. Union Commemorative Stamp was led by Mr. S. J. Hagger who produced a photograph of what he stated was the original Essay No. 1 of this stamp, signed by Mr. H. S. Wilkinson the designer. Inter-alia, Mr. Hagger said: "If you will refer to what is erroneously described as a "Mock-up" study on page 21 of the Handbook, 1960, you will see that several amendments were made to the original design . . . and this 'Mock-up' study should now be corrected to read 'Essay.' Consideration should be given to the question of whether this is worth reproducing in the new 'Supplement.'" The discussion will be resumed next month.

Mr. Weinstein produced a comprehensive analysis of the different "OFFISIEËL - OFFICIAL" overprints on the 1½d. Gold Mine Medium Format Stamp. He presented them in tabular form, and showed that there were five different issues of the Type-set forms of the Overprints. Obviously the result of intensive research, the subject was somewhat too abstruse to be disposed of by a casual discussion, so the suggestion was welcomed that it be promoted to a formal discussion at the next meeting. In the meanwhile the tabulated information was to be forwarded to members for study.

There was a short report on the 2½c Transkei stamp, the opinion being expressed that this was one of the finest and most pleasing stamps ever printed at the Government Printing Works. The fact that there were only four stamps per row instead of the usual five was due to the width of the paper only accommodating that number, there being two panes side by side. A sheet thus costs two rand.

Our auctioneer, Dr. Goldberg, was sad; nothing for sale!

Among the items of interest were examples of interrupted printing on the 1c 33-13, B Pane; black splashes on the 2½c Red Cross; red cyclometer ink drag on the 1½c value, and a cachet, not previously reported upon, a "Contrary to Regulations" on an unsealed 1c stamped envelope which had contained a cheque. So now we know!

—H.J.R.

## EAST RAND P.S.

**December meeting** finalised the discussion of a New Venue which is now the Benoni Tennis Club Hall and meetings are to take

place on the 2nd Monday of each month. Exhibits were shown by E. Sequeira—Australian varieties; N. E. Brown—South African F.D.C.'s; J. Bogner—Airmail Covers; H. L. Godwin—Table Tennis (Thematic); and H. Behrendt—1st and 2nd World War Covers.

**January Meeting** a very good attendance. An interesting discussion on the 2½ cent Transkel stamp was initiated by Mr. Sam Legator.

An exhibit was shewn by Mr. S. Baker.

### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

**14 January.** We were privileged to see 90 sheets of the Thematic collection of "Maps and Explorations" belonging to Captain M. F. Stern of Cape Town. The sections were shown dealt with Antarctica and part of Africa and comprised approximately one-tenth of the whole collection.

The sheets on Antarctica were split into the various countries which have been interested in this area. Two covers bearing the South African Antarctic stamp cancelled on 8th December, 1959, had been carried by an Ice-breaker and a Russian ship respectively, while there was one cover which had come from a Dutch whaler in the Antarctic. There was another which had been cancelled at Marion Island to commemorate the official re-opening of the P.O. there on 31st March, 1962. We saw a number of covers depicting the United States Deep Freeze, including two which had travelled on the memorable flight from Cape Town to McMurdo Sound on 30th September, 1963. Some of the sheets with maps on stamps included some very scarce items.

The display was well written up and the members present were fortunate in having the opportunity of seeing an exhibit by one of South Africa's leading Thematic collectors.

A small auction concluded a very enjoyable evening.

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**4 December.** The chairman, Mr. J. Creewel, shewed first some stamps and slides illustrative of his travels in Australia and New Zealand, then parts of his Danish and New Zealand collections.

No meeting in January.

### P.S. OF NATAL

Things have been quiet since the busy days preceding the Exhibition but we have had several up-country visitors who have kept us alive.

**20 November.** Commander Enoch from Flagstaff entertained, instructed and enlightened us with a display of his No 1 collection from all parts of the world.

**18 December.** Mr. Jock Creewel of Rhodesia shewed us an interesting collection of the Local stamps of Denmark. I am quite sure that with the exception of Mr. Creewel, no one attending the meeting ever saw any of these stamps before, or I venture, even knew of their existence. The collection was interesting in many ways, one of which appealed to me, for Mr. Creewel not only had the stamps in blocks and pairs and on covers but had been quite successful in his efforts to plate some of the issues.

**15 January.** The only meeting for this month was an informal one when an auction was held, followed by private transactions, swapping and social chit-chat.

### BOGUS ISSUES

Someone is issuing so-called stamps prepared by the non-existent "Royal Bulgarian Post," the operations being carried out in Buenos Aires and Madrid. One set of three purports be in memory of President Kennedy; another of five, in sports designs, to honour the Winter Olympic Games. They are in sheets of 12 and in miniature sheets and some have been cancelled by favour on decorative covers, or even with Madrid meter postmarks.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### Rugby Board Commemorative Issue.

The Postmaster-General has announced that special 2½c and 12½c postage stamps will be issued on May 8th to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the South African Rugby Board.

The 2½c stamps will show the Rugby Board's badge, a Springbok with a rugby ball at its feet and the 12½c denomination will depict a rugby player diving over the goal line with the ball in hands.

Commemorative date-stamps will be in use at Johannesburg and Cape Town on the 8th May, 1964. Persons who desire to obtain impressions of these special date-stamps on Commemorative Covers should send their own addressed envelopes, not wider than 4 inches, and accompanied by the necessary remittance, not in cheque form, to the Postmaster (Philatelic) Johannesburg, and/or the Postmaster (Philatelic) Cape Town, not later than the 8th May, 1964.

Further information will be made available as and when received.

**The Diaresis Variety of the "Offisiël—Official" Overprint on the 1½d. Gold Mine Medium Format Stamp of South Africa.**  
(Being an address to the South African Stamp Study Circle by Mr. J. M. Weinstein).

In the Golden Jubilee Edition of the Handbook/Catalogue of the stamps of South Africa the above is recorded and listed as a

variety of No. O94 and is noted as appearing on some of the stamps, the number and position of which are not on record. Furthermore, the catalogue listing of No. O98, which in type and spacing is described similarly to that for No. O94, is noted as having been applied on half sheets of 12 rows x 10 stamps at a time.

The recent discovery of large positional pieces of the so-called diaresis "variety" of the OFFISIEËL overprint on the basic stamp (U.H.B. No. 46D) has now enabled a correct description and history of this issue.

In the S.A. Philatelist of November 1946, included in the information from the Government Printer on recent printings covering the period 8.5.1946 to 15.8.1946 mention is made, *inter alia*, of the following:—

An "Official—Offisiel" overprinting was done on a flat-bed machine on stamps supplied by the Postmaster-General. New formes were used, amongst others, in the case of the 1½d. of which 199 sheets x 120 were overprinted.

In the S.A. Philatelist of April, 1947, the information on recent printings as supplied by the Government Printer, now covering the period 13.11.1946 to 18.2.1947 records that 249 sheets x 240 of the current 1½d. stamps were overprinted "Offisiel—Official" on a flat-bed machine from old frames on stamps supplied by the Postmaster-General.

That old formes were used seems to be wrong. But to this one may return later.

Early in 1953 "Gibbons Stamp Bulletin" first reported the discovery of a few copies of the 1½d. Gold Mine medium format stamp with the "Offisiel" overprint showing the diaresis on the second "E". This led to a search here and in the United King-

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dom for further copies and, of particular interest, used copies with dated postmarks. Those recorded at the time were a used pair on an envelope from the P.M.G., Pretoria, by Mr. A. Lichtenstein and dated 39.IV.1946 (I submit that the postmark probably read 29.IX.1946 and not 29.IV.1946, a confusion in identification that could arise with the greatest of ease), and a block of four dated 8.VIII.1947 by Mr. S. J. Hagger, also from the P.M.G., Pretoria. I can now record a used pair postmarked "Pretoria ?XII.46."

The two pieces recorded as having been used in 1946 could confirm that the first of the medium format 1½d. Gold Mine overprinted "OFFICIALS" was the issue on which the dieresis appears on the second "E" of "Offisieël." In addition, the 2d., 1/- and 2/6 "officials" with the dieresis varieties (in the case of the 2d. and 1/- it appeared on 4 stamps per sheet and twice per sheet on the 2/6d.) are known to have originated from the overprintings done at the same time, which would tend to confirm this as the first of the overprints on the 1½d. as well. The 2d. is known used on the 8.III.1947 (see "G.S.M.", March 1953) whilst the next 2d. "Official" that was issued came from the overprinting made between 3.6.1947 and 15.9.1947 (see S.A.P. Nov. 1947).

From the 48 positional copies of the stamp in question in my possession, from the left half of the printed sheet of 240 stamps, it may be assumed that the sheets of 120 described as having been overprinted consisted only of rows 1 to 12, Nos. 1 to 10. This limitation does not apply to O98 and its listing should be amended accordingly. In the case of this issue sheets of 240 stamps were overprinted, as may be seen from the table appearing in the January, 1964, S.A. Stamp Study Circle's News Letter. That old formes were used would seem to be completely erroneous as all the recorded material proves that, in fact, the dieresis forme was replaced by one in which no dieresis appeared in any position in the type.

The most interesting fact that emerges from the study of this overprint is that, so far, only three stamps in the sheet are known **without** the dieresis over the second "E" in "Offisieël." They are rows 1/2, 2/2 and 3/2 and are easily distinguishable from the "Offisieel" as overprinted for O98 as the former measure 17 mm. in length against

the 15½ mm. measurement of the latter. It must be emphasised that the length of "Offisieel" with the dieresis remains 15½ mm. Mention must also be made of the fact that, although the length of the word "Official" on most copies is between 14 and 14¼ mm., a number measure between 14¾ mm. and 15 mm., row 4/1 and row 12/1 being perhaps the longest at 15 mm. each.

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Various entertainments and diversions are being contemplated, and it is anticipated that a temporary Post Office may be in commission during the period of the Exhibition, and that mail matter posted there will be marked by a special canceller.

Meanwhile, now is the time to brush up your exhibit and to make your arrangements to spend an enjoyable philatelic and family holiday in "Jacaranda" Pretoria during October. Should you require any assistance as regards hotel reservations etc., the Exhibition Secretary, P.O. Box 514, Pretoria, will be pleased to assist you, but remember "P Day" is the 1st July, 1964.

#### **Renewed Interest in Postal Stationery.**

"Ex Africa semper aliquid novi" may well be of application to South African philately. Following on the announcement in the September 1963 number of the South African Philatelist, of the discovery by Mr. Fred Williams of Montrose, California, of an unrecorded postcard in used condition, two further similar used copies have been reported as now known to readers, vide the little article in the January 1964 number of the magazine.

From Mr. J. H. H. Chamberlain of Durban comes further news of the existence of a mint copy in perfect condition. There must surely be more about, mint and used, and readers are asked to check their holdings of postcards and to make known their findings, for the record.

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#### **MARION ISLANDS**

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The "R.S.A." left Cape Town on 25th February with the usual relief party for the S.A. Meteorological Station there.

## **AIR MAIL NOTES**

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(I. H. C. Godfrey)

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### **South African Airways First Airmail Service to Europe via Portugal.**

4th January, 1964. A "Boeing 707" of South African Airways left Jan Smuts Airport at 9 p.m. on Saturday, 4th January, carrying the first direct airmail bag to Portugal, reaching Lisbon at 7.50 a.m. the next day, after a routine call at Luanda, Angola.

Although South African Airways have been using the West Coast route since certain Independent African countries forbade the use of their air space to South African aircraft in August 1963, no traffic rights for passengers or mail had hitherto been accorded by the Portuguese Government. However, reciprocal arrangements have now been concluded and it is understood that the Portuguese Airline "TAP" will shortly be opening a direct airmail service between the two countries.

The few souvenir covers despatched to connect with this first direct airmail to Lisbon were, unfortunately very badly postmarked, prior to despatch and few received legible postmarks with the date 4th January 1964. They were backstamped at Lisbon 6th January.

### **Official Airmail Newspaper Wrappers.**

July 1963. The "South African Digest" (published by the Dept. of Information, Pretoria) is sent to addressees overseas by airmail—Postage Free—in specially printed "wrappers."

The upper portion of the blue wrapper, measuring approximately 6½" x 4½" is inscribed in black "Newspaper/2nd Class Airmail/Johannesburg Postage Paid (boxed)" and bears the "Flying Springbok" etiquette, also in black.

(Acknowledgments to Mr. Donald G. Cox, of Australia, for sight of this item).

### **1963—5c "Boeing" Aerogrammes.**

Sheets from both the Chambon and Gobel printings have now appeared in a slightly altered format. In the original issues the top right and bottom left of the sealing flaps were cut circular. The guillotine now being used makes angular cuts.

## ANGLO-BOER WAR—PIGEONGRAM

(By J. T. Burrell)

DO NOT WRITE OVER THIS LINE.

Sutherland  
 No. of Station ..... Time of Despatch... 6 ... P.m. Date... 22.1.02  
 No. of Despatch... 1 ..... Number Birds Despatched... 2 .....  
 General v d Venter, Com Pypers, Com Neser  
 visited this place this morning with about 50  
 men that could be seen by 6 a.m. They were  
 all commanding positions all around a village  
 left about 10 a.m. in direction of Tweefontein  
 4 M S where from there they went to Jackalsfontein  
 6 M S here over Brakriver & on to Matjesfontein  
 12 M SE at this place they captured Capt  
 Vaughan Kirby and surveying party  
 (Col Haig's Survey) I have informed Major  
 Lund & Col Calwell about this advance  
 Last night 11 p.m. the riders left for there but  
 up to the present I have not heard from them.  
 DAN JOOSTE IA

The use of pigeons during the Siege of Ladysmith is well authenticated in such histories of the war as "With the Flag to Pretoria" and "The Times History of the War in South Africa 1899-1902." They carried news of the beleaguered town to the relieving forces outside. No actual specimens of Pigeongrams so carried are known to exist today.

The finding of a message carried by pigeon from the village of Sutherland to Matjesfontein in the Karroo on the 22nd January, 1902, changes the existing catalogues of both the "Boer War" and "South African Airmails" sections of the postal history of South Africa.

This sheet of thin watermarked paper measuring  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches was folded into quarters before being attached to the bird's leg. The pigeongram has a vertical line on the left with the instructions: Do Not Write Over This Line. The top of the paper has portions printed, the balance to be completed when the message is written. The printed portion is shown in capitals while the balance is ordinary type. The message is as follows:—

NO. OF STATION. Sutherland. TIME OF DESPATCH 6 p.M. DATE 22.1.02. NO. OF DESPATCH. 1. NUMBER OF BIRDS DESPATCHED. Two.

General v d Venter, Com Pypers, Com Neser visited this place this morning with about 50 men that could be seen by 6 a.m. They went over all commanding positions

all around village. Left about 10 a.m. in direction of Tweefontein 4 M S where from there they went to Jackalsfontein 6 M S here over Brakriver & on to Matjesfontein 12 M SE at this place they captured Capt Vaughan Kirby and surveying party (Col. Haig's Survey). I have informed Major Lund & Col Calwell about this advance. Last night 11 p.m. the riders left for there but to the present I have not heard from them.

Dan Jooste IA

It has been suggested that the letters I.A. after the name Dan Jooste indicate "Intelligence Agent."

On the reverse side, in pencil, is the following marking:

First bird arrived 7.30 p.m.

carrying despatch  
 distance 85 miles.

Matjesfontein. (signed) C. Wilding.  
 22.1.02. o/c P. Post.

It may be said that the distance, 85 miles is by road; the distance flown by the pigeon from Sutherland to the lofts in Matjesfontein would have been about 60 miles.

This "find" opens up a further field for research to both "Boer War" and "Airposts of South Africa" collectors. In order to assist with further research in this period, it would be appreciated if any information, and details thereof which collectors might have, ré material not recorded in the various books published, be forwarded to the writer.

## LIST OF "CAPE TYPE" NUMERAL POSTMARKS AS RECORDED UP TO THE END OF 1963

By J. H. HARVEY PIRIE

(Continued from p. 51 of March issue)

A paper dealing in general with these postmarks (vertical barred ovals enclosing a boxed numeral), first introduced in the Cape of Good Hope in 1864, was published by the writer in the S.A. Ph. of October, 1963, p. 186. It was stated there, near the end, that it was hoped to follow up with a consolidated up-to-date list of all the known marks of this type, with their places of usage. Well—here it is, with the postmarks arranged in numerical order.

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|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 861—Cape.<br>Nyasaland.  | 955—Cape.<br>Rhodesia.                         | 1063—Bethesda Road.<br>1066—Cape.  |
| 862—Nyasaland.   | 957—Rhodesia.                                  | 1069—Gonna Kraal.                  |
| 863—Zomba, Nyasaland.  | 960—Cape.<br>Rhodesia.                         | 1070—Glen Harry.<br>Rosmead.       |
| 864—Chinde, B.C. Af.   | 961—Rhodesia.                                  | 1079—Union.                        |
| 865—Cape.<br>Nyasaland.  | 962—Rhodesia.                                  | 1083—Cape.                         |
| 866—Vermaaklikheid.<br>Beaufort West.<br>Nyasaland.            | 963—Rhodesia.                                  | 1091—Cape.                         |
| 868—Aliwal North.<br>(Known on O.V.S.<br>stamps in 1899-1900). | 965—Mowbray.                                   | 1093—O.R.C.                        |
| 871—Nyasaland.   | 966—(? 996) Upington.                          | 1094—Cape.                         |
| 872—Deep Bay, Nyasaland.                                       | 968—(? 896) Kloof St.<br>Gardens.              | 1096—Cape.                         |
| 874—Zomba, Nyasaland.  | 969—(? 696) Lady Grey<br>(Dw. Aliwal North).   | 1097—Cape.                         |
| 880—Bovenplaats.   | Lusikisiki.<br>Bechuanaland.                   | 1098—Cape.                         |
| 882—Cape.  | 970—Cape.                                      | 1103—Cape.                         |
| 886—Cape.  | 976—Rhodesia.                                  | 1111—East London.                  |
| 889—Cape.  | 977—Cape.<br>Union.                            | 1112—Kimberley Station.            |
| 893—Cape.  | 985—Nyasaland.                                 | 1113—Piquetberg.                   |
| 896—Kloof Street Gardens.<br>Bechuanaland.                     | 986—Zomba, Nyasaland.                          | 1118—Cape.                         |
| 898—Cape.  | 987—Zomba, Nyasaland.                          | 1121—Darling.                      |
| 899—(? 688) Cape.  | 992—Cape.                                      | 1122—Cape.                         |
| 902—Cape.  | 995—Cape.                                      | 1123—Cape.                         |
| 903—Nyasaland.   | 996—(? 966) Upington.                          | 1125—Cape.                         |
| 904—Cape.  | 997—Middelburg.                                | 1126—Kabeljous River.              |
| 908—Cape.  | 998—Cape.                                      | 1127—Cape.                         |
| 912—Cape.  | 999—(? 666) Wyders River.                      | 1129—Cape.                         |
| 914—Rhodesia.  | 4-figure numerals in use from<br>1896 onwards. | 1131—Cape.                         |
| 915—Rhodesia.  | 1000—Cape.                                     | 1136—Modder River.                 |
| 916—Tabase.  | 1003—Bechuanaland.                             | 1138—Cape.                         |
| 918—Cape.  | 1006—St. Luke's.                               | 1144—Cape.                         |
| 919—Rhodesia.  | 1009—Cape.                                     | 1145—Gaberones Village,<br>Bech.   |
| 920—Cape.  | 1012—Cape.                                     | 1148—Cape.                         |
| 921—Rhodesia.  | 1014—Pitsani, Bechuanaland.                    | 1151—Cape.                         |
| 922—Observatory Road.  | 1016—Wittedrift.<br>Union.                     | 1153—Union.                        |
| 924—Cape.  | 1021—Cape.                                     | 1156—Bokfontein.                   |
| 930—Union.   | 1024—Riebeek Kasteel.                          | 1157—Murraysburg.                  |
| 933—Morokwen.  | 1025—Sea Point.                                | 1159—Bechuanaland.                 |
| 938—Mier, Bechuanaland.  | 1026—Loxton.                                   | 1172—Cape.                         |
| 939—Cape.  | 1027—Union.                                    | 1182—Cape.                         |
| 941—Cape.<br>Salisbury, Rhodesia.                              | 1040—Cape.                                     | 1184—O.R.C.                        |
| 942—Rhodesia.  | 1041—Cape.                                     | 1193—Bloemfontein, O.R.C.          |
| 945—Cape.  | 1044—Oudeplaats.                               | 1197—Bloemfontein, O.R.C.          |
| 946—Klaarstroom.   | 1047—Cathcart.<br>Union.                       | 1202—Buffels Jachts River.         |
| 948—Cape.  | 1049—Cape.                                     | 1204—Union.                        |
| 949—Cape.  | 1051—Cape.                                     | 1206—Cape.                         |
| 951—Gwelo, Rhodesia.   | 1052—Bechuanaland.                             | 1213—Cape.<br>Bloemfontein, O.R.C. |
| 952—Plumtree, Rhodesia.  | 1061—Bechuanaland.                             | 1217—O.R.C.                        |
| 953—Umtali, Rhodesia.  | 1062—Cape.                                     | 1227—Cape.                         |
| 954—Rhodesia.  |  | 1233—Cape.                         |
|  |  | 1251—Union.                        |
|  |  | 1253—Ferguson's.                   |
|  |  | 1254—Cape.                         |
|  |  | 1264—Union.                        |

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| 1266—Mission Siding.      | 1317—Union.                       | 1346—Cape.                |
| 1275—O.R.C.               | 1327—Cape.                        | 1347—Cape.                |
| 1276—Blanco.              | 1329—Cape.                        | 1348—Cape.                |
| O.R.C.                    | 1334—Cape.                        | 1349—Burghersdorp.        |
| 1278—Bloemfontein, O.R.C. | 1338—Lady Grey (Aliwal<br>North). | 1382—O.R.C.               |
| 1282—Cape.                | 1340—Cape.                        | 1392—Bloemfontein, O.R.C. |
| 1297—Cape.                | 1341—Cape.                        | 1395—O.R.C.               |
| 1302—O.R.C.               | 1342—Cape.                        | 1396—O.R.C.               |
| 1303—O.R.C.               | 1343—Cape.                        | Union.                    |
| 1311—O.R.C.               | 1344—Cape.                        | 1398—Bloemfontein, O.R.C. |
| 1314—Cape.                | 1345—Cape.                        |                           |
| 1316—O.R.C.               |                                   |                           |

THE END.

(Note.—It is hoped to follow this up next month with an Appendix containing records which have been sent in since this list was started.—J. H.H.P.).

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## CAPE POSTMARKS FINDS

(By REX REYNOLDS)



### (1) O.V.S.-Cape Combination Cover.

This is a large blue envelope with several interesting features. A photograph of the left half is shown, slightly reduced in size. The other half shows (a) in the top right corner M/S "On Service O F State." (b) The addressee's name and address "Chas) M. Riley Esq./Consul-General O.F.State/Philadelphia/United States, America." (c) Some red pencil markings, which look like the figure 336 cancelled by a wavy line through them—significance not clear. (d) A very faint red mark, apparently from a metal stamper. One can make out "PAID/4/22 AU 73"; there may be something above the mark but it is quite indecipherable. My guess is that this mark was applied when making up a ship's bag for America. Alternatively it might have been applied in London.

Now to come to the left half, as shown in the illustration.

In the bottom left corner, in M/S is "Paid 4s/6" and "Govt Office Bloemfontein." There are two place-date postmarks, Bloemfontein of JY 10 1873, and Cape-Town of JY 17 73. Postage is paid for in 4/6d. worth of Cape of Good Hope stamps, all cancelled by No. 1 of what Jurgens calls the Numeral Defacing Stamp of 1874.

With regard to this "Killer" two points are brought out by this cover: (a) The place-date marks show that it was in use at least 5 months before its supposed date of issue in 1874. (b) Only four numbers of

this type of mark (Nos. 1-4) are known and Jurgens locates Swellendam as the place of usage of No. 1, stating further that "there is no evidence that either Cape Town or Port Elizabeth used this type of Defacing Stamp." Well, this cover seems to be clear evidence of usage at Cape Town.

The Bloemfontein postmark is of interest in itself. This is in the shape of a borderless circle with double arcs filling in the spaces between Bloemfontein and O.F.State. Both Geldhof and Fenn record this type with various places and dates of usage. Batten (1963) records it as Type 2 in his "Postmarks of Bloemfontein" with 21-7-72 and 14.10.83 as first and last known dates of usage. He further remarked that very few examples of this canceller are to be found in good condition.

Where were the Cape stamps put on the cover? I think undoubtedly in Bloemfontein, where a stock of them was readily available. Robson Lowe states in his Encyclopaedia, quoting from Allis's work on the Cape of Good Hope, "for some years prior to 1868 and later there was a mail contract between the two countries (O.V.S. and Cape) whereby an annual payment was due to the O.V.S. for certain privileges in connection with conveyance of mails through the O.V.S. This was paid in unused Cape adhesives, mostly the 4d. value, but also the 1d., 1/- and in 1874 the 5/-. It is probable that these were used mainly for letters addressed to places in the Cape or on letters passing through to other countries. When identifiable they can be classed as O.V.S. provisionals."

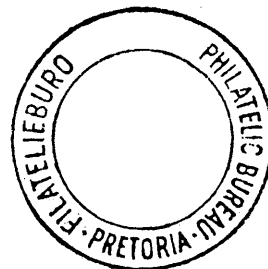
The O.V.S. joined the U.P.U. only in 1898, hence the necessity for using stamps other than its own, to carry letters outside its own boundaries.

I have another piece of an envelope bearing six 4d. Capes and one O.V.S. 6d. surcharged "4". The latter is cancelled with a 16-bar horizontal oval with fig. 1, while the Capes are all cancelled with the same mark as the one shown in the illustration. Was it just etiquette or was it by regulation that the Cape stamps were not cancelled in the O.V.S. with an O.V.S. canceller? I think probably by regulation, and certainly I have never seen a Cape/O.V.S. cover with the Cape stamps cancelled in the O.V.S.

### (2) An undescribed Type of the Triangle Defacing Stamp of 1853.



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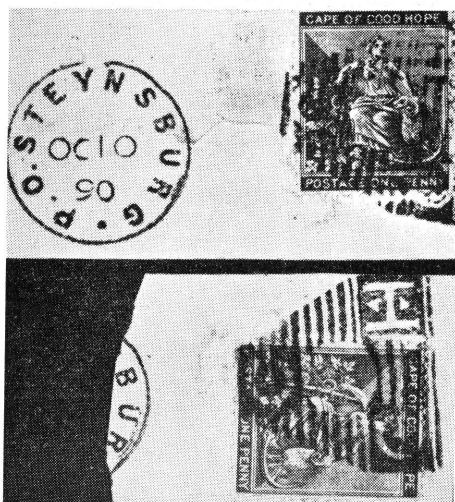
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I have had one of the two specimens here shown for quite some time, but was inclined to regard it as rather a freak. When a second and then a third specimen turned up, however, I thought the time had come to classify it as a well marked variety of the triangular postmark with the letters C, G, and H in the corners, as known used at Steynsburg. As can be seen from the illustrations all three points of the triangle have been truncated by about 5 mm. and the white letters are enclosed in a more or less complete black square of about 6-7 mm.

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### U.S.A.

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Following on the issue of a 5c commemorative in October last year honouring Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it is reported that some twenty countries are following suit with portraits of her, usually coupled with one or other of the various international projects in which she had been interested.

A John F. Kennedy memorial stamp is to be issued soon. Meanwhile it is reported that a 10c aid stamp with his portrait has been issued by Colombia on 17th December, 1963.

The World Fair, opening at Flushing, N.Y., on 22nd April, will have a special stamp and a commemorative 5c embossed envelope.

## THE ARMS OF NORTHERN RHODESIA

(By Sylvester L. Crozet)



On December 1, 1963, the new definitive issue for Northern Rhodesia was released. The design of the stamp is common to all 13 values and depicts a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the coat of arms of the territory.

In heraldic parlance these arms are described as follows:

"Sable six palets wavy Argent on a Chief  
"Azure an Eagle regardant wings expanded or holding in the talons a Fish  
"of the second.

The whole device is emblazoned on a shield which is without supporters, a scroll or a motto.

A layman's description of the arms is that the colour of the background of the shield is black, sable being the archaic French and the heraldic term for that colour. On this background are six wavy vertical bars or palets, which are in a sense somewhat similar to fence palings. The colour of these is silver or argent, an old term for that metal. These palets are usually represented as white when the shield of the arms is illustrated. The palets represent the water of the Victoria Falls and the black background the rocks over which the water falls.

The upper part of the shield, or Chief as it is called, is blue and on this representation of the sky is an eagle holding its prey, a fish. The eagle is in gold and the fish is silver. The interpretation of the arms is thus; an eagle flying with its prey over the Victoria Falls. This very simple design is a reminder of Dr. Livingstone's discovery of the Victoria Falls on November 16, 1855, which put Central Africa on the map of the world.

The eagle is common throughout Africa and is to be found in the trees, which line the banks of every river in this vast country.

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**GREAT BRITAIN**

23 April. Five stamps (3d., 6d., 1s. 3d., 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d.) in honour of the quatercentenary of W. Shakespeare's birth; also two special Aerogrammes. The stamps are unique in British postal history in that they are directly connected with an individual other than the monarch. They bear his portrait in addition to that of H.M. the Queen; they also have characters from "Hamlet," "Henry V," "Romeo and Juliet," "Twelfth Night" and "Midsummer Night's Dream."

At least 12 British Colonies will be issuing a Shakespeare stamp—an omnibus issue, showing a large head of Shakespeare and the Memorial Theatre, in addition to the portrait of H.M. the Queen.

May. A new 2½d. Regional for the Isle of Man.

1 July. Set of 4 commemorating the holding in London of the 20th International Geographical Congress.

5 August. A set of 5 for the 10th International Botanical Congress, to be held in Edinburgh.

There it roosts and when flying gloriously overhead, utters a strange wailing note.

The fish is of no particular species but is representative of those which inhabit all rivers in the territory.

The history of the evolution of the arms of Northern Rhodesia will no doubt be of some interest to philatelists. The first suggestion for the design of the arms of Northern Rhodesia originated in 1925, but on account of conflicting ideas being submitted, no finality was reached. In 1926 the Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, appointed a special committee to consider and suggest further designs. At that time the Governor was using his own private seal on documents and in some instances the seal of the British South Africa Company was used and the continued use of these instruments was then considered undesirable. A year later in 1927, Sir Richard Goode, then Acting Governor, reported to the government the findings of the special committee and it was he who suggested that the design of the arms of the country should comprise an eagle grasping a fish over the Victoria Falls.

The method of depicting the Victoria Falls in the design of the arms was the result of a discussion on this point between Sir Richard Goode and the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint who was very fortunately visiting the country in 1927. This official took a very keen interest in the matter and on his return to England he commissioned an heraldic artist, Mr. G. Kruger Gray, to produce heraldically Sir Richard Goode's design.

This was accepted by the government of Northern Rhodesia in the same year and received the approval of the King in 1930. In 1938 the College of Heralds granted the design to the country as its armorial bearings by Royal Warrant dated August 16, 1939, and this was formally adopted by the territory.

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#### PHILATELIC FEDERATION PRETORIA 13-15 OCTOBER

Just a little reminder! All Constituent Societies have already been notified as regards what they are expected to do before 30th June in the way of notices of motions, recommendations of various kinds, representatives attending Congress etc.

Anyone wishing to attend, but is not officially a Society Representative, should inform the Pretoria Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 514.

#### PHILATELIC WAR ROUND CAPE HORN

The seas around Cape Horn are notoriously stormy, but in addition a postal or philatelic war, in which "they say it with stamps," has been raging S. and E. of Cape Horn from at least 1946. Three countries are involved, Great Britain, Argentina and Chile.

Great Britain may be said to have started the war with their issue of the Falkland Islands Dependencies map stamps of 1946, the territories included having been proclaimed as theirs in 1908.

Chile followed suit with a proclamation in 1940 laying claim to the S Shetlands, Graham Land and a wedge of Antarctic down to the S. Pole, with a map stamp in 1947.

Argentina issued a somewhat similar stamp a few months later, claiming much of the same territory, only rather more eastwards.

This "War" has smouldered since 1947, but has flared up again through Argentina issuing a set of three map stamps on 22nd February, 1964, the occasion being the 60th anniversary of her setting up the first land-based Antarctic P.O.—on the South Orkneys. This was when she took over the Meteorological station started there by Dr. W. S. Bruce.

These three stamps are: (1) A 2p., divided into three parts, showing respectively S. Georgia, S. Orkneys, and the S. Sandwich group. (2) A 4p. large stamp showing Argentina, a wedge of Antarctica down to the Pole, and the islands featured on the 2p. stamp. (3) On 18p. air stamp showing the Islas Matvinas (Falkland Islands); the Argentine claim to these goes back over a century and has occasionally been emphasised by treating mail from there as unstamped (although bearing F.I. stamps) and charging double rates on delivery.

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#### NYASALAND

The Government has announced that the present definitive issue is to be reprinted with the territorial designation changed from Nyasaland to MALAWI. A 9d. duty will be added to the set, featuring "Tung." It is expected that this issue will be released about the middle of the year.

## PROTECTORATE BECHUANALAND

CHANGE OF CURRENCY—PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE, POSTAGE DUE—2c ON 2d.  
(TYPE II)

(By MAJOR H. M. CRIDDLE)

(Continued from p. 5, January issue of S.A. Ph.)

Row	No.	Original Printing	Reprint
1	1		Slight doubling R of S/C.
	2		— ditto —
	3	Underside of hook of "2" damaged near tip.	— ditto —
	4	Numerous pinholes in neck of "2" and two small notches on lower arc of "c".	Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	5		— ditto —
	6		Slight doubling inside neck of "2" and at back of "c"
2	1		Slight doubling R of S/C and slight protuberance on upper point of tip of "2".
	2		Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	3	Very thin hair crack along top of "2" near lower point.	Slight doubling to R of S/C and near rectangular crack near tip of "2".
	4	Pinholes varying in no. in neck and vert. line near tail of "2".	
	5		Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	6	Holes in neck of "2".	— ditto — inside neck of "2" only.
3	1	Crack in tip of "2" (similar to No. 2/3) and extensive un-inked areas on neck; also doubling across ends of "c".	Slight doubling R of S/C.
	2		— ditto —
	3	Pinholes on hook of "2" and curved hair crack near inner edge of arc of "c".	
	4	Notch inside hook of "2" and pinholes on neck; 3 pinholes on lower arc of "c".	
	5		Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	6		
4	1		Slight doubling to R of S/C.
	2		— ditto — inside "c" only and nick under upper arc of "c".
	3	Nick in tip of "2".	— ditto — inside "c" only and small hole in tip of "2".
	4	Nick in underside of neck and batch of pinholes on neck of "2"; small projection on upper point of lower arc of "c".	Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	5	Small hole in neck of "2".	— ditto —
	6		
5	1		Slight doubling to R of S/C.
	2		— ditto —
	3	Largish nick in tip of "2".	Slight damage to lower point of tip of "2".
	4	Several pinholes in neck and hole in foot of "2"; nick on tip of lower arc of "c".	Slight doubling inside "c" only.

(To be continued).

## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

### Italian Overprints on Greek Stamps (1941-43).

List of such stamps used in the Ionian Islands, by M. C. Constantinis, Hon. Sec. Hellenic Phil. Soc., 57 Akadimias St., Athens. Price \$1.00 U.S.A. from the Society. This is entirely in Greek.

**Switzerland Catalogue 10th Ed., 1964.** Edited by L. N. and M. Williams; published by the Amateur Collector Ltd., 151 Park Road, St. John's Wood, London N.W.8. Price 15/6d. post free.

This is a very comprehensive work of every kind of Swiss philately. The numbering, key letters, etc. are the same as in Zumsteins catalogue. There are over 4,000 price changes since the previous edition, of which approximately 3,900 are increases. The pricing is in sterling and is based on prevailing market prices. The illustrations are numerous, small but clear and adequate.

A catalogue that can be confidently recommended to all collectors of this interesting and popular country.

The publishers are dealers in Swiss stamps and they state that the tendency of increasing prices is still gathering momentum.

### Robson Lowe, Ltd. Review 1962-63 and Preview 1963-64.

The season under review has been a big-money one, somewhat over  $\frac{1}{2}$  million pounds sterling being the gross turnover, an easy record for the company. The many and varied collections formed by the late Maurice Burrus helped materially in providing this big total. There are a considerable number of fine coloured reproductions of items from these sales.

There are a number of countries from these collections still to be auctioned in 1964, and if that were not enough they have brought from Dublin (Shanahan's) enough stamps to satisfy the greed of both their describers and their buyers for the next two years.

Despite this plethora of material they are careful to ensure that smaller properties are sold without any delay.

They have introduced a new system whereby good items in forthcoming sales are put on view in various countries beforehand: French stamps in Paris, German states in Germany, Netherlands stamps on the Hague, etc. Also they are making ar-

rangements to hold certain sales in Switzerland.

We do not need to refer to their other activities, such as sale by private treaty, special Postal History sales, Bournemouth Stamp auctions (which realised over £100,000 last season).

Under the heading of Etiquette for the Auction it is stated, *inter alia*, that laughter is only in order only if (1) the auctioneer utters a witticism, (2) if a bidder inadvertently bids in shillings, not having noticed that the lot is advancing in pounds.

**Simplified Stamp Catalogue.** Stanley Gibbons, 391 Strand, London W.C.2. Price 30/-, Postage 3/10d.

The world in one volume, but what a volume! 1,224 pages, 19,075 illustrations and 114,700 stamps listed. The last issue was sold out a few months after publication, so it is obviously meeting a demand and this edition's 1964 printing order has been again increased.

As is known, it is "simplified" in as much as varieties of colour, perforation, watermark, texture of paper, etc. are not given, and the prices quoted are those of the cheapest variety.

### The Stamp—Factor of the National Economy.

This title sounds as if it might apply to many countries. Unfortunately we cannot tell if this is actually the case. It is written in Greek by the Hon. Sec. of the Hellenic Phil. Soc. on the occasion of the entry of Greece into the Common Market. Copies obtainable from the Society, S7 Akademias St., Athens. Price U.S. \$1.00.

**Two Reigns Catalogue.** Stanley Gibbons, 1964 Ed. Limp covers price 11/6d. net.

An up-to-date listing of all stamps issued during the reigns of K.G. VI and Q.E. II in the British Commonwealth, and some former Commonwealth countries. Obviously popular, the 1963 edition was sold out by mid-summer. This edition has 40 more pages, 350 more illustrations and nearly 800 more listings, than last year. There are more varieties listed and there is good information on quantities sold, printings, and plate numbers.

### FINLAND

Two new stamps in March-April, required for increase in postal rates. A 2.00 mk. and a 5.00 mk., both showing river scenes.

### Commercialization of Philately.

Even the U.P.U. is getting worried about this, as is evidenced by an article in the Crown Agents February Bulletin. Written by Rafael Barrientos P, Counsellor in the International Bureau of the U.P.U.

He traces the rise of philately from the invention of the adhesive stamps for the franking of postal missives till today when there are millions of collectors and stamps are becoming more and more just goods for them. Some countries even entrust the printing, sale and distribution to a single business house aboard; the stamps are neither known, sold or used in the country of issue and they fall entirely into the hands of speculators. A small group of speculators cornered almost the whole of a recent issue of "Europa" stamps from some countries, later selling them for fantastic prices.

The purely speculative nature of some issues is also shown by the inclusion of high values which cannot possibly be used for ordinary postal purposes.

Philatelists are also exploited by numerous issues made to raise funds for various objects, however worthy these may be in themselves.

The writer thinks the time has come for a return to a moderate, austere policy ré stamp issues, limiting their frequency, but not limiting the numbers of any denomination so as to avoid speculation.

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### SIERRA LEONE

Mr. C. A. Frost sends us a statement from the public press which states that a set of 14 stamps is due for issue which will be map-shaped—not square or rectangular. This does not sound very probable. How could they be divided? Maps of the country on squarish stamps would be understandable.

A further peculiarity is that the stamps do not need licking—they stick on contact. Well, we will see in due course.

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### AUSTRALIA

We have been informed both by the P.M.G. and the Trade Commissioner in Johannesburg that two additions to the

"Navigators" series were to appear on 26th February. A 10/- stamp shows a portrait of Matthew Flinders, with his ship, the "Investigator," in the background. The £1 stamp features George Bass with the whale-boat in which he entered the Strait now named after him. The simultaneous issue of the two stamps recalls their voyage together in 1796 in the "Tom Thumb," and it is appropriate that the Flinders stamp is appearing in the year 1964, the 150th anniversary of his death.

On 11th March three multi coloured stamps featuring Australian birds will be issued. They are a 9d. showing a Magpie, a 1/6d. with a Galah and a 2/6d., a Blue Wren.

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### U.N.O.

The second commemoratives for the year, 5c and 11c were issued on 23 March. They are honouring the Conference on Trade and Development, which is convened for that date in Geneva.

The Food and Agricultural Association (FAO) on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights is presenting Heads of States with special albums of the commemorative stamps issued for the FAO Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign. The albums contain 287 stamps and souvenir sheets issued by 143 postal administrations, and they have sent us a list of the items included in each presentation album, with the dates of issue and denominations of each item.

A re-designed 50c ordinary was due on 6 March. It shows an elongated globe with a stylized weather vane atop.

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### ZANZIBAR

The new Government has asked for the existing stocks in London of the last definitive issue and of the Uhuru commemoratives to be overprinted "JAMHURI 1964."

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### JAMAICA

A set of three stamps (3d., 1/- and 1/6d.) was issued in January honouring Miss Carole Joan Crawford who won the World Beauty Contest in London last November.



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## SOCIETY NEWS

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**9 January.** A composite British Commonwealth display. Mr. C. Rowe's New Zealand covered the definitive issue ½d. to 1/- dealing particularly with the various papers used. Mr. Wannerton showed a variety of covers from Naval personnel in World War II. Mrs. Coe had a pleasing straightforward collection and Mr. Putzel rounded off with a few pages he had not shown before.

**23 January.** Competition for the Jacob Cup. There were three entrants and it was awarded to Mr. Berneaud for his collection of Old German States.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**January Meeting.** The Chairman, Mr. R. Head, gave an excellent talk on the classical issues of France, followed by a fine display of them. Mr. Denning presented many interesting and odd items in his customary news letter. A large auction was carried through by Mr. Brooke in a remarkably short time.

### P.S. OF THE WESTERN RAND

**January Meeting.** This was our 12th A.G.M. The committee elected for 1964 is as follows: Chairman, Mr. E. Sharpe; Vice-chairman, Mr. S. A. Milford; Secretary, Mr. O. C. Kylander; three committee members, Messrs. Bruwer, Yelland and Jakobus; Delegate to Federation, Mr. J. T. Burrell and Alternative Delegate to Federation Mr. Yelland.

Five thematic collections sent up by Capt. M. F. Stern were exhibited, but as time was running short due to our unusually long A.G. Meeting the members, I am sure, did not spend as much time viewing these collections as they would have liked to have. But we do wish to thank Capt. M. F. Stern for the trouble he took in sending them.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**11 January.** At this Annual General Meeting, before a crowd of 64 members and visitors, Mr. K. E. W. Lydall, the retiring President, announced that the Committee had decided to reward the long and valuable services given to the Society, and to Philately generally, by Mr. Jonas Michelson, by electing him an Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Mr. Lydall, having completed his second year of office as President, was presented with his Honorary Life Certificate, awarded in 1963, as was Mr. B. Glassman.

**Awards** were then presented as follows: Ernest Hunt Cup (for most outstanding Philatelic work)—J. Michelson; Lang Cup (for "hardest Society worker")—I. A. Miller; J. Robertson Trophy (best Edwardian/Georgian Exhibit)—R. H. Fisher-Hill; Mrs. Koralek's Rose Bowl and Brooch (for best Lady exhibitor)—Mrs. M. Bergman; Charles Cilliers Award (for best "First Ever" Exhibit)—L. C. Cooper; Society Award (best Exhibit of the year)—Commander C. E. D. Enoch; William Redford Award (best Commonwealth)—E. Stern; J. H. Harvey Pirie Award (best Foreign)—L. Buchen; Sheffield Award (best South African)—not awarded; I. Isaacs Award (best Thematic)—C. Cilliers; Special Award to Dr. Levy for Heraldry on stamps.

The President exhibited a most interesting collection of Metallic Stamps. These included Gold, Silver, Bronze and Roil.

The following **Office-Bearers** were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. Michelson; Vice-President, R. H. Fisher-Hill; Secretary, C. Cilliers; Treasurer, I. A. Miller; Exchange Packet Superintendents, S. M. Boss and W. Tilney; K. E. W. Lydall (ex-Officio), B. Joseph, B. Glassman, N. Ford, Dr. Von Varendorff, A. Smyth.

The meeting concluded with an hilarious auction conducted by Mr. Oppenheim, of three surplus cakes.

**GERMISTON P.S.**

**January Meeting.** The following exhibits were shown by Executive Committee Members: Mr. H. S. Hay: Air mail covers; Mr. R. F. G. Bompass: King George VI Overprints; Mr. S. L. Crozet: The Undraped Figure on Postage Stamps; Mr. N. S. Hesselbarth: Republic of S.A. First Day Issues; Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill; Rhodesian "Double Heads;" Mr. R. G. L. Mephius: A Pot-Pourri of Covers.

**19 February.** The A.G.M., when the following were elected as office-bearers for 1964-65: President, Mr. R. G. L. Mephius; Vice-President, Mr. S. L. Crozet; Hon. Sec., Mr. S. L. Crozet; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. S. Hay; Members of Executive, Messrs. H. L. Godwin and P. F. Retief.

Awards were presented to: Messrs. L. Buchen, E. Sequira, Henry v. d. Ham, S. L. Crozet, N. S. Hesselbarth and Mrs. E. de Kock.

**AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING**

'n Hewige donderstorm om en by Johannesburg was ongetwyfeld die rede waarom die opkoms by ons jongste vergadering bra swak was. Dit is jammer; want die wat die reën, wind en hael getrotseer het, het 'n genoeglike aand gehad met 'n lekker vasvra deur lid W. Lambert en 'n oulike uitstalling deur lid J. M. Hattingh.

Die vasvra was in die vorm van 'n reeks steekvrae waarvoor daar minder as 'n minuut elk toegelaat was; algemene vrae (party maklik, ander nie so maklik). Lid J. Michelson het me 29 uit 50 punte die prys gewen en sal die volgende vasvraer wees.

Lid Hattingh se uitstalling (V.S.A.-Gedenkseëls) was die laaste in die huidige boekjaar. Dit bestaan uit byna al die seëls vanaf die Columbia-tentoonstelling tot hede en is byna volledig; 'n paar van die dollarwaardes en skaars tandingsoorte ontbreek, anders sou hy ongetwyfeld ons finalis om die Veka-wisselbeker gewees het.

Ons byeenkoms van 6 Maart is 'n vry-aand. Lid Michelson se vasvra kom aan die beurt en u word gevra om 'n paar van u gunsteling blaie te vertoon. Origens sal daar net seëlverkeer wees. Bring dus gerus u veilingstukke en voorradeboeke saam.

**EAST LONDON P.S.**

**January Meeting.** The A.G.M. at which the following office-bearers were elected for 1964: President, Mr. J. Sparkman; Vice-President, Mr. J. Clarkson; Treasurer, Mr. H. E. Williams; Auditor, Mr. J. F. Pavlour; Librarian, Mr. L. Hellman; Auctioneer, Mr. J. P. Shingler; Press Supt., Mr. J. W. Hodgson; Magazine Supt., Major C. Hasted; Sales Supt's., Mrs. H. Dickenson, Mr. H. E. Williams, Major C. Hasted; Committee Members, Mr. G. Feros, Dr. F. Drusinsky, Mr. J. W. Hodgson.

The winners of the Society's Cups for 1963 each tabled some 20-odd sheets from their winning collections.

**PORT ELIZABETH P.S.**

**28 January.** The main item was a film show of Mr. J. Burrell's slides describing how a stamp is made. For people living away from the Transvaal who are unlikely to have the opportunity of going over the Government Printing Works this film is particularly interesting and educational. There was a larger than average attendance and the slides and recorded commentary were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The President expressed the hope that it might not be long before we were fortunate enough to have another film of a similar nature.

Our usual auction was held after a break for refreshments.

**PRETORIA P.S.**

**3 February.** The A.G.M. at which Miss Jean Taylor and Dr. T. B. Berry were elected Hon. Life members. The reports of the various office-bearers were all satisfactory. The following were elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Wm. Impey; Vice-President, Dr. W. J. Schiff; Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Kriste; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. S. J. Gouws; Hon. Exchange Superintendent, Mr. W. M. Impey; Hon. Librarian, Miss Jean Taylor; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. John Kriste; Hon. Curator, Dr. T. B. Berry; Hon. Correspondent, Mr. John Kriste; Two Committee Members, Messrs. J. M. Weinstein and C. A. Must; Three Delegates to the Philatelic Federation, Mr. J. M. Weinstein (ex officio), Dr. T. B. Berry, Messrs. W. M. Impey and John Kriste.

**CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL  
PHILATELY**

**February Meeting.** Novices evening, but some very fine exhibits.

Mr. Heilbrunn shewed numerous blocks and souvenir sheets of various countries.

Mr. Lurie, a straightforward Israel collection, but mounted and written up in an exemplary fashion.

**ORANGE FREE STATE P.S.**

**January Meeting.** The A.G.M. The reports submitted were all approved. The Exchange Superintendent made an appeal for more material. Office-bearers for 1964 were elected: President, Dr. R. van Zyl Smit; Vice-President, Mr. A. L. Meyburgh; Secretary, Mr. S. Marus; Treasurer, Mr. H. E. Roux; Exchange Superintendent, Mr. J. Price; Committee, Mr. A. H. Scott, Dr. K. Freund, Mr. C. A. van Ee; Dr. E. Brüning, Mrs. E. Gray; Hon. Auditor, Mr. H. J. Weil.

There was a good display of New issues and acquisitions but time was not available for the scheduled display of San Marino by Mr. S. Marus.

### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

**12 February.** The A.G.M., at which the following Office-Bearers were elected for 1964: Chairman, Mr. E. Walker; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Kriste; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Kriste; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Howie; Exchange Suptd., Mr. J. Kriste; Exchange Treasurer, Mr. G. Kriste; Librarian, Mr. D. J. C. Reynders; Stamp Suptd., Mr. Z. J. van Eyk; Hon. Auctioneer, Dr. W. Goldberg; Delegates to Federation, Messrs. D. Brown, J. P. Roux and E. Walker.

### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**January 13:** This was the usual popular All Members' Night and the following was shown: Luxemburg by Mr. R. F. Putzel; Christmas Stamps by Mrs. H. Scott; Olympics by Mr. H. Beinart; Food by Mr. A. Botha. All the exhibits were of a high quality and a very interesting evening was spent.

**January 27:** This was the annual showing by Capt. M. F. Stern of his sheets showing the stamps of the World for the previous year, 1963. Nearly 4,000 stamps and miniature sheets were exhibited, being straight issues without any varieties, except a few in British Colonies. This always enables members to spot any thematic material they may have missed during the year.

**February 10:** The Club was honoured in being able to see Mr. J. L. P. Fernandes' fine collection "Railways on Stamps." This collector who resides in Portuguese East Africa, at the last National competitive Exhibition gained the top award in thematic for this exhibit. Only a representative collection was sent covering: Stations, Tunnels, Tracks, Culverts, etc., Famous old locomotives, steam locomotives, electric locomotives, Diesel locomotives, Staff and Pioneers, Angola and Mozambique (international connections), and Viaducts and Bridges. It is magnificently set out and above all philatelic.

**February 24.** Another guest exhibit was shown, this time "Stamp Curiosities" by Mr. A. Brasch of Amersfoort. All errors in design were shown in the 91 sheets sent, well written up in both English and Afrikaans, with all stamps shown—indeed a real piece of research and interest to the members. This was a genuine treat for which the members were indeed appreciative.—M.F.S.

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

**February Meeting.** The Annual General Meeting preceded the monthly meeting, and the following office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. J. T. Burrell; Vice-President, Mr. E. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J.

M. Milford; Committee members, Dr. T. B. Berry, Messrs. K. E. W. Lydall and J. H. Bruwer; Executive members to Federation, Mrs. J. M. Milford and Messrs. G. H. H. Legge and J. Michelson; Hon Examiner, Mr. B. Glassman; S.A. Philatelist Correspondent, Dr. H. J. Raubenheimer; Hon. Auctioneer, Dr. W. Goldberg.

The J. H. Harvey Pirfie Plaque was this year presented to Mr. Burrell for his recorded lecture on "The printing of stamps in South Africa."

It was decided to donate an award, in trophy form, to be presented by "PREPEX" in Pretoria for a research and/or study project dealing with South African philately since 4th November, 1910.

Two subjects were dealt with under Formal Discussions: (a) 2½d. Union Commemorative. A complete sheet was shown and we were able to establish that the stamps were printed in sheets of 120 units, i.e. 12 x 10 rows, perforated by a single comb perforator and that large blue crosses appear in the centre of the four margins. It was also remarked that the blueness of the paper resulted from incomplete cleaning of the plates, the blue ink being particularly tenacious.

(b) "OFFISIEEL-OFFICIAL" overprint on the medium format 1½d. "Gold Mine." The diarsis variety of this stamp has been listed as a variety of No O94 in the 1960 catalogue, and is noted as appearing on some of the stamps, the number and position of which are not on record. Furthermore the catalogue listing of No O98 which, in type and spacing is described similarly to that for No O94 is noted as having been applied on half sheets of 12 rows x 10 stamps at a time. The recent discovery of large positional pieces of the so-called diarsis variety of the OFFISIEEL overprint on the basic stamp (U.H.B. No. 46D) has now enabled a correct description and history of this issue to be made. A comprehensive table was accordingly presented giving the features in their correct relationship. After an involved discussion it was accepted that the facts given were correct and that they be accordingly recorded.

Two interesting items were exhibited, and only lack of space here prevents them from receiving their proper and due consideration. The first was an arrow block of the 1½d. Gold Mine "Hand Engraved Arrow" stamps. This block had already been fully described in the S.A. Philatelist of July 1957. An intriguing item.

The second was a "Pigeongram," a message conveyed by pigeon from the village of Sutherland to Matjesfontein in the Karroo on the 22nd January 1902, and contained military information. "It was by means of these birds that news of the condition of affairs in the beleaguered town (Ladysmith) was conveyed to Durban and thence to Europe." An interesting feature of this "Pigeongram" was that it was signed "C. Wilding. o/c P. Post." No doubt much more will be heard of this find, and the finder, our President, would appreciate any further information thereon. —H.J.R.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### The 10c Emerald Green Stamp.

A mint pair of the 10c "Emerald" Green stamps bearing a marginal five figure black cyclometer number, Republic Catalogue No. 209 Cd, and printed on unwatermarked paper, was submitted at a recent meeting of the Federation's Expert Committee. The item received a favourable certificate, thereby establishing the fact that the 10c Emerald Green printing, as it has become to be known, does exist.

As this stamp has elicited much attention, some aspects of the discussion which ensued at its examination are recorded for the benefit of collectors.

An order for 110,000 sheets of the 10c value, Job No. 9519.25, was fulfilled piecemeal from the same set of cylinders, Nos. 101 and 114. The printings exhibited certain different characteristics and were distributed to post offices at different dates. The 4th Distribution, November 1961, had no watermark and carried four figure red cyclometer numbers while the 6th Distribution, July 1962, was made on paper bearing the Arms Watermark facing right and bore five figure black sheet serial numbers.

The intervening distribution, the 5th, was made in February 1962, the sheets of stamps being unwatermarked and carried five figure black cyclometer numbers. Some 42,260 sheets comprised this printing, the stamps of which fall into three shade groups, Light Green, Cat. No. 209; Emerald Green, Cat. No. 209a; and Dark Green, Cat.

No. 209b, but slight variations in shade were observed to exist in each of the three groups.

The three shade-groups are distinguishable upon visual examination and also under an Ultra Violet Lamp, but as they are so closely related, difficulty may be experienced in determining them, particularly without the aid of a master test-piece for comparison purposes.

An unwatermarked marginal pair of stamps, bearing a five figure black cyclometer number which falls within the (thus far known) range of 29640 to 31700 sheet numbers may be taken as a guide in determining the Emerald Green printing.

The serial numbers give a printing of approximately 2,060 sheets but as the complete output may have been distributed to an area greater than the local one/ones from which the known examples were obtained, the number and so the range of reference sheet numbers may be greater. Thus, until further material becomes available, a supposedly Emerald green item printed on unwatermarked paper and bearing a five figure cyclometer number falling within the 26900 to 31700 range may be taken as correct, allowance being made for a slight variation in shade. A single stamp, a portion of the sheet, or a cylinder black may be determined by comparison with a proved marginal piece.

No satisfactory explanation may be given to account for the different shades of this printing and particularly that of the Emerald Green variety of which some 2060 sheets are considered at present, to have been made out of a total printing of 42,260. Some condition of the ink, the degree of pressure on the printing cylinder, or a variation in the texture of a portion of the web of paper may account for this shade,



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and as the printing time of the known 2060 sheets occupied a matter of minutes, the condition was short-lived.

Probably the machineminder at the time of printing could answer our query but as his purpose was to attend to the supply of stamps for postal requirements and not to note philatelic irregularities, we cannot expect much help from that source.

What explanation can you offer?

#### **The Unrecorded 1d. Post Card.**

Mr. S. J. Vermaak's effort in drawing attention to the unrecorded 1d. Post Card, our Sept. 1963 number, page 161, has been well rewarded by responses from readers, and the item is now to be recorded in the forthcoming Interim Catalogue.

Latest of these come from Dr. J. H. Harvey Pirie who submitted for our inspection a card postmarked JOHANNESBURG 25 NOV (?) 1920, and Mr. J. M. Weinstein reports that he has two copies postmarked EAST LONDON, 2 NOV 20, and QUTHING — BASUTOLAND, 11 JUN 23.

The latter also draws attention to an interesting feature not previously noted, viz. the length of the dividing line is 58½ mm. as against 65 to 67 mm. of the cards catalogued as PC 7 and 7a.

We understand that this postcard is being investigated further.

#### **Reprinting of the 1½c value.**

A reprinting of the 1½c value, Republic Cat. No. 203, appeared in March 1964, with four figure red cyclometer numbers below stamps 1 and 2, and 12 and 13, same cylinder and sheet format.

#### **Time for Re-evaluation of the Inter-provincial Period.**

(An address to the South African Stamp Study Circle by Mr. S. J. Vermaak who would appreciate any comments).

The generally accepted interprovincial period dates from 19th August, 1910, (the date following promulgation of the Notice of the interchangeability of the Colonial stamps) to 31st August, 1913 (the date preceding the issue of the first Union definitives).

The relevant Notice in the Government Gazette (Notice No. 349 of 15 August 1910) reads:—

It is hereby notified for general information that until further notice, postage and revenue stamps which were in authorised use on 30th May, 1910, in the four Colonies

incorporated in the Union of South Africa are now recognised as available throughout the Union and their use is no longer limited within the territorial boundaries of the original colonies of issue. In due course postage and revenue stamps for the Union will be issued, when suitable arrangements will be made for the withdrawal of the separate Colonial issues.

A Post Office Circular dated 20 August, 1934, drew attention to the fact that certain pre-Union stamps were then still valid. (The stamps in question were demonetised from 1 January, 1933, by a notice in the Government Gazette of 15 October, 1937).

The net effect of these various notices is that collectors of this group are at sixes and sevens. There is the conservative section who will have it that anything outside the accepted period (19.8.10 to 31.8.13) is *infra dig*, because there is legality for none other. On the other hand there is the progressive line of thought holding that certain features have all along been overlooked.

Let us read Notice No. 349 again and reflect on the import of the words "stamps which were in authorised use on 30th May, 1910 . . . are now recognised . . ."

Now consider what actually took place before 19 August, 1910: Various Colonial post offices found themselves without stocks of certain denominations and had (official) replenishments from one or more of the other Colonies. Questions were asked. Eyebrows were raised. An untenable situation had arisen. The State felt it incumbent upon itself to legalise the position—hence Notice No. 349.

It has become necessary that the "period" be finally resolved. The irrefutable fact that Colonial stamps were officially used indiscriminately (used interprovincially) right from the consummation of Union cannot be disregarded any longer. Surely retrospection is implied by the words "stamps in use on 30 May, 1910 are now recognised," (emphasis on the word "Now").

What we are doing is to nullify and to push into oblivion a group of stamps which constitutes a far more valuable and desirable category than the accepted group, for the simple reason that until the official notice, interprovincialism had not yet assumed full proportions and consequently there are far less in existence.

By the way, are mint Colonial "stamps in use on 30 May, 1910 . . . (and) now recog-

nised" not issues of the Union? Collectors are inclined to regard the interprovincial fan as somewhat "off" if his collection is prefaced by the mint issues.

Colonials used in the Union from 1 September 1913 to 31 December 1937, constitute a further group that is crying out for recognition. Not being in the same category as the interprovincials they are looked upon with disfavour and relegated to the ranks of ordinary used Colonials—unwarrantedly.

Nitor in adversum.

### The 12½c Definitive Stamp.

A new printing of the 12½c Definitive Stamp, Republic Catalogue No. 210, made its appearance during March 1964, and was produced in Double Die Format on RSA watermarked paper, the mark facing right, with Pane B on the left of A. Three newly prepared screened cylinders were used, the numbers 3 yellow, 1 red, 6 green along with the pane's determining letter, A or B in green, being registered on the left margin of each pane opposite stamp 1 of Row 5. The lower portion of the red cylinder number 1 is ragged on pane B, while the lower curve of the yellow cylinder number 3 of pane A is incomplete, on sheets examined thus far.

The panes are of horizontal format comprising five rows of 20 stamps each. The right margins are perforated through, while the others are imperforate except for the isolated perforation hole at each row. The top and bottom margins have centrally placed premanufactured green arrows and the left and right ones exhibit green single line broken bars. The printing was made on the 840 machine and the perforation, gauge 14 x 14, was carried out by the Grover two row appliance.

The top margin of Pane B is wider than the bottom one and carries, above stamps 7 and 8 of Row 1, a punch hole surrounded by concentric circles in the contributing colours and pierced by three multicoloured vertical lines super-imposed upon each other. A series of semi-circular offsets, in corresponding colours to the concentric rings appear on the gummed side of the sheet in the neighbourhood of the punch hole. A light green smudge and dot occur on the pane's bottom margin, below stamp 16 of Row 5. Pane B has no cyclometer numbers.

The bottom margin of Pane A is wider than the top one and carries two sets of

five figure black cyclometer numbers below stamps 1 and 2, and 12 and 13 of row 5. In addition, this margin exhibits, below stamps 7 and 8 of row 5, a punch hole surrounded by concentric circles in the contributing colours and pierced by three multi-coloured vertical lines super-imposed on each other. A series of semi-circular offsets in the corresponding colours of the concentric rings are present on the gummed side of the sheet below stamps 8 of row 5. Two pawl marks of the Grover perforator appear on the left or right margins of some of the A and B sheets examined, while two small green smudges are present on the bottom margin, below stamps 9 and 12 of row 5, and also on the top margin, above stamps 5 and 15 of row 1, of Pane A only. A vertical green guillotining-guide line about 10 mm. in length, may be observed on the right or left margins of the sheets, opposite row 5.

The stamp format is vertical and corresponds in style, design and colours to those of the earlier printing except that the green colour is now of a lighter blue-green shade. The print has been emphasised and appears in white.

The production is moderately free of flaws or varieties some of which are recorded hereunder:

#### PANE B:

Light green smudge left of leaf below SO of SOUTH. Row 2-8.

Light dot under SO of SOUTH. Row 3-10.  
Small green dot near tip of left large leaf.  
Row 4-1.

Prominent yellowish dot on tip of left large leaf. Row 4-14.

#### PANE A:

Small white dot below U of SOUTH. Row 1-14.

Tiny white dot left of upper extremity of large 1 of figure of value. Row 2-12.

Light green smudge above tip of large left leaf. Row 3-3.

Light green smudge right of tip of lower leaf. Row 4-8.

Small white dot below OU of SOUTH. Row 4-14.

Light smudge below S of SOUTH. Row 5-14.

Small white dot surrounded by a halo above tip of left large leaf. Row 5-16.



**The 75th Anniversary of the South African Rugby Board Commemorative Postage Stamps.**

Two special 2½c and 12½c postage stamps, illustrated, were issued on the 8th May, 1964, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the South African Rugby Board.



**The 2½c Denomination.**

Produced in Double Die Format with Pane B probably on the left of A, on RSA water-marked paper, the mark facing right, the sheet format is horizontal and comprises 5 rows of 20 (100) stamps. The left and right margins of each pane are perforated through and exhibit green single line broken bars. The top and bottom margins are imperforate except for the isolated perforation hole at the junction of the rows and carry centrally placed green pre-manufactured arrows.

The cylinder numbers, Interior S 11, brown, and Exterior S 7, green, along with the sheets' designation letter A or B are registered on the left margin of each pane, opposite stamp 1 of row 5. Pane B only carries two sets of four figure red sheet numbers twice in its bottom margin, below stamps 1 and 2, and 12 and 13 of row 5.

The 2½c bilingually inscribed stamp depicts the official badge of the Rugby Board which consists of a springbok with a rugby ball at its feet and is printed in golden brown upon a deep green background. The stamp format is vertical and measures 24.2 by 40.5 mm., the colours and dimensions being official data. The word "RUGBY" appears at the left margin, the dates "1889-1964" at the right one, while the figure of value occupies the lower left corner of the stamp. The perforation was made by the eleven row small hole appliance.

The background of some stamps has a

streaky appearance and the following are some of the varieties present:—

**PANE B:**

Vertical green line below AF of AFRIKA. Row 1-2.

Long green line below S of SUID and a short one above animal's neck. Row 1-3.

Tiny white dot in large 2 of figure of value. Row 1-7.

Whitish smudge above ½ of figure of value. Row 2-4.

Wavy dark line and lightish smudge in front of springbok. Row 2-8.

Small white dot on right margin below 4 of 1964. Row 3-20.

Small golden dot above B of REPUBLIEK. Row 5-3.

Tiny golden dot right of R of REPUBLIC. Row 5-13.

**PANE A:**

Small green dot right of 1 of figure of value. Row 2-1.

Curved golden arc above B of REPUBLIC. Row 2-13.

Light halo effect between buck's legs. Row 3-17.

Small green dot below animal's belly. Row 4-20.

**Note.**—It will be observed that the same cylinders, S 11 and S 7, which recently did duty for the 1c value, Cat. No. 202A, have been used for this printing.



**The 12½c Denomination.**

Produced in Double Die Format with Pane B probably on the left of A, on RSA water-marked paper, the sheet format is vertical and comprises 20 rows by 5 (100) stamps. The top and bottom margins are perforated through and present blue-black single line broken bars while the left and right ones are imperforate except for a single perforation hole at the junction of the rows and carry pre-manufactured centrally placed blue-black arrows. The perforation was made by the eleven row small hole appliance.

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The cylinder numbers, Interior S 14 blue-black, and Exterior S 12 yellow-olive green, along with the pane's designation letter A or B are inscribed on the bottom margin of each sheet. Below stamp 5 of row 20. Four figure red cyclometer numbers appear twice on the right margin of Pane B only, opposite rows 8 and 9, and 19 and 20.

The 12½c bilingually inscribed stamp shows an action picture of a rugby player diving over the goal-line with the ball in his hands. The player and print are in blue-black and the background in yellowish olive-green colours. The stamp is of horizontal format and measures 40.5 by 24.2 mm., the colours and dimensions being official data. The word RUGBY appears at the left margin, the dates "1889-1964" at the right one, and the figure of value in the top left corner.

The following are some of the varieties observed:—

**PANE B:**

- Small black dot below S of SOUTH. Row 4-3.
- Two small black dots in sheet's left margin. Row 8-1.
- Tiny black dot in bottom gutter below P of REPUBLIEK. Row 9-1.
- Small black dot on player's trousers. Row 15-5.
- Tiny black dot below 12. Row 19-5.
- Tiny black dot behind player's head. Row 20-1.

**PANE A:**

- Tiny black dot left of 9 of 1889. Row 1-5.
- Tiny black dot on left leg of player's trousers. Row 14-5.
- Tiny black dot to right of R of RUGBY. Row 17-1.
- Tiny black dot at top of R of AFRICA, also above K of AFRIKA. Row 18-3.
- Tiny black dot to left of 1 of 1889. Row 19-2.
- Tiny black dot above rugby ball. Row 20-1.

**Here We Go!**

What may well be the introduction of a new general postal service in the Republic was brought into use by State departments on 1 April 1964. (Always an appropriate date for a try-on)!

The Post Office introduced a "Certified Mail Service" (Official Afrikaans translation: Possertifiseringsdiens) in substitution of the existing registration facilities, for official mail matter addressed to destina-

tions within the Republic. The object of the service is to divert from the registered letter sections of post offices items which have no intrinsic value but in respect of which acquittances are nevertheless necessary.

Certified postal items are not accepted at post office registration counters but are posted as ordinary mail. Receipt of posting is not issued but delivery is made against signatures.

Distinguishing green number tags are affixed to the top left-hand corners of certified mail matter.

What if this is a successful experiment?

## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

**Burrus Collection of Switzerland.**

Few auction catalogues are worthy of permanent preservation, but the listing of the sale of the Burrus collection is such a fine story of the Swiss classics that it is being presented to the Johannesburg Public Library Philatelic Section. The sale was held by Robson Lowe in Basle, Switzerland.

**International Stamp Dealers' Directory.**  
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This book covers the whole field of Commercial Philately. In addition to listing dealers, philatelic magazines, etc., all over the world, there are a number of short articles dealing with various aspects of stamp collecting and trading. On the whole stamp collecting is considered a flourishing hobby.

**A Glossary of Abbreviated Handstruck Stamps.** Robson Lowe Ltd., 2nd Ed. Price 10/-.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN MACHINE POSTMARKS

By **D. Allison** (University of Cape Town  
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### INTRODUCTION.

Several articles have previously appeared in the "South African Philatelist" on the subject of South African machine postmarks. Of the two most recent, one was written by Mr. A. H. Sydow, and appeared in five instalments between April and September, 1946, and the other was by Mr. B. L. Cairncross, whose article appeared in two instalments in the October and December, 1956, issues. The scope of Mr. Cairncross' article was confined to the slogans used.

The purpose of these notes is to bring the picture up to date. It seems best to deal mainly with the period from 1946 to the present time, and make such references to earlier postmarks as are necessary to provide the setting for this. What I have to say will be divided into seven chapters. The first five will be devoted to the postmarks of the Union and Republic of South Africa, and the chapter headings will be as follows:

- (1) The types of machine used.
- (2) Errors and varieties.
- (3) Some notes on the machine postmarks of Cape Town and Johannesburg.
- (4) The slogans used.
- (5) Paquebot and Customs Paid marks.
- (6) S.W.A. and the British High Commission Territories.
- (7) Addenda.

The last chapter will put on record any additional information which comes to light as a result of the publication of this article, as well as describing any developments which take place between its writing in February 1963 and the publication of Chapter 6. In the first six chapters, the description of a postmark as "current" or "still in use" implies that I have seen a specimen dated in February 1963 or not too long before, and that nothing has come my way to suggest that the postmark was obsolete by February 1963. Nevertheless, postmarks more recent than that date have been mentioned in one or two places, when on subsequent revision of the manuscript it seemed best to do so.

Some of what I have to say has been said elsewhere, but it should be useful to have it gathered together. On the other hand, a fair proportion of the material which follows does not appear to have been published before. I must record my thanks to all those who have helped me with my collection and those who have given me information, including Dr. J. Fick, Mr. J. Walker, and Mr. K. Lydall, and various postal officials. Despite their help, however, this article is by no means complete, and additional information would be very gratefully received.

(Note.—Mr. Allison left his manuscript with us before leaving for a fairly long study tour aboard. In the circumstances any additional information received may either be inserted or kept for him to deal with on his return; it will depend on which seems to us the more suitable procedure.—Ed.).

### CHAPTER 1.

#### THE TYPES OF MACHINE USED.

It is customary to divide postmarking machines into two large classes—(i) continuous and (ii) non-continuous or single. The former are designed to produce an impression continuing right across the top of the envelope, while the latter type are intended to produce a postmark of a certain limited length at the top right-hand corner of the envelope. In dealing with South African postmarks since 1946, we shall have to discuss four types of machine, two continuous and two non-continuous.

The printing of our postage stamps takes place when a continuous roll of paper passes round a revolving cylinder, on the curved surface of which the required design appears (in reverse, of course). Postmarking machines work in the same sort of way, except that the continuous roll of paper is replaced by a succession of envelopes. Generally speaking, the cylinder rotates about a vertical axis.

A sketch of one of these rotating cylinders appears in the "South African Philatelist," April 1946, p. 56. It will be seen that there are two circles containing the town name and date, diametrically opposite each other on the circumference of the cylinder. Terminology varies, but I shall use the word "datestamp" for that part of the postmark giving the place and date, even though it is not always strictly applicable, as the date is not always shown. The cylinder in this sketch is typical of those on continuous

machines, not only in South Africa but much more generally—there are two date-stamps on the revolving cylinder and two spaces for wavy lines or slogan. These spaces need not, of course, be filled in the same way—thus in the case of South African postmarks, we often find the English version of a slogan in one space and the Afrikaans translation in the other. This is what I mean when I speak of English and Afrikaans versions **alternately**, and similarly I shall speak, e.g. of postmarks with CAPE TOWN and KAAPSTAD on alternate datestamps.

It must not be thought that all continuous machines have cylinders conforming to this description. For instance, in the case of a recent Swedish machine, three successive spaces between datestamps are filled by three different slogans, so that there must be at least three datestamps on the revolving cylinder. Again, the arrangement may be completely different, as on some New Zealand postmarks, in which the slogan appears above the town name and date. But these exceptions do not concern us in the present study.

There are two types of continuous machines which come within the scope of this article. In Mr. Sydow's study ("South African Philatelist," April 1946, pp. 56-57), these are described as the  $3\frac{1}{8}$ -inch machine and the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch machine, the measurements referring to the distances between consecutive datestamps. The former type was nearly obsolete by 1946, but the latter is still in use at a number of offices. Both types were manufactured by Krag, a Norwegian firm.

Non-continuous or single-impression machines work on the principle already described, but of course only need to have one datestamp and one slogan or set of wavy lines on the circumference of the revolving "cylinder." Actually, in order to effect the required positioning of the postmark, this **cartridge**, as it is called, is not quite a complete cylinder, at least on some models of machine.

Once again, two types of machine concern us in this study. The first was introduced in South Africa in 1946, and now predominates. The manufacturers are Universal Postal Frankers, of London. The datestamp appears to the left of the slogan or wavy lines. The other type, which is so similar to many German machines that it must be made by the same firm, is much less common; as far as I know it is not in current use. The datestamp is to the right of the wavy lines.

We now consider in more detail the postmarks produced by these four types of machine.

#### (A) The $3\frac{1}{8}$ -inch Machines, 1945-1947.

As far as I know, there were only two places still using these regularly in 1946, namely Durban and Port Elizabeth; in both cases they were used for "Paid" postmarks. At Durban, the spaces between the datestamps were filled with four straight lines and at Port Elizabeth the slogan "Make Careers for our Juveniles" was used. The Port Elizabeth machine was not normally used for stamp-cancelling duties, but I have one such specimen, with the same slogan, dated NOV 21 5-PM 1946. It seems that the use of these machines at Port Elizabeth and Durban continued until the introduction of non-continuous machines at these places, that is, until early 1947.

I have seen a few black  $3\frac{1}{8}$ -inch postmarks from Pretoria, dated 1945, with five wavy lines, but at this period the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch type seems to have been much commoner.

This type of machine was in occasional use at Cape Town in the early 1940's, the latest date known to me being FEB 2 PAID  $\frac{1}{2}$ D 1942. Whether there are any towns other than those mentioned which used this type as late as 1940 I do not know.

(To be continued).



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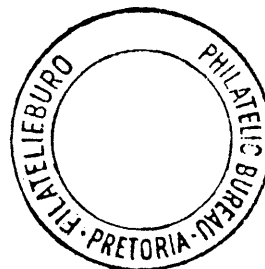
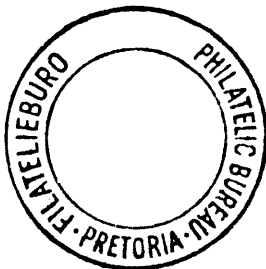
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### ZANZIBAR

It is rather difficult to follow the sequences of philatelic events as reported in the press.

Apparently after the deposition of the Sultan all stamps were withdrawn from sale on 18 January and the P.O. was practically not operating for some days.

Then there was a local overprinting of stamps with the word JAMHURI (Swahili for "Republic") and the portrait of the Sultan was defaced by a pen marking.

The Uhuru (Freedom) issue, which appeared on 10 December, has only therefore had a life of a few weeks.

The definitive issue, which was announced by the Crown Agents as due to appear in September, will presumably never be issued.

The London stocks of the former definitive issue and of any Uhuru commemoratives that may be left, are being overprinted Jamuri by Bradbury Wilkinson and Co., and these will be handled by the Crown Agents.

### BLACK BLOTS

**Sierra Leone.** The March issue of the American Philatelist has removed the "Big Q" classification from the locally overprinted stamps of last November. They are now given what might be called a very big Black Blot and are regarded as so grossly speculative as to surpass even the Tonga Golds.

Other issues getting Black Blots are **Albania's** Winter Olympic set; **Paraguay's** Tokyo Olympic Games trash; **Syrian Arab Republic** with its U.N. Human Rights Souvenir Sheet with simulated perforations; **Saudi Arabia's** Freedom From Hunger set of only 300. Be wary of issues from **Yemen**, for both parties in the struggle there are issuing stamps.

### HARRISON & SONS LTD.

This firm has moved its head office from the crowded area of St. Martin's Lane to 7, Cavendish Square, London W.1. Accompanying their removal notice we have to thank them for a lovely set of their recent printing in multi-colour security photogravure of a definitive set of thirteen stamps (½d. to £1) for Sierra Leone.

### CAPE TOWN—MOBILE P.O. No. 4

In our March issue the question was asked "When did this P.O. start operating?" Mr. C. E. Sherwood has kindly supplied the answer. It was on 1st May, 1940.

### EIRE

Two stamps, a 4d. and a 1/3d., will be issued on 13th April, commemorating the bicentenary of the birth of Wolfe Tone, leader of the Society of United Irishmen founded in 1791 and of the insurrection of 1798.

### UNITED NATIONS

The second commemoratives for 1964 were due for issue on 23 March, the opening day of a Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva. The stamps are of 5c and 11c denominations. Later it was announced that the issue was postponed to mid-June.

### U.S.A.

19 March. An addition to the "fine arts" series will be a 5c multicolour reproduction of a painting by Mr. C. M. Russell of Cowboys in action at a Roundup in Montana.

29 April. A 5c commemorating John Muir, a Californian naturalist largely responsible for the preservation of the giant redwood forest.

5 May. The fourth in the series of the Civil War centennial series honours the Battle of the Wilderness—in Virginia. It features three cannoneers silhouetted against a bleak sky.

29 May. A 5c memorial to John F. Kennedy will appear on this date, the 47th anniversary of his birthday. This date was chosen by Mrs. Kennedy.

### SWEDEN

On 3 February there were issued two stamps (15 öre and 1k. 5 öre) in honour of the centenary of the birth of Erik A. Karlsfeldt, the poet who was posthumously awarded a Nobel prize for literature in 1931.

## PROTECTORATE BECHUANALAND

## CHANGE OF CURRENCY—PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE, POSTAGE DUE—2c ON 2d.

(TYPE II)

(By MAJOR H. M. CRIDDLE)

(Continued from p. 74, April issue of S.A. Ph.)

Row	No.	Original Printing	Reprint
	5		— ditto —
	6	Neck of "2" under-inked resulting in varying but fairly extensive area of holes and pinholes; small projection two-thirds up back of "c".	
6	1		Slight doubling to R of S/C; black spot in angle between neck and foot of "2".
	2		Slight doubling to R of S/C.
	3	Slight nick in underside of tip of "2".	— ditto —
	4	Nick under hook of "2" with numerous holes on neck; nick inside "c" on lower arc and two holes by it.	Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	5		— ditto —
	6	Neck of "2" similar to No. 5/6; hole two-thirds up arc of "c".	
7	1		Slight doubling to R of S/C; heavier inking/impression so that setting is 10.25 mm.
	2		— ditto —
	3	Two nicks under tip of "2" and pinholes adjoining.	— ditto —
	4	Numerous pinholes on neck of "2"; nick inside "c" on lower arc and hole towards tip.	Trace of doubling inside "c" only.
	5		Slight doubling inside "c" only and two pinholes adjoining.
	6	Neck of "2" similar to No. 6/6 but not so extensively holed.	Trace of doubling inside neck of "2".
8	1	Few but varying no. of holes on neck of "2".	Slight doubling to R of S/C.
	2		— ditto —
	3	Small nick under hook of "2" and hole near; large hole in arc of 'c' (lower) with projection under.	
	4	Small nick under hook of "2" with pinholes on neck and towards end of foot; nick on lower arc of "c" towards tip.	Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	5		— ditto —
	6	Ink smudges beyond ends of points of "c".	



9	1		Slight doubling to R of "2" only and hole in centre of arc of "c".
	2		Hair crack across toe of "2".
	3	Nick in tip of "2" and holes in neck.	Pinhole in toe of "2".
	4	Few pinholes in neck of "2".	Slight doubling inside "c" only.
	5		— ditto —
	6		
10	1	Small projection down on toe of "2".	Slight doubling to R of S/C.
	2		Hole on edge of back of "c".
	3	Hole near tip of "2".	Hole in tip of "2" and 3 cracks above.
	4	Several pinholes in neck of "2".	Slight doubling to R of S/C and hair crack in foot of "2".
	5	Rough lower edge to foot of "2".	Slight doubling to R of S/C.
	6		Pinhole near tip of "2".

Since writing my article on this issue (Stamp Collecting 20 March 1964, and South African Philatelist, January and April 1964), I have had the opportunity of examining six further sheets of the Reprint which have been kindly lent to me by Mr. P. N. Bullivant of Shelley Stamps who was the compiler of the Shelley Catalogue of the Decimal Surcharges of the three High Commission Territories.

These sheets all show the vertical packing bar, or space-up, previously mentioned between Nos. 3/4 of Row No. 1. They also show impressions of various other space-ups in the right hand margin, either on or touching the jubilee line but not on the stamps themselves. These markings have of course occurred by these space-ups working loose in the same way as the former. These misplacements are known as "work-ups."

The markings are as follows:—

- (a) One sheet shows mere traces of three space-ups at the S.E. corner of Row 10/6.
- (b) On this sheet the former bar is not so distinct as on the following sheets which seems to indicate that the misplacement or loosening of the space-up was developing.
- (c) The other five sheets show (a) rather more clearly over an area of about 1.5 mm. wide by 6.25 mm. high.
- (d) These same five sheets (but not the first at (a) above) also show similar markings in three groups of six space-ups each on the same jubilee line. Each of these groups covers an area of about 3.5 x 11.5 mm. and they appear between

Rows 4 and 5 and again between Rows 5 and 6, and 6 and 7.

While examining these sheets, I have taken the opportunity of checking my list of characteristics of the Reprint. There certainly are variations and these I note below. Where there are no such variations, I do not comment.

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|-------------|--|
| Row 1 No. 5 | Slight doubling R of S/C, that in the "C" being more distinct. |
| 6           | Slight doubling R of "2" while that in "C" has disappeared.    |
| 2           | 2 Slight doubling R of S/C.                                    |
| 3           | Rectangular crack near tip of "2" beginning to develop.        |
| 5           | Slight doubling R of S/C.                                      |
| 6           | No doubling inside neck of "2" but R edge is rough.            |
| 3           | 3 Slight doubling R of S/C.                                    |
| 5           | — ditto —  |
| 4           | 2 Slight doubling R of S/C: nick in "C" not yet appeared.      |
| 3           | — ditto — but hole in "2" as before.                           |
| 4           | No doubling inside "C".  |
| 5           | 3 Slight doubling R of S/C and tip of "2" damaged as before.   |
| 4           | No doubling inside "C".  |
| 5           | — ditto —  |
| 6           | 1 No spot in angle of "2".                                     |
| 4           | No doubling inside "C".  |
| 5           | — ditto —  |
| 7           | 4 — ditto —  |
| 5           | As before but also doubling R of "2".                          |
| 6           | No doubling inside neck of "2".                                |
| 8           | 3-6 Slight doubling R of S/C.                                  |
| 9           | 1 Slight doubling also in "C":                                 |

hole in "C" not yet appeared:  
hole in lower part of neck of  
"2".

- 2 Slight doubling R of S/C but crack in "2" as before.
- 3 — ditto — but pinhole in "2" as before.
- 4/5 Slight doubling R of S/C.
  - 1 As before but much clearer.
  - 2 Hole on back of "C" beginning to develop.
  - 3 Slight doubling R of S/C: damage as before.
  - 6 Pinhole not yet appeared.

It is reasonable to assume that these sheets showing the work-ups were the first of the Reprints to be run off. This I feel is evidenced by the fact that some of the defects in the type had either not appeared or were in the process of development (see particularly the notes on Row 2/3, 4/2 and 10/2).

The various differences in the doubling of the surcharge (the lay-slur) previously mentioned when compared with those noted above were caused by the adjustments made to the type in the chase following the discovery of the misplaced space-ups.

The lack of consistency in the case of some of the other minor defects when compared with those previously noted, and vice versa, seems to indicate that they were not after all constant.

It is evident therefore that the Reprint which produced 864 sheets (the 51,840 stamps mentioned in the earlier articles) was carried out in two batches. The first batch includes those sheets described above and the second batch those described earlier. One of these batches also produced SG.D8b but I have not seen enough of them to decide which. It will be seen that it is possible, within limits, to allocate even individual stamps to the original printing and to the first or second batch of the Reprint.

In conclusion I could add that the thick "d" varieties still occur and that the two shades of the basic stamp again appeared in these six sheets; one sheet was purple lilac and five were rose lilac.

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### CANADA

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A new regular issue 7c stamp replaced on 11 March the blue "Canada Goose" which had been in use since 1952.

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### Marion Island.

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### Bouvet, Gough and Tristan.

With just time to stoke up after her return from Marion, the R.S.A. set off on 22nd March for a round trip to these three islands.

The Weather Bureau is still hoping that it will be possible to set up a Station on Bouvet Is., as reports from there would be very valuable for forecasting purposes. At Bouvet the R.S.A. was joined by H.M.S. Protector, the British ice-patrol ship. The weather was very rough and landing had to be made by helicopter. A surprise finding ashore was a 20-foot boat in a lagoon behind a lava outcrop; it was in good condition and not more than a few years old. There were oars and lifebelts nearby, but nothing to identify it, nor to suggest how it got there.

A course was then set for Gough Is., the call there being, so far as we know, merely routine landing of stores and staff relief.

The object of the call at Tristan has not been divulged. Could it be, perhaps, that it is intended to re-open a meteorological station there, such as there was in pre-eruption days?

Reference to the note in our March issue that the Administrator had appointed one of the islanders to handle all philatelic business on a commission basis, we now learn from Messrs. Utting and Fairbrother, Cape Town, that his authorised commission is 10%. So, collectors, if you want covers serviced, please remember to add this to your British Postal Orders or Reply Paid Coupons.

Other information about Tristan is given in "Stamp Collecting" of 27-III-64: (1) A mail was brought off by an American cruise-liner early this year; it has a concentric mark reading "Posted on the High Seas—S/S Brasil" and it received a Cape Town paquebot mark dated 26-I-64. (2) The new definitive issue is not now expected till about October; it is to have pictures of ships which have called at the island over the years.

The designs for "Tristan's Navy" (the forthcoming definitive issue) are as follows:

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Mr. A. B. Crawford records covers with various cachets: (1) "Bouvet Island/South Atlantic Ocean" in black with Mar 30, 1964 added in violet. (2) "Commanding Officer/Ships Flight/H.M.S. Protector" with date 2 Apr 1964," in red. (3) Cachet of M.V.R.S.A. in violet, such as was described in our January issue, p. 14, in connection with Gough Is. They were franked with S. African 1c. stamps (open covers), cancelled Cape Town Paquebot mark of 7-IV-64.

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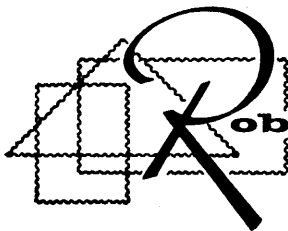
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## ANGLO-BOER WAR

### ALIWAL NORTH POSTMARKS 1899-1900

Mr. J. H. Rathbone, Editor of the "Anglo-Boer War Philatelist," reports the following postmarks, partly from his own collection, partly from others which he has seen:—

(1) Cancelling mixed Z.A.R. and O.V.S. stamps, date DE 13 99. Identical in character with that shown in our Jan. issue p. 9 and again in our March issue p. 54 as "A." Aliwal-North is hyphenated and there is no C.G.H.

(2) Cover addressed to "Aliwaal Noordt" from Lady Grey. Has two  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. O.V.S. stamps cancelled with a Cape type barred oval with boxed 696 (or 969) which is known from Lady Grey. There is an Aliwal North arrival mark of DE 26 99, with C.G.H. at the bottom—similar to "B" in our March issue.

(3) Single circle date stamps of 24 mm. diameter, both of date 21.12.99, from Colesberg and from Warrenton. These have no C.G.H. at the bottom.

It becomes clear now that cancellers without C.G.H. had been issued in Cape Colony at least as early as mid-December 1899. That for Aliwal North was somewhat larger than the others (25 mm.), probably because for some reason Aliwal-North was hyphenated.

The two types of mark—with C.G.H. and without C.G.H.—appear both to have been used concurrently (at any rate in Aliwal North) in the 1899-1900 period.

There was no need therefore to postulate either (a) the possible defacing of a mark by removal of the C.G.H. from one (unknown) of 25 mm. size or of (b) the unlikely manufacture of one on the spot by the Boers.

These possibilities were suggested in our March issue, p. 54. —J.H.H.P.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### P.S. OF THE WESTERN RAND

**February Meeting.** The exhibit for the evening was Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey's "Evolution of the Air Letter" in which he showed sheets starting with the 1941 S.A. Air Letter, and including the latest pictorials from G.B., some of the U.N. Forces in Congo and some from the Trucial States in the Persian Gulf.

It was reported that two members had entered for a Quiz organised by the Polish Philatelists Union and that both had won prizes. Mr. S. J. Vermaak got a stock book, some F.D.C.'s and some used stamps, while Mr. O. C. Kylander got 5 Polish F.D.C.'s.

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**13 February.** Mr. Mummery shewed his fine collection. Since the first issue by Portugal in 1889 some 3,000 Red Cross stamps have been issued by about 150 countries; the exhibitor had a big proportion of them. The rest of the evening dealt with Queries.

**27 February.** Annual General Meeting. Office-bearers for 1964 included Dr. H. R. Ackerman as President and Miss S. B. L. Savidge as Hon. Secretary.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**24 February.** A large attendance to see Capt. Stern's Air Mail collection, which included rare balloon flight cards, pigeon post items and a host of autographed first flights. Sad memories were evoked by a number of Crash Covers — some charred, some sea-stained.

An additional air exhibit was shown by Mr. Weiman, depicting BOAC covers of special flights; it was strong in the Comet Flights section.

**16 March.** As can always be expected, the annual visit by members of the Pretoria Philatelic Society produced a varied and most interesting selection of displays. Mr. Manfred Weinstein, the newly elected President of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa, exhibited Palestine Fore-Runners, each sheet being an example of the standard of presentation expected at a National Exhibition. Mr. J. Kriste followed with a fascinating showing of "Bogus Issues," the type of stamps that schoolboys get caught with by unscrupulous dealers. The surprise in this collection was that some of the host experts pointed out that they were not all Bogus stamps.

Eric Walker, renowned Union and Republic collector, filled the frames with a very fine selection of Union Officials, mainly depicting the development of the broken "C".

Finally, the Society collection of the Republic of South Africa, complete in every detail, was shown.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**February Meeting.** Mr. Ellenberger showed slides of errors on modern commemoratives. He informed the meeting that the Mashonaland P.S. proposes issuing a book on Rhodesian stamps, in which he is co-operat-

ing. He would appreciate if any one with errors on stamps would send him all relevant particulars.

**March Meeting.** The A.G.M. The President elected for 1964 was Mr. J. R. Strong and the Hon. Sec. Mr. K. J. E. Moore. Address: P.O. Box 803, Bulawayo.

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### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

**February Meeting.** Capt. M. F. Stern gave a talk on and a display of philatelic covers devoted to "The early Air Mail Posts of the Middle East." He showed several unique covers from the first flights, but stopped at 1930. It is hoped that he may later be able to show first flights to Palestine, Lydda, etc.

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### GIRMISTON P.S.

**18 March.** Exhibits were shown by Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill: "Double heads" of Rhodesia; Mr. S. J. Hagger: Union of South Africa, first issues; Mr. S. L. Crozet United States of America, Expeditions to the Antarctic.

In regard to the latter, the member had two of the five known covers with the Oleona Base cancellation. It is known that one of these is in New Zealand and one in the United States of America, but despite enquiries through the philatelic press, the fifth has not yet been traced.

Messrs. Hesselbrath, Van den Ham and Eilers were elected as members to the Executive Committee.

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### PRETORIA P.S.

**2 March.** Three members exhibited. (1) Miss Jean Taylor shewed her Vatican collection, which included several scarce sets. (2) Mr. Spaan gave a short talk on selections from his Netherlands collection; these dealt with commemoratives, special flights, and charity issues including some of the interrupted perforation sets. (3) Mr. C. Must shewed a basic collection of S. African Unions.

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### AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

**Maart 1964.** 'n Gesellige klompie lede het op Vrydag 6 deser in kamer 89 byeen gekom (die laaste in hierdie vertrekke) met die vry-aand. Slegs twee lede het aan die gesamentlike uitstalling deelgeneem, naamlik lid Lambert met kopstaande stukke van Israel en lid Vermaak met Unie-koerant-omslae en sy beskouing van posseëlversameling naas filatelie.

Daar was heelwat veilingmateriaal (insluitende etlike stukke vir verenigingsfondse geskenk) en die veiling is dan ook gekenmerk deur geesdriftige biederij.

Die vasvra wat lid Michelson gestel het is deur lid Lambert gewen met 39 uit 50 punte. Sy wenslag het hom ses eerste vlugkoerverte in die sak gebring. Die reeks vrae was goed gekies en is bestempel as die interessantste en leersaamste wat ons nog gehad het.

Aansoek om lidmaatskap is ontvang van mej. A. C. du Plooy, Jeppestraat 217, Johannesburg (versamel verteenwoordigend) en mnr. W. Els, Van Riebeeck-hof 113, Vanderbijlpark (versamel Duitsland en Kolonies, Dansig, Memel, Unie, Protektoraatgebiede, S.W.A., Kenia en Oeganda).

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### AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTIESE VERENIGING VAN PRETORIA

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### MASHONALAND P.S.

**February meeting.** Attendance just topped the 50-mark.

A belated vote of thanks was passed to our chairman, R. Head, for his excellent talk and display given the previous month, on the classical issues of France. Another newsletter from P. Denning was received with obvious interest by the meeting.

A talk was given by Mr. Brooke on the stamps of Russia. This was no dull cataloguing or listing of stamps. Selected brief but interesting, and often amusing, snippets were given, dealing with many aspects of postal services in connection with stamps in Russia. Following the talk, members examined the 70 sheets of stamps from R. Brooke's collection.

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### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

**25 February.** The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held and the President said it was gratifying to see such a good attendance. Our membership has remained constant and our meetings are pleasant, harmonious and of benefit to all. Two meetings had been held specially for Juniors, but serious doubts were being felt as to whether these should be continued, in view of the poor support these were being given.

In June, 1963, we were visited by members of the East London Philatelic Society and we are planning a return visit on 21st March. During the year, we were privileged to see some fine collections and our auctions were well supported. As a social function, a dinner was to be held on 3rd March.

The Exchange Superintendent reported that the operation of the exchange had been uneventful. There had been a slight decline in the value of material offered and supplies are still urgently required. Approximately 50% of the stamps circulated had been disposed of.

The following office-bearers were elected: President, G. Bülbring; Vice-President, T. J. Strachan; Secretary, A. F. W. Pavitt; Treasurer, W. Berrington; Exchange Superintendent, A. S. Aldis; Auctioneers, T. J. Strachan and S. Brink; Auditor, E. Baer; Librarian, T. J. Strachan; Press Correspondent, G. Monaghan; Representative on the Federation, H. Munro.

The presentation of awards was as follows: The Gustav Bülbring Floating Trophy awarded for the best exhibit of the year: T. J. Strachan—West Indies. The Dave Berg Trophy awarded for the best Thematic Exhibit of the year: A. S. Aldis—Cancellation of Stamps in South Africa.

#### P.S. OF THE WESTERN RAND

**March meeting:** This meeting was well attended. Our guest of Honour was Mr. J. M. Weinstein in his official capacity as President of Federation. By popular request he brought along his Palestine Forerunners. Mr. Weinstein showed about 100 pages—a magnificent array of covers and used stamps with the postmarks of the Turkish, French, German and Russian post offices. Mr. Weinstein also showed a small collection of 12 pages with covers from a special Overland Motor Mail services between Baghdad-Haifa across 800 miles of sheer desert. The shortest time taken for a crossing was 1½ days. Those members who could not attend the meeting missed a showing which is different from the everyday stamp collection. —C.C.K.

#### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

**March Meeting.** Dr. W. Goldberg shewed a selection of K.G. VI issues of the British Empire. This included some of the better-known colour and perf. changes and some of the scarce Aden, Brunel and Caymen Is. sets.

#### FISH HOEK P.S.

**January:** No meeting was held.

**February:** A well attended meeting was shown a very comprehensive collection of

the British occupation of Cyprus by Mr. R. C. Stenbauer, who also gave an excellent discourse on the subject.

**March:** This was the Annual General Meeting and the following were elected: President, Mr. E. R. Bouwer; Vice-President, Mr. A. Singels; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Wanneron; Committee, Messrs. M. Cobern, R. Myburgh, W. M. Sharwood. —M.F.S.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

**March 17:** A few members only turned out to see the exhibition shown. This was the Arctic and Antarctic section of Capt. M. F. Stern's thematic collection "Maps and Exploration," which was well received.—M.F.S.

#### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**March 9:** This was again a guest evening when members saw the fine collection "Stamp Curiosities" of Mr. A. L. Meyburgh of Bloemfontein. This had won the President's Cup in Bloemfontein and members were not surprised. It was well set out and full of interest.

**March 23:** Perhaps this was yet another milestone in the history of the Club. Firstly members saw a full 16 mm. film in colour of the FLORA 63 Exhibition, which was formally handed over by the B.P. Petroleum Company to Capt. Stern for safe keeping for the Lions Club of Cape Town and the Thematic Stamp Club. Starting with the designing of the Kirstenbosch stamp by Capt. Stern, the full events of the Exhibition were shown and finished with shots of various sheets shown. This was followed by a 25 minute 16 mm. colour and sound film "The First Post Office Box 1500 A.D." which had been produced by Lewis Lewis Film Productions, who had called in Capt. M. F. Stern to write the script and direct same. It is the first thematic film, use being made, in addition to the live shots, of some 100 stamps to illustrate the history of exploration of the coast of Africa and India 600 B.C. to 1501 A.D. and the Mossel Bay Post Office Tree. There were a large number of visitors present, including the Ambassador of Portugal and his wife, the Consul for Portugal and his wife, the Mayor of Mossel Bay, and Town Clerk and Councillors.

The Annual General Meeting followed at which the following were elected: President, Dr. P. L. Vautier; Vice-President, Mr. W. G. Combrink; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. V. R. Coe; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. D. F. Shevelew; Hon. Librarian, Mr. R. F. Chapman; Hon. Exchange Superintendent, Mr. H. N. Beinart; Hon. Editor, Thematic Magazine, Capt. M. F. Stern; Committee, Mrs. H. Jeidel, Miss R. Polchet; and Mr. R. Jeidel with Capt. M. F. Stern (ex officio). Mr. A. Simson was elected unanimously as the second Honorary Member of the Club. —M.F.S.

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### Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 9 November, 1963, to 8 February, 1964. For the previous list see our March, 1964, number.

### Postage Stamps.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 32982.56 contd. A total of 106,574 sheets delivered to the 19th December, 1963. Same cyls. and printing factors as recorded in our August Notes.
- 1c—Job No. 41286.78 contd. A total of 671,722 sheets delivered to date. Same cylinders and printing factors as stated in our March Notes.
- 2c—Job No. 41287.79 contd. A total of 41,000 sheets delivered to date. Same cylinders and printing factors as recorded in our November, 1963 Notes.
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 41288.80 contd. A total of 147,100 sheets delivered to date. Same cylinders and printing factors as recorded in our March Notes.
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Transkei—Job No. 45940.86. On an order for 625,000 sheets of 80 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 2,000 sheets was made on the 22nd November, 1963, the total delivery to date being 547,803 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. S 31 Int., S 12 Ext. New double width multipositive stepped up having 80 stamps per sheet. Printed on 370 m.m. R.S.A. watermarked paper. Printed and perforated on m/c 830.

3c—Job No. 35855.27 contd. A total of 227,147 sheets delivered to date. Same Cylinders and printing factors as recorded in our March Notes.

5c—Job No. 32984.58 contd. A total of 186,224 sheets delivered to the 28th January, 1964. Same cylinders and printing factors as recorded in our March Notes.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 44473.33. On an order for 140,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 16,800 sheets was made on the 19th November, 1963, the total delivery to date being 43,100 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. S 20 Int., S 21 Ext.

10c—Job No. 38333.54 contd. A total of 75,000 sheets delivered to date. Same Cylinders and printing factors as recorded in our November Notes.

50c—Job No. 44475.35. On an order for 6,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 7,875 sheets was made on the 21st November, 1963. Same Cyls. Nos. 54 Int., 70 Ext.

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2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 44329.91. On an order for 2,000,000 cards, a delivery of 12,000 cards was made on 3rd October, 1963, the total delivery to date being 585,500 cards. Same Cyls.

5c—Job No. 36801.37 contd. A total delivery of 3,948,500 cards was made to the 28th November, 1963. Same cylinders and printing factors as recorded in our August Notes.

5c—Job No. 46289.31. On an order for 5,000,000 cards, a delivery of 60,000 cards was made on the 3rd December, 1963, total delivery to date being 1,251,000 cards. Same Cyls.

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#### **Interrupted Printing, Transkei Stamp.**

We have been privileged to view a photograph of an excellent example of an interrupted printing condition of the 2½c Transkei Issue caused by a stoppage of the machine during the printing process.

The characteristic extends over the 5th to the 9th horizontal rows and pertains to the printing of the green cylinder in that the green background is partly absent on the stamps of the 5th row and completely so on those of the other four rows.

We understand that the lucky "finder" of this desirable item resides in Pretoria and that the sheet of stamps was purchased over a Post Office counter during the normal course of business.

#### **South West Africa Commemorative Issue.**

The Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Windhoek, South West Africa, has kindly sent us the details concerning the issue of the 3c postage stamp which was made on the 14th May, 1964, to commemorate the official opening of the new Assembly Hall of the Legislative Assembly of South West Africa, but unfortunately this information reached us too late to be reported before the day of issue.

The motif on the stamp is an Artist's impression of the inside of the New Assembly Hall with the South West African Coat of Arms in a prominent position. The stamps were issued in sheets of one hundred and measure approximately 24.20 x 30.225 mm. They will be on sale for three months and arrangements had been made for the receipt of orders for First Day Cancellations.

#### **RUGBY**

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the South African Rugby Board two issues were made on the 8th May, 1964.

The 2½c stamp depicts the Rugby Board's badge, a Springbok with a rugby ball at its feet and the 12½c denomination depicts a rugby player diving over the goal line with the ball in his hands.

The highly organized modern games grouped under the generic name of football all developed out of the mêles or mellays of ancient and mediaeval Britain in which a round or oval object, usually the inflated bladder of an animal, was kicked, punched,

carried or driven towards some goal.

Nobody can tell with certainty how old football is. The old Greeks played centuries before the birth of Christ a sort of game wherein a ball was kicked and passed from one player to the other. It is not sure whether the Romans learnt it from the Greeks, but they played a game known as **harpastum** (the name being derived from the Greek word for handball) wherein two teams competed with each other to kick or carry the ball from one end of the field to the other.

Presumably the Roman soldiers who occupied Britain taught the people to play Harpastum as only a century or two after the birth of Christ a kind of football was played in certain parts of Britain.

Later it became custom that all the men in one town played against the men in a nearby town. In certain of these games up to five hundred men participated simultaneously. The matches usually lasted hours, sometimes nearly a whole day. Written rules just did not exist.

It became a very rough game and not only did players fracture their arms and sometimes even lost their lives but when they played in the streets of towns, houses and shopwindows and doors were damaged. Play became so rough and damage so severe that in 1314 King Edward II of England passed an edict that prohibited football being played in the streets of London.

All able-bodied men had to practice regularly with bow and arrow in those days in order to defend their country in case of war. Football however became so popular that men in many parts of the country neglected archery and in 1349 Edward II forbade football by law. Again in 1389 Richard II passed an Act for the purpose of encouraging shooting, and forbade throughout the kingdom all playing of football. In 1401 Henry IV repeated the embargo. In 1458 James III of Scotland issued a similar decree. Notwithstanding these decrees football did not disappear.

It was not until the 17th century that it began to receive official recognition and Charles II is said to have been the first King to arrange a game.

Football began to become more orderly and a regular pastime with the growth of the great English public schools, where the sons of the richer and more aristocratic families were pupils. They adopted in one

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form or another the rowdy games which had been played so long by working men but which were still regarded by University authorities as boisterous, undignified and totally unsuited to gentlemen, particularly those headed toward scholarly lives.

At first each school played its own game according to the available space. At schools in the country (like Rugby) where grassy fields were used and consequently little injury was received if players fell heavily to the ground, the "tackling and handling" game was pursued; but in the town schools (like Charterhouse and Westminster) where the game was played on stone flagged courts, passages and playgrounds, tackling was forbidden for fear of broken bones, and close dribbling and passing were developed. These two main types of game ultimately developed into Rugby and Association Football respectively.

No two schools seem to have had anything like the same rules; there was still no governing body for the game, and almost the only thing on which there seems to have been common agreement was that the ball must never be carried or passed by hand in the direction of the opponents' goal.

It was a famous violation of this rule on carrying the ball by William Webb Ellis at Rugby school in 1823 which led to the development of Rugby in its present form. At first Ellis' behaviour was condemned even at Rugby, but the school soon decided to permit running with the ball by players who received it by fair catch; next it was permitted if the ball were caught on the bound, and finally all restrictions on running with it were abolished. Ellis was translated from a lawbreaker into a great hero, and a tablet on one of the boundary walls of the Rugby school ground bears the following inscription: "this stone commemorates the exploit of William Webb Ellis who with a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it, thus originating the distinctive feature of the Rugby game. A.D. 1823."

The man who is usually regarded as the father of rugby in South Africa is the Rev. Dr. G. Ogilvie who in 1861 became head of the Diocesan College ("Bishops") in Rondebosch, Cape. He taught the game to his pupils and also to the young men of Cape Town. In 1875 the first Rugby Club, Hamiltons in Cape Town was established in South Africa. In 1883 the Western Province Rugby

Union was formed, the first body that controlled Rugby in South Africa.

British soldiers stationed on the Eastern Border of the Cape Colony started to play rugby football in King William's Town. In 1878 the first club was formed there. The game quickly spread through the whole of the country and in 1886 Griqualand-West Rugby Union was established in Kimberley. In 1888 Eastern Province followed suit; and in 1889 Transvaal; 1890 Natal; 1891 Border; 1895 Orange Free State and Rhodesia; 1899 S.W. Districts and in 1903 N.E. Districts were formed.

In 1889 the S.A. Rugby Board was established to control the activities of the various Rugby Unions in South Africa.

—(J. K. PICKARD).

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### PRETORIA—LOST "STAMP BOOKLETS"

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A parcel of Exchange Stamp Packets belonging to the Pretoria Philatelic Society was lost last month through falling off the carrier of a motor-cycle. So far it has not been recovered. Anyone getting on the track of the parcel, or any of the booklets, should please get in touch with the Society.

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### AEROGRAMMES

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#### South Africa. "Interrupted Printings."

Interesting unrecorded printing errors of obsolete Air Letter and Aerogramme sheets have recently been found.

**Handbook No. CAL 3 . . . 1947 issue with small "War Effort" imprinted stamps (3d. + 3d.) Top portion of upper stamp missing entirely.**

**Handbook No. CAL 41 . . . 1958 First "Greetings" issue with "Flying Springbok" imprinted stamp. Unprinted space 2½" wide at right of sheet.**

**Republic Handbook No. 20—V 2 . . . 1961 Second "Baobab" 5c Aerogramme. About one-third of left hand portion of stamp barely discernable.**

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### TRISTAN DA CUNHA

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In "Stamp Collecting" of 27 March it is reported that the U.S. cruiser-liner "Brasil" touched at the island early this year and brought away a mail. Covers bear a concentric mark reading "Posted on the High Seas—S.S. Brasil" together with a Cape Town Paquebot mark dated 26-I-64.

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## "CAPE TYPE" NUMERAL POSTMARKS (APPENDIX)

By **J. H. HARVEY PIRIE**

(Continued from p. 68 of April issue)

A few acknowledgements and explanations are necessary before going on with the formal listing of the additions, corrections, or alterations that have become necessary. The Postmarks are grouped according to their place of usage and a start is made with:—

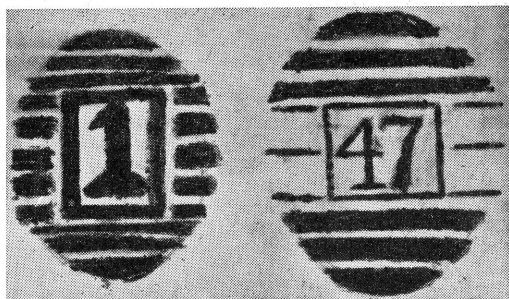
### **Cape of Good Hope and Basutoland.**

A list of 35 additions and alterations has been sent in by C. R. Reynolds and a few more by Messrs. D. Franklin, F. G. Froehlich, G. N. Gilbert and J. M. Weinstein.

An interesting coincidence may be noted here, viz., No. 777, not previously recorded at all, has been reported from two areas, (a) by Reynolds as a loose stamp "used in Cape," and by G. M. Batten as the one and only postmark of this type known used in the old O.V.S.

### **Natal.**

A list of 16 numbers has been sent in by Mr. A. Leslie Leon, for which, although not on cover, he has satisfactory evidence that they were used in Natal and are not Inter-provincials. Several of the numbers are duplicated by Messrs. Chamberlain and J. G. Walker and by the present writer. I have also four numbers (16, 17, 29 and 65) on loose Q.V. stamps but with no clues as to place of usage, so they are provisionally listed simply as "Natal." No. 65 indeed should perhaps not be included at all; although a well struck mark on a Q.V. 1d. there is absolutely no trace of a box round the number. It is perhaps a different type altogether?



Two numbers seem to be worthy of illustration as they are not illustrated in Jurgens' book "Handstruck Letter Stamps and Postmarks of the Cape of Good Hope." Slightly enlarged drawings are shown.

No. 1 belongs to what he calls Group 3 (the 11-bar variety, Fig. 77, type 53, p. 65), of which he knows only one type). The one here shown has been recorded by Leon, Chamberlain and myself; it differs from Jurgens' illustration in the box being 9 mm. wide by 11 mm. high as against 8 mm. by 9 mm., and in the box being thick walled, not fine thin. The numeral 1 is 8 mm. as against 6 mm. in his illustration.

No. 47 falls into Jurgens' largest Group (1) with 9 bars, but it differs from any of the many types he shows. The top and bottom three bars are of the usual thick variety, but the three short bars on either side of the box are thin and widely spaced.

### **O.V.S. and O.R.C.**

It was stated in my paper in the S.A. Ph. of Oct. '63 that no "Cape Type" numeral postmarks were known from the old O.V.S., but this statement is no longer quite true.

It may be arguable whether the marks 868 (Aliwal North) and 696 (Lady Grey), known used on O.V.S. stamps during the Boer occupation (see S.G. Rich-Philately of the Anglo-Boer War p. 22 and S.A. Ph. April '64 p. 67) qualify for being described as "Used in the O.V.S." I should say no, as there was no formal annexation of the area by the Boers.

The same arguments might apply to a loose 6d. O.V.S. submitted by Mr. F. G. Froehlich, which has a No. 23 cancellation. This is known from Dordrecht. It may be that the Boers reached as far south as this, but I am not sure about that.

But now to come to something definite. Mr. A. G. M. Batten has prepared an interesting paper for the O.F.S. Study Circle and has kindly sent an advance copy. It deals with three missives from Springfontein to Britain. The first is a soldier's unstamped letter postmarked with a single-circle mark "Springfontein/O.V.S." dated AP 6. The other two are O.V.S. 1d. postcards with the stamps overprinted V.R.I./1d. and in both cases the cancellation is a "Cape Type" mark No. 777. The dates given for the cards are 27 AP 00 and 6 MY 00. (These are on the backs of the cards).

As to How, Why and When this 777 mark came into use at Springfontein there appears to be no clue.


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One can consider its usage at Springfontein as the one and only definite occurrence of this type of mark in the old O.V.S. Although the marks cancel O.V.S. stamps with a V.R.I. O'pt the territory was not proclaimed a British Colony until 28 May 00, so on the dates of usage it was still technically the Orange Free State.

#### Z.A.R.

Only one item requires mention under this heading. It is a 3-figure mark, possibly 758, on a Z.A.R.  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp, but only the 7 is definitely recognisable. It is mentioned only because, of the 10 recorded numbers used in the Z.A.R. none of them commences with a 7. It is therefore something to be specially watched for.

#### Union of S. Africa.

The use of postmarks of "Cape Type" persisted at some offices into Union days and Dr. J. R. Frank adds one to the list of some 23 so far recorded. This is No. 850 used on two Georgian Union stamps at Hazenjacht, a postal agency in the Oudtshoorn area.

#### Additions and Alterations.

- 1—Add. Pietermaritzburg.
- 16—Add. Natal.
- 17—Add. Natal.
- 27—Add. O.R.C. (? Interprov.).
- 29—Add. Natal.
- 33—Add. Buffalo, Natal.
- 43—Add. Mount Moreland, Natal.
- 45—Add. Kearnsey, Natal.
- 46—Add. Cape.  
Hermannsberg, Natal.
- 47—Add. Harding, Natal.
- 49—Add. Cape.
- 51—Add. Stanger, Natal.
- 52—Alter Natal to New Leeds, Natal.
- 61—Add Mid-Ilovo, Natal.
- 63—Add. Staffords, Natal.
- 66—Add. Spring Grange, Natal.
- 69—Add. Ifafa, Natal.
- 70—Add. Edendale, Natal.
- 72—Add. Stanger, Natal.
- 87—Add. O.R.C. (? Interprov.).
- 88—O.R.C. (? Interprov.).
- 112—Add. Fairview.
- 151—Cape.
- 207—Naudesberg (13-bar variety).
- 215—(?) Add. Hartenbosch.
- 231—Cape.
- 233—(?) Add. Malmesbury Station.
- 244—(?) Add. Mosesh Ford.
- 252—Add. Modder River.
- 257—Assegai Bosch.
- 263—Alter Cape to Spitzkop.
- 264—Alter Cape to Qumbu.
- 266—Omit Mission Siding. (See 1266).
- 279—Alter Cape to Lady Frere.
- 283—Alter Cape to Elands Drift.
- 299—Keiskama Hoek.
- 312—Alter Cape to Richmond Road.
- 319—Middel Post.
- 346—Add. Transvaal (? Interprov.).
- 361 (? 561)—Cathcart.

- 377 (? 577) Morija—Cut out.
  - 407—Cut out Quthing, Bas.
  - 497—Cape.
  - 530—Alter Cape to Molteno.
  - 665—Cape.
  - 688—Alter Cape to Teyateyaneng (Bas.)
  - 707—Alter Cape to New Amalfi.
  - 750—Cape.
  - 758—Union (Hazenjacht).
  - 777—Cape.
- Springfontein, O.V.S.
- 786—Spreeuwfontein.
  - 803—Herbertsdale.
  - 838—Cape.
  - 847—Cape.
  - 850—Hazenjacht.
  - 943—Cape.
  - 998—Alter Cape to Beaufort West.
  - 1033—Swellendam Station.
  - 1062—Alter Cape to Wellington.
  - 1071—Nquanduli.
  - 1072—Blood River.

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### AUSTRALIA

**Coolgardie Cycle Express.** At a stamp show to be held at Rockdale, Sydney, N.S.W. on 1 and 2 August reproductions of the famous Coolgardie local stamps used in 1894 will be prepared on envelopes and on sheets to go in covers. The original stamps were of 1/- and 2/6 denominations. Later there were 6d., 2/- and 5/- stamps depicting camels, but they had so much publicity given that the Post Office compelled the whole outfit to close down. Covers will be serviced at the Show, but only at a minimum charge of 10/- sterling for 5.

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### NEW ZEALAND

A 3d. Road Safety stamp was due for issue on 1st May. It features a relief map of New Zealand with a road running the whole length of it. A steering wheel with a hand on it appears at the left of the stamp and a caption reads 'Keep our roads Safe.'

The two 1964 Health stamps (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. + 1d. and 3d. + 1d.) are due to appear in August; they will feature native birds.

## SOUTH AFRICAN MACHINE POSTMARKS

By **D. Allison** (University of Cape Town  
Philatelic Society)

(Continued from p. 89 of May issue)

### (B) The 2½-inch machines, 1946-1963.

At the beginning of 1946, nearly all South African machine postmarks were of this type. During that year, non-continuous U.P.F. machines were introduced and their number has been increasing, but the continuous machines are still in use at a good number of towns. A large proportion of these places had no postmarking machine in 1946. To save space, I do not intend to give a list of the towns which have used these machines.

#### (a) The Datestamps.

Generally speaking, datestamps have been round or oblong according as the machine has been used (with black ink) to cancel stamps, or (with red ink) for "Paid" duties. There are, however, exceptions to this. Some round Paid datestamps were used long before the period under review, and others were in use at Johannesburg during the period 1954 to 1958, and at Bethal, from 1957 or earlier to 1960 or later. Oblong datestamps were used for ordinary postmarks at Cape Town, concurrently with round ones, from 1942 or earlier to 1946, and more recently they have been used at Durban, Graaff-Reinet, and Johannesburg. Some of these oblong datestamps include the words "SOUTH AFRICA," "SUID-AFRIKA," as described subsequently in discussion Paid postmarks. Occasionally, both on oblong and circular datestamps, traces of the word "PAID" or "BETAALD" can be seen, showing that these datestamps were originally made for Paid postmarks and that these words were afterwards chipped out. Johannesburg postmarks (in black) can be found with alternate datestamps round and oblong; these are scarce.

Mr. Sydow's article ("South African Philatelist," August, 1946, page 122) refers to postmarks, used on printed matter, in which the round datestamps are replaced by triangles containing merely an abbreviation for the name of the town at which they were used. These were all produced by 3¼-inch machines. Something similar was occasionally used at Johannesburg during 1950 and 1951 on the 2½-inch machines; the datestamps were replaced by circles con-

taining triangles within which the letters JH appeared. These may be found with five wavy lines or with the "Be alert—avoid road accidents" slogan.

The majority of the circular datestamps now in use have the name of the town at the top and are blank at the bottom; the Maltese Cross and similar ornaments which even 10 years ago were quite commonly used are now nearly, or quite, obsolete. Sometimes the bottom of the datestamp contains part of the name of the office. The datestamps currently in use at Bethal and Mount Frere look rather curious, with ten or more vertical strokes at the bottom. During 1958 and 1959, the Bloemfontein Post Office used a pair of datestamps with the date enclosed in a rectangle and a circular arc below BLOEMFONTEIN as well as one above it. Stellenbosch (1952-3) and Pietersburg (1952) each had a similar pair of datestamps, but without a rectangle round the date. The use of letters or numbers to distinguish different machines seems to have been confined to Johannesburg, apart from cases too early to be included in this survey. Further details will be found in Chapter 3. (Perhaps it is worth inserting a reminder that at this point we are considering only continuous postmarks).

Recently, several offices have been supplied with double-circle datestamps, the inner circle being broken by the date. It looks as if these are the type now normally supplied when new ones are needed.

Paid datestamps are usually in pairs, one English and one Afrikaans. In the case of the former, the name of the town appears at the top, PAID at the bottom, and, sometimes, SOUTH AFRICA at the sides; the Afrikaans ones are similar. At the beginning of the period covered by this article, the words SOUTH AFRICA seemed always to be included, but since about 1949 it seems to have been the practice to omit this from new datestamps and there are few places still using ones showing the name of the country. (The only example I can quote of this is Nigel).

The Afrikaans equivalent of PAID may be either BETAALD or BETAAL. Both versions may be found in the 1930's; BETAALD was the spelling invariably, or almost invariably, in use fifteen years ago; more recently there has been a pronounced swing to BETAAL.

Occasionally, bilingual datestamps may be found, with PAID-BETAALD in one line,

or with PAID above BETAALD on each datestamp. And for a while both datestamps at Mafeking were inscribed PAID.

In recent years, Paid datestamps have often had a heavy frame surrounding the date.

**(b) The Date.**

These 2½-inch machines show the date in one line. On ordinary (black) postmarks, the usual form used to be 15 DEC 55 - 3:15 PM, generally with 15 DES 55 - 3:15 NM on alternate datestamps. 12-N and 12-M are quoted in Mr. Sydow's article as the normal English and Afrikaans abbreviations for 12 noon; postmarks may also be found with N on both datestamps. MN may also be found, probably standing for midnight; the only specimens I have seen appear to have it in error for PM (Bloemfontein). The latest use I can trace of this form, with letters in it, was at Port Shepstone in 1955. The standard form, which first appeared in 1936 (see "S.A. Philatelist," Sep. 1946, p. 144) is 15 XII 55 - 15:15. These two forms may be found alternately. Some of the smaller post offices have often used (e.g.) 3:15 to mean 3.15 p.m. The figures denoting the minutes are usually smaller and underlined, both in the old and the new forms. The form 15 XII - 55:C, in which the letter presumably denotes the time of day, has sometimes been used at Bloemfontein and Stellenbosch.

Each year since 1950, the abbreviation IIII for April has been used as well as IV, but it has never been as common as the latter. (Compare "South African Philatelists," September, 1950, page 138, and July, 1951, page 126). It is occasionally found on Paid postmarks, but I have never seen it on any type of machine other than the 2½-inch ones under discussion, nor, incidentally, on handstamps. For several years, Montagu used IIII and IV on alternate datestamps.

All three forms mentioned above may be found on Paid postmarks, but usually one finds instead 1<sup>D</sup> - 15 XII 55, or, in recent years, 15 XII 55 - 1<sup>D</sup>. The value is often omitted, and is then usually replaced by a solid rectangle. No provision appears to have been made to show the amount paid in cents; Elandsfontein continues to use the equivalent in pence, and perhaps a few other places may do the same, but generally no value is now given. (A similar situation exists in regard to the Paid handstamps—amounts in cents never appear; at a few offices it is the practice to show the equiva-

lent in pence, but usually no value is shown at all).

Occasionally, ordinary numerals may be used for the month instead of Roman figures, and the two types may be found alternately (e.g. Standerton ½<sup>D</sup> 11.6.46. and ½<sup>D</sup> 11.VI.46).

**(c) Wavy Lines, Slogans, etc.**

The spaces between the datestamps are usually taken up by four or (much more often) five wavy lines, or a slogan. The straight lines which used to be sometimes used seem to have become obsolete before 1946. Postmarks are, however, sometimes found with heavy horizontal bars instead of wavy lines; apparently slogan dies, no longer needed, were "filled up" with soft metal. Two such specimens from Oudtshoorn were illustrated in the "South African Philatelist," April 1955, page 54; similar postmarks may be found from Johannesburg, Witbank and Stutterheim. This is perhaps the best place to remark that there are similar non-continuous postmarks from Johannesburg, illustrations of which may be found on page 179 of the October 1953 "South African Philatelist."

A discussion of the slogans is deferred to Chapter 4, where lists of the towns using the various slogans will be found.

**(C) The non-continuous U.P.F. machines.**

As already mentioned, these are designed to produce a single impression at the right of the envelope. A circular datestamp appears to the left of the wavy lines or slogan.

These machines were introduced in 1946, and the earliest date I can quote is 17.30 2-IX 1946 (Johannesburg). At first their use was confined to the larger centres, but later they appeared at smaller towns, either replacing continuous machines, or as the first machines in use there. A few towns have used both types concurrently for various periods. These U.P.F. machines are now the predominant type in South Africa.

**(a) The Datestamps.**

The name of the office occurs at the top of the datestamp, and sometimes the bottom is used for an index-letter or number, an indication of the province, the indication "P/L," or the word DEPOT (this latter from Parow). At Cape Town, the name appears in English at the top and in Afrikaans at the bottom, or vice-versa, with the index-letter, if any, at the sides. East London datestamps have the name in English at the top, in Afrikaans at the bottom, and an

index-letter at each side. A curved arc, or a heavy bar, appears at the bottom of some datestamps, but with one possible exception, discussed later under (d), cross ornaments do not appear to have been used.

Double-circle datestamps have been on the increase in the last few years, and seem recently to have been adopted as standard when new ones are needed. The earliest record I have of one with this type of machine is, however, 17.00 21-VII 1948, from Uitenhage.

**(b) The Date.**

The date is given in three lines, thus:

15.15  
15-XII  
1955

It is set up from a box of metal "plugs" provided for the purpose. The order of the lines varies considerably, especially at some of the smaller offices. The time is usually omitted from Paid postmarks at some of the larger offices, and has occasionally been omitted from ordinary postmarks. For instance during the Christmas pressure period, the time has been omitted on ordinary postmarks at Pietermaritzburg (1951 to 1953, 1955 to 1960, and perhaps other years) and East London (1962).

Two other variations should be mentioned. At Empangeni, a horizontal bar has sometimes replaced the hour and minutes figures, and I have a Port Elizabeth postmark dated

11 —  
19-XII  
1950

with a line replacing the minute figures and the stop before them (which are all on the same piece of metal).

(Since this MS was prepared, I have received a Kimberley Paid (May, 1963) with a horizontal bar instead of the hours and minutes figures).

**(c) Wavy Lines and Slogans.**

When these machines were first introduced, the postmarks they produced had five wavy lines. Cartridges were also supplied with PAID BETAALD, in two lines, reading sideways, and with wavy lines to the left and right of these words. Wavy line cartridges which appear to have had the words PAID BETAALD chipped out have been used for stamp cancelling duties at Cape Town (1953-4), Springs (1961-2) and Carletonville (1963).

In 1950, cartridges were introduced which could be used either for ordinary postmarks or for Pairs. (See "South African Philatelist," July, 1951, p. 126). These have seven wavy lines, the central portion of which can be replaced by a piece of metal on which the words PAID BETAALD appear in two lines. This type may also be found with a full stop instead of the D in the Afrikaans version, which together with the spacing of the two words relative to one another suggests that the D has been removed. At other towns, dies inscribed BETAAL are in use which, to judge by the spacing, were originally made with no D. Whatever the spelling may be, I describe this type of cartridge as "Seven interrupted wavy lines."

For some years now, new cartridges supplied have had five wavy lines, without any movable portion. Separate ones are therefore needed for Pairs. Since 1961, Cape Town has sometimes used a Paid cartridge similar to those supplied in 1946, but with taller lettering and no D in BETAAL.

A new departure (as far as South Africa is concerned) occurred late in 1962 or early in 1963, when a cartridge with seven **uninterrupted** wavy lines appeared in use at Welkom.

For some reason, the Cape Town "A" machine was modified to produce continuous postmarks, and was used in this way from November 1950 to June 1951. The wavy lines or "Don't Waste Petrol" slogan appeared to the right of the datestamp, and five straight lines to its left. (Insufficient inking often resulted in only four lines showing). Something similar was subsequently done at Durban, but wavy lines were used instead of straight ones at the left of the datestamp.

Slogans were first introduced on these machines in 1948, and they will be listed in Chapter 4. For postmarks with heavy bars instead of wavy lines, see section B(c) above.

**(d) Two Similar Postmarks.**

Postmarks somewhat similar to these U.P.F. ones may be found from Johannesburg (1948-50) and Pretoria (1948). The appearance of the figures in the date suggests that another firm may possibly have supplied these machines. The Pretoria postmarks have single-circle datestamps with an oblong cross ornament at the bottom, and the Johannesburg ones have double-circle datestamps, blank at bottom. In each

case five wavy lines appear to the right of the datestamp. If these Johannesburg postmarks were produced by U.P.F. machines, the date already given for the earliest double-circle postmark of this type known to me should be replaced by 17-30 10 VI 1948.

#### (D) The German Machines.

These produce a postmark whose length is only about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The datestamp appears to the right of six wavy lines, and the date is in one line.

This type was used at Johannesburg concurrently with other machines in 1953, and an illustration appears on page 18 of the February 1953 "South African Philatelist." The first and last dates known to me are -2 I 53 17:30 and 26 I 53 17:30, but I also have a specimen, probably used in April of the same year, the date of which is illegible. This postmark is scarce.

An almost identical postmark from Pretoria is even scarcer. The only specimen I have seen is dated 13 I 54 - 16:15.

This type re-appeared in 1962, again at Pretoria. The wavy lines are a somewhat different shape, and the letter A appears at the bottom of the datestamp; otherwise these postmarks are similar to those just described. The earliest date noted was 5 IX 62 - 17:30, and the machine was in regular use for some time, generally on airmail correspondence. My last date is 4 XII 62 - 12:30.

I know of no Paid's from this type of machine, and no slogans seem to have been used.

(To be continued).

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### BAHAMAS

Freedom from Hunger Error. In the omnibus Colonial issue from 34 territories, one remarkable error slipped through. A sheet of 60 was completely anonymous, the "8d. Bahamas" being omitted. It had been bought for use at a local hotel; some stamps were used on mail, but a considerable portion of the sheet was preserved intact and it was shown at 'Stampex.' The dull sepia of the background probably accounted for the omission not having been observed by the checkers.

### "BLACK BLOTS"

In the March issue of the American Philatelist the following countries are black listed as issuing stamps of a decidedly speculative character:—

**Afghanistan.** (1) The recently issued UNESCO set for Nubia Monuments, and (2) Airposts souvenir sheets with the Freedom from Hunger issue.

Good news has come from Kabul, however. The Ministry of Communications admits that the philatelic services have been the target of resentment and criticism from collectors all over the world and has appointed a Board to assist him in drawing up a new philatelic programme.

**Albania.** An 8-stamp set +2 high high value souvenir sheets commemorating the winter olympics.

**Burundi.** Semi-postal souvenir sheets honouring the 1964 winter olympics.

**Hungary.** 16-stamp Space Achievements issues, half perf., half imperf.

**Paraguay.** Tokyo Olympic Games set of 16 stamps +2 Souvenir sheets.

**Saudi Arabia.** 300 imperf sets of the Freedom from Hunger issue.

**Sierra Leone.** Locally overprinted stamps with numerous 'varieties.'

**Syrian Arab Republic.** Souvenir sheet of 3 "Human Rights" stamps with simulated perforations.

**Yemen.** In the unstable conditions there it is impossible to say what issues are 'genuine.'

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### BOUVET ISLAND

In addition to the covers reported in our last issue, p. 95, one has been received which has the Bouvet Is. cachet in black and red cachet "Commanding Offices Flight/2 April 1964/H.M.S. Protector," but not the R.S.A. cachet.

It was franked with a British 3d. stamp, which was cancelled with a "Post Office-Maritime Mail." Apparently the cover, although addressed to S. Africa, was taken to Britain for cancellation; it arrived back in S.A. on 4th May.

## PICTORIAL DATE-STAMPS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS

[By Sylvester L. Crozet]

Last month we illustrated the four pictorial date-stamps which were brought into use on April 1, 1964, at three South African National Parks. The actual dimensions of these date-stamps vary from between 34.5 and 35.5 mm.

The following are thumb-nail descriptions of these parks.

### **Kruger National Park.**

Originally known as the Sable Game Reserve, this park was established in 1898 on the instigation of the late President Paul Kruger, the last president of the Zuid-Afrikaansche Republiek. When the National Parks Board took control of this territory in 1926, the area was enlarged and re-named Kruger National Park.

It covers an area of approximately 7,340 sq. miles and is located on the eastern boundary of the Transvaal. No less than 114 different animals, 426 birds and 99 reptile species find sanctuary there.

On October 14, 1954, a special date-stamp, the first of its type, bearing the frontal view of the head of a Kudu was brought into use at the Skukuza post office for postmarking first day covers of the new animal series of postage stamps issued on that day.

The date-stamp now in use at Skukuza and at Pretoriuskop post office bear the outline of a lion.

### **Addo Elephant National Park.**

This park is located in dense bush, some 45 miles to the north of Port Elizabeth. Embracing an area of about 27 sq. miles, it was established in 1931 as a refuge for a herd of marauding elephant. At the outset great difficulty occurred in keeping the elephant within the precincts of the park, but with the erection of a fence composed of disused tram rails as standards, spanned with condemned lift cables, the nomadic trait of the animals was controlled. Besides elephant, Cape buffalo, eland, red hartebeeste and springbok have been introduced into the park, all of which are thriving.

### **Bontebok National Park.**

This park was also established in 1931, in the Bredasdorp district, in an endeavour to preserve the remnants of the bontebok — which were on the verge of becoming extinct. In 1960 the entire herd was transferred to the commonage of the village of Swellendam in the South-western Cape Province. Since this translocation the herd has increased and the species is now beyond any danger of extinction.

The bontebok is an animal of variegated hue of medium size, averaging 200 lbs. in weight with a height of about 40 ins. The herd shares the park with the same animals as those in the Addo Elephant Park.

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## SHORT NOTICES

### **Burrus Switzerland.**

This auction sale by Robson Lowe, held at Basle on 16th April, is reported to have fetched £234,545, which is said to be a world record for any one-country sale.

This included the highest price for any one philatelic piece—a block of 6 of the 1843 Geneva 5c+5c, which fetched £43,500. (When it was purchased in the Hind Sale, its price was £1,700).

**Malaya**, by N. C. Baldwin. Published by Francis J. Field, Price 5/-.

This is a 20-page pamphlet giving a history of all flights over, to and from Malaya from 1919 onwards. The earliest one mentioned, by Ross and Keith Smith to Australia, did not carry any Malayan Mail. From 1930 onwards, carriage of mail to and from Malaya became progressively more common, by various through services, and also by local companies. Quite a few illustrations and altogether a useful little handbook.

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## UNITED NATIONS

Tentative Programme announced for the remainder of 1964 is:—

- 29 May: Redesigned regular issue—2c and 10c. New issue—7c regular.
- 21 Sept. Control of narcotics—5c and 11c.
- 23 Oct. Cessation of Nuclear Testing—5c.
- 7 Dec. Education for Progress—4c, 5c and 11c.

**OBITUARY**

**REV. W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS**

Rev. W. Loxley Chamings, better known to many as "Pop" Chamings, passed to higher service on Sunday 16th May at the age of 77 in Queenstown.

One of the old school, a lover of stamps of all kinds, he started in the ministry of the Methodist Church in South Africa in 1911. Originally from England where at his early youth he was a stamp dealer. He dabbled in stamps to the last. He specialised in personalities on stamps and his research on this subject won him renown throughout the world. A very few weeks before his sudden death we received from him a paper on a new theme — birds. An instalment of this paper appears in this issue.

Ill-health in later years never deterred his charming personality and ready wit and he was always ready to help the youthful collectors to get interested in the hobby. For many years in Rustenburg where he retired owing to ill-health he organised a Junior Philatelic Society for school children. A brilliant musician he spent much of his time composing religious songs for the church choirs of which he was the minister and organist. Those of us who knew him well will always remember the pleasant hours spent in his company, listening to his music or discussing his philatelic adventures. We have lost a dear friend but his memory will live forever. To his wife, Elizabeth and his family we express our most heartfelt sympathy.

**A STAMP - AVIARY**

by the Rev. W. Loxley Chamings, B.D., B.Sc.  
(Numbers refer to Gibbons Catalogues)

I have no expert knowledge of birds (or anything else) but I may claim to be a bird-watcher. Not that I spend uncomfortable hours in a cowhide waiting for a lucky photo, but I have watched with growing delight the rapid improvement in the production of bird-stamps, till some of the recent examples are really excellent portrayals of these most beautiful creatures. With very few distinctive examples missing I find some 840 in my aviary at the time of writing, with more flying in at the rate of some fifteen a month!

It is obvious that the normal way of collecting by country is hopeless in this case. Birds belonging to the same family can be

found on the stamps of a dozen or more territories, and perhaps the most sensible and scientific way of assembling the collection would be to use a filing-cabinet, one bird to each card, with its characteristics and habits typed on the back. I have used this method for my portrait collection of some 4,000 stamps, which comfortably fills a four-drawer steel cabinet. The disadvantage however of this is that adequate display is almost impossible and as one wants to share the beauties of a bird-collection with all who would see it, albums seem to be essential.

The question then arises: what should be the order of the pages? Obviously, I think, by families. Here however one strikes a snag, for there are hardly two ornithologists who entirely agree as to either classification or nomenclature. I have solved this problem, perhaps rather arbitrarily, by taking one of my bird-books and following exactly in its order of families. The book I have chosen is that really splendid production: "Birds of the World", by Oliver L. Austin, Jr. with Arthur Singer's wonderful illustrations in full colour, surely worthy to be compared with the classic paintings of the one and only Audubon.

Austin pursues his fascinating way from one family to another till he has described 155 in all. Of these no less than 94 are already represented in the stamp-aviary. In order that the bird-families in the album, and the majority of the individual birds also may be readily found in the bird-book and their characteristics noted, I have adopted a simple reference system. At the beginning of Album 1 I have typed the families from 1 to 155, with the appropriate page in the book after each family. Then I have paged the albums, not serially, but by the families. The Latin name of each family is typed in black at the top of each page, and the English names of the birds in red under the stamps. In this article however I have dispensed with the Latin family-names, often long and ugly, and used the common English words. The scientifically-minded will know the Latin names, or can check them from the reference-books.

Now let us make our way through the aviary. To describe everything of interest would take us far beyond the limits of this article, but we will just make a few comments, in note-taking style, as we rapidly pass by. I will name one or two outstanding stamps in each family.

1. Apteryx Family. The Kiwi is the only surviving member. New Zealand 311.

2. Ostrich Family. Spanish Sahara 96, just the head of a Northern Ostrich grinning wickedly.

3. Rhea Family. Argentina 978.

4. Cassowary Family. Papuan Cassowary, North Borneo 176.

5. Emu Family. Australia 207.

7. Grebe Family. The Great Crested Grebe, Czechoslovakia 1186.

8. Diver Family. The Great Northern Diver, or Loon, Canada 495.

9. Penguin Family. Comical birds, like club-men who have done themselves a little too well and are not very steady on their pins. The Rockhoppers (see specially French Antarctica 5) add a touch of buffoonery. They have been to a Clearance Sale and picked up funny hats in the basement! And look at the two old cronies on Falkland Islands 195: "My Dear, you could have knocked me down with a feather!"

10. Albatross Family. Their amazing wing span gives the artist a wonderful opportunity, as in Monaco 479.

11. Shearwater Family. Providence Petrel Norfolk Islands 32.

12. Storm Petrel Family. Madeiran Storm Petrel, Ascension 80.

14. Tropic-bird Family. Most dramatic creatures, alias Boatswain Birds, alias long-tails. Norfolk Islands 36.

15. Pelican Family. The "curious bird whose bill holds as much as his belly can," and for sheer fun in artistry it would be hard to beat Mauritania D 35, where a Rose Pelican swaggers along with a sailor's roll and a smirk on his monstrous face. Here is also one of Dr. Schweitzer's pelicans, with the great man looking on, Monaco 476.

16. Cormorant Family. Monaco 480, showing a Black Cormorant perched on his rock, wings poised for flight. A superb engraving.

17. Darter Family. French Equatorial Africa 172a, the Snake-bird or Anhinga, another fine engraving.

18. Jannet Family. Red-footed Booby on British Honduras 209. Here are also four Boobies from the set of 14 issued for Ascension on Ascension Day, 1963.

19. Frigate-bird Family. Virgin Islands 161. This Frigate-bird looks more like a folding deck-chair!

20. Heron Family. Two specially catch the eye—the magnificent Great White Heron of Hungary 1577 and the colourful Purple

Heron of Israel 249, with a charming black-and-white sketch on the tab.

22. Shoebill or Whalehead Family. Congo 458, a striking example of this grotesque.

24. Stork Family. Italian Somaliland 335 Note the cute way the artist gets his capital S into his picture of the Senegalese Stork.

25. Ibis Family. Guinea 318, the Eurasian Spoonbill. Query: Is the fantastic bird flying over the Edae Barrage on Cameroons 257 an Ibis?

26. Flamingo Family. The Lesser Flamingo on Mauritania 142 the most striking and the Greater Flamingo on Russia 2788 the most elegant.

28. Goose Family. A plethora of examples. The Wild Goose of Japan C 189 is a most spirited drawing.

29. American Vulture Family. The King Vulture of Salvador 1185 is horribly attractive!

30. Secretary-bird Family. Angola 470. Alert vigour incarnate. He has just spotted a snake!

31. Eagle Family. The most popular for stamps. Out of over seventy I choose the Bateleur of Mali 11.

32. Osprey Family. Hungary 1855.

33. Falcon Family. Venezuela 1434, a very delicate study of an American Sparrowhawk.

34. Megapode Family. Wallace's Megapode on British Solomon Islands 70.

35. Curassow Family. The Great Curassow of British Honduras 202.

36. Grouse Family. I choose the Ptarmigan of Japan C 465. And you?

37. Pheasant Family. The Golden Pheasant of Yugoslavia 881.

38. Guinea-fowl Family. Mauritania D 41.

39. Turkey Family. A very haughty Turkey-cock on Romania 2010.

43. Crane Family. The most artistic are the three Chinese studies of the Sacred Crane, 1817-9. Runners-up, the Crowned Crane of Niger 79 and the Whooping Crane of U.S.A. 1253.

46. Rail Family. Two quaint survivals—the Flightless Rail of Tristan da Cunha 26 and Mantell's Gallinule of New Zealand 747.

48. Kagu Family. New Caledonia 329, Douy's excellent portrayal of this "national" bird.

51. Bustard Family. The Houbara Bustard on Israel 247.



52. Jacana Family. A Liberian lozenge (452) in an incredible colour and a gorgeous study of his American cousin on British Honduras 204.

54. Oystercatcher Family A very lively study on Netherlands 908.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

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### PRINTER'S WASTE

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The Editor,  
The South African Philatelist,

Sir,—I write with reference to the very interesting article by Mr. S. J. Vermaak, "Printer's Waste."

On page 47 of your March issue, Mr. Vermaak states that the Netherlands "Speciale Catalogus" is a government issue. This is not correct. This catalogue is issued by the Netherlands Federation of Stamp Dealers and is, therefore, entirely a private publication, not even subsidized by the State.

Mr. Vermaak's observation that the catalogue does not list many varieties and freaks is quite correct. He may not know that Netherlands philatelists have often criticized the issuing body for omitting even many constant errors and plate flaws. The organisation always replied (see their Foreword) that the catalogue is designed to meet practical needs and does not pretend to be a Handbook. This does not explain, however, why some very obvious and well-known errors are omitted and others listed.

I do not agree with Mr. Vermaak when he says that Netherlands specialists do not bother about varieties, because there are not enough to go round. It is true that many collectors are satisfied with those errors, flaws, dies, perforations etc. listed in the "Speciale Catalogus," but I can assure him that a great number of advanced philatelists manage to go much further without, however, including printer's waste in their collections. The philatelic press in the Netherlands has always done its utmost to establish in which group a "variety" falls—in other words whether it is printer's waste or not—and I feel that in nine cases out of ten the serious Netherlands philatelist knows where he stands.

Yours faithfully,

H. ROSELAAR.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### FISH HOEK P.S.

**February:** A well-attended meeting was shown a very comprehensive collection of the British occupation of Cyprus by Mr. R. C. Steinbauer, who also gave an excellent discourse on his subject.

**March:** This was the Annual General Meeting. The following were elected office-bearers: President, Mr. E. R. Bower; Vice-President, Mr. A. Singels; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Wannerton; Committee, Messrs. M. Cobern, R. Myburgh and W. A. Sharwood.  
—M.F.S.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**11 March.** The A.G.M., with a good turnout. Messrs. Head, Davenport and Martin were re-elected Chairman, Treasurer and Exchange Suptd., and Secretary respectively, but with Mrs. Searson acting temporarily for Mr. Martin for six months.

Mr. Ellenberger reported on the work of the Study Circle with regard to a Check List. It was agreed in principle to go ahead with this; how to raise funds for it will be reported later.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**10 March.** Visit from the Pretoria P.S. whose members put up a well balanced display of four exhibits. These were (1) Bogus stamps, including "local" issues, by Mr. J. Kriste; (2) Forerunners of Israel, by Mr. J. Weinstein; (3) A complete set of the "Officials" of the Union of S. Africa; (4) Portions of the Society's official collection of the Republic of S. Africa—a first class exhibit.

**23 March.** Mr. R. Fisher-Hill showed "Recent Great Britain Commemoratives" which illustrated well the gradual introduction of more colour into their stamps, an interest-

ing feature being the small coloured robots in the margins, corresponding to our marginal controls. The second exhibit was Mrs. Joseph's "Switzerland," shown by her husband. This was a portion of a very fine collection, including colour trial proofs, die proofs and various printing errors; altogether of very high calibre.

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### ORANGE FREE STATE P.S.

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**February meeting.** After a few new issues and acquisitions were shown, Mr. A. L. Meyburgh then gave a fine display of "Stamp Curiosities." He was followed by Dr. K. Freund with an ingenious collection entitled "South African Cigarettes and Stamps." Every possible brand of cigarette was cleverly illustrated by stamps.

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### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

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**12 March.** Mr. Freyman shewed an extensive collection in two parts (a) Caucasian States, (b) The Russian Civil War. He opened with a talk on their history and geography—very interesting and necessary, as few are intimate with these. It was all the more necessary as in practically all the areas concerned there were genuine stamps, forgeries and freak varieties.

**26 March.** A film evening. Two films, kindly lent by U.N. Postal Administration, dealt fully with the designs and production of their stamps, and scenes featuring the great demand for F.D.C.'s. Two supporting films showed ways and means of delivering mail in out of the way places in Australia; also one dealing with the story of Vatican City and its stamps.

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### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

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**21 March.** A visit was paid to the East London Society. Messrs. T. Strachan, A. S. Aldis, G. Bülbring and Master J. Aldis gave exhibits.

**24 March.** The second meeting of the month at home was well attended. Business and a lively auction filled part of the evening, the rest being devoted to a display by Mr. E. Baer entitled "Stamps on Stamps." The exhibitor commented on various aspects of his collection, which he is at present building up, and members were much interested in the variety of stamps shown.

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### GERMISTON P.S.

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**April meeting.** There was an excellent turn-out to welcome visitors from the Pretoria Railway Philatelic Society.

Three most interesting displays were tabled by these philatelists. Mr. Eric Walker displayed his unique collection of Union of South Africa "Official" issues. Mr. W. Kylander tabled his collection of Netherlands Charity Stamps. This collection proved most interesting and some of the flamboyant issues caused lengthy discussions. Mr. R. N. Castignani put up an excellent collection of "The Madonna" on postage stamps.

Messrs. R. F. G. Bompas, Jack Hagger and Heinke Suklje of the Germiston Philatelic Society thanked the visitors for their displays. —S.L.C.

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### PRETORIA P.S.

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**7 April.** The main item of the evening was the competition for the Allen Cup—open to members who have never won a competition in the past. There were four entries, by Miss van Heerden, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Allan and Mr. S. Smith. The judging was by the members present, who each received a voting paper detailing how marks were to be awarded. The winner was Mr. S. Smith of Gravelotte, for his Israel Airmails.

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### ORANGE FREE STATE P.S.

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**March meeting.** Mr. S. Marus showed almost a full range of the stamps of San Marino, including some rarities. Mr. G. H. Immelman displayed his fine collection of Cape Postal History items. This included a map of 1662, a cover of 1665 addressed to Jan van Riebeeck and many other items covering the whole pre-stamp period.

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### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

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**March meeting.** At this, the A.G.M., Mr. J. Galloon was elected President and Mr. X. Piat Secretary for the ensuing season.

Mr. Galloon gave a display of philatelic items connected with the recent Papal visit to Israel. After refreshments there followed two new films of Israel.

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### EAST LONDON P.S.

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**February.** This took the form of a "Europe" night, the following collections being shown: Germany 1949-1963: Rev. H. Pluddemann; Switzerland, Tuscany and Naples: Mr. G. Thornton; Netherlands 1942-1958: Mr. H. van Houten; Greece 1861-1887, Denmark 1951-1863, N. German Confederation 1868-1869, Hungary 1868-1881, Netherlands 1852-1864, and Norway 1855-1868: Mr. T. A. Harper.

**March.** In continuation of the Europe theme, Mr. L. Hellman showed a collection of Saar, whilst two interesting exhibits covering "Transvaal" (Mr. J. A. Mantel) and "Capes" (Messrs. G. Thornton, H. T. Harper and L. Hellman) were also tabled.

The Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society paid this Society a visit in March, and its members tabled four interesting collections.

**April.** The "Wehle Cup" was competed for and the following entries were displayed: United States: Mr. J. R. Morris; Odds and Ends in Covers: Mr. J. P. Shingler; and Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland: Mr. J. Sparkman. By popular vote, the latter was awarded the cup for 1964.

—J.W.H.

### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

**April meeting.** Exhibits by Committee Members. (1) The Chairman showed (a) Postmarks of S.A. Philatelic Exhibitions and (b) a few pages of S. Rhodesia. (2) Mr. J. Kriste, part of his Israel collection including postal stationery airletters, and special labels. (3) Mr. S. Smith, an Israel Airmail collection. (4) Mr. W. Kriste tabled early Tanganyika and G. E. A. postal stationery, also plate blocks of the U.S.A. "Hammar-skjold" issue with the yellow colour inverted.

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**April meeting.** A good attendance, including a contingent from the Falcon College Stamp Club. This was no regular exhibit, but Mr. O'Malony opened the discussion on "The Elements of Stamp Collecting."

### AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

**15 April.** Die jaarvergadering is in 'n goeie gees gehou met die bestuursverkieping die „maklikste" denkbaar. Geen enkele lid het 'n snoeiskêr saamgebring nie met die gevolg dat die ou boom nog daar staan, vol droë takke.

Vir die volgende twaalf maande berus die bestuur van die vereniging se sake dus by lede— S. J. Vermaak (voorsitter, nuusbrief-redakteur en reklamebeampte); J. R. E. Fetter (adjunk-voorsitter), mev. C. J. Fetter (sekretaresse), M. V. Mioch (penningmeester en rondsendbeheerbeampte), A. J. Bakker, T. Kramer en J. R. E. Fetter (streeks-rondsendbeamptes), J. M. Hattingh (Bibliote-karis; as u boeke wil leen, sy adres is: Saturnstraat 46, Solheim, Germiston), J. H. Buitink (afslaer), W. de Jong, J. M. W. Grabowski, W. Lambert, H. Landgrebe en N. Van Beveren (bykomstige komiteeledes), W. de Jong en mnr. en mev. Fetter (verteenwoordigers) met lede Mioch, Buitink en Lambert as plaasvervangers.

Lidmaatskap is verwerf deur mej. A. C. du Plooy en mnr. W. Els ('n hartlike welkom aan u), terwyl aansoek om lidmaatskap ingedien is deur Dr. W. C. Annandale op Odendaalsrus (hy versamel Republiek); mnr. G. F. Van Wyk, op Stellenbosch (Unie, Republiek, S.W.A., Basoetoland, Betsjoeanaland en Swaziland); en mej. Jeanette Dubeld, op Benoni (12 jaar jonk; versamel Blomme).

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

**April meeting.** The Republic "emerald green" 10c stamp has finally been accepted as genuine. The Expert Committee of Federation has stated so. An interesting fact was that the specimen submitted for examination had an attached margin bearing cyclo-meter number 19656 in black. It will be recalled that our News Letter of May, 1962, reported as follows: "the elusive 'Emerald Green' or blue-green shade only appears in the 29,674 to possibly the 30,000 group. Numbers in the 32,402 group which have been seen are of the normal 'dark green' shade." There have been considerable differences of opinion regarding this emerald green, but, at least, it can now be said that if you have a real "Emerald Green" you can know that it enjoys Catalogue status.

Among the items of interest shown were:

- (a) A single 2½c Volkspele stamp with the lady "wearing a white banded skirt." Diagnosis: foreign paper intrusion;
- (b) A mis-guillotined Post Card with the right side cut off short, and the left side showing a portion of the adjoining Card.

Further information upon the Interprovincial Period was vouchsafed the meeting in a letter written by Mr. L. J. Dodd. It dealt largely with Government Notices issued from time to time, and which divided the stamps into three Groups, Pre-Interprovincials, Interprovincials and Post-Interprovincials, and finally to round off the picture, Government Notice No. 1575 states "... on January 1938 all pre-Union stamps will become invalid."

It had been previously decided that the Commemorative Issues merit further study. The first ones to be dealt with were the Voortrekkers, and they came under Formal Discussion. The one item that drew the most discussion was the 1d. 1933 with its different colours, and particularly the varieties and the direction of the watermarks. The feeling was left that further research was definitely called for. For one thing, no multipositive varieties are listed, and we want to know whether there is any truth in the suggestion that there were such varieties. A pretty study could follow; Mr. J. H. Bruwer has expressed his interest and would appreciate any further information in his research.

—(H.J.R.).

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### A New Printing of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c Denomination.

A new Printing of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c value made its appearance at the Philatelic Bureau, Pretoria, on the 21st May, 1964, and represents its predecessors in design but is of a darker shade, a white halo effect surrounds the bird, the lettering of "Republic of/Republiek van" is smaller, and the figure of value amended, thereby giving the stamps a more distinct appearance.

The printing was made in Double Die Format, Pane B being positioned on the left of A, on the Goebel 840 machine, on RSA watermarked paper from screened cylinders which were prepared from new multipositives. A new Master Negative was prepared for the red printing cylinder while the old Master Negatives were used for the brown and blue ones. The perforation, gauge 14, was carried out by the Grover two row appliance.

The sheets are of horizontal format and comprise 10 rows x 20 (200) stamps. Blue single line broken bars, with a central gap, occupy the left and right margins, the former being the only margin perforated through while the other three are imperforate. Pre-manufactured blue arrows are placed centrally on the top and bottom margins. The left leg of the bottom arrow of Pane B shows a white inclined mark at its base, and the right leg of the top arrow of Pane A presents a blunt corner.

Five figure black sheet numbers appear twice on the bottom margin of pane A only, below stamps 1 and 2, and 12 and 13. The cylinder numbers, accompanied by the pane designation letter, are inscribed on the left margin of each sheet, opposite stamp 1 of Rows 9 and 10, in their respective colours, 10 brown, 9 red, 11A/11B blue.

A remnant punch hole, surrounded by brown concentric circles and pierced by a vertical line of the same colour, appears on the bottom margin of Pane A, below stamps 13 and 14, and on the top margin of Pane B, above stamps 13 and 14.

The stamps of Pane B display a displacement of the brown colour above the bird's head, thereby giving the bird a "crest" appearance, while those of vertical rows 1 to 4 (of Pane B) present an upward displacement of the red portion of the bird's beak, giving the bird an open mouth appearance.

The stamps of vertical rows 1 and 2, and also 18 and 19 and 20, of Pane A indicate respectively an upper and downward displacement of the red portion of the bird's beak, giving it an open mouth appearance.

It is suggested that these printing characteristics are due to the form of attachment (welding) which retains the etched printing surface of the cylinder to the body of cylinder becoming faulty on the brown and red printing cylinders during the printing process thereby allowing these two cylinder surfaces to revolve out of alignment. If this be so, a further printing of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c value from newly prepared cylinders may be expected in the near future.

The following are some of the printing flaws observed:

- Row:                    **PANE B:**
- 1-5. Small blue dot on lower edge of stamp, below OU of SOUTH.
- 1-9. Tiny red dot in bottom gutter, below D-AK of SUID-AFRIKA.
- 1-14. Small blue dot at one o'clock to R of KINGFISHER.
- 1-15. Tiny blue dot to left of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- 1-16. Tiny brown dot left of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , near bird.
- 1-17. Two small red dots on left margin, opposite S of SUID.
- 1-20. Tiny blue dot near tip of bird's beak.
- 2-6. Tiny red dot right of bird's beak.
- 2-14. Tiny blue dot left of bird's head.
- 3-20. Tiny blue dot above GE of POSGELD.
- 4-4. Two tiny blue smudges left of ER of KINGFISHER.
- 4-17. Prominent blue dot below CA of AFRICA.
- 5-12. Small blue dot at 11 o'clock to R of KINGFISHER.
- 5-20. Small blue dot below bird's beak.
- 6-14. Prominent blue line behind bird's head.
- 6-19. Tiny blue dot at one o'clock to R of KINGFISHER.
- 7-11. Tiny blue dot in reeds, right of GF of KINGFISHER.
- 7-17. Small blue dot above R of AFRICA.
- 9-8. Prominent blue dot above R of KINGFISHER.
- 9-11. Small blue dot at 10 o'clock to R of FISHER.
- 9-19. Tiny blue dot above bird's beak.
- 10-7. Small blue dot at 2 o'clock to tip of bird's beak.

**PANE A:**

- 1-15. Tiny red dot in bottom gutter, below D of SUID.
- 1-16. Tiny blue dot right of H of KINGFISHER.
- 1-19. Tiny blue dot above G of POSGELD.
- 2-5. Small blue smudge above EL of POSGELD.
- 2-19. Tiny blue dot above bird's eye.
- 3-20. Small red dot above bird's eye.
- 5-9. Prominent red dot above bird's beak.
- 5-20. Small blue dot below tip of bird's beak.
- 6-8. Tiny blue dot above PO of POSGELD.
- 6-15. Prominent blue smudge at 11 o'clock to bird's head.
- 7-1. Prominent red dot right of E of KINGFISHER.
- 7-14. Tiny red dot at 4 o'clock to tip of bird's beak.
- 7-17. Prominent blue smudge above EK of REPUBLIEK.

- 18-4. Small blue smudge at 9 o'clock to bird's head.
- 19-10. Tiny blue dot at midpoint of right margin.
- 19-15. Small blue dot right of R of KINGFISHER.
- 20-7. Prominent red dot on first E of REPUBLIEK.

**Further Printing of the 5c Denomination.**

A further printing of the 5c value, of the same design and prepared from the previously used cylinders, Nos. 31 and S1, made its appearance on unwatermarked paper at the Philatelic Bureau, Pretoria, on the 16th May, 1964, but with the four figure red sheet numbers placed twice, below stamps 1 and 2 and 12 and 13, on a wider bottom margin than previously.

**A "King Size" Doctor Blade Smudge.**

Mr. E. Kaiser, of Johannesburg, has drawn our attention to a large green doctor blade smudge, measuring some 30 by 40 mm. and extending over two by three stamps of the 7½c Republic Issue, Cat. No. 208.

It is surprising how an item of this description escaped the vigilance of the checkers to the good fortune of Mr. Kaiser.

**Calvin Stamp.**

The Postmaster-General announced that a special 2½c postage stamp in honour of John Calvin will be issued on July 10. The stamp depicts a bust of Calvin.

Further information will be made available as and when received.

See also "The S.A. Stamp Study Circle," under "Society News," p. 138.

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**FRANCE**

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Has indulged in an orgy of new stamps in May and June, no fewer than 20 having been issued. Very briefly they were:—

(a) "Philatelic" propaganda. One 1F stamp, sold only along with an entry ticket to "Philatec" exhibition. (b) One for aeropostal night service 25th anniversary. (c) Three precancelled stamps. (d) Four in various of the current motifs. (e) Seven with new motifs.

On May 23 the 4th centenary of the death of Jean Calvin, who was born in Picardy, although he spent most of his life in Switzerland. A special stamp.

## A STAMP-AVIARY

By the Rev. W. Loxley Chamings, B.D., B.Sc.  
(Continued from p. 117 of June issue)

55. Plover Family. France 1510 is a spirited impression of a covey (or is it a lament?) of lapwings, and Romania 1661 of one proudly walking, his crest held high.

56. Sandpiper Family. Mrs. Sandpiper louts low to her lord on Cuba 475 (what an elusive set this is!) and on San Marino 595 Master Woodcock hurries up to see what he can get.

57. Stilt Family. One of the best of bird stamps shows the Pied Stilt (New Zealand 777) paddling peace fully in an illimitable lake, and Venezuela 1433 shows Mr. Black-necked Stilt with Mrs. Stilt on the nest behind and Master Stephen Stilt strutting in front.

63. Sheathbill Family. A Sheathbill and Wife (French Antarctica 6) looking as if they had just had a tiff.

64. Skua Family. French Antarctica 3. Mr. Skua is using unprintable language, and Mrs. Skua has set off for her mother's.

65. Gull Family. First Prize, the Fairy Tern on a background of lace (St. Helena -85). Second, the Black-headed Gull on San Marino 564.

66. Skimmer Family. The Red-beaked Skimmer of Angola 456.

67. Puffin Family. Five of these engaging little birds on France 1504.

69. Dodo Family. Mauritius 282. He naturally looks a bit dazed after being extinct for some centuries and resurrected on a 20th Century stamp.

70. Pigeon Family. First prize to the Orange Dove on Fiji 201; Second to the Crown Pigeon on Netherlands New Guinea 23a, and, fear, not even a Consolation to Picasso's Dove (China 1392).

71. Parrot Family. A riot of colour. First choice, the Scarlet Macaw on British Honduras 207, and the second, the Kandavu Parrot on Fiji 312.

72. Touraco Family. Here is perhaps the most colourful of all bird stamps, the Violet Touraco of Senegal 227, but the Senegalese Touraco of the Antwerp Zoo, Belgium C 702, deserves Special Mention.

(To be continued).



## ROLL OF HONOUR

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### DISTINGUISHED SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELISTS

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#### CAPT. M. F. STERN

Milton Frederick Stern was born at Upington in the N.W. Cape on 22-X-01, where his father was a prominent farmer and landowner; his mother came from New York where she had been Matron of the Mount Zion Hospital.

His schooling was in Cape Town at the S.A. College School, where he matriculated in 1917. Had a short period of service in World War I with the C.C.L.C.; started a B.Sc. Civil Engineering course at the University of Cape Town but gave it up to go farming. Went to the Agricultural Colleges at Elsenburg and Grootfontein, gaining a Diploma in Agriculture.

He continued farming after the death of his father till 1927, then had a variety of jobs in Kimberley, Johannesburg and Cape Town, finally returning to the University and got his B.A. in Architecture by 1939.

On the outbreak of war in that year he joined the S.A. Engineer Corps, seeing service in Africa, but in 1940 was transferred to an Officers Training establishment. This resulted in his being sent to the Far East, where he served in Burma till 1946, gaining among other awards the U.S. Bronze Star. On return to Cape Town he started practice there as an architect.



**General Activities.** Many and varied, at one time or another. Scouting started at school and he was in the movement for over

30 years. Played Rugby for the U.C.T., long distance running, boxing, polo, tennis, golf. On the non-physical side he has taken an active part in the work of such institutions as the Lions International in Africa, the National Botanical Society of Southern Africa, etc.

A sufficiency of pursuits, it would seem, to keep him from rusting out, but not so many as to wear him out. This is obvious from what follows:—

**Philatelic Activities.** Like many, he started collecting stamps as a schoolboy but it became a serious occupation when he joined the Johannesburg Stamp Club during his stay in that city about 1929. Always keen on the organisation side of philately he took part in the negotiations which ended with the amalgamation of the Club with the J.U.P.S. to form the present P.S. of Johannesburg.

Since settling down in Cape Town in 1946 his work has been along two main channels—Airmails and Thematic or Topical Collecting. His Airmail collection is now practically complete so far as S.A. and S.W.A. are concerned, but he is interested in quite a few other countries as well.

He has joined many philatelic societies, general or specialised, both South African (Royal Cape Town, Paarl, Fish Hoek, Univ. C.T., Thematic, O.F.S. and Johannesburg) and foreign (London, New Zealand, France, Belgium, Holland and U.S.A.).

Has taken an active part in the organisation and work of such international bodies as FIPCO and FISA. Founded the Aero-philatelic Society of Southern Africa in 1960 and since 1954 has been Editor of the Thematic Magazine.

**His Philatelic Awards** have been many and varied. In S. Africa at every exhibition and congress since 1954 he has collected medals, diplomas and certificates; from abroad they have been even more abundant, from Europe, Asia, Australasia and America. It may be mentioned that in 1963 he was elected by the American Topical Association to their Roll of Honour. He is a prolific writer and a full list of his writings would take up about a page of this magazine. For the Thematic Magazine he makes translations of articles from German, French, Dutch and Spanish sources to make them available to readers of English.

Capt. Stern is responsible for the making of two films; the first one is claimed to be



the first ever Thematic film. Its title is "The First Post Office Box 1501." This of course was the Shoe in the Mossel Bay Tree. It is a 16 mm. film with sound track, running for 25 minutes. The second, without a sound track, was called "Flora 63" and was shown at the Jubilee celebrations of Kirstenbosch Gardens.

His election to the Roll of Honour of S. African Philatelists was at the Congress Meeting of 1960. The citation read, proposing his election, might be summed up as "For his extensive work on Aerophilately and on Thematics." Needless to say this was passed unanimously and with acclamation—and well deserved too.

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## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

**Post Office Progress**, being the Annual Report of the P.M.G. of the Republic of South Africa for 1962-63.

This is a well got up booklet which makes very interesting reading, although there is not very much material of a strictly philatelic nature.

The Department has been working in the past under much the same regulations as the rest of the Public Service, but as these hampered their work considerably an Inter-departmental Committee was set up; its recommendations were adopted and the conditions of service were much improved. These are expected to promote efficiency in the work of the Post Office. It is important that they should, because the Department earns a very considerable sum for the Government every year.

### Australia.

We have received two interesting small publications from Review Publications Pty. Ltd., of Sterling Street, Dubbo, N.S.W.

(1) "Australian Dependencies Stamp Catalogue." A well illustrated priced catalogue of all the stamps issued in the various Australian Dependencies and Territories outside of Australia itself. Price 3/6d.

(2) "Australian History on Postage Stamps"—No price given. This features various animals and personages prominent in the history and development of the continent from the time of its discovery by Europeans and onwards.

### Shakespeare F.D.C. Cover.

We have to thank "Stamp Collecting" for a special cover prepared jointly by the B.P.A. and the Phil. Traders' Soc. with a cancellation at Stratford-on-Avon of 23 April 1964.

### "Occupational" Postmarks of S.W.A. by L. Simenhoff.

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## MISSING VALUES

In the 13 March issue of "Stamp Collecting" two new finds are recorded of complete sheets printed with the values missing; they are:—

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- (2) **N. Rhodesia.** A sheet of 120 of the 3d. value of "Arms" issue.

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## MALTA

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## SOUTH AFRICAN MACHINE POSTMARKS

By **D. Allison (University of Cape Town  
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(Continued from p. 113 of June issue)

### CHAPTER 2 ERRORS AND VARIETIES

#### (a) General Remarks.

Like the previous chapter, this one is not meant to be exhaustive. It is my purpose merely to indicate what kinds of errors and varieties occur, and how they arise. Freak effects due to uneven inking or pressure do not seem to merit discussion, and neither do the results of wear (making an **E** appear like an **F**, for instance).

Basically, errors may be divided into two groups—the small proportion which occur in the manufacture of the postmarking equipment, and the large proportion for which the users are responsible. Amongst the former we may note **MOORIVIER** for **MOOIRIVIER** on one of the datestamps used when a machine was first introduced there, and the spelling **PRECIOS** (for **PRECIOUS**) in a petrol slogan used at Port Elizabeth.

On the non-continuous (i.e. U.P.F.) machines, the cartridges may be inserted either way up, so that inverted slogans are not very uncommon. On the other hand, it appears that the cylinders on the continuous (2½-inch) machines cannot be put on upside down, for the wavy lines always occur in the same position, and I have never seen an inverted slogan on a postmark of this type. There is one exception to this last statement which really only proves the rule—the slogan used at Mafeking in 1948 in connection with the United Nations Appeal for Children was invariably inverted; no doubt the manufacturers of the cylinder were responsible for this error. (Compare "South African Philatelist," July, 1949, page 116).

#### (b) The continuous machines.

At the bazaars one can buy rubber stamps for dating purposes, and as we all know the date is changed by moving small bands or belts. Most South African post office handstamps work on the same principle, though they are made of metal and the bands are rather different. These post office hand-

stamps are equipped with a pin; when this is screwed into its place, the bands are kept fixed in position, but when it is taken out they move very easily, and the pin is used for moving them round. I have never seen one of the continuous machines, but it is clear from the postmarks they produce that similar statements apply to them.

Errors of engraving occasionally occur on these bands. Thus, in 1946, the figure 6 was reversed on alternate datestamps at Um-tata, and in 1955 and 1956 (and perhaps earlier years too) the month of December was denoted by XIII instead of XII on alternate datestamps of Strand postmarks. The clerks in the post office were not, of course, responsible for these errors, nor for the curious language mixtures sometimes found, of which 11 MAR 54 4 15 NM alternately with 11 MRT 4 15 PM (Port Shepstone) is a sample.

Wrong dates occur from time to time. In most cases, of course, only one of the datestamps has an incorrect date, and this gives rise to the phenomenon of double-dating, where alternate datestamps have different dates. Often the dates are quite considerably different; thus the first double-dating I discovered, which in my schoolboy days gave me great excitement, was 25 IX 48-6:00 together with 25 X 59-6:00, from Umtata. This type of error is not as scarce as is generally thought. These wrong dates are occasionally corrected, either in manuscript or by handstamping.

Many Paid postmarks produced by these continuous machines show the amount of postage paid in the same line as the date, and in such cases the preceding remarks apply equally of course to the value.

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Sometimes, when the datestamps have been omitted altogether, this mistake is corrected. This may be done by applying a handstamp (e.g. Somerset East 15 MAR E 51), by handstamping the envelopes with the machine datestamp (e.g. Kokstad 1951; date not legible), or by running the envelopes through the machine again and applying a complete impression on the back

(e.g. Malmesbury 22 VII 60-8:30). At Knysna (17 XI 60), a complete postmark was applied on top of the one with the datestamps omitted, producing a very untidy effect—and furthermore one datestamp had the incorrect date 6 X 69-11:15!

At Stellenbosch, the frames of one or both datestamps have so often been inverted at different times since 1951 that one feels there must have been some special reason for this; evidently some part of the machine was not fitting very well. In the case of the Paids, at one period the frame of the English datestamp was omitted and that of the Afrikaans datestamp was inverted. (I found a double-dated specimen of this paid postmark on an envelope someone had left as a marker in a library book!).

Something was clearly wrong with the machine (or, at least, with one datestamp) at Vryburg between July (or earlier) 1953 and March 1954. I have one normal-looking specimen dated 10 XII 53-12:30, but the datestamps are easily distinguishable from those of any other Vryburg postmark I have seen. Both Mr. J. Walker, of Durban, and myself have several Vryburg postmarks with dates between July and December 1953, all with one datestamp completely missing; and others, dated January, February or March, 1954, with the frame of one datestamp missing, but the date is there as usual. By May 1954 the machine had been replaced by a non-continuous one.

Occasionally, postmarks may be found with no slogan, or wavy lines, or anything else between the datestamps. For some time (1957-60) this was the regular practice at Orkney, and occasional specimens have been noted from other places.

#### (c) The U.P.F. machines.

As already mentioned, inverted slogans occur from time to time. Also, postmarks with the frame of the datestamp, or one or more lines of the date, or both, inverted, are not uncommon. (The date is set up from small plugs of metal). Reference has already been made to the fact that some of these postmarks have seven interrupted wavy lines, and the centre portion of these may sometimes be found inverted or omitted.

Double-datings are impossible, as the machines have only one datestamp. It is also impossible for the frame of the datestamp to be missing unless the date is missing too. But plenty of errors arise, nevertheless. A wrong plug may be used; thus, at

the beginning of April 1963, the incorrect plug -VI (instead of -IV) was used on one of the Pretoria machines. (The hyphen is on the same piece of metal as the Roman numerals, so -VI cannot be an inverted -IV). Other kinds of error are illustrated by the following:

17	16.00	25.00	27.15	10.30
30-VIII		7-X	13.30	29-II
1954	1958	1962	1954	1962

The first comes from Johannesburg; the minutes and stop preceding them (on the same piece of metal) are omitted. The second, from Germiston, has one line completely omitted and was used on or about March 3rd, 1958. The third is probably an error for 7.00 25-X 1962, and comes from Pretoria. The fourth, from Cape Town, is a very badly confused setting; apparently it should have read 13.30 27-VI 1954. The fifth comes from George; the error is less conspicuous, but 1962 was not a leap year!

Perhaps it is worth pointing out again that I have not set out to make a list of errors, but only to indicate the kinds of errors that arise.

#### (d) Paids and Ordinary Postmarks.

These paragraphs apply to both types of machine.

The larger cities have machines which are (generally speaking) kept for 'Paid' work only, but most of the towns that are supplied with machines have only one, which must be used for both stamp-cancelling and Paid duties. Particularly at these one-machine towns, it happens from time to time that envelopes with stamps on are run through the machine while it is arranged to produce Paid postmarks—sometimes in red, but more frequently in black. If the Paid cancellation is in red, an ordinary black postmark is often added for good measure. The opposite error, using red postmarks with no "Paid" inscription on envelopes requiring Paid impressions, also occurs.

Since 1947, all the Durban machine Paid postmarks appear to have been produced by the non-continuous machines. Between 1948 and 1957, a large proportion of them did not include the words "Paid" or "Betaald"; they had either ordinary wavy lines or else a slogan.

Reference has already been made to the fact that the 2½-inch continuous machines are equipped with devices, analogous to the rubber handstamps sold in the bazaars, to

show the date. I do not know what the correct name for these devices is, but in this paragraph I shall call them date-blocks. It seems that a defect developed in one of these date-blocks in use at Mossel Bay. For much of 1947, the Paid datestamps were regularly used for stamp-cancelling purposes, with the date shown in the centre as 13 I 47 preceded by a solid rectangle. Later, the ordinary round datestamps were used, still with this "Paid" form of date. Still later, in 1949, the usual form of date reappeared, but with evidence for my suggestion that one of the date-blocks had undergone repair—it now showed a hyphen between the month and the year, which is unusual, and which it had not done before.

#### (e) Slogans.

The incorrect use of the "Eat Enriched Bread" and "Post Christmas Mail Early" slogans is dealt with in Chapter 4.

### CHAPTER 3

#### SOME NOTES ON THE MACHINE POST-MARKS OF CAPE TOWN AND JOHANNESBURG

##### (a) Cape Town.

In 1946, when non-continuous machines were introduced in Cape Town, the datestamps had index-letters A, B, C and D to denote the four machines then in use. Since then, a wide variety, with these letters, or with no letter at all, has been supplied.

During 1958 it became apparent that airmail letters were being separated from the others before sorting, and postmarked by a machine kept for this purpose. This machine had a datestamp with no index letter, but nevertheless distinguishable from the others in use. When a new series of lettered datestamps was introduced in February 1960, the one allocated to this machine was lettered E, and ever since then an E has denoted the airmail machine. Of course the "E" postmark is found from time to time on other letters besides airmail ones.

For a couple of months (December 1957 to January 1958 or later) a datestamp lettered "P" was regularly used at the G.P.O., Cape Town, as well. The facts outlined below point to a possibility that this datestamp was so lettered because it was intended for use at Parow.

The "Cape Times" of 11th August, 1958, carried a report that a sorting-office was being established at Parow. Letter-boxes painted with orange and black stripes

would be erected in the Northern Suburbs for letters addressed to people in that area. These letters would be sorted locally instead of being taken to Town and brought back again.

Soon after this, it became clear that a machine cancellation had been introduced at this sorting office; the Cape Town "P" datestamp already mentioned was used there, together with a "Buy South African" slogan die. Constant flaws in the lettering showed that the latter was one which had previously been employed at the G.P.O., Cape Town. A die with "PAID BETAALD" and five wavy lines was also introduced, and had also evidently come from the G.P.O. Both of these are still in use.

In November 1958, the datestamp was replaced by one inscribed PAROW at the top and DEPOT at the bottom, which is still current.

Similarly, a "tiger-stripe" box was placed outside the Claremont P.O., and mail from this and one or two other boxes is postmarked and sorted at the Rondebosch Depot. A non-continuous machine is used here, with a Cape Town datestamp with no index-letter, and five wavy lines. Datestamps very similar to this one have been used at the G.P.O. No "Paid" postmarking has yet been done at this Depot. (Cf. "Cape Times," 10th November, 1958; for some of the information in this paragraph I am indebted to the postal official at the Depot).

A third sorting office on these lines was opened at Kalk Bay to deal with local correspondence in the Kalk Bay-Fish Hoek area. (See "Cape Times," 10 November 1958). As it appears to have used only handstamps it does not really concern us here, but it may be mentioned in passing that this office deals with a certain amount of "Paid" mail.

Simonstown and Hout Bay have their own sorting offices, and I believe that they have done so ever since post offices have been established there. Neither place has a cancelling machine. "Paid" handstamps may be found from Simonstown, but bulk postings at Hout Bay, on which the postage is paid in cash, are sent to Cape Town for postmarking and sorting.

##### (b) Johannesburg.

Non-continuous postmarks were introduced in September 1946, but continuous machines remained in use—sometimes predominating—until July 1959. For some time

before that date, the continuous machines appear to have been confined to Paid work; in that month the Johannesburg "3" and "4" datestamps referred to below appeared. I have seen no continuous Johannesburg postmarks since then except two Pairs, both of which have round datestamps with the numeral "1" at the bottom, and neither of which has any inscription to indicate that they are Pairs (though the red ink shows what they are). These two are dated 1 XII 61 and 13 XII 61.

In earlier years, numbers and letters at the bottom of the datestamps were both used at Johannesburg to identify the various continuous machines in use, and postmarks exist with "A" and "3" on alternate datestamps. By 1946 only the letters survived (as far as I know); A, B, C, D, E and F datestamps may be found. Datestamps with no letter or number were also used between 1947 and 1958. (Oblong and triangular datestamps have been noted in Chapter 1, B(a). When the non-continuous machines appeared, datestamps lettered A, B, C, D and E were used, and ones with no letter followed later.

Then, in 1954, datestamps with numerals appeared; 1, 2 and 3 on continuous postmarks and 4 on non-continuous ones. (My first recording of 4 is in 1955). These were used on machines at certain suburban sorting offices. Mr. K. Lydall has kindly informed me, on the basis of information received from the Post Office, that the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 respectively denote Cleveland, Saxonwold, Brixton and Yeoville. (The "South African Philatelist," November 1957, p. 162, mentions such sorting offices but gives a different list). Pairs exist in the case of No. 4; I do not know about the others. These sorting offices were closed about the end of 1958, and numbered datestamps have since been used at the G.P.O., as described below.

Other datestamps than those mentioned already were introduced at the G.P.O. at different times. One has a thin arc at the bottom. Some are inscribed "P/L", which could stand for Plaaslik/Local, but I don't know whether it does; Durban has datestamps with the same lettering at the bottom. A datestamp with an index-letter X was used towards the end of its life on the machine set aside for airmail letters.

In July 1959 the "X" datestamp was replaced by one with "1" at the bottom, and since then datestamps inscribed "1" have always been used on the airmail machine.

At the same time, the continuous machines used for Paid work were replaced by non-continuous machines, with datestamps "3" and "4". I have never seen "2" and do not know whether it exists. I have a few Pairs with a "5" datestamp dated October and November 1962. During the Christmas pressure period that year, both "4" and "5" datestamps were used for stamp-cancelling purposes.

(To be continued).

## WAR ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES

The May issue of the "American Philatelist" black blots eight countries:—

(1) Dubai. This Sheikdom in the Persian Gulf is a very recent stamp issuer, but a very bad offender, gouging many types of collectors. Latest examples are (a) A 10-stamp set for 1963 Boy Scout Jamboree—excessively long; (b) A Kennedy Memorial souvenir sheet, being peddled at over \$5.00; (c) a 16-stamp set, half of them imperf. for the Red Cross Centenary; (d) an 8-stamp Space Astronaut set.

(2) Hungary—a hardened old offender. A tacked-on printing of 5,000 imperfs. of each of the eight values of the recent regular set.

(3) Laos. The 3-stamp "Save the Nubian Monuments" set was rationed on the first day of sale and "sold out" at the P.O. the next day, although readily available on the black market on the street.

(4) Jordan's Red Cross issue has an imperf. souvenir sheet costing over \$6.

(5) Panama has a 22-stamp Ecumenical Council airpost set, plus an imperf. souvenir sheet.

(6) Paraguay has a 14-stamp Red Cross issue, including 7 imperfs; also two souvenir sheets.

(7) Sharjah. 14 stamps listed as a "Scientific Space Research" issues is black blotted in all five possible categories, and is being sold at over \$9.00.

(8) Yemen. An imperf. souvenir sheet released with its Red Cross issue.

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One bit of good news is that Afghanistan has announced that, in view of the resentment and criticism over many past issues, it will no longer issue low denominational, unusable commemoratives.

### CANADA

We are indebted to the Canadian Postmaster-General for an F.D.C. with a new 5c stamp postmarked on 8-IV-64. It features a globe with the words "Pacem in Terris" surrounding it. Canada is striving in every possible way for a real and honorable Peace on Earth.

Also for one with a 5c stamp bearing three red maple leaves. This is the first of a series which will show the floral emblems and armorial bearings of each province. This is leading up to the Centennial of the Canadian Confederation.

### LOURENCO MARQUES

A Philatelic Exhibition is being held late in July on the occasion of the visit of the President of Portugal.

**Open to all** to exhibit. If interested communicate with the "Clube Filatélico de Mocambique," P.O. Box 720, Lourenco Marques.

### JAPAN

Feb. 10. A fifth in the bird series (the small "Uguisu") a 10 yen stamp.

Feb. 20. A nineteenth in the Quasi-National Parks series (Nichinan-Kaigan). Also a 10 yen stamp.

### BELGIUM

For the first time in history Belgium is issuing on 1 June, three semi-postals (1+0.50, 3+1.50, and 6+3 franc), whose surcharges will go to a Protestant charity, (Netherlands Evangelical Church) for a new building and community centre in Brussels. The three stamps feature Protestants prominent in Belgian history.

### U.N.O.

Tentative announcements of further issues for 1964 are: 21st Sept., Control of Narcotics, 5c and 11c; 23 Oct., Cessation of Nuclear Testing, 5c; 7 Dec., Education for Progress, 4c, 5c and 11c.

### ISRAEL

Four stamps are to be issued in honour of Israel's participation at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

### TANGANYIKA

Special stamps are to be issued in Dar-essalaam to 7-VII-64 to commemorate the Union of the territory with Zanzibar. That day is the 10th anniversary of the founding of the ruling African National Union. The day is being spoken of locally as "Saba-Saba Day" (Saba being the Swahili for Seven).

### CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

The June number illustrates:—

(1) The forthcoming "Ship" issue of Tristan da Cunha.

(2) The definitive issue of **Malawi** (formerly Nyasaland), appearing on Independence Day—6th July.

(3) **Sabah**. The current stamps of North Borneo (1c to \$10) overprinted Sabah, are due to be issued on 1st July.

### AUSTRALIA

**Air Mail Jubilee**. On July 16-18 a flight will be made from Melbourne to Sydney to celebrate the jubilee of the first air mail carried in Australia by the French aviator Maurice Guillaux. Two special stamps, 5d. and 2/3d. will be issued and also souvenir covers.

**"Navigators" series**. Two more additions to this series will be issued on 26 August. They are (1) a 7/6d. featuring Capt. Cook, who, in 1770 after exploring the east coast, rounded Cape York and took possession of the whole coast he had surveyed and later named New South Wales. (2) a £2 stamp featuring Admiral Philip Parker King; in the early 19th century he surveyed the north and west coasts of Australia.

**New Airmail sticker**. This is being introduced on 1st July. It will be larger than the one in present use and will feature the Southern Cross constellation as used on the Australian flag.



## SOUTH AFRICA AND THE U.P.U.

It is now rather stale news that South Africa was expelled from the Universal Postal Union at a meeting held in Vienna on 6th June.

This happened after the voting on a proposal by Ethiopia, seconded by other African members.

Apparently the South African P.M.G., Mr. Botes, was refused a hearing through the hissing and booing of the other African delegates; the Austrian chairman, as a last resort at restoring order had to ask him to leave the meeting.

The validity of the decision is now being questioned as apparently the only grounds on which membership of the U.P.U. can be ended is for some infringement of the union's statutes. No such infringement has been shown to have happened; expulsion for political reasons is unprecedented.

A little later it was announced in the local press that the S.A. Government regarded the expulsion of its delegation as flagrantly unconstitutional and had lodged a formal protest to this effect.

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## STAMPS AND BRACKISH WATER

Mr. J. Collie is moving to a part of the Cape where the water supply is brackish. Can any collector tell him from personal experience whether such water has a deleterious effect on stamps put in it to be soaked off paper?

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## RHODESIA DOUBLE HEADS

In the April number of Gibbons Stamp Monthly Bernard Livermore has an informative article on the 5d. with errors of colour and other errors or varieties.

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## U.S.A.

A special world's Fair 5c commemorative was due to go on sale on April 22 at New York. The stamp features the main mall of the fair with a world globe on the left.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

On 19th February six stamps featuring holiday resorts were issued. They ranged from 30 hellers to 1.80 crowns in value.

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## FINLAND

(1) 26 May. Four semi-postals—0.15, 0.25, 0.35 and 0.40 mks. with surcharges in favour of the Red Cross.

(2) 16 June. A 0.40 mk. stamp honouring a meeting in Helsinki of the World Medical Association. It has the medical emblem of a snake wriggling round a baton.

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## FRANCE

Four special stamps are being issued as propaganda for the forthcoming PHILATEC exhibition. They are only being sold along with an entry ticket for the exhibition; the price is 4F (3F for the ticket and 1F for the four stamps).

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## S.A. RAILWAY STAMPS

The South African Railways have at present on show in the South Station Buildings, De Villiers Street, Johannesburg exhibits dealing with many aspects of transport on the railways, past and present. This will be on show for some months.

Included are stamps such as Parcel and Newspaper stamps, official Postage stamps, overprinted or perforated with initials indicating the lines they were used on, such as C.S.A.R., S.A.R. and N.G.R.

The stamps shown at present are on loan, but the Administration is anxious to have specimens of their own. They appeal to collectors who have any duplicates to spare, particularly of the older Railway parcel stamps.

Anyone with such material is asked to communicate with Mr. Snyman at the S.A.R. Reference Library or Mr. Parkin of the Railway Museum (Tel. 22-8357), Station, Johannesburg.

## ANGLO-BOER WAR

### MAIL TO P.O.W.'s ON BOARD SHIP

Mr. N. Snowden in "Stamp Collecting" of 3 April summarises what is known about such mail. Ships were to some extent used as P.O.W. camps for quite a few months on end before the prisoners could be shipped off to St. Helena, West Indies, Ceylon etc. There are no special postmarks or censor marks on such mail; it is only recognisable by the facts that it is addressed to a P.O.W. and that a ship is given as the address.

Covers to the following ships are known: Armenian Castle, Catalonia, City of Cambridge, Hawarden Castle, Kildonan Castle, Manila, Manlate, Mongolian, Orient, Pin-doure, Ranee Transport No. 15 (believed to be the S.S. City of Cambridge). A possible ship was the S.S. Yorkshire.

### "CAPE TYPE" NUMERAL POSTMARK USED IN O.R.C.



This illustration should have appeared in our June issue, p. 107, where it is fully described.

Although cancelling on O.R.C. stamp optd. V.R.I. it was actually used some time before the territory was proclaimed a British Colony.

### JAMAICA

A new definitive issue of 16 stamps appeared on 4th May. The denominations run from 1d. to £1. The designs are very varied in character, in multicolour and printed by Harrison & Sons.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**9 April.** Two exhibitors. (1) Capt. M. F. Stern shewed Pioneer Airmails, covering such events as Pigeon Post, Balloon Flights, Zeppelin flights, Disasters, etc. (2) Dr. P. Keller showed his collection of Poland — Upper Silesia; this included stamps which were never really postally used, although they could be obtained cancelled to order; Overprints of Polish eagles on Russian stamps, etc.

**23 April.** A composite evening with seven exhibitors showing stamps and covers of the pre-1875 era. Mr. Berneaud showed ship's letters and covers from Danzig; Mr. D. Roth—covers from Cuba and Reunion; Mr. Combrink—Austria; Mr. Giezendanner—Swiss pre-stamp covers; Mr. Jeidel—pre-stamp covers of Egypt; Mr. Picton—early G.B. covers, including Bishop marks; Mr. Putzel—German pre-stamp covers.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**April Meeting.** Progress was reported on the Check List in preparation by the Study Group.

Mr. Denning, in dealing with current philatelic events, provoked a discussion on the merits or otherwise of "cancelled to order," particularly as to whether First Day Covers came under this heading.

### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

**April Meeting.** Mr. A. L. Meyburgh of Bloemfontein shewed his "Philatelic Terms Illustrated." This is a magnificent reference collection for the understanding of the many terms used in philately and wherever possible he used stamps of Israel to illustrate the term applicable.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**14th April.** This meeting was supposed to have been New Exhibitor's evening, but in the almost complete absence of anyone prepared to take the plunge the programme had to be altered. Instead, a variety of collections was tabled. Mr. MacLaren showed 63 pages of Interprovincials, Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill showed a section of his Orange Free State collection, and Dr. Von Varendorff showed the classic issues of Belgium. A very nicely balanced selection.

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Orders for stamps should be addressed to the Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Pretoria, and must be accompanied by money orders, postal orders or bank drafts made payable to the Postmaster-General. Cheques are not accepted. The amount should be sufficient to cover postage and registration. Deposit accounts may be opened by overseas customers.

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### THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN

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Telephone 337722 (Evenings)

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Meets on the 3rd Monday of every month  
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### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

meets at 2.15 p.m. on the second Saturday of  
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BLOEMFONTEIN  
om 7.30 nm.  
POSBUS 702 — BLOEMFONTEIN

**27 April.** This meeting was the Annual visit of our sister Society, Die Afrikaanse Filateliste-Vereniging. The first exhibit was tabled by Mr. Kylander, and was 150 pages of the Republic of South Africa. The second was Dr. van der Merwe's Pre-War German definitives, and the third was Mr. Bruwer's Red Cross Stamps. The last one was the winner of the Rembrandt Trophy. An excellent selection which amply proved their ability to equal our best.

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#### PRETORIA P.S.

**4 May.** Visit from the Pretoria R.P.S., with four exhibits: (a) Mr. Castignani—Italian Air Mails, including the Balboa massed flight with covers signed by all the pilots. (b) Dr. Sherel—U.N.O. collection. (c) Mr. van Eyk—K.G. VI Gold Coast, continuing on to a full range of Ghana. (d) Mr. E. Walker—S.A. Interprovincials, Coils and Booklets.

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#### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

**May Meeting.** Dr. Phil Hack showed his collection of Malaria Eradication stamps and sheets. There are still a very few blanks in this omnibus issue of 1962, but it is interesting to see how the central motif of the mosquito has been handled and it is hoped that the blanks may yet be filled.

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#### MAFEKING AND BECHUANALAND P.S.

The A.G.M. was announced for the 27th May, but we have not yet had the results. At the **April meeting** there were difficulties announced about Lichtenburg members getting home across the border after meetings and it was suggested that they should arrange their own meetings, within the framework of the Society.

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#### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**May Meeting.** Mr. Horner exhibited his Egyptian collection. Care had been taken over this and it was well displayed. There were a few gaps, which the owner would like to fill.

Mrs. Wallace has received from Mr. Ellenberger a list of some of the errors in the new definitive issue. Here is a list of them:

½d. Row 3/4 Screening flaw on the Queen's right cheek Th B/C 6.

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|      | 3/10  | Screening flaw touching oval at 12½ hours and damage to inner edge of oval frame. Th A7.       |
|      | 3/11  | Coloured mark to the right of the Queen's head, between tiara and oval. Th B8.                 |
| 1d.  | 1/5   | Grid of vertical lines in tree under POSTAGE.  |
|      | 16/1  | White dot above right leg of N of Southern.  |
| 3d.  | 1/3   | Screening blemish on Queen's forehead. Th B7.  |
|      | 13/5  | Large light coloured patch on Queen's cheek and neck where shading has failed to print. Th C7. |
|      | 16/10 | White patch just above bottom arm of E of Rhodesia.  |
|      | 17/11 | "Birds nest" in fork of tree between Kudu's horns.   |
|      | 19/1  | Brown Mark between left edge of design and the nearest tree.                                   |
| 2/-  | 3/12  | Plate flaw above cloud over E of Postage. Th A5.   |
| 10/- | 2/2   | Little Guinea fowl flaw.   |

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#### BELLEVILLE P.S.

**Nov. 13, 1963.** Mrs. Bergman of the "Royal" showed her thematic collection "Children on Stamps." This display was well mounted with colourful artistic sketches and apt captions.

**Dec. 11, 1963.** The President, Mr. Beunderman, gave a talk supplemented by many sheets depicting the "1d. Ships of S.A." This collection showed many interesting abnormalities too numerous to mention.

**Feb. 12, 1964.** The Treasurer, Mr. Krulder, showed sheets of various types of cancellations and an interesting collection of Christmas Stamps of S.A. from 1930 onwards.

**Mar. 11, 1964.** The Society was treated to a wonderful display of K.G. VI Nyasaland 1938, which consisted of complete sets of mint specimens with 3- and 4-figure cyclo-meter numbers, proof plates of the £1 of 1919, contact prints of K.G. VI 1945, and design approved by the Governor General 1d. and 6d. with rope around the King's neck. —H.W.L.

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#### GERMISTON P.S.

**20 May.** This meeting of the society was well attended; it was the first competitive meeting of the current year. Mr. H. Behrendt tabled his collection of Used issues of the Union of South Africa. Mr. Jos. Bogner, a member residing in Benoni, displayed New Zealand Health Stamps.

An interesting exhibit was tabled by Mr. J. Creewel, a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of Rhodesia, who was on a visit to the city. His collection comprised Danish local stamps—being official postage stamps authorised for use in specific areas in Denmark. Being comparatively unknown, these stamps caused a great deal of interest.

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### P.S. OF EAST LONDON

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**May Meeting.** This was particularly well attended, and the fare offered, first-class. Mr. V. F. Ellenberger displayed "Rhodesian Varieties" supported by an interesting film; and Commander C. E. D. Enoch tabled his fabulous "Number Ones"—covering the first stamps issued by many countries. —J.W.H.

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### CLUBE FILATÉLICO DE MOCAMBIQUE

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This Club is staging a Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition towards the end of July, on the occasion of the visit of the President of Portugal to the Province.

Any collector is welcome to exhibit. The Club recalls how well collectors in South Africa contributed to the success of their exhibition in 1953 and hopes they will do so again this year. If interested, communicate with the Clube Filatélico, P.O. Box 720, Lourenco Marques.

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### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

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**May Meeting.** Two subjects came under formal discussion this month. The first was on First Day Covers; their points, good or weak, their inconsistencies, "pretty" covers, official covers and speculative covers; all came under fire. The points agreed upon were threefold, firstly, the serious philatelists did not collect covers merely as such, but as adjuncts to their main collection, secondly, largely due to American influence, F.D.C.'s have become a big industry, and thirdly, F.D.C.'s provide an admirable introduction to philately to newcomers whose interest is aroused.

The second was in the series of the study of our Commemoratives, this time it was the Silver Jubilees. With the aid of the specimens of Mr. Hagger who led the discussion, interest centred mainly upon the progression of its well-known varieties through the different printings. The unfortunate mishaps to the King's head, "Gash behind ear" and "Cleft skull" took on a new significance and revived interest in this Issue.

**Terms.** A short discussion took place upon terms in common use, correct and otherwise, (a) "Air Letter Sheets" are better termed "Aerogrammes" in terms of the U.P.U. defini-

tion; (b) There is a distinction between a "Registration Envelope" and a "Registered Envelope," as an envelope is only regarded as "Registered" after it has passed through the post. It can also be from a plain envelope. (This correction has been made in the new Catalogue in preparation); (c) Stamped letters sent through the post are generally referred to as having had their stamps cancelled, or postmarked or datestamped. A canceller is, indeed, really an obliterator or a defacer and can be used by the post office for that purpose, so, strictly speaking, a stamp is datestamped or postmarked in normal use.

**10c Emerald Green.** Once again a discussion took place on this interesting topic, when an article in the S.A. Philatelist thereon was mentioned. Judging by the conflicting opinions expressed (in fact the discussion became quite heated at times), it seems as if a first class controversy is going to arise over this teasing little item in our study. —H.J.R.

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### UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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**April 1:** Prof. A. W. Sloan showed his collection of Australia and New Zealand, which was a good general collection, and proved of interest.

**May 13:** Dr. A. Keller showed an exceptionally fine collection "Exploration of Space." This was almost complete in all issues to date and very well set out. Needless to say those who attended were well rewarded. There are several new members. —M.F.S.

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### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

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**April 13:** Mr. R. Putzel showed "Stamps of Japan." This fine collection is yet another of Mr. Putzel's world collection. This was followed by colour slides and a talk on Japan by Mr. W. G. Combrink, who had recently paid that country a visit. This proved interesting.

**April 27:** This was the usual popular All Members Evening and there was a large number of exhibits: Mr. R. Jaidel—"Liechtenstein"; Mr. R. Steinbauer—"Second part of Cyprus"; Dr. P. L. Vautier—"Shakespeare"; John Scott—"Congo"; Mrs. Hilde Jaidel—"Urundi"; Mr. Shevelew—"Latvia and Lithuania"; Mr. H. Beinart—"Winter Sports 1964"; Mrs. L. Coe—"Flowers." These proved interesting as they were indeed varied in subject.

**May 11:** Mr. R. C. Steinbauer showed "South West Africa in First World War." He has an intimate knowledge of his subject and knows S.W.A. well. His collection was very complete there being only a few of the cancellations missing.

**May 25:** Perhaps one of the biggest turn-outs was present to see the Tristan Story in stamps and slides shown by Capt. M. T. Scott. This proved not only the popularity of the subject but also the fact that it was put on by one who has been present at Tristan personally. Capt. Scott was also prevailed upon to show slides of Gough Island. His collection of Tristan was a very fine one and everyone enjoyed a most instructive evening.  
—M.F.S.

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### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

At the A.G.M. in March Mr. Jack Galloon was elected President and Mr. X Piat, Secretary. After business was over Mr. Galloon showed philatelic items relating to the Papal Visit to Israel.

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### O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**April Meeting.** After New Issues and Acquisitions had been shown there were two exhibits. (1) Mr. J. Paice showed an unusually valuable and exhaustive collection of O.F.S. stamps, with many varieties. (2) Mr. N. Mountfort then surprised the meeting with his fine exhibit of "Scouts," which had recently been awarded a first class Diploma at the recent Hobbies Fair. It contained lovely material and was well written up.

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### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

**10 March.** Mr. Keet showed about 150 sheets of his 600 page Scout and Guides collection, comprising stamps, F.D.C.'s and covers. The display was a fine example of how a thematic collection should be set out.

After the tea interval Mr. G. Bülbring showed representatives of Sweden, covering 1855 to 1958. This was followed by Master J. Aldis with Q.E. II issues of the three High Commission Territories.

**14 April.** Master J. Aldis showed 28 sheets of Australia covering the period 1937 to date; this was followed by 16 sheets of other British Commonwealth countries, including the Australian-Antarctic Expedition of 1957-59.

Mr. Bülbring showed British Empire stamps from a number of places, including Japanese Occupational issues of 1942-45. Included were blocks of 4 of Basutoland ½d. on 2d., also Transvaal and S. African stamps used in that territory.

**28 April.** This evening's display was by Mr. H. L. Keefe who showed stamps of Canada, France and Egypt. The Canadians were Q.E. II for 1952-61; one special item was a horizontal strip of 10 of the 2c green, showing the 9th stamp in a different shade on every sheet.

The stamps of France were of the period 1957-61, with colours very natural and beautifully blended. Those of Egypt were from July '56 to March '61 with many of the glories of Egypt faithfully portrayed.

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### AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

**22 Mei:** 'n Geesdriftige klompie lede was met die maandvergadering aanwesig om lid J. M. Weinstein in die hoedanigheid van President van die Federasie van Filatelisteverenigings, en sy geduldige en sjarmante gade te verwelkom. Die huishoudelike sakies is gou-gou afgehandel sodat lid Weinstein volgens reëlings stiptelik om half-nege aan die woord kon kom.

Na hy een en ander oor die Federasie, die aanstaande konferensie en nasionale seëluitstalling in Oktober meegedeel het, het hy 'n paar dele uit sy uitgebreide versameling lugbriefvorms vertoon, tewete dele van Aden en die Unie, met die klem op die juwele, en sy versameling van die seëls en pospapier van Palestina. Die laasvermelde versameling is twee jaar gelede te Port Elizabeth met 'n vergulde silwer-medalje bekroon. Ons vertrou dat lid Weinstein dit sal regkry om weer by ons 'n draai te maak wanneer sy ampstermyn verby is.

Nou net 'n herinnering dat die volgende byeenkoms (Woensdag, 17 Junie) ons film-aand sal wees . . . 'n film deur die KLM oor seëlaangeleenthede in die Nederlandse eilandgebiede en skyfies met bandopnames oor die seëldruckery in Pretoria. Tot dan.

Lidmaatskap is toegestaan aan dr. W. C. Annandale, mnr. G. F. van Wyk en mej. J. Dubbeld. Ons sê: hartlik welkom. Mag die vereniging vir u van nut wees.

Vier aansoeke om lidmaatskap is ontvang: mnr. J. M. Becker, Pretoria (hy versamel Republiek van Suid-Afrika gespesialiseerd en Landkaarte op Posseëls); mnr. K. G. Johannes, Piet Retief (Suidelike Afrika); mnr. R. J. Sparrow, Hotel Elizabeth, Johannesburg (Verteenwoordigend); en mej. Jacomina Smit (11 jaar) op Danielskuil (Suidelike Afrika).

Lid H. A. Hofman vertrek op 6 Junie op 'n lekker lang vakansie oorsee en sal onder andere lank in Duitsland en die V.S.A. vertoef. Hy verwag om in die tweede helfte van Oktober terug te wees. Ons wens hom 'n aangename reis en vakansie toe.

## CAPE POSTMARK FINDS

[By A. G. M. BATTEN]

Perhaps I can add something to the article, headed as above, referring to the O.V.S.-Cape Combination Cover. S.A. Ph., April 1964.

I have a cover marked in manuscript "In Dienst O.V.S." and also "By First Steamer. Via England." It is addressed "to Charles W. Riley Esq., Consul General of the Orange Free State, Philadelphia, U.S. America." In the bottom left corner "Gov. Office, Bloemfontein O.F.S." As this was an official letter there are no O.F.S. stamps on the cover but there are two one shilling (green) and one one penny (red) of C.G.H. cancelled C.d.S. Cape Town, Cape Colony 2 (beneath town name) Jy 13 7 (for '76). There is also a London "Paid" mark 18 Aug 76 and a manuscript "3" in red pencil. On the reverse is a Bloemfontein mark (my Type 3) dated Jul. 6 1876.

Most Combination Covers of this kind emanate from O.F.S. but I have recently acquired one sent in the reverse direction. This bears, in the top right corner a C.G.H. four pence (blue) with an O.F.S. six pence (red) immediately below. The four pence is cancelled with the C.G.H. vertical barred oval enclosing figure 11 (Queenstown) and the O.F.S. stamp Bloemfontein C.d.S. (Type 3) dated Mai 20 1874. On the reverse there is a C.d.S. Queenstown My 12 74. There is a faint C.d.S. Aliwal North. My 16 1874 on the front. The cover is addressed to L. W. Bean Esq., Fauresmith and is endorsed "To be left until called for." This is the only cover of this kind from C.G.H. to O.F.S. which I have seen.

I have an even earlier piece (the back of a cover) bearing six O.F.S. one penny (brown) with a cork cancellation (bars) bearing also a Transvaal six pence. The canceller on Transvaal is indistinct but there are two dated marks: (1) C Probus Ja 14 72. (2) Truro A Ja 24 72. Again the only one of its kind I have seen.

I have also acquired recently a G3 "In Dienst O.V.S." envelope with no stamps at all, Registered to Port Elizabeth dated Oct 11 99 from the "O.V.S. Commissariaat Bloemfontein" countersigned W. A. Anderson. This must have been one of the last Registered covers from O.V.S. to Cape since on that day war was declared. The date of arrival is not clear.

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### U.S.A.

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On 15 June a stamp was issued for the tercentenary of the State of New Jersey. It features Philip Carteret landing at Elizabethtown in 1663.

Nevada Statehood centenary 5c stamp appeared on 22 July. The Kennedy memorial stamp was due for issue on May 29th.

Four commemoratives are announced as appearing later in the year. (1) Honouring the 400th anniversary of the birth of Shakespeare; (2) Honouring the Mayo brothers, famous surgeons in Rochester, Minn.; (3) Will be a tribute to American music, and (4) points to the role of R. H. Goddard in developing rocketry.

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### O.V.S. "LETTER" CANCELS

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Mr. A. G. M. Batten writes:—

Referring to the article by Dr. Pirie headed O.V.S. "Letter" Cancels, in your issue March 1964, I can confirm the following:—

"M"—Deput—I have examples of December 1892 and of 1900, confirming the use of this letter in relation to that town.

"P"—Brandsdrift—I have a cover confirming its use dated July 14th 1897.

Having regard to what Dr. Pirie has said I hesitate to advance anything more for the letter "O", but I have a cover which would seem to indicate that "O" may have been used at Helvetia in 1889.



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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### The Nurses Commemorative Postage Stamps.

The Philatelic Bureau, Publicity Branch, G.P.O., Pretoria, has recently intimated that two special postage stamps, valued at 2½c and 12½c, will be issued on the 12th October, 1964, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the South African Nursing Association.

A nurse's lamp and the figures "50" are prominently depicted on the 2½c denomination which is of vertical format. The 12½c is horizontal and shows the figures "50" and a nurse holding a lamp.

Details of the issue will be given later when the stamps become available but meanwhile the following announcement is of paramount importance.

The South African Nursing Association proposes to issue on the 12th October, 1964, an official "First Day" Souvenir Cover suitably illustrated. By agreement with the S.A.N.A. these covers may be obtained as well from PREPEX/PREFU, Exhibition Committee, P.O. Box 514, Pretoria, by virtue of which arrangement the Association will benefit as well as the Pretoria Exhibition Fund.

The price of the cover is 5c (6d.) while serviced covers bearing a single of each of the 2½c and 12½c stamps and postmarked on the first day of issue with the special PREPEX/PREFU Exhibition date-stamp will be available at 25c (2/6) per cover.

In addition the South African Nursing Association intends issuing a second special

"Congress" cover for their congress to be held at Cape Town from the 26th to the 30th October, 1964. This cover will be post-marked with the Association's special Commemorative date-stamp and is available under the same conditions as the "First Day" one. Orders for either the "First Day" or the "Congress" covers, or both, may be sent to the Exhibition Committee at the above address and must be received by the 8th October, 1964, accompanied by the necessary remittance in the form of uncrossed postal order, money order, bank draft or cash. Requests for more than one particular postmark on an envelope will not be considered.

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Orders will be dispatched as soon as possible after the prescribed date, but in view of the volume of work likely to result in an unavoidable delay, applicants are requested to withhold any enquiry or reminder relating to their orders until the 30th November, 1964.

Incidentally, the Pretoria Philatelic Exhibition Committee reports very satisfactory progress towards the final arrangements for their National Exhibition on the 12th to the 17th October, 1964. A record number of Provisional Entries has been received, pending the final acceptances.

While arrangements are well in hand concerning the requirements of the philatelist and the stamp collector, the entertainment of delegates in their free time, and visitors at their leisure, will not be neglected. The proposed visit to the Government Printing Works, the Mayoral Cocktail Party, and the Exhibition Banquet at which the major awards will be presented, are among the highlights of the Exhibition and Congress Week.

It is now up to you to see to your exhibit and your accommodation.

### The John Calvin Commemorative Postage Stamp.

A Commemorative Postage Stamp, in honour of John Calvin, 1509-1564, was issued on the 10th July, 1964, and is illustrated.



The tri-colour printing was made on RSA watermarked paper, the mark facing left, by the Albert machine in a four pane format, Pane A being positioned in the upper left quadrant, Pane B in the upper right, Pane C in the lower left and Pane D in the lower right. The sheets were printed from their bottom margins towards the top, and in quadruple format were guillotined from the web in the machine from which they came off at the receiving end in batches of five, these having been previously assembled in the machine.

The four-pane sheets were next guillotined horizontally into pairs of two panes which in turn were perforated, gauge 14, by the Grover Two Row appliance. Upon completion of this process, the two-pair panes were guillotined vertically into single panes, their margins were trimmed, and were then issued to post offices in single sheets.

The multipositive, consisting of a glass plate bearing 5×10 (50) images and prepared from a single master negative in the previously used step and repeat camera, was exposed by means of the newly installed Bouzard Step and Repeat Contact Printer onto the carbon tissue which was the size of the combined four panes. Two exposures were made per pane to complete the required 5×20 (100) units comprising the sheet format. There were thus eight exposures in all for the four pane assembly. In virtue of this multiple exposure, any multipositive flaw will be repeated twice per sheet of 100 units, resulting in eight similar multiposi-

tive flaws appearing on the four sheets of the quadruple assembly.

The sheet format is horizontal, comprising 5 rows×20 (100) stamps. The right margin is the only one perforated through, while the left and right ones carry purple single line broken bars. Purple premanufactured arrows are placed centrally on the top and bottom margins.

The cylinder numbers in their contributing colours, 14 purple, 3 crimson, and 4 sepia brown, are printed on the left margin of each sheet, opposite Row 5, while in close proximity on the same margin are the five figure black sheet numbers and the determining pane letter opposite Rows 4 and 5.

Complete punch holes, not surrounded by the usual concentric coloured circles, appear on the material thus far examined, on the top margin of Panes A and C, above stamps 7 and 8. Remnant punch holes, surrounded by remnant purple concentric circles, are positioned on the bottom margin of Panes B and D, below stamps 7 and 8. The four pairs of electronic guide marks are imprinted on the top margin of Pane C only, above stamps 17 to 20, and are coloured purple, red, purple, sepia brown respectively, reading from left to right.

The stamps are of vertical format, stated officially to measure 24.2×40.5 mm. and depict a sepia brown background, the bust of John Calvin in sepia brown, his cap in crimson and his purple jacket. They are bilingually inscribed at their top and bottom aspects, and the figure of value and the commemorative dates appear respectively at the left and right margins.

The following are some of the flaws viewed on material examined thus far:

**MULTIPOSITIVE FLAWS**—being present twice on each of the Panes A, B, C, and D.

Row:

- 2-1 and 2-11. Prominent brown vertical line above cap, extending to between A and F of AFRIKA.
- 2-10 and 2-20. Small brown dots on lower limb of K of AFRIKA.
- 3-1 and 3-11. Prominent brown blob on white aspect of Calvin's beard.
- 3-9 and 3-19. Broken U of REPUBLIEK; Small brown dot on bottom gutter between AF of AFRICA, also two tiny brown dots below second A of AFRICA
- 4-10 and 4-20. Tiny purple dot on left aspect of white shirt.

5-10 and 5-20. Tiny brown dot on right margin, opposite second A of **AFRIKA** also a prominent brown dot below Calvin's left eye.

5-10 but **not** on 5-20. Vertical white smudge through O of **OF** and **AL** of **CALVIN**.

It is suggested that this flaw is of single appearance as it was caused by light of the Contact Printer seeping through a crevice in the masking out tape on the multipositive—the angle of the rays causing the light to strike stamp 10 and also instead of stamp 20, the right margin where it did not register due to the fact that the margin is not light sensitive but is masked out.

Present on Panes A and C only:

2-5 and 2-15. Tiny brown dot on right limb of U of **SUID**.

Present on Pane B only:

2-9 and 2-19. Prominent brown dot in left margin, opposite S of **SUID**.

#### CYLINDER FLAWS

##### PANE A

Row:

- 1-1. Small brown dot in left margin, opposite S of **SUID**.
- 1-6. Two tiny white dots on upper left aspect of R of **REPUBLIC**.
- 1-7. Tiny brown dot on S of **SUID**.

##### PANE B

- 1-7. Tiny brown dot in margin, left of larger 2 of 2½c.
- 3-4. Tiny brown dot in left margin, opposite S of **SUID**.
- 4-11. Small white dot below U of **SUID**.
- 4-12. Three prominent purple dots on Calvin's left shoulder.

##### PANE C

- 2-13. Small brown dot on lower aspect of Calvin's left cheek.

##### PANE D

- 1-5. Prominent purple dot below collar, on lower aspect of shirt.
- 2-15. Prominent purple dot on lapel of jacket, above BL of **REPUBLIC**.
- 3-13. Prominent white dot below AF of **AFRICA**.

The peculiar behaviour of the flaw "Red dot at apex of the first A of **AFRICA**", seen on material viewed, is worthy of note Its occurrence is:

Pane A, absent on stamp Row 1-1, present on stamp Row 1-11.

Pane B, present on stamp Row 1-1, absent on stamp Row 1-11.

Pane C, present on stamp Row 1-1, absent on stamp Row 1-11.

Pane D, absent on stamp Row 1-1, absent on stamp Row 1-11.

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## THE SCREENLESS PRINTING OF SOUTH AFRICA'S EARLY STAMPS

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Through the courtesy of the Chief Publicity officer, G.P.O., Pretoria, it was learnt that the technique used for the "Screenless Printing" of the Union's early stamps depended upon the preparation of the Model or Essay and that the printing cylinder was not subject to any "grain" or "screen" treatment whatsoever.

The particular method was selected as it was thought to be proof against forgery and may be considered to be similar, in certain respects, to the engraving process of steel or metal plates by the old masters in the preparation of the early line engraved stamps. Instead of cutting a series of troughs or holes of different dimensions into a smooth metal plate so as to give different intensities of colour to the final product, the original drawing or Essay is prepared for "screenless" Rotorgravure printing of our early stamps in such a manner that its whole surface is broken up into a line drawing having different tones of lines. The lines result ultimately in the different shade-values and also act as rests or supports for the doctor blade. No large areas of colour are allowed to exist.

The tonal value of the model or Essay is obtained by a "Stipple effect"—the stipple dots being drawn in various shades of grey and in such a manner and style as to produce the different degrees of tone desired, namely high-lights etc. The model is then photographed and the printing proceeded with in the conventional manner.

When a solid panel is required, such as that behind the designation of **SOUTH AFRICA**, the lettering is produced in white, while the background is broken up with very fine white lines which not only act as doctor-blade rests but become obliterated or practically invisible during the printing process.



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The Screenless Technique was applied to the printings on the newly installed (1930) Goebel A.G. machine and teething troubles were soon encountered. These are referred to very briefly in the text and the dates of the screen-history of the various values are noted.

#### The ½d. Postage Stamp.

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	1931—1936
Screenless	Interior—New design Exterior—New design	1937—1947
Screenless Screened	Interior Exterior	March 1948 to June 1948
Screened	Interior & Exterior	July, 1948

The thin lines of the original engravings proved very difficult to print as the ink was continually being drawn out during the process, especially from those running in the direction of the cylinder. To obviate this effect a new screenless design was drawn, having broader tone lines to replace the thin ones of the original. Also all lines were placed to run against the cylinder but parallel with the doctor blade.

This screenless design was used for ten years but it was found that after a long run, the tone lines running parallel with the doctor blade showed undue signs of wear and the printing deteriorated.

A doctor blade which was ground to curve over the circumference of the printing cylinder was also tried out.

At this period a Grain Photogravure screen was received and in order to overcome the printing deterioration, it was used to screen the cylinder printing the border design so as to support the doctor blade in all directions.

Incidentally, the grain screen has been discarded in favour of the cross-lined mesh one.

The result of screening showed an immediate improvement in the quality of the stamps and this effect was continued when in July 1948 the interior cylinder was also screened.

#### The 1d. Postage Stamp.

The design of the 1d. value was more suitable for screenless printing as it posses-

ed a continuous solid border. The method was used from 1931 to 1950 for this value. The thin lines of the original engravings were retained, but when a screen of 150 lines was used, it broke up the drawing unduly as the grain was too coarse. A 200 line one would have been better and would result in an improved representation of the design.

#### The 1½d. Postage Stamp.

There were three designs of this stamp, extending over a period of 1936 to 1950, and all cylinders were screened.

#### The 2d. Postage Stamp.

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	1931—1940
Screened	Interior — Photo-graphic Study	1945—1946
Screenless	Exterior—New design	? 1949
Screened	Interior & Exterior	1950

The printing of the screenless stamps was very unsatisfactory and the new design for the screenless border did not improve matters. A better stamp was produced in 1950 when both interior and exterior cylinders were screened.

#### The 3d. Postage Stamp.

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	1931—1938
Screenless	Exterior—New design	1939—1950
Screened	Interior — Photo-graphic Study	
Screened	Interior & Exterior. One colour.	March, 1951

#### The 4d. Postage Stamp.

Was a one colour stamp and very suitable for screenless printing, 1932-1950.

#### The 6d. Postage Stamp.

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	1931 — July 1949
Screened	Interior & Exterior	December 1949

The drawing of the orange tree was entirely unsuitable for screenless printing but the printing became one of the best when a screen was used.

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**The 1/- Postage Stamp.**

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	1932—1948
Screened	Interior & Exterior	January 1950

The result of screening showed a marked improvement.

**The 2/6 Postage Stamp.**

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	1932—1947
Screened	Interior & Exterior	August 1949

The screen showed an improvement but could have been further enhanced by using a finer one.

**The 5/- Postage Stamp.**

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Interior & Exterior	February 1933—1949
Screened	Interior & Exterior	July 1949

As in the case of the 2/6 value, the screening broke up the fine drawing unduly. The printing could have been improved further by using a finer screen.

**The 10/- Postage Stamp.**

Type	Cylinders	Date
Screenless	Exterior—Printing Works Design	1939—1949
Screened	Interior — Photographic.	

The stamp was consistently good as the screenless Exterior design was made in the correct manner. However, the printing could have been sharper by the use of a fine screen.

—(T.B.B.)

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## SOUTH AFRICAN MACHINE POSTMARKS

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(Continued from p. 131 of July issue)

### CHAPTER 4

#### THE SLOGANS USED

Lists of slogans, and of the towns where they have been used, have previously appeared in the "South African Philatelist". The latest such list was given by Mr. B. L. Cairncross in the October and December, 1956 issues, and the list here is intended to be a supplement to that one. For that reason, the numbering of the slogans is based on the numbering in that list. In the case of slogans first introduced before 1948, these lists are confined to items not in Mr. Cairncross' lists, but for the rest I have enough to add to make it worthwhile repeating the towns in his lists. The arrangement of the wording in the recent slogans—unlike the early ones—calls for no comment in a list such as this.

In the present list, no account is taken of the number of different datestamps which can be found with a particular slogan from a given town, and except in a few cases no distinction has been made between ordinary postmarks and Pairs. These lists are far from complete, and further information would be welcome.

#### (a) Slogans 21 to 32—additional recordings.

**21. Register Valuable Letters.** Type a was used at Cape Town up to 1946; at Pretoria, 1943-46; and at Queenstown, 1949-53.

**23. Post Early for Quick Delivery.** The letter "C" indicates that the slogan is in current use (February 1963; compare the Introduction to this article).

(i) Extensions of periods of use in the 1956 list:

Bloemfontein	... ..	up to 1948
Butterworth	... ..	1948 to C
Cape Town	... ..	up to 1946
Dundee	... ..	" " 1956
Durban	... ..	" " 1939
Ermelo	... ..	" " 1955
Escourt	... ..	" " 1956
Grahamstown	... ..	" " 1945
Johannesburg	... ..	" " 1950

Kimberley	... ..	" " 1947
Kingwilliamstown	... ..	" " 1947
Kokstad	... ..	" " 1957
Kroonstad	... ..	" " 1947
Nigel	... ..	1948 or 49 to C
Paarl	... ..	up to 1956
Pietermaritzburg	... ..	" " 1944
Pietersburg	... ..	" " 1948
Rustenburg	... ..	" " 1954
Uitenhage	... ..	" " 1947
Umtata	... ..	" " 1947
Vereeniging	... ..	" " 1948
Vryburg	... ..	" " 1941
Vryheid	... ..	" " 1955

(ii) Additions to list:

Bothaville	... ..	1957-62
Empengeni	... ..	1958
Fort Beaufort	... ..	1947-59
Graaff-Reinet	... ..	1948-56
Ladybrand	... ..	1958
Louis Trichardt	... ..	1950-56
Potgietersrus	... ..	1950-56
Reitz	... ..	1958-59
Senekal	... ..	1948-56
Worcester	... ..	1948-50

**25. Send Greetings Telegrams.** This slogan appears to have become obsolete in 1942. In 1955 it reappeared for a few weeks at Stellenbosch, and was also used at Montagu from September 1955, to January 1963.

**27. Don't talk about Ships.** Add 1943 to date of use at Port Elizabeth.

**30. Spend Less Save More.** The use of this slogan continued for a few years at various towns, my latest recording being Pietermaritzburg in 1948.

**30A. Save More Spend Less.** This slogan is omitted from the earlier list. My specimens are from Cape Town (1946) and Johannesburg (1944).

**31. Support the Red Cross.** Type a, as listed, has a cross but no wavy lines, and continued in use in 1943 at Port Elizabeth and 1944 at Cape Town.

Type b should be added to the list. This has the wording between wavy lines, and no cross. I have one specimen only, barely legible, from Pretoria in 1944.

**32. Save Meal and Bread.** The following towns should be added to the list: Aliwal North, Bloemfontein, Boksburg, Potchefstroom, Queenstown, Springs, Upington, Worcester. Port Elizabeth and Queenstown each had two dies of this slogan and Cape Town had three. The shape of the letters M in "Meal" and "Meel" provides the easiest way of distinguishing them.



Generally speaking, this slogan was obsolete by 1949, but Bethlehem continued to use it until 1951, Kimberly and Potchefstroom till 1954, and Upington till 1957.

**(b) Slogans 33 to 54—Lists and Comments.**

**33, 34. United Nations Appeal for Children slogans.** These were introduced early in August 1948 and had a short life. In each case my first and last dates are August 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**33. Help Unac Save the World's Children.**

a. On continuous machines; English and Afrikaans alternately. Beaufort West, Bloemfontein, George, Johannesburg, Kimberly, Kokstad, Paarl (Huguenot), Pietermaritzburg, Port Shepstone, Queenstown, Stellenbosch, Vryburg.

b. On non-continuous machines; Afrikaans first. Benoni, Cape Town, Durban (Paid only), East London, Grahamstown, Johannesburg, Kingwilliamstown, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Springs.

**34. Give One Day's Pay and Save a Child.**

a. On continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately. Beaufort West, Bloemfontein, Durban, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Kokstad, Mafeking, Oudtshoorn, Pietermaritzburg. This slogan was always inverted at Mafeking; see Chapter 2(a).

b. On non-continuous machines, English first, Cape Town, Durban (Paid only), East London, Kingwilliamstown, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria.

**35-37. The Petrol Slogans.** There were three slogans, each introduced early in March 1950, and, generally speaking, the use of these slogans came to an end by January 1951. A few later uses should, however, be mentioned:

Kimberley used slogan 35 up to 1 II 51 (or later).

Bloemfontein used slogan 36A up to Oct. 1951.

Burghersdorp used slogan 37 up to Dec. 1953. Newcastle used slogan 36 up to Feb. 1955. Aliwal North used slogan 37 in 1956 and 1957.

In many cases, slogan dies were used at one office and then sent on to another, and some of these movements can be traced by constant flaws in the lettering. The "PRECIOS" error, already referred to in Chapter 2(a), has only been noted from Port Elizabeth. The following lists are probably far from complete.

**35. Petrol is Precious—Save it.**

a. On continuous machines, English and

Afrikaans alternately. De Aar, Fort Beaufort, Graaff-Reinet, Idutywa, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Kokstad, Matatiele, Middelburg Cape, Port Shepstone, Umtata, Upington, Vryburg, Witbank.

b. On non-continuous machines, English first. Cape Town, East London, Florida, Grahamstown, Johannesburg, Kingwilliamstown, Port Elizabeth (2 dies), Uitenhage.

**36. Do Your Duty—Save Petrol.**

a. On continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately. Bloemfontein, De Aar, Durban Ficksburg, Fort Beaufort, Graaff-Reinet (2 dies), Johannesburg, Kimberley, Montagu, Newcastle, Oudtshoorn, Stellenbosch, Upington, Vryburg, Wellington Sta, Worcester.

b. On non-continuous machines, English first. Boksburg, Cape Town, East London (2 dies), Grahamstown, Kingwilliamstown, Krugersdorp, Ladysmith Natal, Port Elizabeth (2 dies), Pretoria, Randfontein, Standerton, Uitenhage.

36A. English version of 36 alternately with Afrikaans version of 35, on continuous machine. Bloemfontein.

**37. Don't Waste Petrol.**

a. On continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately. Aliwal North, Beaufort West, Bethlehem, Bloemfontein, Burghersdorp, Caledon, De Aar, Dundee, George, Graaff-Reinet, Johannesburg (2 dies), Kimberley, Malmesbury, Paarl (Huguenot), Robertson, Upington, Vryburg.

b. On non-continuous machines, English first. Boksburg, Cape Town, Durban (Paid only), East London, Germiston, Grahams-town, Kingwilliamstown, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria, Uitenhage.

**38-42. Road Safety Slogans.**

In the case of each place recorded as having used these slogans, except 41 and 41A, my first date lies between 11 and 17 July, 1951. My first dates for 41 and 41A are 23 X 51-17:30 and 1 XI:51-D respectively.

Slogans:

38. Road Safety Depends on You (non-continuous).

39. Be Alert—Avoid Road Accidents (continuous).

40. Safe Driving Saves Lives (non-continuous).

40A. Careful Driving Saves Lives (non-continuous).

41. Practise Road Safety Daily (continuous).

41A. Practise Road Safety Every Day (continuous).

42. Courtesy Promotes Road Safety (continuous).

In each case, continuous machines have English and Afrikaans versions alternately, and the non-continuous ones have English first.

Bloemfontein used slogan 41A in 1951-2.  
Cape Town used slogan 40 in 1951-2.  
Durban used slogan 41 in 1951-4.  
East London used slogan 38 in 1951-62.  
Johannesburg used slogan 39 in 1951-2.  
Kimberley used slogan 42 in 1951-4.  
Port Elizabeth used slogan 40A in 1951-2.  
Pretoria used slogan 38 in 1951-5.

Lists like this one show the first and last years I have recorded; there is no implication of use in each intervening year.

As it was announced that Road Safety Slogans would be used at the "nine main centres of the Union", I wonder if someone will find a Pietermaritzburg one some time? (See "South African Philatelist", November, 1951, p. 187, and compare note after slogan 53 in this list).

(To be continued)

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## RE-EVALUATION OF THE INTERPROVINCIAL PERIOD

**Being a paper read by S. J. Vermaak before the S.A. Stamp Study Circle.**

When in March the Secretary asked me to provide something for the News Letter, I thought it most opportune to broach a subject which has been harassing me for a long time, namely the Interprovincial Period.

Looking around, I can see no more than three or four active interprovincialists in the present company and for that reason I think that to most of those present interprovincial matters must suggest much ado about nothing. Be that as it may.

To my way of looking at things, the consummation of Union heralded the interprovincial period, since from then onwards we had a Union but we had no stamps for that Union until very much later.

For years and years I patiently and expectantly waited for someone to come along and side with me, until, like the old maid who decided that any man is better than no man at all, I decided that any effort (on my part) is better than no effort at all. I vainly waited for one of the many

able, knowledgeable and experienced interprovincial enthusiasts to question the motives which prompted people to discard those Colonial stamps used interprovincially before 19 August, 1910.

It seems to me that initially an erroneous notion was sent abroad that, until such time as the Union stamps become available, each Province would use its own stamps **and no other**. There may have been some such notice which gave rise to wrong conclusions. I say wrong conclusions for it could surely not have been the intention to confine the stamps to their respective territories. If notices on such lines had been issued, they must have been taken too much at their literal value, resulting in a comedy of errors and a misrepresentation of certain important features. The four constituent provinces had become one and in consequence their stamps too, had, in fact, become one. One might say that there was a marriage in community of property, and that that which previously belonged to one (province) had now become the property of the other. By this expedient all the restrictions of local usage of the four groups of stamps fell away and we have a **fait accompli**, the establishment of the Interprovincial Period . . . this is no midsummer night's dream, it is a fact!

Unhappily, I think someone lost the thread somewhere and interpreted matters in such a way as to imply that stamp usage was limited to the province of issue. The Golden Jubilee edition of the Union handbook says:

" . . . arrangements were made for each of the four Provinces to continue using those stamps which until then had served their individual requirements as Crown Colonies."

This is a 1960 version, for the quoted words are not to be found in any of the earlier handbooks to as far back as the 1921 handbook by Reynolds. One is therefore led to believe that the idea extant was the result of wrong conclusions, a misrepresentation of an intention, since there is nothing in the quoted passage which implies restricted use. Test the passage and be convinced. I suggest that it is mere conjecture, an erroneous inference, to say that it debars stamps from the sister provinces.

To show how thoroughly those wrong conclusions are embedded in our minds, the 1960 handbook goes one better with:

"This policy remained in force until a Government Notice, published on the 19th

August 1910, removed any restrictions confining their use to within the territorial boundaries of the original Colonies of issue and authorised them to be available for general postal purposes throughout the Union".

The phrase emphasised is no doubt deduced from the relevant Notice in the Government Gazette, which reads:

....stamps....are now recognised as available throughout the Union and their use is **no longer limited** within the territorial boundaries ...

This is the cause of the tempest and to my mind how the misinterpretation was made. (Take particular note of the sequence of events): In August 1910, months after the commencement of a particular practice, a statement is made. This statement contains an unfortunate choice of words, namely the words, "no longer limited". These words implied certain limitations; limitations which were actually non-existent. It created a false state which we are accepting to this day. What it did was to announce a birth nearly four months after the event; it said to us "henceforth you may use stamps interprovincially" whereas we had in fact been doing just that since the first day of June of that year. There-in lies the strength of my argument. The Notice in the Government Gazette was superfluous. For all the uses it served it might just as well not have been issued. I see it merely as a belated attempt to validate a situation which a set of enforced circumstances had brought about. The rest of the Notice was equally unnecessary, viz:—

....when suitable arrangements will be made for the withdrawal of the separate Colonial issues.

The "suitable arrangements" were made nearly a quarter of a century later when the Colonial issues were demonetised from 1 January, 1938 vide a notice in the Government Gazette of 15 October, 1937.

It is held that the first mentioned notice was unnecessary because the Act of Union was sufficient authority for the interchangeability of the stamps of the various provinces which helped to form the Union. It was also unnecessary, worse it was silly, to go to the bother of demonetising stamps which were virtually out of existence and that, after such a long time-lag. By the end of 1937 there were no more Colonial

stamps in circulation outside the odd numbers which a few stamp collectors and other cranky folk occasionally sent through the post.

To end this winter's tale I wish to make one more point, perhaps not relevant, but as I have not heard it mentioned before it is just as well mentioned now:

The Interprovincial Period is considered closed from 1 September 1913 because from that date the Union had its own stamps and the need for foreign stamps fell away. By the same token the period should have been declared closed in the case of the 2½d. on 3 November, 1910, as, from the following day the Union had its own stamp of that value and the need for a foreign 2½d. also fell away; measure for measure.

The points raised may require more time than is allowed at one of our meetings, so perhaps a committee comprising the two gentlemen of Verona, or rather Krugersdorp, can be appointed to go further into the matter. It is as you like it. And if, after the twelfth night (or what you will) they have finished with the merry wives of Windsor (if you do not know where Windsor is, it is in Krugersdorp), they can have a go at the taming of the shrew (a la interprovincial period). Perhaps their ultimate decision will not mean that my love's labour's lost, in which event I shall in happiness sigh: all's well that ends well.

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#### CANCELLATION ARE NOT POSTMARKS

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The "Collectors Club Philatelist" in an editorial deplors the neglect by philatelists of precise philatelic terms. One very common mistake is the use of the terms "cancellation" and "postmark" as synonymous.

A "cancellation" is a mark hit upon a postage stamp to prevent its re-use. A "postmark" is a marking or notation applied to a cover by the postal service.

In emergency conditions a postmark has been employed to cancel a stamp, but cancelling devices are not used for postmarking.

The editor must plead guilty to sinning in this connection; he has written about "Cape type" numeral postmarks, but he should have called them cancellations.

## ROTARY AND ITS STAMPS

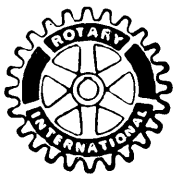
BY CON LARSEN

President of the Philatelic Federation of  
S.A. 1951/52.

District Governor of Rotary International  
1957/8

When in February 1905, Paul Harris, a young Chicago lawyer, invited a few business acquaintances to join him in friendship meetings, he little thought that he had started one of the greatest active fellowship-and-service organisations the world has ever known outside the realms of religious pursuit. Holding regular meetings in rotation the name Rotary was born. Club membership, open to men of all races and creeds, was restricted to one of a calling. Clubs, forming slowly at first, sprang up in large numbers in the principal cities of the United States until 1911 when the Winnipeg Club was established and the movement became international. Rotary quickly spread to England, Ireland, Europe, South America, the Orient, Australia and New Zealand.

Johannesburg in 1921, Durban, Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, East London, plus some 150 other towns in Southern Africa have established Rotary Clubs who hold meetings weekly and exert tremendous efforts for the benefit of their communities in such matters as Old Age Homes, Youth Camps, Housing, Bursaries, Polio Relief, etc. This is being done simultaneously by 11,680 clubs comprising 546,500 members in 126 countries around the world—none, however behind the iron curtain through which Rotary has failed to penetrate.



The nerve centre of Rotary is in Chicago from which all clubs, although autonomous, are regulated. About forty to fifty clubs form a district, each of which has its own yearly conference at which a District Governor is elected, while also annually a world Convention of Rotarians elects its President of Rotary International and where as many as 10,000 to 20,000 Rotarians and their wives attend. World Conventions

have been held at such far flung places as New York, Lucerne, Tokio, and Paris.

Paul Harris died in 1947. He had always hoped that Rotary would play some part in world understanding. So, in his memory, was established the Rotary Foundation, which, from its special funds, has provided for more than 1500 graduates from all parts of the Rotary world to attend Universities in other countries for a year's study. It has been proved that their associations have developed towards better understandings and the promotion of goodwill and, it is hoped world peace.

Rotary has achieved so much. There are so many millions in the world that have benefited through Rotary. The cripple's chair, the supply of spectacles, the uplifting of the poor, the chance of improved conditions, the desire for world understanding and peace, and a thousand, thousand other benefits which practically, economically and morally have given Rotary a place in the hearts of men and nations so much so, that no less than 26 countries issued a commemorative postage stamp or stamps in recognition of Rotary's prestige and to participate in its Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1955. No other organisation of a similar nature has ever been so honoured.

Tabled hereunder are the countries and the stamps issued:—

U.S.A.: 8 cents.  
Ecuador: 80 and 90 c.  
Egypt: 10 and 35 mills.  
French West Africa: 15 fr.  
Saar: 15 fr.  
Panama 6, 15, 21c. B/1.  
Tunisia: 12, 15, 18, 25, 30 fr.  
Libia: 35, 65 p.  
Syria: 25p, 75p.  
Morocco: 15 fr.  
Australia: 3½d.  
Honduras: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 30c, 1L.  
Phillipines: 15, 18, 50c.  
Korea: 20, 25, 71 h.  
Dominica: 7, 10c.  
Cuba: 4, 12c.  
Monaco: 30 fr.  
Nicaragua: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 90c., 1 cr.  
France: 30 c.  
Algeria: 30 c.  
Brazil: 2.70 cr.  
Columbia: 5c, 15c.  
Belgium: 4 fr.

Liberia: 5, 10, 15 c.

Greece: 2d. 1956.

Costa Rica: 10, 25, 40, 45, 60c., 2 col.

And before 1955 Rotary was honoured by the following special stamps:—

1931 Vienna (Austria) Convention, 1, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 groschen.

1940 Havana (Cuba) Convention, 2c.

1948 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) Convention, 1.20 and 3.80.

1954 Ostend (Belgium) Convention, 20c., 80c.

1955 Syria (Middle East) Convention, 35p., 65p.

And now Philatelists, it is hoped that you (in common with Presidents, Kings and rulers) will look kindly upon one who wears in his lapel the geared wheel of Rotary, the emblem of "Service above Self" and may you have much joy in the collection of the Rotary Stamps—a small but meaningful collection.

## OBITUARY

### JOHN KRISTE

John Kriste died suddenly on 1st July, 1964. He was a stamp collector all his life. From collecting as a schoolboy he graduated to becoming a philatelist. He joined various societies as he was moved about the country by the Railway administration. He joined the Pretoria Society during the 1930's and the Pretoria Railway Society soon after it was formed; these two were his main loves. On retiring on pension from the Railway service in January, 1959, he settled in the town of his birth, Pretoria, and was quickly inspanned by both Societies being elected a committee member of the Pretoria Society and Executive member of the Philatelic Federation. During 1962 he took over the Hon. Secretary's duties and has carried out this work since.

He was appointed Exchange Superintendent of the Pretoria Railway Society in 1959 and has made a great success by reorganising this section and showing improved sales each year. This year he was also elected Vice Chairman of the Society.

He first represented the Railway Society at Congress in 1957 and remained a Railway delegate until he was elected a Pretoria delegate to Federation in 1959. He has not

missed Congress since attending his first one.

Stamps were his first love and he was building up some fine collections and could be depended upon to have an exhibit for any Society meeting at short notice.

He will be greatly missed by the two Societies.

## A STAMP-AVIARY

By the Rev. W. Loxley Chamings, B.D., B.Sc.  
(Continued from p. 123 of July issue)

73. Cuckoo Family. The Giant Plantain-eater (Ghana 223) is a handsome fellow, sure enough, but myself, I prefer the Emerald Cuckoo of Gambia 205.

75. Typical Owl Family. Both the Eagle Owl of Hungary 1851 and the Scops Owl of Israel 248 are triumphs of bird-portraiture.

80. Nightjar Family. The Pennant-winged Nightjar of Ghana 226 has to be seen to be believed, and then hardly.

81. Swift Family. Finland 515.

83. Humming-bird Family. The Green-tailed Sylph of Venezuela 1432.

84. Trogon Family. Two winners—The Massena Trogon of British Honduras 208 and a pair of Bar-tailed Trogons on Venezuela 1430.

86. Kingfisher Family. Top marks to the Common Kingfisher of Poland 1210 and the Smyrna Kingfisher of Singapore 75.

88. Motmot Family. The Turquoise-browed Motmot of Salvador 1188.

89. Bee-eater Family. The breath-taking beauty of the Carmine Bee-eater on Senegal 225 makes it a nonpareil, though the Blue-cheeked Bee-eater of Israel 246a, were it not for an unpleasing background runs it close.

90. Roller Family. The Rufous-crowned Roller of Gambia 200.

91. Hoopoe Family. Here I much like the simplicity of the African Hoopoe on Bechuanaland 169.

92. Hornbill Family. Guinea achieves a triumph with its head of a Casqued Hornbill (317).

93. Barbet Family. The Yellow-fronted Barbet of Angola 453.

97. Toucan Family The clown of the bird world, and for sheer ribaldry the Keel-billed

Toucan of British Honduras 210 takes the biscuit.

98. Woodpecker Family. The Green Woodpecker of San Marino 601.

105. Cotinga Family, Venezuela's Cock of the Rock (1383).

107. Tyrant Flycatcher Family. The Great Kiskadee of British Honduras 205.

113. Lyrebird Family. Australia 140.

116. Swallow Family. Romania 1662, with the two babes in their nest, crying to be fed is the most appealing.

119. Oriole Family. The Spot-breasted Oriole of Salvador 1187 stands out from the run of Golden Orioles.

120. Crow Family. The Japanese Jay, Japan C464, wins literally by a head.

121. Wattlebird Family. The rare Saddleback of New Zealand 809 is rare in beauty too.

125. Paradise Family. The Red-plumed Bird of Paradise, Papua and New Guinea 42, sweeps home.

126. Tit Family. The Great Tit of Hungary 1782.

128. Nuthatch Family. The startling Wall-creeper of Poland 1211 is anyone's choice.

129. Babbler Family Anchieta's Babbling Thrush, Angola 466.

130. Bulbul Family. The Pepper Bird of Liberia 448.

134. Mocking-bird Family. Argentina 1047.

135. Thrush Family. Poland's Rock Thrush 1209, leads, but Germany's cheeky Robin, 1194, will always be a favourite.

136. Wabler Family. Monaco 664 shows a jolly pair of those sweet singers the Blackcaps.

137. Old World Flycatcher Family. Here I like the stark simplicity of the Japanese Paradise Flycatcher on Korea NK 399.

139. Pipit Family. The Wagtail of Monaco 661.

140. Waxwing Family. The Bohemian Waxwing of Finland 561.

143. Shrike Family. I favour the Crimson-breasted Shrike of South Africa 203.

144. Starling Family. Who would not fall for the Rosy Pastors of Russia 2784 and Mongolia 205?

145. Honey-eater Family. The Tui of New Zealand 567.

146. Sunbird Family. All gorgeous, but the Yellow-breasted Sunbird of Singapore 76 outshines the lot.

151. Wood-warbler Family. The Mourning Chat of Israel 246 fills the eye, as it should!

152. Icterid Family. Another winner in the Troupial of Venezuela 1382.

153. Tanager Family. The incomparable Franciscan Tanager of Senegal 227a wins by more than a head.

154. Finch Family. Pre-eminent are the Goldfinch of San Marino 598 and the Bullfinch of Romania 1666.

155. Seedeater Family. For deft design the Long-tailed Widow-bird of Swaziland 96 gets home first, bringing this tale of birds to an end.

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## EXHIBITIONS

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### Philatéc Paris 1964.

This has come and gone. There were fourteen exhibitors from South Africa and the awards gained by twelve of them were as follows:—

#### SILVER:

C. S. Rosenburg—Transvaal.

#### SILVER-BRONZE.

L. Abrams—G.S.W.A. and S.W.A.

Mrs. H. Jeidel—Belgium Congo.

A. L. Leon—Natal specialised.

J. H. Harvey Pirie—Swaziland.

J. Weinstein—Postal cancellations of Aden 1840-1940.

#### BRONZE:

B. Glassman—Mozambique and Mozambique Company.

I. A. Miller—Postal History of Sinai and Gaza.

R. Jeidel—Egypt.

#### DIPLOMA:

F. L. Archer—Art and Artists.

P. Keller—Poland Territories.

A. G. Versino—Great Britain, 1840-1935.

Some impressions made on L. Abrams were that it was enormous, there being about 1100 exhibits; that the attendances were very high; there were about 100 dealers who seemed to be doing a roaring trade, especially in first day covers which (with a 1 Fr. stamp) were selling at 6 Fr. In addition to stamps there was a big official exhibition showing the latest de-

velopments in the postal, telegraph and telecommunication departments.

Thematic exhibits were very popular and there were 183 awards given to them varying from gold to diplomas; they were on the whole beautifully set out, and it was notable how popular "space" was as a theme with Iron Curtain countries.

One feature (which involved much walking) was that the exhibits were grouped by the countries of the exhibitors not by the countries or subjects of the exhibits.

There were many social events organised for visitors and the attendance probably much exceeded anticipation.

#### WIPA 1965 Vienna.

The next big International will be held under the auspices of the Union of Austrian Philatelic Clubs in Vienna, 4th to 13th June 1965. They have issued their first booklet of regulations etc, with the Provisional Entry Forms. These can be obtained by anyone thinking of exhibiting or visiting the exhibition from Universitätsstrasse 8/1, Wien IX.

Mr. Douglas Roth of Fairways, Mona Crescent, Newlands C.P. has been appointed commissioner for South Africa, and he can also supply entry forms and other details about WIPA.

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#### TRISTAN DE CUNA

According to "Polar Post" a reliable correspondent in the U.S.A. states that stamp Booklets are rearing their ugly heads again. The Administration is being pressed by sources outside the Colonial Office to start booklets again. We are inclined to support the Polar Posts description of "Ugly Heads", for if any issue was more like gouging collectors it would be hard to find. If it does come we trust the "American Philatelist" will promptly assess it a Big Black Blot.

In the "Stamp Magazine" for June 1964, Mr. A. B. Crawford lists "What to collect in Cachets and Covers, and illustrates the markings of the pre-post office period, i.e. before 1952. His article is in fact a brief but full postal history of the island from 1906 to 1963.

#### ANGLO-BOER WAR

A Christiana Cancellation. Mr. J. H. Bruwer of Krugersdorp records a mark which seems to be hitherto unknown. It is on a cover addressed to Barkly East and cancels a 1d. C. G. H. stamp (S.G. 58). It is a single-circle mark of 32 mm. diameter enclosing "CHRISTIANA/1 OCT 00" in two lines, block capitals 2 mm high; blackish purple in colour. There are postmarks of Kimberley and Barkly East on the back of the cover.

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#### G.B. SHAKESPEARE STAMPS

The demand for these was so enormous that reprints of every value had to be made, except the 3d. in order to keep them on sale for a month. The original printing of the 3d. was 156 million, the others varied between 2½ and 14 million.

No sooner was the Shakespeare excitement over than Britain went gay again.

On 1 July, four special stamps—2½d., 4d., 8d. and 1/6d. were issued for the 20th International Geographical Congress being held in London. They were designed to reflect the changing face of Britain through the industrial development taking place.

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#### U.S.A.

H. R. Harmer, Inc., announces that their season's sales in N.Y. for the season have passed the \$1¼ million mark.

The Collectors Club have inaugurated a new international form of display. Some 18 members of the Royal P.S. of London gave an exhibit. To save the heavy expense that personal visits would have entailed, the owners' descriptions were tape recorded, the exhibits were shown on frames and some were photographed for display on the screen. It is hoped that a reverse programme may be staged in London.

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#### GREAT BRITAIN

Sometime in September two stamps, 3d. and 6d. values, will be issued for the opening of the Forth Road Bridge. This bridge, near the existing railway bridge, is claimed to be the longest roadbridge in Europe.

## BLACK BLOTS

In the May issue of the "American Philatelist" the following countries have been assessed "Black Blots."

**Dubai.** This Sheikdom has only been issuing its own stamps for a little under a year, but warnings have already been given in the magazine about its "gouging collectors" policy. In this issue no fewer than four items are put on the black list for one reason or another. They are:—

1. 10 stamp set to "commemorate" the 1963 Scout Jamboree in Athens.

2. "Kennedy Memorial" souvenir sheets being peddled for over \$5.

3. 16-stamp Red Cross centenary set, half perf. and half imperf.

4. 8-stamp Space Astronauts set.

**Hungary.** Printing of 5,000 imperf. of each of the eight values of the recently issued definitive series.

**Laos.** A set of 3 stamps to publicise the "Save the Nubian Monuments" campaign. The day of issue they were declared sold out at the P.O., but were readily got in the street at enhanced prices.

**Yemen (Royalist):** Imperf. stamps and souvenir sheet of "Freedom from Hunger" issue. But no one really knows the true postal situation in the "two Yemens."

The following have been assessed in the June issue:—

**Hungary.** 5 Imperfs. tacked on to 5 perfs. honouring Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, also a 2 ft. fencing anniversary stamp with a limited printing and being an oddity intentionally included.

**Sharjah.** An 8-stamp set and a souvenir sheet for the Tokyo Olympic games. It is considered that countries not sending athletes to the games have no justification for honouring or publicising the games by issuing stamps.

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## GERMANY

Both Berlin and West Germany have issued two commems. (20 and 40 pf. values) for the re-election of President Luebke of the Federal Republic. Their issues were kept a secret till the results of the election were stated.

## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

### Mexico Postal.

We have received a sample copy of this bi-monthly magazine, now in its seventh period of publication. It is practically entirely in English and from the style of the articles, should, we think, be very useful to collectors of Mexican stamps of any period. The annual subscription is \$5.00 U.S.A., obtainable from Apartado postal 9055, Hevico 1, D.F.

### Catalogue Thiaude

50th Edition, Maison H. Thiande, 24 Rue de 4 Septembre, Paris 2e, Price 4.50Fr.

This is a comprehensive catalogue of the stamps of France, Colonies (past and present), occupied territories, mandates, various associated countries such as Andora, Morocco, Monaco, etc.

Most of the stamps of France itself are grouped thematically — personages, buildings, monuments, coat-of-arms, other commemoratives (with or without surtax), pre-cancelled items, F.D.C's., etc. Numerous illustrations. Priced mint and used.

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## GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

### First Air Service.

The Crown Agents announce the start of this service linking the two groups of islands with Fiji. In commemoration of this three special stamps have been issued, the denominations being 3d., 1/- and 3/7d.

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## SWEDEN

Because of increases in postal rates, six new stamps (5-120 öre) were issued on 1st July.

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**SIERRA LEONE—A QUERY**

A query as to the reliability of the official announcements of the postal authorities of this territory has been raised in "Stamp Collecting" of 29th May p. 445.

When the first issue of the map-shaped, self-adhesive stamp appeared (featuring the New York World's Fair) a constant flaw was found consisting of a spur to the A of SIERRA on Row 3, stamp 3 of the 6d., 1/-, 2/- and 5/- values. An official announcement giving the quantities printed, stated that all the dies and plates had been destroyed.

Then the 2nd issue appeared (featuring President Kennedy). It was found that there was the same spur on the A flaw on the same placed values.

An extraordinary coincidence if the original dies and plates were no longer available for printing parts of the Kennedy stamps.

The Director of Posts has been written to, but so far no explanation has been received.

**SOCIETY NEWS**

**COPPERBELT P.S.**

**May Meeting.** There has been a very marked increase in attendance at Society meetings throughout this year, and the May meeting was no exception with 37 people in attendance. There was considerable exchange activity, and the usual distribution of stamps and covers.

Mr. Walton Evans tabled a well written up collection of modern U.S.A. covers, while Master Walton Evans, not to be outdone, displayed his collection of Zanzibar stamps and Canadian Covers, all very well written up.

On 22nd May over 50 members and guests attended a dinner to do honour to Mrs. D. Fell who has just completed 25 year's membership with the Society, and she has been Hon. Secretary/Treasurer for almost all that time. The Chairman, Mr. S. Kelly, who is the only active member with longer service (28 years) paid tribute to all the hard work that Mrs. Fell has done for the Society and Philately in general throughout these years. He then presented her with a cheque and an illuminated scroll conferring Hon. Life Membership of the Society upon her. All members hope that her next 25 years with the Club will be as interesting.

Tributes of her work were received from members residing in the Republic of South Africa, South West Africa, England, Canada, the U.S.A. and many parts of the Rhodesias.

### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

**The May Meeting** was very well attended. The Chairman showed his recent collection of covers depicting the visit of Pope Paul VI to Israel, also a few envelopes covering the visit of King Baudoain of Belgium to Israel.

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**14 May.** Mr S. Kaganson after an introductory talk, showed his collection of Swiss Postal Stationery. This was to have been followed by a joint exhibition of Swiss Mummery, but owing to Mr. Mummery's death it was all taken over by Mrs. Jeidel; she gave a very fine show, the emphasis of it being on Airmails, and a very good exhibit it was.

**28 May.** Competition for the Kaganson cup for the best Thematic exhibit. Three were five entrants, the winner being Mr. H. Beinart, with "The Story of Olympic Games".

### PRETORIA P.S.

**2 June** This meeting was concerned mainly with three of the smaller European countries—Andorra, Liechtenstein and San Marino. Dr. Schiff opened with a short talk outlining the history, etc., of these territories. Miss Versfeld followed with a description of the stamps themselves; these coming from the collection in the Transvaal Museum.

It was reported that arrangements for the October Congress and Exhibition were going satisfactorily; entries, which close on 30 June, had come in well. The Exhibition would be opened by his Worship the Mayor on Monday 12th October, and the Congress by the P.M.G., Mr Botes on Tuesday 13th.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**May Meeting.** A large attendance saw Mr. Annett's fine collection of Federation stamps, particularly his illustrations of the many varieties and "spots and dots". The evening ended with a brisk auction.

### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

**June Meeting.** Mrs. Jeidel was down to speak on Judaica stamps. She first of all

considered what "Judaica" meant and was unable to find any definition in philatelic books or catalogues. She fell back on the Oxford dictionary, where "Judaica" is given as "pertaining to Jews". On this definition she showed a wonderful collection of odds and ends, but avoided anything published in or by the State of Israel or her forerunners such as Palestine. It included various documents, private Ghetto postal covers and cancellations—of much historical interest, but perhaps open to argument as to how far it could be said to be of philatelic interest.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**12 May.** The first exhibit was by Cdr. C.E.D. Enoch, of early British line engraved. This was a truly colossal affair, with practically everything that exists in the way of plate numbers, except that bugbear of all G.B. collectors—plate 77. There were numerous stages of the plates and shades shown.

Secondly Mr. L. Moss showed what he called "just a straight forward collection of Israel", mentioning that the only thing he really lacked was the first coins issue. It was well written up, the only fault being that there was too much variety in the sizes and kind of ink used.

**25 May.** The first of a series of talks by Mr. Fisher-Hill opened the meeting. This was on Perforating, its only fault being that it was too short. Two exhibits for the evening dealt with the Republic of S. Africa (a) by T. Meyer, beautifully arranged and showing many "errors" of every possible kind, (b) by D. Hall, one of our junior members. This could not match the first for write-up, but it contained a number of items worthy of any specialist's collection.

**9 June.** Visit from members of the Germiston P.S. Five of them treated us to very varied and very interesting exhibits.

(1) Heraldry on stamps of Southern Africa, by S. L. Crozet; this collection had taken much time and delving in records to get it accurate and complete, but the theme made excellent viewing.

(2) H. Suklje displayed a fine lot of pre-stamp covers of Germany covering the period 1797 to about 1860. A marvellous lot of different postmarks were included.

(3) S. J. Hagger showed his Booklet stamps of S. Africa, including the complete series of the K.G. V booklets, probably the finest lot of these in existence.

(4) An advanced study by J. Smit of all the printings of the Republican values  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c.

(5) Christmas stamps of Denmark by R. G. L. Mephius. The earlier issues in blocks of 4, later issues in complete sheets. These stamps are so popular in Denmark that a number of tuberculosis sanatoria have been built with the proceeds of their sale.

**O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

**May Meeting.** New issues and acquisitions were shown by Dr. Nolte, Mr. A. H. Scott, Mr. Meyburgh and Mr. H. E. Roux.

The two main exhibits of the evening were then shown:

(1) Eire by W. G. Combrink of Cape Town. In the early provisional issues he showed both the Dollard and the Thom overprints, in which plate identification is possible only by control blocks. Many varieties were included.

(2) East Germany, by Dr. E. G. N. Brün- ing. As mint stamps are virtually impossible to come by, the collection consisted mainly of covers. One cover had stamps of both E. and W. Germany as there was uncertainty at the time which stamps were valid in the particular area. Both were obliterated.

**GERMISTON P.S.**

**17 June.** Mr. H. J. Suklje pre-stamp covers from Germany—an unusual, but interesting series from many towns; Mr. Theo. Stephens showed used Postage Due stamps of the Union of S. Africa, in blocks of 4. Mr. J. J. Smit displayed higher values of the Republic of S. Africa.

**AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING**

**Woensdag, 17 Junie.** Reëlings vir die film-aand wou aanvanklik nie vlot nie, maar op die ou end het alles goed verloop en was die vertonings deur almal terdeë geniet, al was hulle dan nie wat oorspronklik beplan was nie.

Die film oor posseëlaangeleenthede in die voormalige Nederlandse kolonies het ongelukkig beskadig geraak. Almal was dit egter daarmee eens dat die vervangende een, "Hollandse Flitse," 'n uitstekende film van twintig minute was. Dit het ons 'n kykie gegee in daardie Nederlandse sake wat aanleiding tot verskeie seëluitreikings gehad het. Voorwaar twintig minute se aanskoulike en leersame genot.

Die kleurskyfies en bandopname van die staatseël-drukkery op Pretoria is iets wat elke ernstige posseëlversamelaar behoort te sien. Daar is 56 skyfies wat haas alle fasette van die seëldrukkuns dek. Hierdie besondere opname gaan oor die twee ou Goebel masjiene. Eersdaags word 'n opname gemaak van die nuwe Albertina rolpers.

Lede het die mening uitgespreek dat ons gereelde filmaande behoort te hê. Die Bestuur stem saam en sal sekerlik baie ernstig daaraan dink om nie net gereeld nie, maar ook meer gereeld, vir filmvertonings te sorg . . . . as dit maar net beter bywoning van vergaderings sal verseker.

Ons volgende byeenkoms (Woensdag, 15 Julie) lui ons jaarlikse wedstryde in wanner lede J. Keet (Olimpiese Spele) en O. C. Kylander (Republiek van Suid-Afrika) hulle inskrywings om die AFV-Eretoekenning ten toon stel. Dit is twee uitstekende versamelings.

**PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.**

**June Meeting.** Mr. Castignani showed two reigns collections from four British Commonwealth islands, Fiji, Papua and New Guinea, Tonga and Zanzibar—countries rarely shown at Society meetings. To round off his exhibit he also showed varieties from his British and South African collections.

**PORT ELIZABETH P.S.**

**12 May.** Mr. Hutter's exhibit was called "Rands and Cents," and comprised all the countries which changed their currencies in February, 1961, except Tristan da Cunha. One interesting item was a cover with a S. Rhodesian stamp cancelled in Port Elizabeth, another a recent Swaziland item cancelled with a postmark in the shape of an outline of the territory.

**26 May.** Mr. J. F. Slabbert showed three exhibits: (1) South American States, (2) Red Cross covers from Holland; one of the items being franked with a special mark, the design for which had been taken from one of the stamps. (3) Twenty-four covers from U.N. headquarters, all with special cancellations.

**9 June.** A record attendance to see Mr. W. Harmer's display of the stamps of K.G. VI—120 sheets of them covering the period 1937-1952. They included a number of the sets issued about 1950; these, owing to the sudden death of the King, had a very short life and are not so easy to acquire.

**UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.**

**June 17:** There was a Quiz which was won by Capt. M. Stern. This was followed by Mr. Lurie showing his collection of "Israel." This proved quite an eye-opener in that a very fresh method of presentation was utilized. This, when fully developed, will prove one of the very good collections of its kind.

—M.F.S.

**THEMATIC STAMP CLUB**

**June 8:** Mrs. H. Jeidel showed her collection "Towards United States of Europe." The stamps were laid out thematically and showed the growth of the efforts of unity in Europe over the ages, supported by fine philatelic material. A new approach was manifested and those who attended were well rewarded.

**June 22:** Part 1 of "Animals" belonging to Dr. Chiat was shown. This covered the beginning of use of animals on stamps in heraldic form and then the animals peculiar to countries and a general classification. This was a collection set up in the early 50's and still can hold its place. The writing-up was informative and almost of an educational nature, like the early collections of the late Capt. Simenhoff. There were some very fine early animal stamps, which are now very difficult to obtain. Members are now looking forward to Part 2 of this collection.

—M.F.S.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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**The New Bouzard Step and Repeat Printing-down Machine.** (By the courtesy of the Government Printer and the Chief Publicity Officer, G.P.O., Pretoria, and approved for publication).

"The new Bouzard printing-down machine is not a camera as such, it prints down on to carbon tissue or photographic film by contact only, no lens is used as in the case of a true Step and Repeat Camera.

The old Step and Repeat Camera is still used to make the original multipositive, although this multipositive will only be  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the previous size when printing double frames on the 830 and 840 machines and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the size when printing on the Albertina machine, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size when printing a single frame on either the 830 or 840 machines.

These multi-positives can now be called the unit multi-positives. When all the unit multi-positives corresponding to the number of colours required have been stepped up, a very fine line is engraved on the emulsion side denoting the exact centre of the multipositive. This fine line is engraved exactly parallel to the stamps on both the horizontal and vertical sides.

Having now supplied the master colour unit multi-positives with these centre lines, the other colour multipositives are registered to the master positive and then similar fine register lines corresponding to the master multi-positive are engraved. This is done in the case of every colour required. These centre lines are very important as

the whole subsequent procedure depends on their accuracy. The next step is the actual stepping up on the Bouzard machine. An important piece of equipment going with the Bouzard machine is the registering table which is fitted with a frosted glass top and illuminated from beneath with strip lights.

This registering table is made to take a mounting glass frame of  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick opital glass. Into the metal surround of this frame are drilled four holes corresponding exactly to four lugs fitted to the cross registering frame. This cross registering frame is fitted with a diagonal cross metal frame carrying a glass strip in the four sections of the cross, these glass strips have a very fine line engraved exactly at right angles and also denoting the exact centre of the frame.

When fitting the mounting glass frame to the registering table and superimposing the cross registering frame, these two frames can be locked by the register lugs to form one solid unit; no movement is allowed. The space between these two frames can be adjusted to allow just sufficient space to move the unit multi-positive.

The next step is to register the fine register lines engraved on the unit-multi-positive exactly beneath the fine lines of the cross registering frame. A special magnifier is used in connection with this aspect of the work.

When the unit multi-positive is in position it is firmly fixed in position to the mounting glass with gummed tape, the unit multi-positive now being exactly in the centre of the Bouzard machine.

The Bouzard machine is fitted with two control points, giving both lateral and vertical movements; the accuracy of these movements can be controlled to  $1/1000$ ".

On a lay-out sheet is calculated the exact distance of the head carrying the contact

frame has to travel to space out the stamps exactly to make up the full sheet required. When these measurements are obtained the actual stepping up is proceeded with. The machine is so constructed that no control works until the unit-multipositive is in proper contact with the carbon tissue. The exposure is done by a special high intensity Xenon lamp. This lamp is water cooled and if for any reason the water pressure through the water jacket is not enough to keep the lamp cool it will automatically switch itself off. When everything is ready the carbon tissue is fixed exactly in the centre of the rubber bed of the machine, the unit multipositive can then be exposed the required number of times, bringing the dial recordings exactly to the positions worked out on the lay-out sheet. The exposure time is controlled by an exposure meter.

To assist in transferring the exposed carbon tissue in exact register for all the colours on each cylinder, a system of lug control has been introduced. A fixed set of lugs are attached permanently to the bed of the Bouzard machine, it is fixed exactly parallel to the horizontal axis of the machine. When the carbon tissue has been exposed a template sheet is attached to the tissue securely and the register holes of the template is placed in position to the fixed lugs. The tissue is then removed together with the template and placed in position on the table of the transferring machine, using another fixed lug position. This brings the carbon tissue to a fixed position on the cylinder. The transfer roller is brought down on to the cylinder and the carbon tissue is clamped in position. The template is now removed from the tissue and transferred to the cylinder in the usual way. By using this method all the colours can be transferred to the different cylinders in register; thus doing away with visual sighting of centre lines as previously done. All this work is repeated for each colour required."

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## POST CARDS—THE FIRST ANIMAL SERIES

(THE LAST OF THE "SMALL VIEWS")  
By S. J. Vermaak

"Shades of light brown to olive-black."

This is the only identifying lead the Handbook gives us, and yet, the shades are as different as day is from night. The qualification "printed at different times on soft creamy or white card," barely saves the issue from inadequacy of description.

The often heard question, "How do you arrange your first Animal Series post cards?" has led me to attempt an answer from my notes.

Although not readily available at all post offices on D-day, the first delivery was in fact obtainable at some of the larger centres (e.g. Pretoria) on 14 October, 1954, to coincide with the issue of the Animal Series stamps. The first issue was on a soft cream coloured card with the stamp in a light reddish brown. The last delivery before the issue with the "Large Views," was made in February, 1958. In the penultimate issue the stamp is almost black. Between these two there were no less than eleven other deliveries. Some of these are identical to their previous numbers, but there are at least two types of stamps and seven distinct colour variations.

To date I have come across collectable varieties in five of the seven differing deliveries. I have no doubt that other varieties must exist; it is a fact that collectors do not always report their finds, with the result that the record is never complete. (How often have we not heard, "Oh, I have something that is not catalogued?"). I have frequently had reports of varieties found but for some or other reason the finders will not forward their discoveries for scrutiny.

Commercial radio competitions have resulted in such a heavy call for post cards that the Government Printer has his resources fully extended.

On the original order for 2,720,000 cards, the printer made his first delivery of 564,480 on 2 September, 1954, (issued 14th October, 1954). By August, 1955, four deliveries had been made for a total of 2,758,080 cards.

### New Stamps Cylinder.

A second requisition for 2,720,000 was executed in three deliveries to 8 March, 1956, in all 2,571,440 cards, the last of which with a new stamps cylinder, giving rise to the stamps with the halowed effect. A third order for a similar number was completed in three deliveries to November, 1956. On the fourth order deliveries were made in

April and July, 1957, and the final on 23 January, 1958 (issued February, 1958); total 2,758,160. (In all 10,840,000 cards).

To reply to the question put above, I have arranged these very intriguing issues (PC 39) in the following manner:

**First Type: 14th October, 1954.**

Reddish brown on soft, cream coloured card. Views grey-green.

- V.1 View and inscription only partly printed, (Union Buildings and The Falls). Mint.
- V.2 Very marked paper fold vertically through the view. (Dist. Haenertsberg). Mint. (This fold or crease is so pronounced that it must have extended to the cards above and below).
- V.3 Stamp imperfectly printed. (Golden Gate). Mint.

**Second Type: 1955.**

Purplish brown on thin, soft, white card. Views grey-green.

**Third Type: 1955.**

Coffee-brown on thin, soft, white card. Views grey-green.

- V.1 Stamp imperfectly printed. (Commissioner Street and Gold Mine). Mint.

**Fourth Type: August 1955.**

Blackish olive on soft, white card. Views dull green.

- V.1 Misplaced gullotine. (Bottom quarter of view title showing on top of cards). (Bethlehem on Commissioner Street and Kruger National Park on Rhodes Memorial). Used.

**Fifth Type: April 1956.**

New Stamps Cylinder. Greyish black (halowed leopard; stamps at times almost completely without colour) on soft, white card. Views grey-green.

- V.1 Double interruption. (Title of card "Government House" and part of stamp not printed). Used.

**Sixth Type: 1957.**

Greyish black (lettering and leopards spots showing black) on stiff, white card. Views bronze green.

- V.1 Cracked stamp plate. Pronounced vertically inclined scratch through stamp). (Union Buildings). Used.

**Seventh Type: February 1958.**

Olive-brown on soft, white card. Views sage-green.

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**STOP PRESS**

New 10c Postage Due. Cyls. 99 (new) and 45 (old); Arms wmk. upright; red sheet numbers opposite rows 7/8 and 18/19 stamp 10.

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South West Africa Calvin stamps on 1.10.64; 2½c and 15c. Addressed envelopes together with the necessary remittance must reach the Director of Posts (P.O. Box 287, Windhoek) before the day of issue.

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Owing to unforeseen circumstances the 3rd delivery of the Republic Handbook Supplementary Pages is later than anticipated (the last delivery was made in November). Watch the S.A. Philatelist for an announcement.

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Please note that the Business Manager of this magazine (Mr. S. J. Vermaak) has removed to Bosmans Building (4th Floor), Bree Street, between Eloff and Joubert Streets, Johannesburg; postal address unchanged; telephone 22-9921.

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**PREPEX-PREFU**

A feature of the exhibition will be by the Dept. of Posts and T. Details are not available but the exhibit promises to be of particular interest to both the specialist and the general collector.

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The "Interim" Catalogue will be available at the end of September; costs R2.25 post free. Complete price revision of the Union H/B; corrections and additions; the "Animals" brought up to date; first cataloguing of the Decimals; write-up of the De La Rue Essays. Orders to: P.F. of S.A., Box 375, Johannesburg.



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## THE NURSES' COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS

Further to our August Notes, a Post Office Bulletin, just to hand, gives details pertaining to the issue of the S.A. Nursing Associations Commemorative Stamps which will appear on the 12th October, 1964, and remain on sale at the Philatelic Bureau and all post offices for a period of about three months.

(1) **First-Day Cancellations:** There will not be a **special first-day commemorative date-stamp** in use at any particular post office on this occasion, but persons who desire to obtain the postmark of their local post office on the day of issue of the stamps, should hand in their addressed envelopes at the post office counter on the 12th October after they have affixed the stamps thereto.

(2) **National Philatelic Exhibition: Pretoria:** A National Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Pretoria during the period 12th to 17th October, 1964. A special date stamp on which the Union Buildings, the words PREPEX-PREFU, and the date 12-17.X.1964 have been engraved, will be used at the temporary post office at the Exhibition. (See paragraph 5).

(3) **South African Nursing Association: Golden Jubilee Congress: Cape Town:** The Golden Jubilee Congress will be held in Cape Town during the period 26th to 30th October, 1964. A special commemorative date-stamp on which the badge of the Nursing Association and the date: 26-30.X.1964 have been engraved, will be used at the temporary post office at the Congress. (See paragraph 5).

(4) **"First-Day" and Commemorative Covers:** The Nursing Association will make available an official "first-day" cover for use on the day of issue of the stamps, namely, 12th October. A special "Congress" commemorative cover intended for use during the period 26th to 30th October, will also be on sale to the public. These covers will cost 5c (6d.) each and may be ordered from the S.A. Nursing Association, P.O. Box 1280, Pretoria, and also from the Exhibition Committee, P.O. Box 514, Pretoria. An amount for return postage must be included with the order.

(5) **Servicing of "First-Day" and "Congress" Commemorative Covers:** Orders for the official Nursing Association "first-day" cover postmarked with the PREPEX-PREFU date-stamp, and for the commemorative cover postmarked with the special "CONGRESS" date-stamp, at Cape Town, should be addressed to the S.A. Nursing Association, P.O. Box 1280, Pretoria, or to the Exhibition Committee, P.O. Box 514, Pretoria. The price of a cover will be 25c which includes the cost of the set of stamps (15c) affixed thereto.

(6) **Servicing of Private Covers:** Persons who do not wish to make use of the service mentioned in paragraph 5 above, may send their covers and remittance to the Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Pretoria, for postmarking with the PREPEX-PREFU date-stamp. Covers on which an impression of the "Congress" date-stamp is desired, should be forwarded to the Postmaster, (Philatelic), Cape Town, together with a remittance for the postage stamps.

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### FINLAND

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On the occasion of the XVIII General Assembly of the World Medical Association at Helsinki on 13-6-64 there were issued a special 0.40 stamp, special cancellor and F. D.C.'s. All three items show the usual medical badge of a serpent twining round a staff.

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### GREAT BRITAIN

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Isn't G.B. going gay with eleven new stamps in less than as many weeks—June to August?

There are three new 2½d regionals for the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey; four for the International Geographical Congress in London, featuring "The Changing Face of Britain"; and four for the International Botanical Congress in Edinburgh, which feature certain wild flowers.

The G.P.O. is also adopting a new practice in regard their official F.D.C.'s. In addition to supplying these in bulk to the trade at reduced rates in advance, as before, they are also supplying single copies at 6d each, unstamped, so that the public can apply single stamps or full sets, as they wish.

## PHILATELISTS' RENDEZVOUS

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meet on the second and fourth Thursdays  
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Meetings 2nd and 4th Mondays monthly  
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All interested in Thematics welcome.  
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Telephone 337722 (Evenings)

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in the  
Council Chamber of the Technical College  
Church Street East, Pretoria  
at 7.45 p.m.  
VISITORS CORDIALLY WELCOMED.  
P.O. Box 514, Pretoria.  
PREPEX — CITY HALL, PRETORIA — 12 TO  
17 OCTOBER, 1964.

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meets Twice a Month: Second Tuesday  
and Fourth Monday  
at  
Room 97, Public Library, Johannesburg  
at 8 p.m.  
VISITORS ARE WELCOME.  
HON. SECRETARY,  
P.O. BOX 4967 - JOHANNESBURG.

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Meetings are not held, but Members get  
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Railway Recreation Club, Berea Park,  
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at 8.00 p.m.  
P.O. Box 2388 — Pretoria  
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Meets on the 3rd Monday of every month  
at 8.15 p.m.  
Burlington House Boardroom (2nd Floor)  
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Johannesburg.  
ALL WELCOME.  
Secretary: P.O. Box 11502, Johannesburg

### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

meets at 2.15 p.m. on the second Saturday of  
every month in the  
Conference Room, 7th Floor Rand Mine  
Building (Corner House)  
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ALL INTERESTED IN SOUTH AFRICAN  
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Telephone 763-3583)

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Meets on the fourth Friday of every month  
in the  
NATIONAL MUSEUM HALL,  
BLOEMFONTEIN  
at 7.30 p.m.  
Issues a monthly magazine and circulates  
sales packets to members.  
P.O. BOX 702 — BLOEMFONTEIN

## SOUTH AFRICAN MACHINE POSTMARKS

By D. Allison (University of Cape Town  
Philatelic Society)

(Continued from p. 150 of August issue)

### 43. Eat Enriched Bread.

This slogan referred to the fortified brown bread subsidised by the Government. The scheme began in 1952 and was discontinued as from 30th September, 1959.

Nevertheless, postmarks with this slogan may be found with dates later than this. It was used at Cape Town for a few days in December 1959, and regularly used at East London from November 1961 to May 1962; incidentally, East London made far more use of this slogan when the bread was no longer on sale than it had done while the bread was available!

My earliest recording is 11.00 1-VIII 1953 (Cape Town).

a. On non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

b. On continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

Cape Town ... ..	a	1953-59.
Durban ... ..	a	1953-54 (Paid only).
East London ... ..	a	1953-62.
Johannesburg ... ..	a	1953-55.
Kimberley ... ..	b	1957-59 (rarely used except on Paid).
Pietermaritzburg	a	1953-58.
Port Elizabeth ...	a	1953-54.
Pretoria ... ..	a	1953-55.

### 44. Centenary Celebrations 15.V.54—15.VIII.54.

Continuous. English and Afrikaans alternately. Used at Durban, evidently for the period referred to; my first and last dates are 15.V.54 - 7.00 and 14 VIII 54 - 13:15.

### 45. Fight Cancer.

The first date recorded is 28-X 1954 (Pretoria; see "South African Philatelist", January 1955, p.1.).

a. On non-continuous machines, English first.

b. On non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

c. On continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately.

Bloemfontein ...	b	1954.
Cape Town ... ..	a	1954-60.
Cape Town ... ..	b	1954-62.

Durban ... ..	b	1954-62.
East London ...	a	1954-62.
Johannesburg ...	a	1954-56.
Johannesburg ...	b	1954-56.
Johannesburg ...	c	1954 (Only Paid seen).
Kimberley ... ..	c	1954-55.
Ladysmith Natal	a	1955.
Port Elizabeth ...	b	1954-55.
Pretoria ... ..	a	1954-58.

### 46. Buy South African.

First seen 12.00 20-IV 1955 (Johannesburg; type b), and in use at at least nine offices by the end of April.

a. On non-continuous machines, English first.

b. On non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

c. On continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately.

d. On continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

The figure "2" in the type column indicates that two dies of the type referred to have been used. "Johannesburg 2" is Saxonwold; see Chapter 3(b). In date-lists, "C" means current in February, 1963.

Benoni ... ..	2a	1955-62.
Bloemfontein ...	2a	1955-58.
Brakpan ... ..	b	1955-56.
Cape Town ... ..	2a	1955-61.
Cape Town ... ..	2b	1955-57.
Durban ... ..	a	1955-57.
East London ...	a	1955-59.
Germiston ... ..	a	1955-56.
Grahamstown ...	a	1955-58.
Johannesburg ...	2a	1955-60.
Johannesburg ...	2b	1955-60.
Johannesburg ...	2c	1955-56.
Johannesburg ...	c	1955-56.
Johannesburg 2	d	1957 (Paid only).
Kimberley ... ..	c	1955-56 (Paid only).
Klerksdorp ... ..	a	1955-62.
Kroonstad ... ..	b	1955-62.
Krugersdorp ...	b	1955-58.
Krugersdorp ...	a	1958-62.
Ladysmith Natal	b	1955-62.
Parow Depot ...	b	1958-C.
Pietermaritzburg	b	1955-57.
Pietersburg ... ..	b	1955-58.
Port Elizabeth ...	b	1955-57.
Pretoria ... ..	2b	1955-57.
Roodepoort ... ..	a	1955-62.
Springs ... ..	2a	1955-58.
Springs ... ..	2b	1956-60.
Standerton ... ..	b	1955-61.
Uitenhage ... ..	b	1955-C.
Vereeniging ... ..	a	1955-62.
Worcester ... ..	b	1955-62.

### 47. "Good Food—Good Teeth"

a. Continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately.

b. Non-continuous machines, English first.

c. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

This slogan seems to have been originally used at Johannesburg only. There were at least five dies, 2 of type a, 1 of type b, and 2 of type c. All dies of this slogan have the inverted commas before GOEIE reversed. One of the continuous dies had a hyphen in error, instead of inverted commas, after TEETH. It is unusual to find this one in black, or the correct one in red. Type b was also used at Yeoville ("Johannesburg 4"—see Chapter 3(b)).

The first dates I have noted for the three types are all in the period 21 to 23 August 1957; types a and c were in use at least until 1959 and type b until 1960.

In 1961 and 1962 type a appeared from Alberton; the note on page 197 of the June 1962 "South African Philatelist" probably refers to this.

#### 48. Prevent Bush and Veld Fires.

a. Continuous machines, English and Afrikaans alternately.

b. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first.

c. Non-continuous machines, English first.

First seen 18.00 28-XI 1958 (Johannesburg).

Except for Kimberley, which had a continuous machine, all the places using this slogan used type b at first. In July 1961 this was replaced by type c at Pretoria. Type c has also been used at Cape Town, but is not common from there; as far as I know it has been used for three periods of a day or so each.

The figure "2" indicates two slogan dies.

Bloemfontein ...	2b	1958-62.
Cape Town ... ..	b	1958-61.
Cape Town ... ..	c	1962.
Durban ... ..	2b	1959-62.
East London ...	b	1958-61.
Johannesburg ...	2b	1958-62
Kimberley ... ..	a	1958-59.
Pietermaritzburg	b	1958-61.
Port Elizabeth ...	b	1958-61.
Pretoria ... ..	b	1958-61.
Pretoria ... ..	c	1961-62.

#### 49. The Wonder of Afrikaans.

First seen 16.00 13-V 1959 (Johannesburg). and last seen 16.30 1-III 1960 (Bloemfontein). Pretoria used this slogan in October 1959, but the other seven towns seem to have stopped using it by the end of September.

a. Non-continuous machines, English first. Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth.

b. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first. Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Pretoria.

C. Continuous machine, languages alternately. Kimberly.

#### 50. Register as a Voter.

First seen 9.30 30-III 1960, and last seen 9.30 30-VI 1960 (both Cape Town).

a. Non-continuous machines, English first. Durban, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth.

b. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first. Bloemfontein, Cape Town, East London, Pietermaritzburg, Pretoria.

#### 51. S.A. Railways: A Century of Service 1860-1960.

First seen 15.30 27-V 1960 (Cape Town), and last seen 17.15 2-IX 1960 (Bloemfontein)

a. Non-continuous machines, English first. Same towns as 50b.

b. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first. Same towns as 50a.

#### 52. Wipe out Polio.

First seen 9.30 28-V 1961 (Pretoria), and last seen 9.30 13-XII 1961 (East London).

a. Non-continuous machines, English first. Bloemfontein, East London, Kimberley, Pretoria.

b. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first. Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth.

#### 53. Get Home Safely.

First seen 14.00 8-X 1962 (Cape Town) and still current in February 1963 at all the towns listed except Johannesburg.

a. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first. Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth, Pretoria.

It will be noticed that slogans 48 to 53 were all used at the same nine towns.

#### 54. Post Christmas Mail Early.

First seen 16.30 14-XI 1962 (Bloemfontein)

In Britain, the use of slogans is more rigidly controlled than here, and postmasters are instructed to use the slogan corresponding to this one for a particular period, uniform throughout the country; for instance, in 1961 the period was from December 8th to 20th. Later uses of the slogan, even after Christmas, are of course known.

What instructions were issued in South Africa I do not know; but at least six towns (marked L in the list) continued to use this slogan after Christmas 1962. The latest use I can record is 6.00 14-I 1963, from Port Elizabeth; the slogan was changed later that morning.

a. Non-continuous machines, English first. Cape Town, Durban L, East London, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg L, Port Elizabeth L, Welkom L.

b. Non-continuous machines, Afrikaans first. Bloemfontein, Germiston L, Johannesburg L, Klerksdorp, Kroonstad, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom, Pretoria, Vereeniging.

(To be Continued)

## THE DUAL SHADING ON A SHEET OF STAMPS

(Being a paper read at a meeting of the S.A. Stamp Study Circle by Dr. T. B. Berry)

The dual shading, observed on many sheets of our stamps is by no means an uncommon occurrence, the stamps at the centre of the sheet being of a lighter shade than those at the top and bottom portions. The condition is generally stated to be due to a "light effect," and more often than not the matter is pursued no further.

The concentration of the light-beams over the central portion of the glass multipositive at the time of imprinting its images onto the carbon tissue is only one of the causes of the shade effect, and to clarify this condition I propose to review very briefly the relevant printing stages.

Let us join up with the printing technique at the multipositive and carbon tissue stage and determine the parts they play in the train of events which lead ultimately to the final product—a sheet of stamps.

A reservation has to be made here for recently a new machine, a Step and Repeat Contact Printer, has been installed, in respect of which the printing technique has been slightly altered. However the general principle remains the same and this dissertation deals with factors common to both methods and also includes other aspects which may interest members.

The multipositive is a sensitised photographic plate of different sizes onto which the image of the desired stamp has been

exposed the required number of times by means of a step and repeat camera.

The carbon tissue, a piece of which is displayed, consists essentially of a very thin homogenous layer of prepared gelatine spread onto a paper backing. The gelatine is coloured red in this case so as to aid the technician in its manipulation, and takes its name, carbon, from an earlier period when lamp-black was used as the colouring material.

In order to appreciate the behaviour of the gelatine coating of the carbon tissue during the printing process, it is desirable to spend a few moments on the consideration of the crude material.

Gelatine, a sample of which is passed round, is an animal derivative and is used extensively in domestic and commercial spheres. One of its properties, namely its solubility in hot or warm water is of fundamental importance in the preparation of our stamps. This property may be varied for when gelatine is treated with a chemical, such as a solution of potassium bichromate, it becomes light sensitive. Thus, when light, either day or that of an arc lamp falls upon gelatine so treated, it becomes insoluble in warm or hot water. The degree of insolubility is directly proportional to the amount of light falling onto any part of the treated gelatine. This aspect is of major importance at the stage when the carbon tissue takes its imprint from the multipositive by means of an exposure to light.

For this purpose, the previously screened gelatinous surface of the carbon tissue is placed in contact with the emulsion face of the glass multipositive and is exposed to a powerful source of light for a predetermined period. A vacuum printing down frame in which the two surfaces are brought into intimate contact or the newly installed step and repeat contact printer may be used.

The stamp images on the multipositive comprise light and dark shades similarly to those of any photographic plate and correspond in light value to the colour tones of the stamp. Thus the intensity of the light transmitted to the carbon tissue varies according to the dark and light portions of the image. The dark portions allow less light to reach and penetrate the gelatine and the light portions a greater amount of illumination. As the insolubility of the gelatine coating is directly proportioned to the amount of light reaching it, the shade tones of the stamp are thus determined.

The source of illumination in the earlier machine is from two carbon arcs placed side by side and backed up by two lateral reflectors. The light is focussed at a pre-determined intensity and distance onto the glass multipositive which has previously been placed in contact with the carbon tissue. It will be appreciated that the intensity of the illumination of the glass multipositive is greatest at its centre and gradually diminishes towards its extremities. In this manner the gelatine underlying the central portion of the multipositive receives a greater degree of illumination and is thus rendered less soluble than the outer sections. The same condition pertains to the new Contact Printer, the consideration of which may be reserved for another meeting.

The importance of the degree of solubility of the gelatine of the carbon tissue becomes apparent at the next stage in the printing technique, namely the etching of the printing cylinder, the procedure of which is briefly as follows:

The carbon tissue, after removal from the printing frame is adapted by different methods to the printing cylinder with great care and accuracy under a stream of water in a special machine. The two are allowed to "stand" for a period before the next stage—the "developing of the gelatine print" takes place, when the cylinders and the adherent carbon tissue are treated with warm or hot water.

During this process the water penetrates the paper backing and dissolves that gelatine which has not been rendered insoluble by the light, thereby enabling the paper backing to be removed. The warm water treatment is continued until all the gelatine which has not been affected by the light and which is still soluble, is dissolved.

Upon completion of the process, the printing cylinder with a very thin film of insoluble gelatine adherent to its surface, is allowed to dry. The gelatine is positioned with its two ends undermost and in slight contact with one another but not welded together, so as to assist drainage.

The etching of the cylinder is the next step and it is at this stage that the second condition arises which may result in the dual shading of a sheet of stamps.

Referring to the sketch of the cylinder surrounded by the gelatine print, it will be

appreciated that the two ends of the gelatine print are the last portions to "drip-dry," and in fact are liable to be moist when the etching process starts, thus diluting the chloride there. It will be shown later in this paper that the greater the water content of the chloride, the greater its etching effect. Therefore due to retained moisture at these two portions of the gelatine print, the section of the printing cylinder corresponding to the top and bottom portions of the sheet of stamps will be etched deeper. Thus the printing there will be more intense while the central portion lighter.

If I may be permitted to depart from our theme for a moment, I would suggest that the manner in which the two ends of the gelatine print are assembled on the cylinder so as to make loose contact, does account for the slightly wider gutter margin found in Roll stamps, between Rows M1 and M22, and also for the small marks of colour seen in this gutter.

To continue, the printing cylinder is prepared for etching by painting out with an etching resist, generally a black varnish, those parts, the sheet margins and like quantities, which are not to be affected by the etching solution which consists of a medium such as a ferric chloride solution, in a series of various strengths, namely 42°, 40°, 39°, 38°, 37°, and 36° Be (Beaume). The various strengths influence the depth of etching for it is an accepted fact that the stronger the solution, the less fluid it is, and its etching effect is the least. Thus the strongest solution is able to penetrate only the thinnest parts of the gelatine print.

The etching process is commenced by first pouring the highest concentration, the 42° solution over the cylinder, care being exercised throughout that the cylinder is completely and evenly covered. If no penetration of the copper surface takes place with this bath, the next one, the 40° solution is used in a similar manner, and when the first signs of etching appears, the time clock is released and the etching time, extending over 12 minutes is commenced. The remaining baths are similarly employed in turn, allowing about 2 minutes for each.

A careful check on the rate of etching is maintained throughout, and as the weakest bath is approached, the etching becomes critical, for, if it is allowed to exceed its limit, the chloride is liable to penetrate too deeply and also spread into the background. This effect is more apparent on the deeply

etched portions of the cylinder which in turn produce the deepest colours on the sheet, such as the marginal bars.

Incidentally, the "ghost" effect surrounding the exhibited marginal bar, and also at the top right hand corner of the accompanying sheet, is the result of the spread or encroachment of the chloride into the background. Its depth of penetration of the cylinder is about one tenth of one thousand of an inch. The normal depth of etching of the dark shades is about two thousands of an inch.

When the etching process is completed the chloride is rapidly washed from the cylinder which, having been prepared in accordance with the insolubility or hardness of the gelatine print, produces, as the result of two side effects, excessive light and moisture, acquired during its preparation, the dual shading often seen on our sheet of stamps.

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## SOUTH AFRICA AND THE U.P.U.

In our July issue a note appeared about the meeting of delegates from the Universal Postal Union recently held in Vienna. This was badly worded, as it indicated that S. Africa had been expelled from the Union, which was not the case.

There was actually a proposal on the agenda to expel S. Africa, proposed and supported by various Afro-Asian delegates. When Mr. Botes, the S. African P.M.G., rose to reply to the proposal he was refused a hearing through the hissing and booing of the delegates supporting the motion and the Chairman as a last resort for restoring order asked him to leave the meeting.

When it came to voting on the proposal, it was pointed out by the Swiss delegate that the only provision for expulsion of a member state was infringement of the Union's statutes, and no such infringement had occurred.

The motion was lost, although only by a small majority.

It is understood that some vague resolution was passed which the Austrian Chairman interpreted as meaning a desire for expulsion for that meeting only.

It is also believed that various new rules were adopted for inter-state postal traffic and that S. Africa is agreeable to sign on the dotted line so far as they are concerned. So says the press here, anyway.

## THE OX-WAGON

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

The trek-wagon was the only home which some of the Voortrekkers knew, as they were continually on the move. Once the only means of transport in this country, the ox-wagon has, with the passing of time, become obsolete, but its memory will for ever linger in the thoughts of all South Africans. This type of wagon had its origin in Europe and the immigrants from Holland followed the basic design in the construction of these vehicles in the Cape of Good Hope. Modifications were made, however, to suit local conditions.

The principal part of the waggon was the undercarriage which consisted of two pairs of wheels joined together by a stout wooden beam, known as the *langwa*. The front axle arrangement differed from that it was so constructed that it pivoted beneath an axle-bed, which supported the body of the waggon. The rear assembly consisted only of an axle-bed to which the axle-tree, or axle proper, was secured.

The *langwa* was pivotted towards the front to a heavy wooden fore-tongue which, passing through the axle-tree, permitted the wheels to turn through an angle of nearly ninety degrees. The draw-bar or *disselboom* is similarly pivotted to the front of the fore-tongue which projected beyond the axle-tree. In the early waggons the axles were made of South African iron wood, a hard and durable timber, but later iron came into use entirely.

The front wheels which were smaller than those at the rear, had 10 spokes and were 3 ft. 6 in. in diameter, whereas the others had 14 spokes and were 5 ft. in diameter. The wheels were "dished", that is hollowed with the nave or hub in the centre and the spokes leaning outwards, thus producing the profile of a dish. The felloes were bound to the spokes by an iron band or tyre.



The bodies of these wagons were long and narrow, between 12 and 15 feet and from

3 feet to 3 ft. 6 ins. in width. The floor consisted of planks laid close together the full length of the body and rested on the front and back axle-beds. The framework of the sides were made of Stinkwood and the panels were of Yellow wood. The careful selection of the particular type of wood suitable for each part of the wagon, stamped the wagon builders of those days as true craftsmen.

Covering the wagon was a tent, the framework of which was comprised of bamboo or quince saplings which were bent over to form arches. These were then bound together by means of long transverse bamboo strips, the full length of the tent. Grass was wrapped around the front and rear arches to prevent chafing, the entire framework then being covered with grass mats and thereafter with sailcloth. Canvas or leather flaps were provided at each end to afford privacy.

The brake was a very late innovation. In Van Riebeeck's time a heavy tree stump was tied to the back of the waggon and, when left trailing on the ground afforded some means of retarding progress. Some times the wheels were locked by means of chains but eventually the **remskoer** came into use. The earliest of these brake shoes were made of hard wood with a hollow into which the rim of the wheel fitted. These were placed in front of the wheels so that they rolled onto them and thus were prevented from turning.

At the front of the waggon was the **wakis**—waggon box—which besides providing a seat for the driver, was used for the keeping of the family treasures, including the Bible, and the storage of food. A considerable part of the waggon was taken up by the **katel**, a stout rectangular frame across which rows of **riempies**, or throngs of hide, were interlaced to form a simple bed.

From iron hooks on the sides and beneath the floor of the waggon hung such articles as water casks, a **ligter**—a wooden support for placing under the axle when a wheel was removed—spare riems and a wooden vat which contained a mixture of tar and fat which was applied to the wheels and axles when these needed lubrication.

Reverend C. I. Latrobe, in his "Journal of a Visit to South Africa," which was published in London in 1816, gives an interesting description of an ox-wagon, a portion of which follows:

"The bullocks draw by a wooden yoke, consisting of a strong bar laid across their necks, to which are fixed at right angles, downwards, four short pieces (**yukskeis**) so as to admit the neck of each animal between two of them. These are kept in their places, being tied together, below the neck, with a small thong.

"The Hottentot driver has a whip, the stick of which is a strong bamboo, twelve feet or more long and the lash a plaited thong of equal or greater length. With this unwieldy instrument, he not only cracks very loud, but hits any one of the bullocks with the greatest surety.\*

\*An oxwaggon team usually consisted of 14 or 16 oxen.

"But the chief engine of his equipment was his tongue, and he continually calls to his cattle by their names, directing them to the right or left by the addition of the exclamations 'hott' or 'harr', occasionally enforcing obedience to his commands by a lash or by whisking or cracking his whip over their heads."

#### AFRICAN POSTAL UNION

For a considerable time there has been a local Postal Union inside the Universal Postal Union. Practically speaking this has included all African countries wholly or partly South of the Equator. Within this local Union the postal rates from South Africa have been the same as the internal rates.

Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, however, have given notice of their withdrawal from the African Postal Union as from 6th August 1964, after which date the cheaper rates from South Africa will no longer hold good.

#### U.S.A.—KENNEDY STAMP

This has shattered all records for F.D.C. cancellations at Boston. Most U.S.A. stamps average about half a million for first day cancellations but in this instance there were slightly over 2 million done. A special crew of 80 was taken on for the work.

The stamp is being criticised on artistic grounds. Has any Presidential head ever before been so mutilated, with the top of his head and his chin cut off? And why should the eternal flame which lights the world look like a gas jet in a garret? "Linn's Weekly" dismisses it briefly in one line—"It's horrible!"



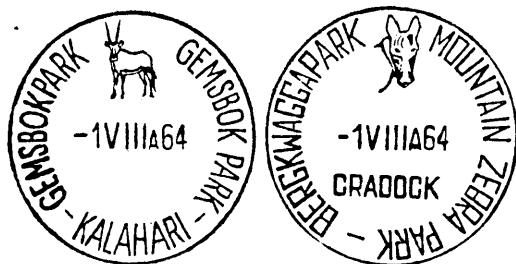
## MORE PICTORIAL DATE-STAMPS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS

By **Silvester L. Crozet**

On August 1, 1964, two more pictorial date-stamps were brought into use at South African National Parks.

The first of these shows the gemsbok and is in use at the Gemsbok Park in the Kalahari Desert. This park is located some 250 miles north of Upington, between the Auob and Nossop Rivers. The area of this park is 3,600 sq. miles and although it contains thousands of gemsbok, other animals also inhabit the area.

A member of the antelope family, the gemsbok averages 430 lb. in weight and stands approximately 48 ins. in height. It is particularly numerous in the waterless regions in the semi-desert and can survive without water for months on end.



The second date-stamp depicts the head of a Mountain Zebra and is used on mail matter handed in by the game ranger at the Mountain Zebra Park. This park is much smaller than that previously described, the area being only about 50 square miles. It is situated in the Cradock district in the Midlands of the Cape Province.

By a coincidence this animal also averages 48 ins. in height and, is capable of a speed of 40 miles an hour. Its longevity is 35 years. The difference between this species and Burchell's zebra is that the former has a definite dewlap and there are variations in its stripes.

## H. R. HARMER ORGANISATIONS

The London Auction season closed on 22 July with a total turnover of £457,565, the highest ever at Bond Street. New York Sales closed two days later with a total for their season of about £518,000, also a record amount.

## TANGANYIKA - ZANZIBAR ISSUE

For an official First Day Cover (7 July) bearing the four stamps of this issue (20c, 30c, 1.30 and 2.50) we are indebted to the Stamp Bureau, E. African Posts, Nairobi.

The stamps are clearly inscribed "United Republic of Tanganyika & Zanzibar". Does their usage in Nairobi mean that there is a further E. African Postal Union?

According to "Stamp Collecting" they will not be on sale in Zanzibar. They will be available in Kenya and in Uganda for one week and in Tanganyika until September.

## TRISTAN DA CUNHA

The Crown Agents Bulletin of 1 July contains, amongst other things, a very good summarized history of the island from its discovery in 1506 onwards.

## BLACK BLOTS

For convenience we repeat here the standards by which the editors of the "American Philatelist" assess a stamp or issue liable to lead to undue speculation and which they mark by a Black Blot.

- Point 1. Limited printing or limited on sale time.
- Point 2. Excessively long issue.
- Point 3. Unwarranted high values included.
- Point 4. No direct relationship to the issuing country.
- Point 5. Oddities intentionally included with the issue.

Seven countries are black blotted in the July issue.

**Albania** 8-Stamp set for Tokyo Olympic Games. Points 1, 2, and 5.

**East Germany.** 5 stamp Children's Day issue. Point 1.

**Guinea Republic.** 6 high value Air post stamps opt'd. for the Tokyo Games. Point 3.

**Monaco.** 16 stamp set for 50th anniversary of the Air Rally. Point 2.

**San Marino.** 12 stamp set for Tokyo Games. Point 2.

**Sierra Leone.** Two successive maps cut-out sets. Point 2.

**Yemen.** 8 stamps and 2 Souvenir sheets (perf. and imperf.) for Tokyo Games. Points 1, 2 and 5.

## MALAWI

It is announced that in addition to all cancelling stamps being changed to Malawi from Nyasaland as from June 6th, there was a special canceller for the Trade Fair opening on July 4th. Also that there will be a 4-value issue for Christmas.

## LONGEST-LIVED STAMP DESIGN

In the July issue of "Sanders' Philatelic Journal" W. Piggott claims this honour for Norway's Posthorn issues. They started in 1872 and new issues appeared in various years with four in December, 1962, commemorating the 90th year of their issue.

## AUSTRALIA

On 26th August there were released two further stamps in the Navigation series, a 7s. 6d. featuring Capt. James Cook and a £2 stamp showing Admiral Philip Parker King.

Five issues are announced for 1967.

(1) For the 50th anniversary of the founding of "Lions International." There are now over 18,000 such clubs throughout the world; they do fine work in various fields of social and community service.

(2) For the centenary of the birth of Sir John Monash, one of Australia's most distinguished soldiers.

(3) For the centenary of the International Telecommunication Union.

(4) For the 50th anniversary of the death of Laurence Hargrave, Australian pioneer aircraft designer.

(5) Three stamps commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli. All will depict "Simpson and his donkey." He was a legendary figure, belonging to an Australian Field Ambulance but got separated from his unit. He commanded a donkey from somewhere and did heroic rescue work for 25 days until he and his donkey were killed by shrapnel in action.

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The Papua and New Guinea P.O. issued four new stamps (5d., 8d., 1/- and 1/2d.) on 5th August publicising the work of the Health Services of the Territory.

The present definitive set will be replaced gradually by 11 others between 28 October 1964, and January 1965. This will be a colourful bird set, only the £1 stamp being retained with a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

- (1) **The Lithographed "Franco Head" Issue of Spain—Madrid Printings 1939-53.** By Ronald T. Purvis Published by Robson Lowe Ltd. Price £1 post free.

This monograph (abridged) won the "Philatelist" 25th Anniversary Competition and it is one of the most comprehensive studies of any stamp in any language. There are 29 full-page plates illustrating value tablet and stone flaw characteristics, plus many other illustrations in the text.

As the individual values over the full period of use are analysed in considerable detail, a collector should be able to plate his own copies of the "Franco Head" with an assurance of success.

Mr. Purvis is to be congratulated on a very fine bit of work.

- (2) **Cancellations of the Greek Steamship Companies 1856-1900** by D. Samaras. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd. Price 10/- post free.

An interesting study of a group of mail-ship cachets, with about 70 illustrations of different types.

Apparently shipping companies were tacitly allowed to accept letters directly, provided they were properly franked with postage stamps at the official rate. These were cancelled with the hand-stamps of either the receiving or the delivering shipping agency, thus creating a semi-official postal traffic which did not defraud the treasury in any way.

Curiously enough in the only illustration showing a postage stamp on a cover the cancellation appears to be by an ordinary post-office obliterator; the shipping company's mark at the side being only a cachet in this instance.

- (3) **"Coins and Medals."**

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**SOCIETY NEWS****ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN**

**11 June.** Mr. Steinbauer showed his collection of Cyprus as a whole, covering its postal history for some 70 years. This included Rural Post Marks, the first known adhesives, various later periods and some officials and forgeries.

**25 June.** A general collection of G.B. from 1d. Blacks to recent Queen Elizabeth, was shown by Mr. Bruce.

Then Mr. Picton showed G.B. Line-engraved. A very comprehensive collection showing how so many variations came about. They were made by one firm of printers for about 40 years, plates became worn, were touched up, replaced or repaired.

**23 January.** Our attention has just been drawn to an incorrect statement in our April issue p. 77, regarding the winner of the Jacob cup at the meeting on 23 January. Mr. K. Freyman was the winner, not Mr. H. C. Berncand as stated. Our apologies to all concerned.

**MASHONALAND P.S.**

**June meeting.** Members and visitors saw a film presented by Mr. Ellenberger entitled "How Stamps are Made;" he also showed some excellent coloured slides of "double head varieties."

There was a well contested auction, although, as usual, the better items received few bids.

**EAST LONDON P.S.**

The Thornton Cup was competed for at the **June meeting** of the East London Philatelic Society. Mr. L. Tempelhoff entered his collection of "Sport" which was most comprehensive and interesting. The other entry was tabled by Mr. R. Ehrlich and consisted of a pot-pouri of stamps and covers—a most interesting assortment indeed. The final decision of the Judges was that Mr. Tempelhoff was this year's winner of the Cup . . . only just! Our thanks are expressed to these two members for contributing so successfully to the enjoyment of the members present.

The **July meeting** of the East London Philatelic Society was particularly well-attended, and an exhibit "Union of South Africa" tabled by Mr. T. D. Radue, was well received. This collection covered various aspects of philately in our country and was most pleasingly mounted. Refreshment, Stop-press News, New Issues/Acquisitions and an Auction added to the enjoyment of the evening. —J.W.H.

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### GERMISTON P.S.

**June meeting.** This was the second competitive meeting of the year at which the undermentioned members tabled displays:

S. J. Hagger: Stamps from Union of South Africa booklets.

J. J. Smit: Higher Values of the Republic.

Theo Stephens: Used Unions in Blocks of Four.

H. J. Suklje: Pre-stamp covers of Germany.

**July 20.** This meeting was well attended to welcome our fellow philatelists from Johannesburg. Four members from this society tabled displays as follows:

Mr. J. Frankland, Specimen stamps; Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill, Great Britain Commemoratives; Mr. C. Celliers (in absentia), Swaziland covers and Mr. David Hall, Republic of South Africa. —S.L.C.

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### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**22 June.** A visit from the Western Rand Society; three of their members exhibited.

(1) Mr. Yelland—"Army Post Offices." Very comprehensive, seeing that he has been only three years at it. It covers the Anglo-Boer War and the two World Wars. Is ended off appropriately with the last Order of Battle issued to S.A. troops on 19-IV-45.

(2) Mr. Shape—"Malay States." A straightforward collection, omitting the early and very expensive issues.

(3) Mr. Jacobs—"Hyphenated issues of the Union of S. Africa. An advanced and specialised study.

**14 July.** The 175th anniversary of the Fall of the Bastille and the start of the French Revolution. The principal exhibits had naturally a French flavour.

(1) Mr. Seelig showed an excellent collection of the early issues of France and illustrated the difficulties he had in interpreting the huge numbers of shades and papers described in the various catalogues.

(2) Mr. Boss showed Morocco, one of his vast French Colonies collection. They were in immaculate condition and superbly

mounted, with a space for every stamp listed. There were a few blank spaces, but only just enough to keep up the owner's interest in getting them filled.

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### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

**23 June.** An unusual display was given by Mr. T. J. Strachan—West Indies Postal Stationery. The Exhibitor first read a most interesting paper on this somewhat neglected field of philately which enabled members to better understand what they afterwards saw on 144 sheets. Each item was beautifully mounted with all the necessary information added. A really high quality and first class display of material not often seen and of which the owner can be justly proud.

**14 July.** This was another well attended meeting at which the gathering was able to admire a collection of stamps commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the U.P.U. owned by Mr. T. Raftopoulos. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. E. Baer, who stressed the completeness and neatness of the collection. Preceding the showing a special meeting passed some minor alteration to the constitution as brought forward by the Executive Committee.

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### FISH HOEK P.S.

**April 1964.** This was competition night and the Presidential Cup was won by Mr. R. F. Putzel with his collection of Newfoundland.

**May 1964.** A well attended meeting was shown a selection of British Empire by Mr. C. B. Rowe.

**June 1964.** The exhibit for the evening was Mr. R. C. Steinbauer's South West Africa. This member as always gave an excellent discourse on his subject.

**July 1964.** Mr. R. Jaidel showed his very fine collection of Liechtenstein which was accompanied by a very fine talk. —M.F.S.

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### P.S. OF RHODESIA

**June meeting.** Some twenty-five members and four visitors were present when Dr. N. A. Daniel displayed his fine collection of the Chalon Heads of Grenada. This was one of the finest displays of the "Classics" which has been seen for a long time, a rare treat indeed for those who appreciate the old stamps.

Included in the collection were several stamps with Expert Certificates from the "Royal" London. Outstanding were the 1d. Bluish-Green of 1861/62 (a rare item indeed); S. G. 1 mint and used; S.G. 2 1d. Green mint; the 6d. Deep Vermillion of 1872 used; a page of the 1875 ½d. overprint, with a specimen of the variety "HAEF" (with

certificate); and a copy of the Bisect, S.G. 37f., which Gibbons classify as "doubtful." There may not have been the quantity, but there certainly was the quality. —W.M.

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### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

**17 June.** There were 4 exhibitors and a film show. (1) Mr. H. Beinart showed "Winter Olympics." There were stamps issued by 36 nations for the last Games. (2) Mr. S. Aaron then spoke about the Haganah Post and showed nine covers from it. These are rare, as the operations were secret and covers were supposed to be destroyed after receipt, but probably more escaped destruction than was at first supposed. (3) Mr. Lewak showed a part of his collection of covers with special postmarks; these cover a wide field of varieties and form a fascinating group. (4) Dr. Max Pelsach told the story of Israeli ancient and modern coinage and related it to the appearance of coins as symbols on Israeli stamps.

The meeting closed with the showing of a film "A stamp is born," through the courtesy of the Western Province Zionist Council.

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### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY (JOHANNESBURG)

**June Meeting.** Mr. Leo Buchen gave an interesting and humorous display under the title "There is Something Wrong. It is Just Not Normal." Every item shown had some flaw, variety or something irregular. It was not only on individual stamps that there was something wrong, but how explain this — an envelope with H.M. Naval Base, Haifa and British Fleet Mail postmark, both with date 27 June 1948? And yet Britain evacuated Palestine before 16 May '48.

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### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**July 27.** Mr. W. G. Combrink gave yet another fine evening in showing stamps of Hong Kong and also a talk and slides of Hong Kong. This was based on his recent visit to that place and was of great interest. —M.F.S.

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### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**July meeting.** (1) Mr. Boon showed his Dutch commemoratives. (2) Mr. Turnbull exhibit overprints of Great Britain. These included (a) old Colonies, (b) commercial interests such as Nauru, (c) Post offices introduced by military and civil administrations overseas.

### PRETORIA P.S.

**6 July.** Mr. Selve showed two exhibits. The first was of moderns; the second was the large War Effort issue of 1941-42, and the second the Bantams of 1942-44 with many varieties and shades.

With the death of John Kriste on 1st July a great vacuum was created in the Society. His passing was much felt by all and the sincerest sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. Kriste and members of the family in their very sad loss.

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### THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

#### July Meeting.

The Circle involved itself this month mainly with the technical side of the printing of our stamps.

(a) The long awaited report from the two members upon the screenless rotogravure printing of South African early stamps was presented. In short, the screenless technique was applied to the printings on the newly installed (1930) Goebel 830 machine. All values of the postage stamps, from  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 10/- (with the exception of the  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., which only appeared in 1936, screened) made their debut between 1931 and 1939 unscreened. From the beginning troubles were encountered, modifications were attempted with varying degrees of success, but, inevitably, all values were ultimately screened. The conversions took place from 1948 to 1951.

It may be of interest to give the dates. Here, the first date mentioned is when the stamp first appeared unscreened, and the second when it first appeared screened:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 1961, 1948; 1d. 1931, 1950;  $\frac{3}{4}$ d. 1963, screened; 2d. 1931, 1945; 3d. 1931, 1951; 4d. -932, 1950; 6d. 1931, 1949; 1/- 1932, 1950; 2/6 1932, 1949; 5/- 1933, 1949! 10/- 1939, 1949.

(b) The new Bouzard Step and Repeat Printing down Machine. An official description of this machine was presented. Very technical, heavy going. Next month there will be some colour slides of the machine and an address by our President J.T.B. and then all will be clear.

(c) A learned paper on the dual shading on a sheet of stamps was presented by Dr. Berry. Justice cannot be done to it in a short report such as this. It will doubtless appear in full in the S.A. Philatelist

A report was given on the new 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c Calvyn stamp. Several unusual features have made their appearance here, one relates to the marginal punch holes, of which more will be heard later. The striking colours too, excited favourable comment.

Among the items of interest was an example, on a Rugby 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c vertical strip, of very marked staggered perforations. The displacement, at the arrow, downwards, consisted of a complete width of a perforation space. The perforator sure went to town in

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### Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 8 February, 1964, to the 31st July, 1964. For the previous list see our June, 1964 Notes.

### Postage Stamps.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 48435.56. On an order for 100,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 5,600 sheets was made on the 19th May, 1964, the total delivery to date being 28,800 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. 10 and 9 Int., 11 Ext. New lettering was introduced. New double pane multipositives for Blue and Brown, new master negative for Red cylinders. R.S.A. watermarked paper, printed and register punched on m/c 840, perforated on grover m/c.
- 1c—Job No. 41286.78 continued. A total of 1,345,024 sheets delivered to date. Same Cyls. and printing factors as stated in our March Notes.
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 48436.57. On an order for 60,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 20,100 sheets was made on the 10th March, 1964, the total delivery to date being 39,900 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. S 24 Int., 19 Ext.
- 2c—Job No. 41287.79 contd. A total of 74,390 sheets delivered to the 3rd March, 1964.

Same Cyls. Nos. 91 Int., 86 Ext. Cyl. No. 91 used—wrongly etched as 16.

- $2\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 41288.80 continued. A total of 399,500 sheets delivered to date. Same Cyls. and printing factors as recorded in our March Notes.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ c Transkei—Job No. 45940.86. On an order for 500,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 2,000 sheets was made on the 22nd November, 1963, the total delivery to the 13th February being 635,655 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. S 31 Int., S 12 Ext. New double width multipositive stepped up having 80 stamps per sheet. Printed on 370 mm. RSA watermarked paper. Printed and perforated on m/c 830.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ c Calvinj—Job No. 53165.39. On an order for 500,000 sheets of 10 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 60,200 sheets was made on the 23rd June, 1964, the total delivery to date being 365,500 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. 3 and 14 Int., 4 Ext. Printed four panes up on RSA paper on Albertina m/c. Unit multipositive of 50 stamps used to expose carbon tissue on Bouzard Step and Repeat m/c.
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ c Rugby—Job No. 44513.73. On an order for 500,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 17,100 sheets was made on the 25th March, 1964, the total delivery to the 9th June, 1964, being 473,927 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. S 11 Int., S 7 Ext. Printed and perforated double width on RSA watermarked paper on 830 m/c.
- 3c—Job No. 35855.27 contd. A total of 287,514 sheets delivered to 25th February, 1964. Same Cyls. and printing factors as recorded in our March Notes.
- Job No. 48437.58. On an order for 250,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet,

a delivery of 15,100 sheets was made on the 11th June, 1964, the total delivery to date being 67,500 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. S 35 Int., S 8 Ext.

5c—Job No. 48438.59. On an order for 160,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 21,530 sheets was made on the 21st April, 1964, the total delivery to date being 99,930 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 31 Int., S 1 Ext.

7½c—Job No. 44473.33 continued. A total of 130,170 sheets delivered to date. Same Cyls. Nos. S 20 Int., S 21 Ext.

10c—Job No. 38333.54 continued. A total of 118,217 sheets delivered to the 25th February, 1964. Same Cyls. and printing factors as recorded in our November Notes.

12½c—Job No. 44474.34. On an order for 50,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 1,800 sheets was made on the 24th March, 1964, the total delivery to date being 13,500 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. 1 and 3 Int., 6 Ext. New type introduced. New Multipositives made from old master negatives of Red and Yellow. New master negative for green. Printed on RSA watermarked paper and register punched on m/c 840. Grover perforated.

12½c Rugby—Job No. 44514.74. On an order for 15,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 2,020 sheets was made on the 26th March, 1964, the total delivery to date being 14,351 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. S 14 Int., S 12 Ext. Printed and perforated double width on RSA watermarked paper, on m/c 830.

20c—Job No. 53129.03. On an order for 75,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 11,100 sheets was made on the 14th July, 1964. Same Cyls. Nos. 27 and 60 Int., 6 Ext.

R1—Job No. 53984.50. On an order for 4,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 4,000 sheets was made on the 14th July, 1964. Same Cyls., Nos. 12 and 117 Int., 1 Ext. Used 370 mm. RSA paper, introduced register punch marks on old cylinder. Register punched on m/c 840, and perforated on Grover m/c. Extra width of paper run as blank cutoff after perforating.

#### Air Letter Cards.

2½c—Job No. 44329.91 contd. A total delivery of 1,476,500 cards was made to date. Same Cyls.

5c—Job No. 42689.31 contd. A total delivery of 4,664,000 cards was made to date. Same Cyls.

#### Picture Post Cards.

1½c—Job No. 44470.30 contd. A total delivery of 2,076,000 cards was made to the 30th June, 1964. Same Cyls. of 800 sheets was made on the 2nd July, 1964, the total delivery to date being 9,750 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. Z 17 Int., Z 14 Ext.

#### Postage Due Labels.

On a common Job No. 49777.85 order for 43,000 sheets of 50 labels per sheet for the various values, a final delivery of 45,288 sheets was made on the 5th May, 1964. All were printed on single width paper on m/c 830, the details being:

1c, 15,228 sheets, New Cyl. Nos. 82 Int., 66 Ext.

2c, 12,000 sheets, New Cyl. Nos. 7 Int., 45 Ext.

5c, 12,600 sheets, New Cyl. Nos. 48 Int., same 45 Ext.

10c, 5,400 sheets, New Cyl. Nos. 99 Int., Same 45 Ext.

#### The John Calvin Commemorative Stamp.

In our August description of the John Calvin Stamp, the sheet numbers were incorrectly stated to be five in number. This should have read six black sheet numbers.

#### New Postage Due Labels.

A new printing, on Arms watermarked paper, of three values, 1c, 2c and 5c, of the Postage Due Labels appeared at the Philatelic Bureau, Pretoria, during July 1964.

Prepared in vertical sheet format of 20 x 10 (200) labels but issued in quarter panes of 10 x 5 (50), the issue conforms in style and format to its earlier counterparts. The perforation was carried out by an eleven row small hole appliance, the top and bottom sheet margins being perforated through while the side margins are imperforate except for the isolated perforation hole.

Four figure red sheet numbers appear on the sheets' right margin of each value, opposite rows 8 and 19, label 10. Arrows and cylinder numbers are not inscribed, the latter being stated to be: for the 1c, Nos. 82/66; the 2c, Nos. 7/45 and the 5c, Nos. 48/45, External Cylinder No. 45 being common to the 2c and 5c values.

The labels are of vertical format, are

bilingually inscribed and bear their numerals in black, while the frames of the 1c, 2c and 5c are red, mauve and blue respectively.

The same numeral-multipositive appears to have been used for the 5c value of this and the previous printing, Cat. No. D204, as the characteristic "Closed loop of '5' of the 5c, Row 3/8" is to be found in both printings.

The following are some of the cylinder flaws present:

**ROWS: 1c VALUE.**

- 1-5. Small red dot in upper gutter above L of REPUBLIEK.
- 2-9. Prominent horizontal black smudges on 1 and c.
- 3-2. Broken C of 1c.
- 3-5. White smudge on 1 of 1c.
- 3-6. Small black dot right of 1 of 1c.
- 3-9. Small white line in 1 of 1c.
- 4-8. Prominent break in serif of 1 of 1c.
- 9-10. Small black dot in curve of C of 1c.
- 11-7. Small black dot on curve of C of 1c.
- 16-1. Tiny black dot under serif of 1 of 1c.
- 18-5. Tiny black dot under serif of 1 of 1c.

**2c VALUE:**

- 1-8. Small mauve dots left and right of 2 of 2c.
- 3-10. Small black dot above foot of 2 of 2c.
- 5-1. Short inclined black line on vertical portion of 2.
- 7-3. Two small black and mauve dots above C of 2c.
- 8-9. Prominent black dot 11 o'clock to C of 2c.
- 9-9. Broken curve of C of 2c.
- 15-10. Tiny mauve dot in top margin, above B of REPUBLIC.
- 18-5. Small black dot below foot of 2 of 2c.
- 19-9. Small black and mauve dots above C of 2c.

**5c VALUE:**

- 1-1. Small black dots top right of 5 of 5c.
- 1-8. Tiny black dot on curve of 5 of 5c.
- 3-8. Closed loop of 5 of 5c. Also D204, V3.
- 7-8. Tiny black dot above C of 5c.
- 8-8. Tiny black dot between 5 and c.
- 13-4. Black smudge in curve of 5 of 5c.
- 16-3. Collection of small black dots over 5 and c.  
Common to the 2c and 5c values as the same External Cylinder No. 45 was used.
- 9-5. Cluster of dots, mauve for the 2c and blue for the 5c values, between and above the figures of value and c.
- 10-8. Small dot, mauve for the 2c and blue for the 5c values, to the right of TA of POSTAGE.

The Government Printer's Return, included in the earlier part of these Notes, states that a 10c value was also printed along with the foregoing. It had not been issued to the Philatelic Bureau and therefore was not available for inspection at the time when these particulars were noted.

It may be assumed that the 10c value will pertain to the same printing and sheet format as the others but will have its own cylinder flaws and be of a distinctive colour, probably brown.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN MACHINE POSTMARKS

By D. Allison (University of Cape Town  
Philatelic Society)

(Continued from p. 169 of Sept. issue)

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### CHAPTER 5: PAQUEBOT AND CUSTOMS PAID MARKS

**(a) Paquebot.**

Mr. Sydow's article ("South African Philatelist," April 1964, p. 57) records the use of 3½-inch machines at Cape Town, with the word PAQUEBOT instead of a slogan, for cancelling stamps on letters posted on board ship. More recently, the non-continuous machines have been used for the duty; the word PAQUEBOT is sideways, with five wavy lines on each side. The earliest date recorded seems to be 9.30 25-V 1950 (compare "South African Philatelist," April 1959, p. 67).

**(b) Customs Paid.**

"Customs Paid" machine postmark from Cape Town are recorded in Mr. Sydow's article ("South African Philatelist," May, 1964, p. 78) for the years 1938 and 1941. "Customs Paid" postmarks for the period since 1952 have been mentioned from time to time in the "South African Philatelist" e.g. November 1957, p. 158, where one is illustrated.

Briefly the story is as follows. They are in black, with date 1952 to 1954 or without date 1953 to present time. Until July or August 1961 two special datestamps were used, a single-circle one inscribed DOEANE BETAALD at the top, and KAAPSTAD at the bottom, and a double-circle one with the corresponding English wording. These



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may be found with ordinary wavy lines or with a slogan which was in normal use at the time, "Buy South African" being particularly appropriate. I also have one specimen with Paid wavy lines, cancelling a DOUANE adhesive stamp; it would seem for various reasons that this postmark signifies the payment of customs duty additional to that represented by the stamp.

Since July or August 1961, the special datestamps have no longer been used. Instead, a special "slogan" die, with the wording CUSTOMS PAID DOEANE BETAAL, in two lines, has been used with an ordinary datestamp.

A similar Customs Paid die from Pretoria is described in the "South African Philatelist," March 1962, p. 46.

The only other town from which Customs Duty machine postmarks seem to have been recorded is Johannesburg. These are non-continuous, with the "3" or "4" datestamp; the date is given, and red ink is used. They have the "slogan" in two lines,

CUSTOMS PAID DOEANE BETAALD  
AT/TE JOHANNESBURG.

An illustration appears in the "South African Philatelist," November 1959, p. 207.

## CHAPTER 6: SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND THE PROTECTORATES.

### A.—South West Africa.

Two of the types of machine used in South Africa have also been employed in South West Africa; the 2½-inch Krag continuous and the U.P.F. non-continuous. In most respects S.W.A. machine postmarks are similar to South African ones.

#### (a) Continuous Machines.

A continuous machine, with five wavy lines and oblong cross ornaments, was probably introduced at Windhoek during the 1930's, and certainly by 1941. (Cf. "South African Philatelist," July 1964, p. 102, and August 1946, p. 123). No other towns in the Territory appear to have had postmarking machines of any kind until the post-war period. This machine was replaced during 1948 by a non-continuous one.

By February 1949, a continuous machine had been introduced at Swakopmund. The datestamps were blank at the bottom, and the slogan HEALTH AND HOLIDAY RESORT, alternately in English and Afrikaans, was used. A non-continuous machine replaced this during 1952.

As far as I know the only other town to have used a continuous machine is Otjiwarongo. The letters S.W.A. appeared at the bottom of the datestamps, and instead of a slogan there were vague smudges between two horizontal lines. This came into use by March 1954 and was replaced by a non-continuous machine late in 1959 or early in 1960.

It seems a plausible suggestion that the same machine was used at these three towns, and that the chipping out of the words of the Swakopmund slogan led to the smudges referred to.

#### (b) Non-continuous Machines.

During 1948 a U.P.F. machine was introduced at Windhoek, and Keetmanshoop also received one during that year or earlier. Both were used with five wavy lines. The non-continuous machine at Swakopmund, already referred to, has the same slogan as the continuous machine previously used there. The datestamps at these three towns are blank at the bottom.

The next three towns to receive machines all have seven interrupted wavy lines, as previously described in Chapter 1C(c), and datestamps blank at the bottom. The way in which the date is given is noteworthy. Consider these four samples, in any of which the order of the lines may vary; in the second and third settings the figures 30 should be smaller and underlined, but for ease of printing I have not shown this.

9.30	9 30 AM	9 30 AM	9.30
17-I	17 JAN	17-I	17 JAN
1963	1963	1963	1963

The first and second are the standard South African and British ways of showing the date, and the others are mixtures. I have never seen the second, third, or fourth on South African postmarks, or for that matter on S.W.A. ones apart from these three towns.

When non-continuous machines were first introduced at Luderitz (by February 1954), Walvisbaai/Bay (by September 1955), and Outjo (by October 1955), the British form of the date was used, and as far as I know Walvis Bay has never used any other. Luderitz, however, has also used the first and fourth forms shown above, and Outjo has used the first and third. Curiously enough, one finds the time 16 30 PM from Outjo.

Early in 1960 non-continuous postmarks, in each case with five wavy lines and S.W.A. at the bottom of the datestamp, appeared

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from Grootfontein, Mariental, Okahandja and Otjiwarongo. During 1961, non-continuous postmarks with seven uninterrupted wavy lines and S.W.AFRICA at the bottom of the datestamp, were introduced at Karasburg, Omaruru, Oranjemund, Tsumeb and Usakos. Gobabis has a similar postmark, of which my earliest recording is June 1962. The "OO" time-plugs at Karasburg. Omaruru, Oranjemund and Usakos have the stop after the figures instead of before, but those at Gobabis and Tsumeb are normal. I know of no post office in South Africa employing this type of wavy lines cartridge before January 1963.

During 1962 a slogan "Protect Your Game" was introduced at Mariental, Otjiwarongo, Tsumeb and Windhoek, the earliest date I have noted being 13.00 30-VI 1962, from Windhoek. This is trilingual, with English, Afrikaans and German, in that order. Eight short lines appear to the right of the wording, in keeping, e.g., with modern British practice.

#### (c) Pairs.

I have never seen any Pairs from S.W.A. continuous machines, but presumably they are very similar to the corresponding South African ones.

Windhoek and Swakopmund Pairs have PAID BETAALD in two lines, sideways, in the centre of five wavy lines, just like the usual South African pattern. Otjiwarongo and Oranjemund have Paid dies, with taller lettering, like that on the PAID BETAAL die at Cape Town, but with a D in BETAALD in each case. These have five and seven wavy lines respectively.

Probably all the towns with machines use them for Paid work, but these are the only four I can record. It appears that, at least since 1951, Windhoek has had a separate machine for Pairs, but it seems unlikely that any other towns in the Territory have.

#### B.—Basutoland.

A non-continuous machine of the usual South African type was introduced at Maseru in January 1951 or a little earlier. (See "South African Philatelist," December 1954, p. 217). It has seven interrupted wavy lines, and an illustration appears in the "South African Philatelist," June 1954, p. 108. In a letter dated 21-1-1959, the Postmaster at Maseru informs me that no Paid postmarks—machine or otherwise—are used at that office.

#### C.—Swaziland.

During 1961, continuous postmarking machines were introduced at Mbabane and Manzini. At first five wavy lines were used, but later a slogan "World United Against Malaria" was brought into use at both towns. Paid postmarks from Mbabane with this slogan were reported in the "South African Philatelist," March 1963, inside the back cover.

#### D.—Bechuanaland.

There do not appear to be any machine postmarks from this Territory.

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**11 a.m.:** Exhibition open to the public.

#### TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1964.

**9.30 a.m.:** Opening of the 26th Annual Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa at the S.A.T.U. Hall, Visagie Street, Pretoria (opposite the City Hall) by the Postmaster General, Mr. A. J. Botes.

**2.15 p.m.:** Afternoon session of Congress.

**10 a.m. to 10 p.m.:** Exhibition open to the public.

**WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1964.**

- 9.30 a.m.: Morning session of Congress.  
 2.15 p.m.: Afternoon session of Congress.  
 5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.: Mayoral Cocktail Party for delegates to Congress at the Fountains Kiosk, Pretoria.  
 8.00 p.m.: Meeting of the South African Stamp Study Circle in the Board Room of the Pretoria Railway Institute, Berea Park.  
 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Exhibition open to the public.

**THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1964.**

- 9.30 a.m.: Final session of Congress. Visits to the Government Printer. (By prior arrangement).  
 2.15 p.m.: Visits to the Government Printer. (By prior arrangement).  
 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Exhibition open to the public.

**FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1964.**

- 9.30 a.m.: Visits to the Government Printer. (By prior arrangement).  
 7.30 p.m.: Congress Banquet and presentation of major awards at the Boulevard Hotel, Struben Street.  
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Exhibition open to the public.

**SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1964.**

- 10 a.m.: Exhibition open to the public.  
 6 p.m.: EXHIBITION CLOSES.

**N.B.**—Congress delegates and exhibitors who wish to visit the Government Printing Works are kindly requested to make the necessary arrangements, soon after arrival in Pretoria, with a member of the Congress Committee who will be in attendance either at the Exhibition or at the S.A.T.U. Hall, the Congress venue. Exhibitors who are NOT delegates to Congress and who wish to attend the Congress banquet and prize-giving are requested to contact the local Congress Committee.

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**SABAH**


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Another British Colony (North Borneo) is changing its name and the current set of 16 stamps (1c to \$10) were due for issue on 1st July with the name at the top, North Borneo, overprinted SABAH in black block capitals.

**BLACK BLOTS****WAR ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES**

The American Philatelic Society, in warning collectors about new issues which it considers to be speculative in character, takes the following points into consideration in their assessing:—

- (1) A limited printing or a limited period of sale.
- (2) An excessively long issue.
- (3) Unwarranted high values included.
- (4) Stamps with a motif which has no direct relationship to the issuing country.
- (5) Oddities intentionally included with an issue.
- (6) The use of postage stamp issues in promoting the sale of admission tickets to philatelic exhibitions. This point has only been added in the last issue of the "American Philatelist" and is further considered anon.

Black Blots assessed in August are:—

**Albania.** An 8-stamp "Moon Phases" issue, 4 perf., 4 imperf., plus a souvenir sheet; Points 1 and 5.

**Jordan.** (a) 8-stamp set — souvenir sheet released for the Olympics; Points 1, 2 and 5. (b) 7 Triangulars as a memorial to President Kennedy; Points 1 and 2.

**Burundi.** Limited printings of 100 imperf. sheets of each of the seven values of definitive airpost set. Points 1 and 5.

**Hungary.** Imperf. stamp released with the 1F. stamp for the European Skittles Championship. The bottom of 10 stamps had tabs with the Olympic Rings; Point 5.

**Libya.** Imperf. souvenir sheet in conjunction with the Children's Day set. On sale for one day only; Points 1 and 5.

**Point 6.** This has been introduced because of happenings at PHILATEC (Paris). Both the 8-stamp souvenir sheet and the pre-exhibition strip of four stamps are assessed Black Blots. To obtain a complete souvenir sheet of 8 stamps collectors had to purchase seven additional admission tickets at a cost of about \$7. The promotional strip of four was sold as a unit, although the stamps were perforated and could quite well have been sold singly.



## THE DIAZ CROSS

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

The chronological history of South Africa commences with the Portuguese voyages of discovery in the XVth century, which were undertaken in an endeavour to establish a sea route to India.

On these early voyages the Portuguese navigators carried wooden crosses which were erected when they set foot on strange shores. On some occasions inscriptions were carved on trees or rocks so as to mark the progress of their discoveries. Such actions also served as a token that possession of the country had been taken in the name of the King of Portugal.

After King John II ascended the Portuguese throne in 1481, he introduced stone or marble pillars as a substitute for the crosses of timber. These pillars were surmounted by a cross and bore the royal arms and an inscription in Portuguese—sometimes in Latin as well—recording the date of the voyage, the name of the monarch and that of the commander of the expedition. These pillars were called "padroes" and they were hewn from quarries in the neighbourhood of Lisbon. The cross which surmounted the pillar was also of stone or marble and was secured to it with lead. The height of the pillars was about two metres and that of the cross one metre, making a total height of approximately 10 feet. The diameter of the pedestal was in the region of 12 inches.

During the period 1487-1488 Diaz sailed further south along the west coast of Africa than any previous explorers and eventually circumnavigated the Cape of Good Hope, thus demonstrating the possibility of reaching India by sea.

In the course of his voyage Diaz erected three padroes, fragments of two of which have been recovered. One of these pillars was set up on a headland, known today as Diaz Point in the Bay of Angra Pequena, now called Luderitzbucht. This promontory is a low knoll of black rock projecting into the sea and which, at times, appears as if it were an island.



For more than 300 years this cross stood on the dreary, forlorn waste of the inhospitable South West African coast, exactly as the intrepid Portuguese mariner had erected it.

It has been established that the pedestal of the cross was standing in 1825, as will be seen from the following extract from "Boteler's Voyage in His Majesty's ship LEVEN and BAR-RACOUTA, 1821-1826." The entry in the log book reads as follows::

"On 21 November 1825, in the afternoon we saw the cross erected by Bartholomew Diaz at the south entrance to Angra Pequena."

The cross was still standing towards the end of the XVIII century, but soon afterwards it fell. In 1855 some guano collectors found four fragments which were taken to the South African Museum in Cape Town, by Captain Carew.

Of these two were presented to Portugal and taken to Lisbon where they are now in the Geographical Society's Museum. Sir George Grey, the governor of the Cape of Good Hope at that time, took one piece to New Zealand, on his appointment as governor of that British possession. This portion, however, was mysteriously mislaid.

The fourth piece was kept by the South African Museum where it has been carefully preserved.

Historians differ as to whether the padrao at Angra Pequena was erected on Diaz' outward or return voyage. An eminent authority on these early Portuguese explorations is of the opinion that the cross was erected on the homeward journey in August 1488.

From recovered portions of the other crosses erected by Diaz, it has been possible to reconstruct, in detail, the type of pillar which was brought from Portugal and, one of these, which is now in the Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, has been proclaimed a National Monument.

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## INTERNATIONAL PHILATELY

Until recently when one went abroad, if you met a philatelist you met a friend, but times are changing. Some of them are becoming like Janus, two faced, one face like his behaviour—pleasant, the other unpleasant.

A South African philatelist on our Roll of Honour, Capt. M. F. Stern, had experience of both kinds of behaviour recently, within a week of each other.

### Unpleasant.

We quote here verbatim and without further comment an article published in the Johannesburg "Star" of 9 August, 1964:

South Africa has been barred from exhibiting at an international philatelic exhibition because of apartheid.

This is stated in a letter to Capt. M. F. Stern, the South African commissioner for the 1964 Imex Exhibition to be staged in Budapest, from the National Federation of Hungarian Philatelists.

The letter, signed by the federation's president, Mr. Imre Varadi, and the general-secretary, Dr. L. Steiner, says:

"We have to inform you that the exhibition organizing committee has adopted the United Nations resolution which condemns the apartheid policy of the South African Republic and, together with the large group of Hungarian philatelists, has joined those who give their judgment against the South African Government's policy of racial discrimination.

"The collection you have sent for the show will be returned to you without being displayed here."

Captain Stern said today: "This is going too far. They are now bringing politics into hobbies. Once they start this where will it end?"

"I intend writing back a stinking letter and demanding a refund of all our postage and insurance costs. But even this is not enough. There is always a risk in sending these exhibits abroad.

"They must have known about this some time ago and could, at least, have let me know before I sent the exhibits."

Captain Stern is known throughout the world for his philatelic work and holds nearly every international medal and award for his services to philately.

### Pleasant.

A week later a letter was received from Capt. Stern saying he had received word from the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Aerophilateliqque that he had been awarded the FISA medal for 1964.

The recommendation had been sent by Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey after consultation with other members of the local Aerophilatelic Society. The award had been made for his services to aerophilately.

Capt. Stern says. "I feel indeed proud that this honour has been given to South Africa."

May we add our heartiest congratulations?

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## FRANCE

On 23 May France honoured the 4th centenary of the death of one of her most distinguished sons, Jean Calvin, by issuing a semi-postal of 0.30 and 0.10 F. He was born at Noyan in Picardy, studied in Paris and became the outstanding figure in the Reformation, the wave of Protestantism which swept much of Europe. So much did he find fault with in the doctrines of his teachers that he had to leave Paris and take refuge in Switzerland, where he spent most of his life.

On 8 June, 1964, a 20c stamp was issued in remembrance of the landing by the Allies in Normandy in 1944.

24 August. A 0.30+0.50 F stamp commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Liberation of Paris and of Strasbourg.

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In 1867 four colonies united to form the Dominion of Canada and the stamps of these show the flowers of Ontario (White Trillium) and the White Garden Lily of Quebec, together with their respective ar-morial bearings.

We are informed by the Canadian Trade Commissioner that the basic air rate from Canada to the U.S.A. has been raised since 15 July from 7 cents to 8 cents, to conform with the rate in the opposite direction and because of increased expense in handling.

The stock in hand of seven cent stamps has been overprinted with the numeral 8. When these are used up they will be replaced by an eight-cent stamp of similar design to the past seven-cent stamp.

We are indebted to the P.M.G. for another F.D.C. with a new 5c stamp showing the memorial to the Conference held at Charlottenburg, P.E. Island in 1864 to recommend a Union of the Maritime Provinces. This led to a further Conference in Quebec in 1867, which passed 72 resolutions which eventually formed the British N. America Act, the constitutional document for the whole of Canada.

## S. AFRICA ½c VARIETY

Mr. C. A. Frost sends in the following cutting from the local press, and hopes it may be of use to the Study Circle, if they have not already heard of it:

"A Goldfields philatelist, Dr. A. Annandale, claims that he has just paid a record price for the current half-cent postage stamp. He has bought 80 stamps for R1 a pair. The stamps are rare because the beak of the Natal Kingfisher appears to be open. They were discovered in a vending machine at Bloemfontein Post Office.

„Dr. Annandale said that the postal authorities withdrew the rest of the stamps from circulation as soon as the mistake was discovered.

„Vending stamp machines were re-introduced at the bigger post offices last year after being withdrawn in 1961 with the switch-over to decimalization.—Sapa."

## COLLECTORS MAIL AUCTIONS

Mr. R. F. Putzel, a well-known Cape Town collector, is starting a series of auctions which he calls a service for collectors by a collector. The catalogue of No. 1, closing date 26 September, shows an extensive range of material—African and European predominating, but not exclusively. They are well described and priced and should appeal to serious and advanced collectors.

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## SIERRA LEONE

"Stamp Collecting" states that the postal authorities have still given no replies to their enquiries about the sticky-back map-shaped stamps. How many were printed of the two issues—the N.Y. World's Fair issue and the Kennedy issue? They say "only the publication of these figures can re-establish the sagging confidence in the philatelic integrity of the Sierra Leone Post Office."

## ROBSON LOWE AUCTIONS

The final figure for a year's trading is not yet quite complete, but it is not going to be much, if any, short of £1½m. This is far ahead of previous records. The sales of the Burrus collections have helped hugely in setting this together, and also the "Uncommon Market"—i.e. their practice of showing European rarities in the countries of origin and also of holding some of the sales in them.

Mr. Lowe remarks: "The remarkable increase in values seen in the fine art auctions, is now seen to have spread to the philatelic world."

## SOCIETY NEWS

### PRETORIA P.S.

**3 August.** The evening's entertainment was provided by "Cas" who brought along an exhibit from his rather large collection of the "Islands of the British Empire." The Two Reigns of Cyprus, Fiji, Tonga, Papua and New Guinea, anzibar and a small but rather interesting collection of "Errors and Varieties" was tabled. All the Islands exhibited were complete in shades, change of perfs, overprints and all commemoratives in blacks of four. In Cyprus items like S.C. 177a and 177 aa were portrayed, the overprints of the 1964 (5 May) U.N. Security Councils Resolution March 1964, on four of the Cyprus stamps in blocks of four. This set was issued in short supply and without warning. Tonga, the 1962 (7 Feb.) Centenary of the Emancipation overprinted on eight stamps of the definitive set was short lived and printed in short supply. The Tonga "Horror" the 1963 (15 July) First Polynesian Gold Coinage Commemorative set caused quite an interest amongst the members as most of them had not seen it before. Zanzibar was up to date to the locally hand stamped set "Jamhuri 1964" followed by the 1964 (28 Feb.) overprinting by Bradbury Wilkinson. The new Zanzibar set issued as an emergency on June 21st was printed in Leipzig East Germany and was also displayed; this set is very gaudy and consists of much Chain Breaking and Flag Waving.

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**July Meeting.** There was a good attendance to see the remarkable collection of the South African hyphenated issue shown by Mr. Hagger of Johannesburg.

### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

**July meeting.** An excellent exhibit and papers were given for Dr. Peisach, in absentia, on the "Plating of the Provisional Agorot Issue." This is one of the most outstanding studies of an Israeli issue.

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**9 July.** The subject for the evening was France. Dr. Vautier covered the pre-stamp period, explaining the working and markings to be found on correspondence from the middle ages onward. Mr. Putzel con-

tinued the story, dealing with the subjects on the stamps thematically, but also chronologically.

**23 July.** All members' Evening with eight exhibitors, each giving a short talk on his subject.

Mr. Combrink—Duplex. Cancellations of Ireland. Mr. Hegardt—S. African Odds and Ends. Mr. Nathan—Seychelles. Only three islands in the group are inhabited. Started with Mauritius stamps in 1861, but got their own in 1890. Mr. Berneaud—German East Africa. Only a few issues and not many "Classics." Mr. Hunt—British Island Dependencies, e.g. Ascension. All mint. Mrs. Jeldel—Some recent Judaica, and some of a theme she had just embarked on, viz. cancellations of towns with Biblical names. Dr. Vautier—(a) Some items of France not shown at the previous meeting, (b) a few covers of the centenary of the Italian Post Office. Mr. Jeldel—Egypt. Light relief in the way of colourful United Arab Republic and also with King Farouk's face blackened out.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**27 July.** (1) Mr. A. Brasch—Errors in Design. A very interesting lot, but Mr. Beinart points out that Mr. Brasch made one error by including the French stamp of 1953 with a left-handed fencer. This fencer was left-handed and won a gold medal at the Olympic Games of 1952 fencing this way.

(2) I. A. Miller—Papal Visit to the Holy Land. It was thought that Mr. Miller was rather exploited in the amount of material he had to collect to make this complete.

(3) C. H. Cilliers—Bahamas. A small selection of the earlier issues.

**11 August.** (1) Dr. R. Levy—Stamps of K. George VI and Q. Elizabeth II. A vast field and the collection shown covered practically the whole Commonwealth, with many scarce items, including the High Commission Opts. of 1961 and early issues of Bermuda.

(2) Mr. J. E. Frankland—Southern Rhodesia. This exhibitor lived up to his reputation of having nothing that was not in perfect condition.

As for rarities, there was every known example of the Admiral "Imperf.-betweens." Some of them not only in pairs, for there was at least one block of eight with no less than three imperf.-between pairs. Didn't some mouths water!

### PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

**August Meeting.** Traditionally "Been Cup" meeting. This year there were two entrants. (1) Mr. S. Smith of Gravelotte, a country member, showed a nice collection of Israel Airmails; a nice lot for a comparatively new collector. (2) Mr. D. J. C. Reynders showed

Southern Rhodesia, with much of postal history, postal stationery and special cancellations. The judges awarded the Cup to this collection for the year.

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#### ORANGE FREE STATE P.S.

First of all congratulations to the Society on the attractive new Spring Dress in which the August number of their Magazine appears. It is both topical and attractive.

**July Meeting.** A good attendance, which compensated for the small brave band which braved the snow-meeting in June.

(1) Seven members tabled new issues.

(2) Mr. Scott showed his steadily growing Basutoland collection, one recently added gem being a Reg. Envelope with 3 5c overprints.

(3) Dr. Brüning demonstrated the start of his collection "Medicine and Medici." This is to be all embracing and will take much hard work to complete. Good wishes to him!

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#### GERMISTON P.S.

**August meeting.** There was a good attendance at the August meeting of the Society at which two interesting collections were displayed. Mr. B. Eilers tabled a general collection of Great Britain, an unusual feature of this being that the exhibit was written up in German. Mr. E. Sequeira, a member resident in Benoni, displayed an excellent collection of New Zealand health stamps. —S.L.C.

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#### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**August 10.** This was Ladies' Night and the boards were filled with many fine and interesting exhibits as follows: Miss R. Polchett—"Child Development" (a new theme which showed great promise); Mrs. H. Scott "Elizabethan Pictorials"; Miss G. Hoffman, "Butterflies and Moths" (written up in her usual fine manner and complete) and "All Blacks" (being black stamps issued and added to since the last showing, an attractive exhibit); Mrs. H. Baker, "United Nations" (commemorative covers); Mrs. M. Bergman, "Anglo-Boer War Covers" (although seen, are always of interest); Mrs. Y. Dussart, "World Collection" (a first showing of a general collection which included an interesting section of airmail etiquettes).

**August 24.** Members had a surprise in seeing for the first time a collection "A Trip around Africa" which had been put together by the late Cecil Mummery and presented to the Club by his Estate. This proved something out of the ordinary, being set out and written up in his fine way, and it was possible to see how many stamps issued could

illustrate such theme. Mr. Mummery started this collection ten years ago after a trip made around Africa and it was only completed just before his death. Members were reminded of this friendly and fine collector in seeing this posthumous piece of work.

—M.F.S.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

**August 5.** The Quiz was won by Capt. M. F. Stern and after this Dr. Peter Hotz showed "Educational Thematics," this being a fine general theme covering all aspects of thematics and well set out and written up, and for good measure "Newfoundland," a country not often shown at Societies. The evening was well worth attending.—M.F.S.

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#### PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

**28 July.** The main fare of the evening consisted of a combined showing by many members of sheets from their collections. It was indeed encouraging to see so many participating. Stamps on view included those from Swaziland, the recent Shakespeare issues, Germany, Laos, Congo Republic, Bechuanaland, German Post in China, British Commonwealth and others. One new member was welcomed. A very successful auction concluded a well attended meeting.

**11 August.** It was once again Junior evening and a successful one. The standard of the collections submitted by the young collectors was higher than ever before. The judges awarded in the older section the first prize (a cup) to Master Tommy Strachan. The runner-up was Stanley Bergman. In the age group below 14 Miss J. Commaille went home with a prize.

Whilst the judges were completing their task the young people were shown small exhibits which in each case were accompanied by brief talks by Messrs. A. S. Aldis (Postmarks of South Africa), W. H. Berrington (Health Stamps of New Zealand), T. J. Strachan (Specimen Stamps) and G. Bülbirg (German States and Berlin).

To make the evening the success it turned out to be we owe thanks to Mr. E. Hayward who supervises the Grey High School Stamp Club.

**25 August.** Another well-attended meeting. Four new members were enrolled. Miss J. McSporran provided a very nice exhibit: Covers of Great Britain, ranging from the first ever adhesive stamp on cover to the most modern. The enjoyment of the display was much enhanced by the reading of a paper prepared by Miss McSporran, who is to be highly complimented on the manner of presentation and on her enthusiasm. Members were reminded of the nearby visit of our East London collector friends.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### The 2½c Nurses Stamps.

Two printings of the 2½c South African Nursing Association's Commemorative Stamps were put on sale on the 12th October, 1964. Both were made in horizontal sheet format, Panes A and B, each comprising 5 rows x 20 stamps, on Arms Water-marked paper, the mark facing right. The sheets' left and right hand margins contained blue single line broken bars and are perforated through, while the top and bottom ones carry blue pre-manufactured, centrally placed, arrows and are imperforate except for the isolated perforation hole at the junction of the rows. An eleven row perforator was used for both printings.

One printing was made from cross-lined screened cylinders, Nos. S 15 blue and S 3 gold which denominations are registered along with the pane determining letter, A or B, on the sheets' left margin, opposite stamp 1 of Row 5. Four figure red sheet

numbers appear twice on the bottom margin of Pane B only, below stamps 1 and 2, and 12 and 13 of row 5.

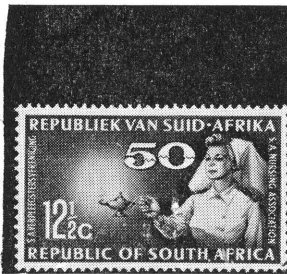
The other printing was also made from cross-lined screened cylinders, Nos. S 7, gold, and S 14, blue, which are registered along with the pane determining letter, A or B, on the sheets' left margin, opposite stamps 1 of Row 5. Four figure red sheet numbers appear twice on the bottom margin of Pane B Only, Below Stamp No. 2, the last digit encroaching below stamp No. 3 on the sheets examined. Remnant portions of the Printer's guide marks, in the two contributing colours, appear on the bottom margin of Pane A, beneath stamp 10, indicating that Pane B was positioned on the left of A during the printing process.

The stamps, of vertical format, measuring 40.5 x 24.2 mm., are bilingually inscribed and depict the nurses' symbolic lamp in blue upon a diagonal coarse-mesh gold background. The numerals "50" in blue, are placed above the lamp and the figure of value, also in blue, below it.

The blue printing was made onto the gold back-ground for all portions of the stamp except that pertaining to the lamp for which an uncoloured area was reserved. Consequently any mis-alignment of the two cylinders may be found around the lamp which is of a light blue colour resembling that of the marginal arrows, whereas the blue of the other portions of the stamp appears deep or dull.

In general, the printing from Cyls. S 7 and S 14 may be distinguished from that from Cyls. S 15 and S 3 by the deeper shade of its gold background and by the presence of an almost consistent white outline, in varying degree, around the lamp.

Both printings appeared to be free of cylinder flaws, the only characteristic observed on the sheets examined being of the multipositive status namely, a tiny blue line at the base of O of OF, Rows 5-5 and 5-15 on Panes A and B of the S 15 and S 3 printing only, the arrangement of these flaws indicate the preparation of the carbon tissue in the Bouzart Printing Down Camera.



### The 12½c Nurses' Stamp.

The 12½c South African Nursing Association's Commemorative stamp, printed on Arms Watermarked paper from screened cylinders in double die format, Panes A and B, was put on sale on the 12th October, 1964.

The sheet format is vertical, comprising 30 rows x 5 stamps. The top and bottom margins are perforated through and contain single line broken bars, while the left and right ones are imperforate except for a single perforation hole and contain centrally placed blue pre-manufactured arrows. The cylinder numbers, S 17 gold, S 16 blue, along with the pane designation letter, A or B, are printed on the bottom margin of each pane, below stamp 5 of row 20. Four figure red sheet numbers appear twice on the right margin of Pane B only, opposite rows 8 and 9, and 19 and 20.

The bilingually inscribed stamps are of horizontal format, measuring 24.2 x 40.5 mm., and depict a nurse holding the symbolic lamp with the numerals "50" in gold above it and the figure of value in the lower left corner. The inscriptions are in white upon a blue background and an eleven row perforator was used for the printing.

The following are some of the flaws observed:

#### PANE A. MULTIPOSITIVE FLAWS.

Row:—

- 1-5 and 11-5. Small blue dot on the left aspect of the Nurse's chest.
- 7-5 and 17-5. Tiny blue dot in 1 of REPUBLIEK.

#### PANE B.

- 1-5 and 11-5. Prominent blue dot below 5 of 50.

#### PANE A. CYLINDER FLAWS.

- 1-2. Small blue mark on top of 1 of 12.
- 1-5. Tiny blue dot on nurse's forehead.
- 2-2. Small blue dot on nurse's left arm.
- 4-1. Small blue dot left of flame of lamp.
- 12-3. Small blue dot left of flame of lamp.
- 13-2. Tiny blue dot above flame of lamp.
- 14-4. Prominent blue dot on nurse's veil.
- 20-5. Tiny blue dot on lower portion of 2 of 12.

#### PANE B.

- 1-2. Prominent white smudge above 1 of 12.
- 1-3. Small horizontal blue line left of flame.
- 4-4. Prominent blue dot on nurse's veil.
- 10-5. Prominent blue smudge above lamp.

There is a small horizontal blue line on the top margin of Pane B, above stamp 2 of row 1, and the printing carries many microscopic blue dots.

## THE CASE OF THE MISSING HYPHEN

By Dr. H. J. Raubenheimer

(Being a paper read at the S.A. Stamp Circle meeting at Pretoria during Congress Week.)

A Bulletin of the Publicity Branch of the Post Office appeared in March, 1964, giving particulars of the two new postage stamps to be issued on the 8th of May, 1964. Of the values of 2½c and 12½c they were to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the South African Rugby Board. The Bulletin had illustrations of the two stamps and also of the two special date stamps which would be used at Cape Town and Johannesburg. The Post Office also issued official photographs of the stamps and the Philatelic Bureau had two enlarged photographs, like pictures, hanging on its wall.

The stamps duly made their appearance; they were examined, reported upon and were accepted with the usual acclaim. The only carping note, from Cape Town, I think, was this question: since one of the special date stamps was to be used in Johannesburg, what did Johannesburg do for, or even know of rugby seventy-five years ago in 1889 when it was then just a mining camp? But that is by the way!

There was something vaguely strange

about the 12½c stamp, and it was only after referring to other 12½c commemorative stamps such as the Red Cross stamp, that the oddness was spotted, and that was that the space between SUID and AFRIKA was smaller than usual, that the hyphen seemed cramped and was not like the pretty little ornamental hyphen that we would normally have expected. (Fig. 1).



Now curiosity was aroused and the matter was further investigated; a number of other official photographs and Bulletins were examined and the following interesting facts thereupon came to light:

(a) The hyphens on all the photographs were not uniform, they differed slightly in size and shape. (Fig. 2).

(b) Still more marked was this the case on the much smaller illustrations on the Bulletins.

(c) The surprising fact that these hyphens had been inserted in ink, by hand, and that those on the photographs could be just about completely erased with water,

(d) Specimens of the two Bulletins, the one in English and the other in Afrikaans, have been found both with and without the hyphen, (Figs. 3 and 4). The third Bulletin, in English only for overseas, has only been found without the hyphen.

(e) And finally, and most surprising of all, the picture photograph at the Bureau had been hanging there for weeks, without the hyphen, and nobody the wiser!

Now how did this all come about? Let us briefly recapitulate the sequence of events leading up to the issue of, say, a commemorative stamp. We start with the Essay (the artist's drawing), from which follow, for

each cylinder, the master negative, the multipositive, the carbon tissue and then the finished cylinder. Various colour combinations are tried, one of which is finally chosen and the printing of the stamps proceeds.

The Printing Works prepares beautiful photographs of the original Essay for the Post Office, and from these the Post Office makes the reproductions for its Bulletin. It follows, thus, that the original Essay had no hyphen—obviously an oversight. The photographs had already been delivered before the missing hyphen was discovered, but it was easy enough to insert the hyphens on them as well as on the Bulletins, but not so easily on a prepared cylinder. In fact, that would be almost impossible.

Indeed the whole process would have to be repeated from the essay stage—a hyphen inserted on the Essay and a new cylinder or cylinders prepared.

May we now venture into the realm of speculation. At what stage was the absence of the hyphen noticed? If it was before the master negative was made, then this story would be a moderately interesting one. But supposing that the absence of the hyphen was only discovered after the cylinders had been prepared ready for use, and even some sheets of stamps had been printed, then we would have quite a different position. Of course those sheets would be destroyed (wouldn't a collector like to have even one of those stamps!). Then also the colour trials would show the hyphen missing, and what a picture they would make! The possibility exists, too, that they would show different cylinder numbers from the final ones S 12 S 14.



Another interesting little feature in connection with these Rugby stamps could be mentioned here. Let us revert to the Bulletin again and study the illustration of the special date stamp that was to be used at Cape Town (Fig. 5). This was reproduced from an official photograph (Fig. 6). Look closely at the O of BOARD, it is identical on the two photographs, and under magnification it gives the distinct appearance



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of having been a U with the top loop closed to make an O. And yet, the date stamps used on all the covers seen so far show a normal O (Fig. 7). Obviously there were more than one dater used in Cape Town to handle the thousands of covers, and being hand-made there are small differences between them and which are noticeable.

But what became of the one with the "Closed U" of which the photographs were made? We could be on firmer ground than before in thinking what happened. The photograph is taken of the impression of the date stamp and the U could have been closed before photographing, while the brass dater itself could be satisfactorily altered—the U removed and an O inserted. But did this happen? It is doubtful if we will ever know.

It could, quite reasonably, be said that this whole paper is pure theorising and is largely wishful thinking. Admittedly there is no proof, because the Post Office or the Printing Works could, quite rightly, regard the whole thing as their own private affair, and we would be left with a pretty little teaser.

All in all, this is just the sort of thing that we in the Study Circle find so fascinating, and makes us regard the Printing Works and the Philatelic Bureau with such interest, curiosity and even affection.

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#### A.P.O.-U.-M.P.K./2

The S. African Army Post Office marks of World War II are described in Pirie's "World War II Philately of Southern and Eastern Africa" pp. 9-12.

This lists the places and dates of usage, which were supplied to the writer by the Director of the Army Postal Services.

It is noted that in a few cases postmarks are known with dates later than the official date given. I can add No. 2 to this category. This number is recorded as used only in East Africa from 1/6/40 to 3/2/41, and to the best of my knowledge is was used only at Nairobi.

I have several specimens with dates later than 3/2/41 and am submitting one with date 28-VI-41. To show that it was still being used at Nairobi about that date I may quote a date cover still in my possession. This has 18-VI-41 and is addressed to Ngong, which is only a few miles outside Nairobi; this is backstamped Ngong the next day.

—W. TUNSTALL.

## AIR MAIL NOTES

(I. H. C. Godfrey)

### INTERNAL AIR SERVICES — SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

8th June, 1964: Salisbury - Ft. Victoria - Triangle - Chiredzi.

The Rhodesian Air Services inaugurated a regular airmail service on 8th June to link Salisbury with Triangle and Chiredzi in the Triangle and Hippo sugar areas of the lowveld, south east of Fort Victoria, using a de Havilland "Dove" aircraft daily from Monday to Friday. Approximate air distances are:

Salisbury - Ft. Victoria ... ..	160 miles.
Ft. Victoria - Triangle ... ..	85 miles.
Triangle - Chiredzi ... ..	55 miles.

On the first flight a very small mail indeed was carried, only eight covers being known posted in Salisbury to Triangle and Chiredzi and two on the return flight from each point. Each of these covers is authenticated by the pilot's signature (Capt. J. Swart).

(Acknowledgments to Capt. L. E. Creasy).

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### AEROGRAMMES.

#### ZANZIBAR - 1964 "JAMHURI" overprints:

Two Aerogrammes of exceptional interest and to which no reference seems to have appeared in the overseas Philatelic press have been reported by our local Aerophilatelic Society member, Mr. Donald G. Cox, of Newcastle, Australia. These are the 25c and 50c Aerogramme sheets overprinted "JAMHURI 1964" in black, diagonally downwards from left to right across the imprinted stamp bearing the portrait of the deposed Sultan.

Postal clerks at the Zanzibar Post Office were authorised to deface the picture of the ex-Sultan, manually, in black ink by means of a cross, but this practice was not apparently normally carried out.

The sheets which have been reported were bought over the Post Office counter at Zanzibar by the Master of the "Straat Madura," the first ship to enter the harbour after the Revolution, on 25th January, 1964. A genuinely flown 25c sheet with the postmark of that date is known which can, therefore, be used as a model for detecting forged overprints which, very likely, will make their appearance.

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#### A ZULULAND POSTMARK

The Natal Government Gazette of May 15th, 1888, contained a proclamation stating that the postal agreement entered into by the Governor of Natal and the Resident Commissioner of Zululand, had come into force on the first of that month. The Post Office of Entonjaneni district was supplied with a hand canceller reading "Post Office Entonjaneni" within a single circle measuring 30 mm. in diameter, with the first two words at the top and the name at the bottom of the circle, the date being placed horizontally across the centre.

I am interested to find the earliest recorded use of this canceller. In an article published in "Stamp Collecting" in 1952, Dr. K. Pennycuik stated that the canceller was in use from 1888 to 1891, but he has informed me that all his cancellations were dated

1889. In the Rich collection bequeathed to the Durban Museum, a cover dated August 19th, 1888, is stated to be "the earliest cover known." However, Mr. Paul A. Dorn, Jr., of Los Angeles, U.S.A., has a cover dated July 28th, 1888, of which he has very kindly sent me a photograph, whilst in my collection there is one even earlier bearing the date July 4th, 1888.

If any of your readers has proof of any earlier usage than the last date mentioned, it would be appreciated if information could be supplied through these columns.

—(A. LESLIE LEON).

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#### PHILATELIC ESTATES

The work of this committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Nigel Ford, was reported on at the August meeting of the Philatelic Federation Executive. Its usefulness may be judged from one particular case: The executor of an estate had been offered R160 for a collection, but feeling that this was not enough he asked the advice of the Estates Committee. This was given and followed by the executor and he obtained R1,600, exactly ten times the previous offer.

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#### LEST WE FORGET

**Editorial Note.** Readers, the "S.A. Ph." bottom drawer is almost empty, fresh articles are badly needed.

Checking up on something written in 1911 a member of the Board thought "this is worth re-publishing just to compare the views of that date with those of today."

Do you like it? If you do not care for cold dishes warmed up again then help us out by writing something fresh; otherwise you are liable either to have a shorter magazine or more such re-published articles. Here follows the first of them:

#### SHOULD DAMAGED STAMPS BE COLLECTED?

(Pros. and Cons.)

The basis and objective of a collection of postage stamps is the acquisition of every known variety in the country decided upon. The condition of the specimens is a very important point, the collector rejecting all heavily post-marked stamps whenever there is a possibility of securing them in good condition. I think it is granted that a heavily-marked or badly-centred stamp is bet-

ter than none at all, and to a lesser degree the same remarks apply to damaged stamps.

Most collectors know what an eye-sore a blank space in their favourite country is, and surely it is more satisfactory to have it occupied by a damaged stamp until one in good condition can be obtained. I am not an advocate of collection damaged stamps as damaged stamps, but I certainly am of opinion that a damaged stamp is better than none at all. It seems to me that if one makes a point of rejecting all stamps that do not quite come up to the standard of perfection that one has set for oneself, half the enjoyment of collecting is done away with. Who does not know the satisfaction one feels in substituting for a badly marked or damaged specimen in one's collection a stamp in good condition that one has just secured? Can one imagine any collector deciding against the inclusion in his collection of a "Post Office" Mauritius because it is not quite perfect, on the ground that until he can get a copy that will pass his high standard he would rather see a blank space in his album? Surely what applies to these "rarae aves" applies equally well to lesser fry.

My honourable friend on the opposition benches will not deny that until one can get a £20 Rhodesian stamp, postally used, one used fiscally has to be put up with if one wishes to have the set complete.

My experience is that when mounting in my album a damaged stamp, the fact of its being damaged impresses itself strongly on me, so much so that when looking over approval sheets I find myself recollecting that "this stamp in my collection is creased," or "that one is short of a perforation," and so on.

Having secured the stamp of the requisite pitch of perfection, then by all means depose the damaged occupant of the space and try to palm it off on the next exchange sheet, or better still, destroy it.

—W. L. SIMON.

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In deciding whether damaged stamps should or should not be collected, one must consider to some extent why stamps are collected at all. There is no doubt that philately owes its existence and continued life principally to the variety and beauty of design and colouring which stamps present, and which give them in combination an interesting and attractive appearance. If stamps were designed, for instance, like postmarks, and were all of a uniform colour,

how many people would take the trouble to collect them? Commercialism has introduced more sordid motives into the hobby, but the reason for collecting which I have given above still continues to be the mainstay of philately.

If my premises be allowed, the unused stamp should take pride of place in one's album as the perfect specimen; failing that, a stamp as lightly post-marked as possible. (The question of pen-marked and fiscally-cancelled stamps I shall not touch upon, as being outside the scope of a paper dealing with postage stamps). Failing an unused or a lightly postmarked stamp, where should the line be drawn? Opinions may differ on this point, but I think few will dispute my contention that a stamp to be worthy of inclusion in a collection must at any rate be complete. No stamp minus a corner or some other part of its form should be admitted. A philatelist, it must be borne in mind, is a collector of stamps, not of torn scraps of paper. If mutilated stamps could all be put on one page by themselves, the effect would not be so bad, but interspersed with others they mar the appearance of a whole collection by their obtrusive ugliness. There is a prevalent idea that a blank space should be filled at any cost, if not with a good specimen, with a bad one, but a blank space is infinitely preferable to a specimen which is incomplete. One must except from this condemnation stamps with officially-punched holes, although I am personally of opinion that if all stamps so dealt with were tabooed by collectors, they would not be much loss.

The case against the stamp which is cut, but which has lost none of its original form, is even stronger. True, it retains its original appearance, and at first glance, and even on a casual examination, might seem irreproachable, but it is a fraud—a wolf masquerading in sheep's clothing—a hypocrite hiding its faults behind a plausible exterior. It should be rooted out uncompromisingly.

There is a considerable business done in repairing stamps, but to my mind a repaired stamp is a close relative to the forgery, and collectors should always be on their guard against being taken in by specimens which have undergone any sort of renovating process.

In my opinion, therefore, all stamps from which pieces are missing, or which are otherwise mutilated, should not be collected. I would also exclude stamps which,



though complete in form, are so heavily post-marked that the design cannot be distinguished. This, however, is a point which I do not expect all collectors will agree with me upon.

—C. C. WOOLLACOTT.

## TRANSVAAL NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS

By C. S. Rosenberg and J. H. Harvey Pirie

The first extensive series of numeral cancellations consisted of a number inside three concentric circles. This came into use about 1874; the story of the series (Nos. 1 to 43), with the places of usage, is now pretty well-known. See "S.A. Philatelist," Vol. 17, 1941, p. 64—reprinted Vol. 38, 1962, pp. 48 and 64.

The next extensive series of numeral marks appeared in 1889 and continued in use, according to Curle and Basden (p. 94), on the 1895 issues. They state it was revived later and is known on a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Edwardian stamp; this we have seen, but it is a modified form with the corner letters Z A R removed. They record that the numerals in the series run from 1 to 90, but do not say how many of these they have actually seen. They note the occurrence of occasional varieties such as marks without any numeral and a mark with the numeral 3 inverted.

No official list has been found of the places to which these numeral cancellations were issued. The present writers, who have a considerable number of them, have pooled their knowledge to produce this list of known marks. The majority are on loose stamps and so their places of usage cannot be identified. Some are on covers or post-cards with accompanying place-date postmarks or some other locative data and these are listed separately.

The normal mark is an equilateral triangle with sides 30 mm. long. In the three corners are the letters "Z, A, R," 3-3½ mm. high; in the centre a numeral 3½-4 mm. high and there are two thickish lines both above and below it. The variations in the size of the letters and numerals seem to be due mainly, if perhaps not entirely, to the heaviness or lightness of the striking of the mark. The marks in the vast majority of our

specimens are in black, but one specimen, No. 6 from Eureka Kaap Goudv has both the numeral mark and the single-circle place-date stamp in blue.

We can now record the following numerals as known: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 38, 39, 45, 46, 49, 50, 54, 58, 60, 63, 64, 65, 71, 73, 74, 76, 79, 84, 87, 88. A total of 45—just half the possible of 90.

### Know Places of Usage.

No Number	Krugersdorp
"	Swaziland
1	Pretoria
2	Potchefstroom
3	(?) Johannesburg
4	Barberton
5	Boksburg
6	Eureka Kaap Goudv
10	Kaapsche Hoop
11	Krugersdorp
13	Lydenburg
15	Middelburg
17	Nylstroom
20	Utrecht
23	Zeerust
28	Belfast
50	Pilgrims Rest.

### Notes.

(1) **No Number.** The marks with no number, as known from Krugersdorp and from Swaziland, are due to be written up more fully.

(2) **No. 3.** This has been allocated to Johannesburg, but with a query because conclusive proof of its usage there has not yet been obtained. The presumptive evidence which leads us to allocate it there is as follows:

Johannesburg Post Office dates from about the end of 1886 and during 1887 Johannesburg place-date postmarks (mainly small single-circle marks) are fairly common. Also again from early 1890 onwards, but they are conspicuously lacking in our collections with dates in 1888-89.

It is suggested that during these two years the triangular canceller with 3 numeral may have been used there.

We have Enschede stamps with this cancellation in considerable numbers, not only on singles but on multiples. This suggests that No. 3 canceller was in use at a post

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office using a lot of stamps and Johannesburg seems to fill the bill in this respect. It had grown rapidly and it is on record that in March, 1887, it was large enough to have 100 private boxes put in. (See S.A. Philatelist, Vol 12, 1936, p. 168).

(3) **No. 50.** Attributed to Pilgrims Rest from an 1893 cover. There is no doubt about the "5" but the "0" is a little doubtful.

**BLACK BLOTS**

The following countries have been assessed in the July issue of the "American Philatelist" with the numbers of the reasons for which they have been given.

**Albania.** 8-Stamp set (4 perf., 4 imperf.) plus 2 Souvenir Sheets for Tokyo Olympic Games. 1, Limited printing. 2, Unduly long set. 5, No direct relationship with the issuing country.

**East Germany.** Children's Day issue of 1 June. 1, Limited issue.

**Guinea.** Six high value airpost stamps. 3, Such high values unwarranted.

**Monaco.** 16-Stamp issue for 50th anniversary of Monte Carlo Air Rally. 2, Excessively long.

**San Marino.** 12-Stamp set for Tokyo Olympics. 2, Excessively long.

**Sierra Leone.** Map cut-out sets for N.Y. World's Fair, and as tribute to President Kennedy. 1, Limited printings.

**Yemen.** 8-Stamp set plus 2 Souvenir Sheets for the Tokyo Games. 1, Limited printing. 2, Unduly long. 5, No direct relationship with issuing country.

In the August issue the following issues are assessed:

**Dubai.** 9-Stamp set publicising N.Y. World's fair. Limited printing of excessively long set.

**France.** NOTE. Certain PHILATEC sheets (2 kinds) were compulsorily buyable when buying entrance tickets to the Exhibition. These were "black-blotted," but this assessment has since been withdrawn, and a special letter sent out to this effect. It appears that funds received from the sale of the PHILATEC sheets were entirely used by the postal administration to help defray the costs of the exhibition. Moreover the special sheets were on free sale for several months after the close of the show at face value in all post-offices.

**Honduras.** A 6-Stamp set and souvenir sheet overprinted "In Memoriam" for Kennedy; some of them further overprinted "Official" in red. Limited printing and oddities introduced.

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It is mentioned that two other International associations are merging their interests with the American Philatelic Society in the War Against Speculative Issues. They are the F.I.P. (International Philatelic Federation) and the A.I.J.P. (International Association of Philatelic Journalists).

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## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

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### **Cornphila Zurich.**

This stamp auction firm of Bahnhofstrasse 102, Zurich, Switzerland, is holding its 50th Auction on 2-7 November, 1964, and has sent us two copies of the sales catalogue. This is a huge affair of 8 x 10 inches with 92 pages of illustrations, quite a few of them in colour and 116 pages of text.

Catalogue prices are given (the catalogue used being mentioned) and what the item is expected to fetch.

Some 6,329 items are listed, considerably over half of them being European, but there is a fair range from other parts of the world.

### **Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce:**

#### **Annual Report, 1964.**

You may wonder why this has been sent us for review although postal and telecommunication affairs seem to occupy quite a bit of the Chamber's time and fill a page of this 16-page booklet of almost quarto size.

We ceased wondering when we saw the outside of the booklet. They are just a mass of stamps in natural colours, reminiscent of the halves of the covers of "Gibbons Stamp Monthly."

We reckoned there must have been at least 200 stamps arranged and photographed and the job has been very well done.

When we saw from the Report that as Assistant Secretary of the Chamber is one M.M.W. we fancy that he must be the Deus ex Machina, who assembled the stamps for plate-making. He is well-known in Johannesburg as a keen philatelist.

### **Australian Covers.**

We have received a small booklet from the Collector's Association, 37 Galway Terrace, Largs North, S. Australia. Price 1/6. It lists many stamps, F.D.C.s., Flights, etc. and

would appeal to anyone specializing in any way in Australia.

### **David Field Ltd. and The West End Philatelist.**

Fred T. Buck, who trades under this name, is continuing in business as a stamp dealer, but is giving up publishing the magazine.

### **Sander's Philatelic Journal.**

No. 115 of this magazine (Sept. '64), is the last. House-magazines with a mainly postal circulation are evidently becoming too expensive for dealers to run. Rising printing costs are the main cause of the trouble.

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## FALKLAND ISLANDS

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On 8 December 4 stamps are to be issued in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the battles for these islands. The first battle took place on I.XI.14 at Coronel Bay off the coast of Chile, where Britain lost H.M.S. Good Hope and H.M.S. Monmouth. Reinforcements were rushed out to the islands and they were refuelling there on 8.XII.14 when the Gefman squadron approached with the intention of destroying the port installations. The German Admiral, Graf von Spee, withdrew, the British followed and a 10-hour running battle ensued. Four of the German squadron of five were sunk, the Dresden escaped temporarily but she surrendered some months later.

The four stamps are to feature respectively: 2½d. H.M.S. Glasgow, 6d. H.M.S. Kent, 1/- H.M.S. Invincible, 2/- Falkland Islands Battle Memorial.

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## RECORD AUCTION PRICES

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### **A CORRECTION**

In our June issue, p. 114, it was stated that the sum of £234,545 for the Burrus collection of Switzerland was said to be a world record for any one-country sale.

This is not correct. H. R. Harmer, of New York, Inc., remind us that their six sales of the Caspary collection of U.S.A. held in 1955-57 realized \$1,208,861.50, almost double the total for the Burrus Swiss.

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## THE RHODESIAS

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We have seen it stated that Southern Rhodesia will officially be known as "Rhodesia" from 24th October, the day on which Northern Rhodesia will become Zambia.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### MASHONALAND P.S.

**August meeting.** Fifty-two members and visitors present. Father Barr showed his fine collection of Vatican stamps.

Most of the material for auction was sold.

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The Society has issued a pamphlet stating that they are publishing a comprehensive Check-List of the Postage Stamps of the Rhodesias and Nyasaland up to the end of 1963.

Prominence is being given to varieties, many of which are listed for the first time. Sources of information are given in the text and in the extensive bibliography provided.

The volume will run to approximately 160 quarto pages, including several plates of illustrations and an index. The price should not exceed 25/- to British Commonwealth countries and 27/6d. to others. These figures include packing and postage.

It will help the Society in determining its publication requirements if anyone likely to be interested in obtaining a copy would indicate (entirely without obligation) their desire to the Hon. Secretary, Mashonaland Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 2735, Salisbury.

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**August meeting.** Mr. S. J. Hagger, of Germiston showed us some more of his S. African collection. This time he dealt with the hyphenated rotogravures, the pictorial issues of 1935-53. These included varieties such as joined papers and perforation varieties, also what he termed printers waste—such as stamps with a missing colour or with no perforations at all.

**September meeting.** Mr. Carter gave a talk on "The roles of dealers, collector-dealers and pure, advanced collectors in Philately."

The meeting then saw Mr. Strong's collection of Postal History from 1667 to 1840. This included a Bishop Postmark of 18 Nov. 1667, a Dockwra type postmark of 1689 and various unpaid, paid, free, and mileage marks. The star item was an F.D.C. of 6 May, 1860, with a superb Plate 1A 1d. Black.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**24 August.** (1) Mr. W. Oppenheim showed selections from several of his many countries. These included Brazilian covers, Congo (both before and after independence), early U.S.A., and early Canadian.

(2) Mr. G. W. Lambert showed his used stamps of the various countries in the Rhodesian Federation. They were picked speci-

mens and well written up. A notable specimen was a N. Rhodesian with the "Missing Value Tablet" which he received on ordinary commercial mail.

**8 September.** A magnificent exhibit of Anglo-Boer War items was given by Mr. L. Feinstein. Only a few of the outstanding items can be mentioned, such as: a Z.A.R. cover posted in Natal on 11-10-99; a card from the O.V.S. consulate in Austria; siege covers from Ladysmith and Mafeking (none are known from Kimberley, but to make up for them some were shown from Kuruman), which few people know about.

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**13 August.** Composite showing of British Commonwealth. (a) Mr. Berneaud, Ceylon, Q.V. and K.E. VII. (b) Mr. Figov, Rhodesias old and new. (c) Mr. Rowe, a number of colonies, but mainly New Zealand and especially the paper varieties.

**27 August.** Germany (a) 1871-1945, (b) 1945 to date, by Mr. Putzel. A very extensive showing, including booklets, Balloon flights, P.O.W. issues, Airmails and obliterations of headpieces by cork marks.

### GERMISTON P.S.

**16 September.** Mr. Eilers tabled his issues of the various zones in Germany.

Mr. A. C. Rix showed a collection of Great Britain commemoratives and booklet stamps.

He also exhibited a small collection of commemorative issues of Australia. Both of latter two exhibits dated from 1953 onwards. —L.S.C.

### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

**August meeting.** Exhibit provided by Lou Abrams, who showed us "Maritime" Israel. This contained stamps, covers, special postmarks, press cuttings, all pleasantly written up.

### AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

**September 1964.** Lede Thamm en Hattingh het met hulle uitstallings om die Vekawisselbeker gesorg dat die aanwesiges met ons byeenkoms van 16 deser heelwat te sien gekry het en ons kan getuig dat daar weer eens versamelings van hoë gehalte was.

Lid Hattingh se vastereekse van die V.S.A. is puik. Sy vroeë uitgawes is goed verteenwoordigend van die belangrikste kleurskaakeringe en as die relatiewe skaarste van kabinetstukke onder die vroeë emissies in gedagte gehou word, het hy daarin geslaag om redelik mooi stukke te bekom. Maar, net

soos met sy gedenkuitgawes, ontbreek hy hier ook die juwele.

Lid Thamm het ons vir die eerste maal iets van Estland laat sien en dit iets baie goed daarby. In 'n kort geselsie vooraf het hy gesê dat sy versameling nie net filatelies interessant is nie, maar ook geskiedkundig. Dit weerspieël die noodlot van 'n klein landjie wat hom in die magsfeer van twee grotes bevind het. Stellig ook 'n unieke omstandigheid is die feit dat vervalsings vanaf 1918 tot 1926 hier 'n algemene verskynsel was. Seëls van elke uitgawe van 1918 tot 1926 is vervals. As dit net die duers was, was dit nog verstaanbaar, maar dat selfs die gewone seëls vervals is, is nie so maklik verklaarbaar nie. Die vervalsings het nie opgehou voordat Estlandse seëls in 1926 'n netraster gekry het nie. Hy het verder gesê dat die tragedie wat hierdie land se lotsbestemming was, hom voor die gees kom elke keer as hy die versameling deurkyk: Estland het een-derde van sy bevolking deur vlug, dood en uitdelging verloor en gaan tans nog onder die Kommunistiese juk gebuk.

Die versameling begin met die seëls en stempels van die verskeie besetters en is in dié opsig baie interessant. Behalwe vir 'n paar van die groot seldsaamhede is dit kompleet. Dit bevat etlike geskiedkundige stukke. Lid Thamm se aanbieding is oorspronklik en innemend op swart blaaie met netjies wit byskrywings.

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### PRETORIA P.S.

**3 August.** The evening's entertainment was provided by "Cas" who brought along an exhibit from his rather large collection of the "Islands of the British Empire." The Two Reigns of Cyprus, Fiji, Tonga, Papua and New Guinea, Zanzibar and a small but rather interesting collection of "Errors and Varieties" was tabled. All the Islands exhibited were complete in shades, change of perms, overprints and all commemoratives in blocks of four. In Cyprus items like S.C. 177a and 177aa were portrayed, the overprints of the 1964 (5 May) U.N. Security Councils Resolution March 1964, on four of the Cyprus stamps in blocks of four. This set was issued in short supply and without warning. Tonga, the 1962 (7 Feb.) Centenary of the Emancipation overprinted on eight stamps of the definitive set was short lived and printed in short supply. The Tonga "Horror"—the 1963 (15 July) First Polynesian Gold Coinage Commemorative set caused quite an interest amongst the members as most of them had not seen it before. Zanzibar was up to date to the locally hand stamped set "Jamhuri 1964" followed by the 1964 (28 Feb.) overprinting by Bradbury Wilkinson. The new Zanzibar set issued as an emergency on June 21st was printed in Leipzig East Germany and was also displayed; this set is very gaudy and consists of much Chain Breaking and Flag Waving.

**8 September.** Competition for Certificates of Merit for Thematic collectors. Only one

entry and the judges decided it was not quite up to the Certificate standard. A collection of Madonna on stamps was displayed non competitively as it had previously won a certificate.

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### AFRIKAANSE PHILATELISTIESE VERENIGING VAN PRETORIA

**September 1964.** Vandat daar laas van ons gehoor is, het die volgende gebeurtenisse plaasgevind. Dr. J. W. Verwoerd het ons vergas deur 'n uitstalling van die Wêreldposunie van 1949 aan ons te vertoon op die aand van die 22ste Julie. Die netjiese versameling is posfris, volledig en in Frans, die internasionale taal van die posunie, bygeskryf. Daarbenewens het Dr. Verwoerd 'n klein versameling van Nederland ook uitgestal.

Met die junior-vergadering gehou op 14 Augustus het Z. de Swardt die prys gewen vir die junior kompetisie. Nico Dekker het tweede gekom, Hubart van der Spuy derde en Bennie Meyer die prys vir die beste vordering.

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### ORANGE FREE STATE P.S.

**August meeting.** The main exhibit was that by Mrs. H. Jeldel of Cape Town, entitled "Towards a United Europe; the Europa issues played a considerable part, together with covers and miniature sheets; also sports items.

Dr. J. Mellet showed a complete lot of Shakespeare commemoratives.

Mr. C. van Ee, just back from overseas, showed slides of tulips in Holland, shots of a stamp market and gave his views of a philatelic meeting which he attended.

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### P.S. OF NATAL

**September meeting.** This Society is in difficulties through no one being willing to take on the post of Secretary, and they have been without one for the past six months.

The highlight of the evening was a visit from a country member, Dr. Hansford, who showed two exhibits. The first was the stamps of Morocco, on which he gave a short talk. Its quality may be judged by the fact that Mr. Torres, in proposing a vote of thanks, said that although he had spent twelve years there, there were a number of stamps which he had never seen before. Dr. Hansford's record exhibits was of East Africa, and here again there were some rare items.

Mr. Kriste read an interesting paper on how to write up a stamp collection.



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## SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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### Interesting Aspects of the 2½c Nurses' Stamp.

The 2½c Nurses' Stamp offers interesting study in that two sets of cylinders were used for the production and secondly, the stamps exhibit different shades of the "gold" colour of the background.

The printing commenced with cylinders Nos. S 3 and S 15 and after producing an issue of 65,500 sheets of Pane A and 54,800 of Pane B, they broke. New Cylinders, Nos. S 7 and S 14 were prepared and were responsible for an issue of 120,200 sheets of Pane A and 125,800 of Pane B, the total being an issue of 367,300 sheets upon an order for 500,000.

The intimate conditions resulting in the different shades of the gold colour forming the background of the stamp are still undetermined but the following relative factors have been established.

The printing started with Cyls. S 3 and S 15 and a "gold" ink made up from a small

quantity of gold powder which had been in stock for about 15 years and produced, for descriptive purposes, a stamp of "old gold" shade.

When this ink became expended, a similar grade of gold powder was obtained. A fresh supply of ink was made up, and along with cylinders S 3 and S 15, the printing was continued when it was found that the gold colour was a lighter shade. For descriptive purposes, may this shade of gold be known as "light gold."

To overcome this shade difference, it was decided to darken the gold ink by adding brown powder to the existing mixture and the printing continued with cyls. S 3 and S 15. The resultant shade did not correspond with the original ink but had a brownish tinge, and again for descriptive purposes, may this shade be known as "off gold."

New cylinder Nos. S 7 and S 14, were now brought into operation and the previous ink is assumed to have been used. The printing, however, produced sheets of stamps exhibiting two shades of the "off gold" colour, the cause of which is still under investigation.

Further, the nurses' lamp appears in two shades of blue—characteristics which total up to make the 2½c Nurses' Stamp a most interesting issue.

### Basutoland Notes.

Apparently all the new printings of the existing definitive Basutoland set are being printed on paper with BLOCK CA in place of the old Script CA watermarks. The first of the definitives to appear with this new watermark was the 2½c, which was on sale about three months ago, and now it is re-

ported in the Crown Agent's Bulletin that the 1c was reprinted in August.

Supplies of this have not yet reached Maseru but I am informed that they are expected in November or December.

The new 1c and 5c Postal Due labels which also appeared a couple of months or so ago are in the same design as the last sterling issue.

One interesting thing about these is that the 1c has the watermark sideways, while the 5c has it normal-upright, despite the fact that the format of each is the same.

It is known that the printers use up all the available sheets of paper, remnants of which may be too small for printing to show the watermarks the right way up, so it is quite possible that we shall find the latter issues with the watermarks normal in both or the present position reversed, and the 5c with the sideways watermarks.

I understand that there is to be a new issue comprising four denominations for the Independence celebrations next year, and that this is already in the printer's hands. These will be printed by Rotogravure by Harrison's. When I get further information regarding the four denominations to be used, and the date of issue, I will report in these pages. —(G. N. Gilbert).

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## CONGRESS

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The 26th Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa was held in Pretoria, 13-15 October in a Hall just across Visagie Street from the City Hall. Full minutes will be sent to the Constituent Societies, only a summary being given here.

The meeting was formally opened by Mr. L. J. Botes, the Postmaster-General in a speech which was full of humour, and in which he dealt with several aspects of postal history.

There were no philatelic papers presented for reading at the meeting and possibly being given a Congress Award. The only nomination for an award for papers published in the "S.A.P." since last Congress, was that of Mr. D. Allison, Cape Town, for his series of articles on "South African Machine Postmarks," running from May to October. This award was approved by Congress.

The **Expert Committee** reported a fairly quiet year. One interesting item reported on was a double print of the Union K.G. V ½d. This was found to be a fake. It is hoped to give a fuller description later.

The **Philatelic Estates Committee** had a fairly busy year advising enquirers on how best to dispose of collections. In one notable case the advice given led to the enquirer getting ten times what he had previously been offered.

The **Publications Committee** had a busy year with the various handbooks and reprints which have been in hand. Much help has been given by the S.A. Stamp Study Circle.

In most respects the position is satisfactory, but there is one which is most unsatisfactory, and that is the state of The South African Philatelist as regards getting articles for publication. The bottom drawer is empty—there is not even one new full-sized article on hand to help fill up our pages. The position is worse in this respect than it has ever been before. Our magazine was founded to provide a medium for the publication of articles on the philately of Southern Africa; the present Chairman of the Editorial Board has been in that position since 1934, but never since then till now has he had seriously to consider giving up publication through lack of material to publish.

What can be done about it? This position was put to Congress; in the discussion which followed, about the only constructive suggestion made was that there should be more reading matter in Afrikaans. We are sympathetic to that idea, it might bring us in more Afrikaans readers, but it is more writers we need, not merely readers. So a wider appeal must also be made. Can you help?

It would be a very sad thing if the S.A. Philatelist had to give up publication. It has, we think, a fairly good reputation both at home and abroad. Surely amongst its 1,400 odd readers some more writers are to be found?

**Financial Statements and Balance Sheets** for 1963 were submitted to Congress, also Interim ones for 1964. They were duly approved.

**Society Motions.** Three were proposed:—

(1) That the attention of the P.M.G. be drawn to the advantages of giving earlier notice of forthcoming issues of stamps and

of special postmarks. This was withdrawn after information had been given.

(2) That the Minister of Posts be requested to study the advantages of raising funds for Health Charities such as Tuberculosis, Cripple Care, Mental Health, etc., by the issue of Semi-postal stamps. When put to the vote this was defeated.

(3) That it be suggested to the P.M.G. to transpose the postmarks and slogans to the left of the stamps on envelopes instead of over the stamps, so that the former are more easily legible.

When voted on this was carried unanimously.

**Awards of Cups, etc.** There were no nominations for election to the Roll of Honour of Distinguished Philatelists, nor were the Lea Cup and Skinner Cup awarded.

There was discussion about the latter cup—whether or not it could be awarded more often than once to the same person. To change would mean altering the constitution and the matter was referred to the incoming Executive Committee to deal with.

**Election of Office Bearers for 1964-65.** President: N. C. Combrink; Vice-Presidents: T. J. Strachan (Cape), Leslie Leon (Natal), A. H. Scott (O.F.S.), E. Walker (Transvaal), R. H. Fisher-Hill (Rhodesia); Business Manager S.A.P. and Secretary: S. J. Vermaak; Treasurer, J. Michelson.

**Future Congress: 1965—Paarl** (Secretary, I. D. Murray, P.O. Box 60. The 1966 congress goes to Rhodesia.

The Federation purposes getting a set of Frames, which would be available to Societies for future exhibitions, through the good offices of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg.

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## PREPEX—PREFU

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This National Exhibition has the distinction of being the largest of its kind ever held in South Africa.

It was held in Pretoria during Congress Week, 12-17 October, 1964, under the auspices of the three Philatelic Societies in that city.

The original booking for the exhibition was in the Supper Room of the City Hall, but as entries of exhibits poured in, it be-

came obvious that the space was insufficient, so additional room was obtained in the Pretorius Hall upstairs.

The total number of frames in the end amounted to 368; this of course does not mean that number of exhibitors, as quite a number had 2 or even 3 frames. Only one small criticism can be made: in the upstairs room many of the frames were very poorly numbered, so that it was difficult to correlate the exhibit with the numbers of the exhibitors as given in the Souvenir Brochure of the Exhibition. This is forgivable in view of the rush there must have been at the end, in setting out the frames.

The organisers of the exhibition were very generous in the number of awards given. In the general section the medals awarded were: Gold—8, Silver Gilt—12, Silver—29, Bronze—44; Certificates of Merit—19.

Then there were the Special Awards: The Grand Prix went to Mr. G. H. Immelman for his Cape Postal History exhibit, which had many Africana items illustrating the development of Postal Services at the Cape, before the birth of adhesive stamps.

Then there were the usual floating trophy awards, and an unusual one for Hors Concours exhibits. Collections which have previously had First Awards of S.A. Exhibitions were barred from entering competitively in general, but on this occasion competed amongst themselves. This award for the "Best amongst the Best" went to Mr. G. Bülbring for his Old German States.

In the Juvenile Section there were 12 entries in all, some of them thematic, some philatelic. All received Silver Cups; 7 were under 15 and 5 from 15 to 18. The first recipient of the John Kriste Memorial Award was Master Howard MacLean of Simons-town for his Tristan da Cunha collection.

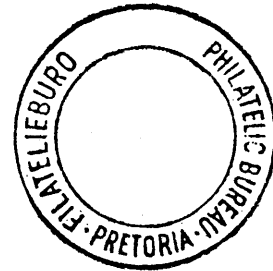
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The Exhibition was opened by His Worship the Mayor of Pretoria, Prof. Dr. P. J. van der Walt, and he gave a party to Congress Delegates later in the week at Fountains which narrowly escaped being spoilt by rain.

The Postal Department provided a Post Office at the Exhibition with a special canceller. It so happened that the Nurses' Jubilee stamps were issued on the opening day and many of them received their First Day cancellations there.



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The general standard of exhibits was high, as may be judged from the list of awards given.

The Postal Department appears to have indulged in a "spring cleaning" of their archives and showed a lot of old material quite different from the standard exhibits usually shown at exhibitions. A preliminary survey of some of this is given by "H.J.R." and it is to be hoped more will follow, even though full information about all of it may never be available.

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### CANADA

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Thanks to the P.M.G. for a Day of Issue special cover with a 5c stamp commemorating the Quebec Conference which was a very important milestone in the formation of the Dominion of Canada. It was just a month after the earlier conference in Charlottenburg, Prince Edward Island. (See our October issue). The stamp features a Maple Leaf and a hand writing with a quill pen.

A special 5c stamp was issued on 5th October in honour of the visit to Canada of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. It depicted her in a seated position wearing a simple white gown and a tiara.

The first special Christmas stamps went on sale on 14th October, 3c and 5c denominations showing a man, woman, and two children walking towards a Christmas star in a typical Canadian winter scene.

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### NEW REPUBLIC

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Mr. Dan Franklin of New York reports having found three unrecorded varieties of these stamps. They are all on blue-gray granite paper without embossed arms, so fall into the group Nos. 17-49 as listed in Gibbons catalogue. They are:

- (1) S.G. 41. A pair of 5/6d., 13 Jan. 87, one of the pair without the diagonal stroke between the 5 and the 6.
- (2) S.G. 33. A pair of 1s, 24 May 86, one of the pair with the 1s missing.
- (3) S.G. 43. A single, with only the 10, the s being missing.

## STOP PRESS

### Republic Handbook/Catalogue SUPPLEMENTARY PAGES

It is hoped to have the next delivery of Supplementary Pages available early in January, 1965.

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### CHRISTMAS SEALS

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Unlike their earlier counterparts, the 1964 Christmas Seals are in the large format of the Republic's commemorative stamps and printed on RSA paper. If the normal printing procedure had been followed, they would have been printed with one half têtebêche and consequently the seals would have normal and inverted watermarks in equal numbers. They were issued in booklets only ranging in price from 5c to R1.

The seals are bilingually inscribed "Christmas 1964 Kersfees" and "South Africa Suid-Afrika." (Strangely enough the designation is still without "Republic—Republiek"). What appears to be the designer's name and the printer's reference (Gerrit WO 728) are finely featured vertically along the left edge of the seals. The seals depict a singing boy and girl with a Christmas Tree in the background. The Cross of Lorraine and the Star of Bethlehem complete a very pleasing design in dark green, red, blue, pink and yellow.

Judging by the numbers of booklets examined, the printing was well done with only a few minor blemishes. The missing perforation of the 1963 issue is again present; the fifth vertical perforation hole between seals one and two of every second row.



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## THE EXHIBIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS AT THE PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, PRETORIA, OCTOBER, 1964.

### A PRELIMINARY SURVEY

To say that this was an eye-opener, even to the experts, could be regarded as a mild understatement. The first thought that comes to the mind would be one of astonishment that all these items, so closely packed together, had been buried in the depths of the Post Office's archives all these years with practically no one aware of their extent and variety.

During the months preceding the Exhibition a visitor to the Philatelic Bureau could have sensed an air of secrecy and excitement. He would see Mr. Reinders, in particular, engrossed with large sheets of cardboard, but, could you ever see what he was doing? Not a hope! Would anyone tell you what would go on exhibition? Again, nothing doing. Patience was evidently of the essence.

To attempt to describe the exhibit in one article would be manifestly impossible. The exhibit occupies 20 frames, each frame measuring 4' by 4'. Items were placed closely side by side with a great deal of overlapping; there were neither captions nor descriptive matter — indeed, we understand very little exists—a fertile field of research lying before the experts. Besides these frames there were three large framed "pictures" with dozens of impressions of historical, commemorative and special date-stamps and seals. There were also two large museum display stands with swivelling frames, with information and specimens of the postage stamps of the Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek (1869-1901), Transvaal (1901-02 and 1902-03), Swazieland (1899-1903), Nieuwe Republiek (1886-7), Stellaland (1884-5), the Cape of Good Hope (1846-1902), Oranje Vrij Staat (1867-1899), Orange River Colony (1900-02, 1903), Natal (1857-1891), Zululand (1885-97) and many specimens of contemporary postal stationery, from post cards to newspaper wrappers.

And finally, there were four large sheets, 28" by 46", in the form of a folding screen, featuring, by descriptions, photographs, coloured sketches, maps and essays, with impressions of their special datestamps, the National Parks as well as of Preplex and the Nursing stamp.

A fairly detailed description of the exhibit has been made, unofficially, by a local member of the Stamp Study Circle, but it would be pointless to publish this description, which, after all could only be a check list, without accompanying illustrations. At present there are no illustrations in existence. The Post Office, doubtless will in time issue a detailed write-up of its philatelic archives, and which has still to be prepared. In the meantime, however, an attempt will be made to obtain photographs and it is hoped to publish the description with illustrations, perhaps serially in the near future.

And now a brief something about the items. With the exception of the Cape of Good Hope, the material dealing with the other Colonies, The Z.A. Republiek, the Vrij Staat and the transient Boer Republics does not reveal very much more than what could be found spread among good private collections. An accompanying official note explains this: "Owing to lack of archival interest during the early years, specimens of postage stamps were not regularly filed. The exhibition is therefore incomplete and is not a collection in the philatelic sense, but is a record of items actually held by the Department at present. The stamps shown here are on the original paper to which they were gummed by officers of the four postal administrations owing to the risk of damage the stamps have not been detached."

The Cape of Good Hope shows a somewhat different picture. The earliest reference is a copy of a letter signed W. Field, Wm. Hope and Charles Bell, dated 25, Aug. 1852, to the P.O. Inquiry Board with proposals for postage stamps for the Colony. Then there is a 9 foolscap-page handwritten letter dated May 1st 1883 from Thos. De La Rue beginning: "Report upon the Adhesive Stamps used at the Cape of Good Hope. With specimens of all the Cape of Good Hope Postage Stamps; with specimens of new colours proposed for three of the duties." There is a full page of stamps headed "Appendix. Uniform Colour Scheme for S. African postage stamps" with a note added "Introduced 1896-1897." Fifteen stamps are shown, all with the 2½d. value but with different colours. Some of the colours are stated, the 3rd for instance is "Purple-lake" while the 1s. is just plain "drab." The design of the stamp is interest-

ing, depicting a woman, probably Goddess Minerva, and, along the top of the stamp is just "AFRICA" and the "2½d." is in a panel below.

Most of the first four frames are occupied by essays and colour trials of the early Union period. About 150 are shown, mostly from Waterlow and Sons and Bradbury Wilkinson, while there are a few from Harrison and Sons and Perkins Bacon. This section is the one which will require the most research, to identify and describe.

It is almost sad to see the many beautiful designs that were never used, and the colours, in many cases, being entrancing. On the other hand there were others that justifiably died in time. One was of a "springbok" head, a heavy, dull squat animal with horns meandering spiral-wise clean out of the oval centre. There was a strip of six stamps, long and narrow like a frieze, alternately English and "Netherlands!" the latter reading "UNIE VAN ZUID-AFRIKA DRIE PENSE," righteously corrected below by hand to "DRIE PENNIES." Neither of these blossomed into an issue.

Others that fell by the way include a quaint essay for a 1s. postage stamp depicting a waterfall, not easily recognisable, but titled "VICTORIA FALLS" above and bilingually "UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA" on the sides. There is a beautiful monocoloured essay from Bradbury Wilkinson for a 2d. Postage Due, a pale mauve throughout including the value. Many of the essays have marginal notes, some very copious, giving further directions.

From frame 5 onward we see the more modern material. There are four attractive artist's designs, never used, for the Animal Series: 1/3 cheetah, orange and brown; 2/6 buffalo, pale green and brown; 5/- crocodile, green and pale blue and 1d. giraffe head, monocoloured, orange-brown. The essay of the beautiful aloe of the pictorials was first shown on the 3d. value, but with a note alongside "to be changed to 1/6."

One of the Union Commemoratives started with one value, was changed to another value in sterling and ended up with still another value in the Decimal Series. The Republican Series is dealt with in detail, from essays to colour trials, the finally chosen ones signed by the Minister. Prominently displayed in the Decimal Series are two very artistic essays, about 4½" by 6", from De La Rue, the one, Groot Constantia

for a 50 cent, the other a protea for the R1 stamp. (Cursorily examined)—the Constantia picture emerged later on the 2½c and the protea on the 12½c Republican Series.

All the Commemoratives are likewise shown, from essays, drawings, mock ups to the finished article. The changes made in the process are most interesting. Take for example the First Aerial Post: there were three separate designs, all very different and all attractive, and the chosen design and colours on a sheet with "Goedgekeur A. Hertzog 16/10/61." And so we go on right up to the recently issued Nursing stamp. Near the end is the Rugby stamp with two colour trials of the 12½c value without the hyphen in SUID AFRIKA. All honour to the Post Office for showing this unusual little item of philatelic interest.

And finally, a little gem of the collection is seen, hidden among the other datestamp impressions. It is not very artistic and the surrounding circle is irregular; it reads "CAPE COLONY JAN 23 - 04 OCEAN MAIL." But thereby hangs a tale: the mailship Armadale Castle, while in Cape Town, sent its datestamp to be repaired. The repair was not completed and the boat sailed without it. On board another dater was made, the design cut into the end of a short length of a seven eighth inch brass bolt which was attached to a length of heavy piping with a wooden ball at the other end, the whole being 7 inches long. And this was in 1904.

The actual dater is now in the possession of the Post Office and no doubt it will join all the rest of the exhibits on display when the new Post Office museum is opened some time in the future. —(H.J.R.).

## Please Assist !

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## ANGLO-BOER WAR

### BRITISH ARMY T.P.O.'s

In this magazine for September, 1963, I published an article under the above title. It was based on notes which had been published in the "Anglo-Boer War Philatelist," received from a Mr. C. J. Beanes, who had served in the Eastern and Northern T.P.O.'s. One did not agree with all he said, but apparently nothing more could be done as he was reported to have died since sending in his notes.

Imagine my surprise when I received a letter from him in which he said the report of his death was like that of Mark Twain's — "much exaggerated."

He is still alive, in Pretoria, and since then we have been in correspondence and had a meeting when I attended the recent Philatelic Congress and Exhibition. His memory appears to be very good, his only complaint being poor eyesight.

He stated to me that some of his views had been incorrectly given in my earlier article, so I propose now to give his correct views, with my comments on them and also his replies to them.

#### Pretoria-Komatipoort Line.

Mr. Beanes was on the T.P.O. operating on the Pretoria-Komatipoort line from about April to August, 1901. He never suggested that the Eastern T.P.O. ran from Germiston to Volksrust on the Natal line. So we are in agreement that the T.P.O.'s East No. 1, East No. 2 and Eastern all operated on the same line. He explains the need for three cancellers thus: There was very heavy general traffic between Pretoria and as far as Middelburg and the run Pretoria-Waterval Boven and back seldom took less than four days, so that there might often have been three postal officials out at one time, each with his own canceller.

He is adamant in his view, however, that although all operated on the same line, none of them went further than Waterval-Boven. He described to me graphically how, when Boven was reached, he had to close his T.P.O. and transfer any mail he had for further transmission to (usually) the cog-wheel engine down to Waterval-Onder, where he handed it on to the guard of the train for Komatipoort. This was usually at

night and he would return the following morning with any up-going mail he might have received.

When I asked him if it was not possible that the run of the T.P.O.'s might have been extended after he left, he said it was unlikely, because the number of troops in the area was kept as low as possible on account of the prevalence of malaria.

Another bit of evidence he has, comes from a friend (whom he still sees, and whose memory is excellent). He was a telegraphist at Kaapmuiden Junction, where the branch line to Barberton goes off (from 1901 to 1904). This friend is positive that he never saw a T.P.O. pass through en route to or from Komatipoort.

I am now strongly inclined to accept Mr. Beanes view that the T.P.O.'s on this line only operated as far as Waterval Boven, not to Komatipoort. The two covers mentioned in my first article are quite explicable on this basis. The cover with a Komatipoort Censor mark would have travelled under charge of the train guard as far as Waterval Boven and then received its first cancellation, T.P.O. East No 1; the cover with the cachet of Consul-General in Lourenco Marques received its first cancellation at the A.P.O./Waterval Onder, then on the same day that of T.P.O. East No. 2.

The only snag is: how much of the story "Life on a South African Army T.P.O." is to be believed, as it does not fit very well with Mr. Beanes' story. It was published by one J. F. Hogg in the January, 1903, issue of "St. Martin's-Le-Grand," the British P.O. magazine. He appears to have travelled on the Northern and Eastern T.P.O. routes, but at a later date than Mr. Beanes, as the latter ascertained that he only enlisted in October, 1901. His general descriptive writing is vivid but some of his factual matter is not quite accurate; thus he says that in the earlier stages the Eastern T.P.O. started at Waterval Boven and that Onder is several thousands of feet lower, whereas it is actually only 684 feet lower.

He writes as if he had gone right down to Komatipoort. Is it just possible that in the last phases of the war this could have happened? As stated earlier Mr. Beanes thinks it unlikely there would have been this extension. More covers with place-dates of posting are badly needed to settle this conclusively.

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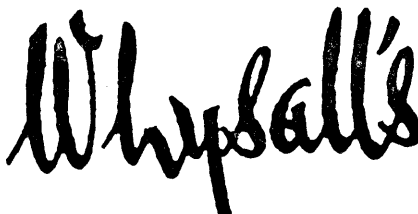
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**Midland T.P.O.** This is generally supposed to have been in operation between Pretoria (or Germiston) and Naauwpoort to take over carriage of Army mail after the occupation of the O.F.S.

Mr. Beanes says he travelled over this route several times but never saw any signs of such a T.P.O. This is purely negative evidence which proves little or nothing, although he admitted the existence of its postmarks.

(He stated to me that it was against custom for the railway to give a T.P.O. a name already in use elsewhere—civil Cape Midland—but recognised the “Eastern” as an exception. (He might also have recognised the “Northern” and “Western” as exceptions). He suggested that the Army Midland might have operated over the route of the Cape Midland, even to the extent of sharing their van. This would have been useful because the civil T.P.O. officials had not the information locating where military units were, whereas the Army T.P.O. men had).

But this suggestion, ingenious though it may be, still leaves unanswered the question of what T.P.O. carried the mails through the Free State. I personally still think it was the Army Midland, but would again press the importance of recording covers giving place and date of posting as well as the T.P.O. Mark.

**Army Western T.P.O.** This is probably the scarcest of all the Army T.P.O. marks. Stephen Rich records it with dates of usage from 5-XII-01 to 25-VII-02. Personally I have only one, a cut-out with date MY-20-02. Rich gives it as operating between Johannesburg and Klerksdorp, but I cannot find anywhere the evidence on which this locating is based. Can anyone help out in this?

Mr. Beanes was not helpful. He had been at Potchefstroom for about a month, but never saw any such T.P.O. pass through. He made the suggestion that it might have worked with the civil Cape Western T.P.O. when General Smuts was raiding in the Cape western area. This would have put it on a par with the Midland, as he sees them.

**Elandsfontein-Johannesburg T.P.O.** Some of the T.P.O. people had a nice sense of humour. Mr. Beanes showed me a photograph of a railway wagon marked in large white letters, chalk or paint, with the head-

ing of this paragraph. It appeared to be pretty well full of mail bags, which presumably were being conveyed from Germiston to Johannesburg. You are not likely, however, to find any postal or philatelic record of this T.P.O.

—J. H. HARVEY PIRIE.

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## ANGLO-BOER WAR

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### “COMMANDO BRIEF” [By Colin Rosenberg]

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I have just been fortunate enough to obtain a complete pane of the 1899 Boer War “Commando Brief” stamp or label and for the sake of postal historians and others give herewith a detailed description of the settings covering the twenty stamps in question.

These stamps or labels were type set on yellow-surfaced and on orange-surfaced papers and were printed in sheets of 20 in four horizontal rows of five stamps each. The perforation used was single line perf. twelve.

The set up consisted of five types in each horizontal row with each horizontal row being repeated four times.

#### Row No. 1.

The left upper ornament is spaced away from the left vertical ornaments.

#### Row No. 2.

The left foot of the first “M” of “Commando” is broken.

#### Row No. 3.

A Hat-shaped blob appears between the 12th and 13th circular ornament of the upper horizontal row of ornamentation.

#### Row No. 4.

The inner vertical frame line of the left vertical ornamentation is broken opposite the 3rd circle from the top.

In the lower horizontal ornamentation the vertical lines are joined to form a “V” between the 7th and 8th circles.

#### Row No. 5.

In the left vertical ornamentation, the lines are broken below the 5th circle.

In the overall setting the 3rd and 4th horizontal rows were displaced about 1 mm. to the right.

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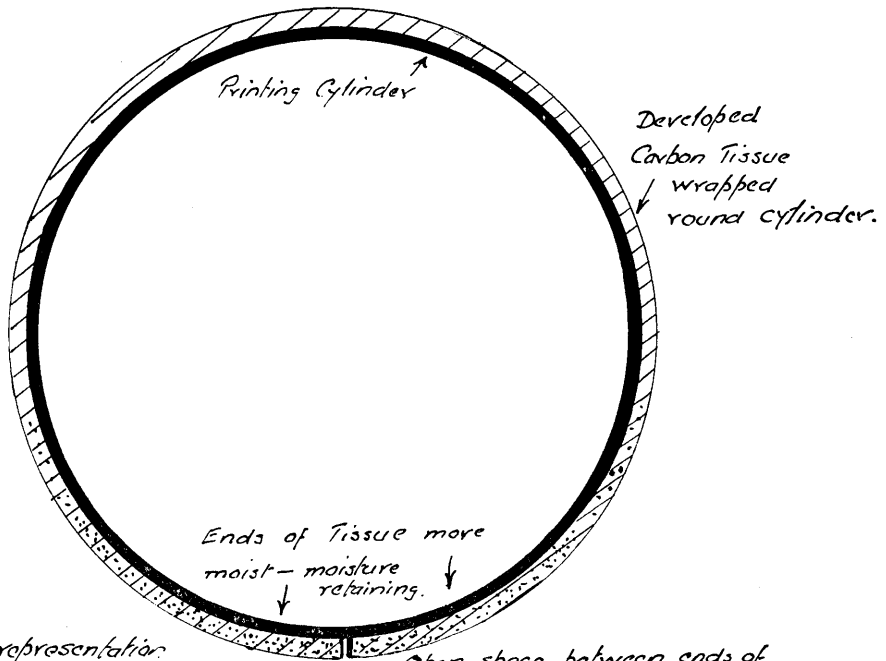
Extensive selections of the above are always available, as well as interesting covers and Postal History material.

*References from new customers please.*

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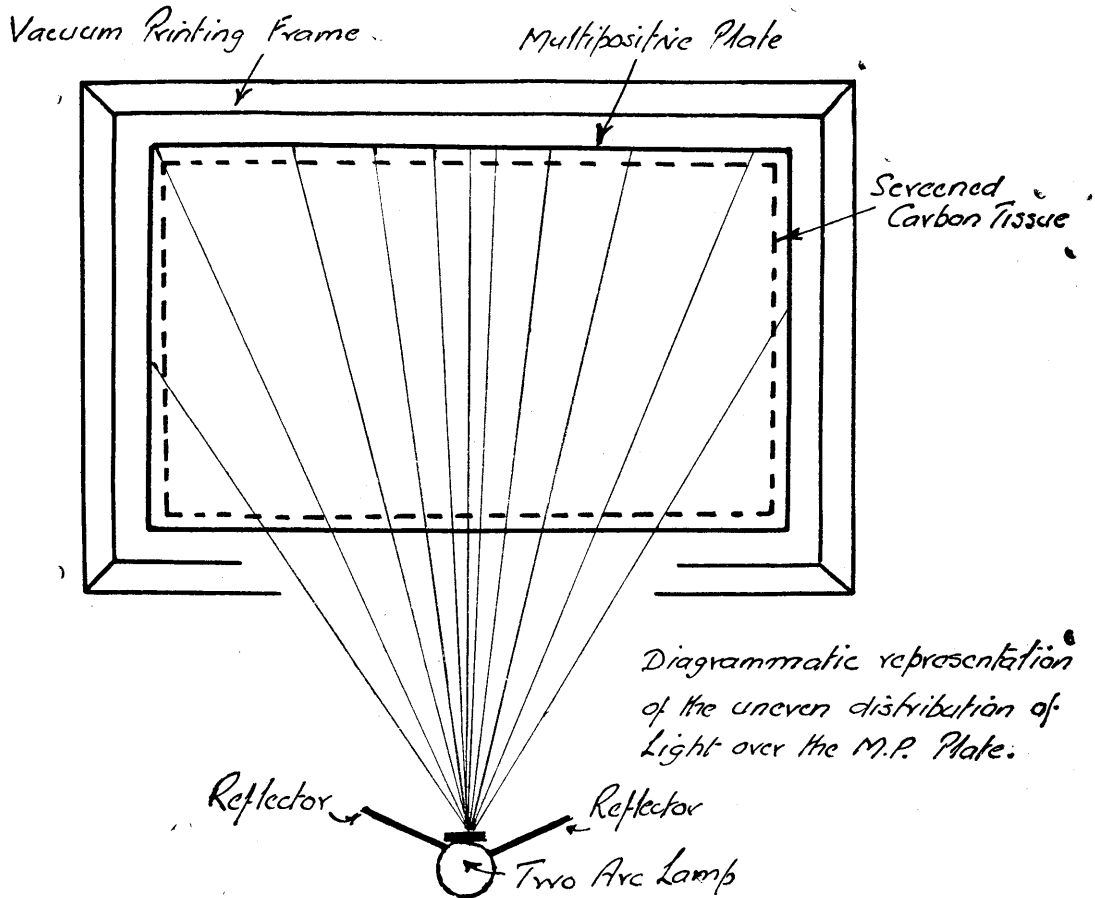
**THE DUAL SHADING ON A SHEET OF STAMPS**

Two diagrams which were omitted from the reterant article appearing in the September Number.



*Diagrammatic representation of the un-even drying of the Carbon Tissue.*

*Open space between ends of Tissue to allow for drip.*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### 1.—½c S.A. VARIETY.

This variety, in which the Kingfisher has an open beak, was reported in our October issue, p. 193. It was originally obtained from a vending machine in Bloemfontein.

Mr. Harold Hunter writes: "I was interested in the article on the S.A. ½c variety as I bought from the Rissik Street Post Office, Johannesburg, a control block of four showing this variety. The block is numbered 90480 with control 10 9 11 A. I wonder who has the remainder of the sheet?"

### 2.—A COMPETITION FOR JUNIORS.

Arising no doubt from the discussion which took place at Congress in Pretoria after attention had been drawn to the shortage of copy for the "S.A. Philatelist," and, amongst other things, the opinion was

pretty generally expressed that more should be published in Afrikaans, Mrs. Hilda Jeidel writes:

"I suggest a competition for all juniors to submit an article, either in English or Afrikaans, on any philatelic subject which appeals most to the participant. The result can be expected to give guidance both as to the direction, depth and popularity of subject amongst junior collectors on the one hand, and as to the preference for either language on the other."

## ANTARCTIC RELIEF TRIP

A combined trip by the "R.S.A." will leave Cape Town between 21 and 28 December with relieving parties for the meteorological staffs on Marion Island and at the S.A.N.A.E. base in Antarctica.

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## ON LOOKING BACK

### THE FIRST STAMPS OF NATAL

In 1856 the late Mr. Robert Tatham wrote to the Natal Government suggesting that the time had arrived when greater postal facilities should obtain than then existed. In his letter he enclosed three impressions of the three-penny deed-stamps, which he had obtained from the Registrar of Deeds; two were on pink and the third on yellow paper, and one of the pink specimens was obliterated at the General Post Office and chemically tested. The authorities thereupon decided to issue postage stamps, and, "pending the completion of arrangements for the introduction of properly executed postage stamps," (by which was meant the London-made series with the Queen's portrait), they had recourse to the fiscal dies used for stamping documents, and made adhesive stamps from them. These were produced by embossing coloured paper in plain relief, and the series consisted of the following values: 3d., rose; 6d., green; 9d., blue; and 1s., buff. The date of issue was June 1st, 1857. They were followed by similar stamps of 1d., blue, but probably owing to the scarcity of blue paper this value was subsequently issued on rose and on buff paper. Mr. Griffin gives the date of issue of the first 1d. stamp as September 4th, 1859, but some authorities think that it must have appeared as early as 1858, as a notice dated April 24th, 1858, gives one penny as the postal rate for newspapers, sent abroad. It should also be said that the sequence of colours given for the 1d. stamp—blue, rose and buff—has not yet been definitely established.

From July, 1859, the 6d., 9d. and 1s. were withdrawn from use, after the following quantities had been sold: 6d., 19,328; 9d., 2,263; 1s. 5,601. The present catalogue prices of used specimens are as follows: 6d., £7; 9d., £35; 1s., £20; but it must be remembered that these quotations are for very fine copies, the specimens ordinarily met with being clipped close and in poor condition. Judge Philbrick, writing in 1866, speaks of "the wretched indecipherable condition of most specimens of this issue; a set of clear, sharply defined, legible examples being hardly known." Of the 1d. stamp 27,467 were sold, but these figures probably refer to a single printing only, or two at the most. The catalogue valuation

is about the same for the three kinds, viz.: 1d., blue, £6; 1d., rose, £7; and 1d., buff, £5. Of the 3d. stamp the quantity was much larger, being no less than 209,924, and the catalogue price of £2-5s. would seem to be exaggerated. The 1d. stamp remained in use till about March, 1860, and the 3d. stamp until about August, 1859.

Many uninstructed collectors think that the usual postmark of these embossed stamps—consisting of a crown, the word "Natal," and the day and month, all under a small circle—is a fiscal cancellation, and so pass by copies thus obliterated. As a matter of fact, these adhesive stamps were never allowed to do fiscal duty, and even specimens cancelled by pen and ink generally come from letters sent from country postal-stations that at that time possessed no proper obliterating dies.

The embossing dies are said to be still in existence in the Colony, and reprints have been made from time to time. Many of them it is almost impossible to distinguish from originals, and so great an authority as Mr. E. D. Bacon writes: "I know of no more difficult point for a philatelist than to decide to which category certain of the unused stamps belong." However, collectors may at once reject the specimens on azure laid paper or on paper coloured on the surface only, for these are fiscals, while specimens of the 1d. and 9d. in bright blue, of the 6d. in bright yellow-green, and of the 1s. in canary-yellow, or paper coloured throughout, may be dismissed at once as being undoubtedly reprints.

—BERTRAM T. K. SMITH.

(Taken from *The South African Philatelist* of July, 1911).

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## CYPRUS

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Although the situation in the island as between the Greek and Turkish inhabitants is almost daily described as "tense" the Department of Posts is still issuing new stamps.

We have to thank the Minister for photographs of two sets: (a) Europa set of three (20, 30 and 150 mils) to be released on 14 September; (b) Cyprus Wines issue of 5 on 26 October (10, 40, 50 and 100 mils). The total face value of each set is 200 mils=4/-sterling.

## BLACK BLOTS

Stamps from seven countries are assessed these in the September issue of the "American Philatelist."

**Dubai.** Boy Scout issue of five stamps overprinted for the winter Olympic Games at Innsbruck. The issuing country has no direct relationship with the subject.

**Hungary.** Imperf. lawn tennis semi-postal; an oddity in a limited issue. A 15-stamp set, half perf., half imperf. for an exhibition of peaches; excessively long and including deliberate oddities.

**Jamaica.** Imperf. "Miss World" souvenir sheet. Limited sale at high price.

**Jordan.** A "Big Q" is given to all recent Jordanian issues, pending further enquiries.

**Laos.** A 4-stamp set forming an outline map of the country with limited sale of two per person at post offices, but obtainable in the black market at 25% over face.

**Sharjah.** Souvenir sheet issued in conjunction with Girl Scouts set. Deliberate oddity with limited issue.

**Yemen.** Souvenir sheet as part of N.Y. World's Fair issue. A deliberate oddity.

### "Black Blot" Scoreboard of 1964 Olympic Issues.

This appears prominently printed on the outside of the front cover of the September issue. (It includes Winter/or Summer games issues). We do not include the reasons for which the countries were assessed Black Blots, but it is stated that more listings will follow.

Albania, Burundi, East Germany, Guinea, Jordan, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia, Panama, Paraguay, San Marino, Sharjah, Upper Volta, Yemen.

Three are listed in the October issue.

**Guatemala.** Memorial to Kennedy, 50c airport. Very limited issue.

**Jordan.** Kennedy memorial set of six values, part perf., part imperf. Limited issue, but including miniature sheets. Unduly long.

**Yemen.** Nine-stamp set honouring Scouts. Unduly long, limited time on sale and oddity (two airport souvenir sheets) included.

## SWAZILAND

The Swaziland Government has issued a set of four postage stamps—2½c, 3½c, 15c and 25c—to commemorate the opening of the Swaziland Railway on November 5. The design on all stamps is Queen Elizabeth's head in profile, a map of Swaziland showing the route of the new railway and the engine and wagons of a goods train.

It is reported from London that a mint pair of S.G. 66a (the 1d. surcharged 1c double) fetched R390.00 at auction recently. This stamp is unpriced in the latest S.G. catalogue.

Mr. Adersir, Johannesburg, reports having a used postcard with 1½c on 1½d., surcharge double.

## RHODESIA

On 24th October Northern Rhodesia became independent as Zambia, celebrating the occasion with an issue of three stamps (3d., 6d. and 1/3) marked "Independence" and a further set of fourteen beautifully coloured stamps (½d. to £1) showing various features of life and work in the country.

With this final splitting up the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Southern Rhodesia became simply Rhodesia. What its constitution and its stamps are to be is at the moment in the lap of the gods. Perhaps more information may be available before we go to press.

## U.S.A.

The Christmas issue this year will be four different 5c stamps printed in one sheet. They feature respectively holly, mistletoe, poinsettia and pine-cone.

An 8c airmail stamp was issued on 5 October, honouring Robert H. Goddard, who is regarded as the father of modern rocketry.

A 5c commemorative was due for issue on 21 November for the opening of a bridge linking Staten Island and Brooklyn, N.Y. The centre span of 4,260 feet is the longest in the world, 50 feet more than San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge.



## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

### Wipa 1965.

We have received a Prospectus of this International Exhibition which is to be held in Vienna on 4th-13th June, 1965. It is trilingual (German, French and English) with Rules and Regulations, Provisional Entry Forms, General Information for purposing visitors, etc.

If you are considering exhibiting at, or visiting WIPA, copies of this booklet may be obtained from Mr. Douglas Roth, Mona Crescent, Newlands, Cape Town.

### Cuba.

Snr. C. Gomez Owen, Secretary of the Federacion Filatelica Cubana, Prado No. 152, Habana 2, Cuba, writes us they are starting a magazine and wish to exchange regularly with the S.A. Ph. as a token of goodwill they sent us a set of Cuban F.D.C.'s issued during 1964, which are being auctioned on behalf of this magazine.

### Moçambique.

We have received a copy of the "Boletim du Clube Filatélico de Moçambique." It appears to be an interesting little magazine, but you must be able to read Portuguese to appreciate it. Obtainable from the Club at Caixa postal 720, Lourenço Marques.

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### "CAPE TYPE" NUMERAL POSTMARKS

Bringing the list of additions as given in our June issue, p. 109, up-to-date for 1964, Mr. F. G. Froehlich reports the following:

**Natal.** Nos. 74 and 75; the former is on a loose stamp, so can only be reported as "Used in Natal," or possibly as a Cape Interprovincial. No. 75 is on a cover in the Rich collection in the Durban Museum, but there is nothing identifying the place of usage.

**Cape.** Another interesting variety of the marks with No. 227, used at Kimberley. This one is a 7 mm. high numeral with 18 thin bars in the oval. This type is listed by Jurgens as issued in 1870 and it is figured by him as No. 107 (Type 74) on p. 69 of his Handstruck Letter Stamps and Postmarks! The place-date stamp on the cover is Kimberley FE-19-83.

Looking over the Post Office exhibit at the Pretoria Exhibition a somewhat unwelcome find was made amongst a miscellaneous lot of postmarks. This was two marks of the "Cape Type" Numeral cancellation, Nos. 1409 and 1501. The former was labelled "Office Unknown," the latter "DURGLE" (or something like that—the writing was rather indistinct).

The find is called "unwelcome" because the position regarding this series of postmarks is this: The highest recorded number up to now was 1,398, of which nearly 900 are known, leaving about 500 unknown. Now if, but only if, all the numbers up to 1,501 were prepared and used, that means about 600 are still to be found. That is another lifetime's work! Dare we hope that these two marks in the 14 and 15 hundreds were only odd, trial or casual ones, and not part of a full range of rather over a hundred? —(J.H.P.).

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### UNITED NATIONS

We have to thank the Postal Administration for a F.D.C. (15 June) bearing a 5c stamp inscribed "Trade and Development." It features a globe, a large package being lifted in a sling and arrows pointing in different directions.

This issue was not mentioned in the list shown in our June issue, p. 114, of the tentative programme of issues.

Also for an intimation that on 21st September they were issuing two stamps (5c and 11c) illustrating international efforts in the control of narcotics. The design shows three hands reaching toward an opium poppy, but blocked by a barrier entitled "Control Narcotics" in the English version and "Echec au Stapefiants" in the French version.

Also a 5c on 23rd October entitled "Cessation of Nuclear Testing." This is to emphasize that nuclear weapons not only isolate the U.N. Character but that their use would be a crime against mankind and civilization.

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### SOUTH WEST AFRICA

Two special stamps (2½c and 15c) were issued on 1st October in honour of John Calvin.

### FRANCE

On 2 November there went on general sale a 1.00 F stamp which was the fourth for the year in the artistic series. It features a famous tapestry in the Cluny Museum, Paris, called "The Lady and the Unicorn."

The following issues are reported:

(1) 2 Nov. '64: A. 1.00 F representing a fragment of the tapestry "Lo Dame à la Licorne."

(2) 9 Nov. '64. A 0.25 F stamp honouring the co-operation between France and former African colonies; it features a white hand grasping a black one.

A figure representing the same subject will be issued by the 13 French-speaking Republics, formerly colonies.

### A BIG BUY

The oversea philatelic press is plashing the news of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons having made the record buy of an accumulation of stamps in New York for \$1½ m. They are all 19th centry, not a stamp being less than 64 years old. There should be some good items for the Exhibition they are holding in February next year to celebrate the centenary of their 1st Catalogue, dated 1865.

### NEW ZEALAND HEALTHS

These ever-popular N.Z. semi-postals due for issue on 5 August, this year feature sea-birds! The 2½d and 1d shows a pair of red-billed gulls standing on a sand-dune; the 3d and 1d has a blue penguin and chick on a rocky coastline.

### NETHERLANDS

Five Child Welfare stamps—semi-postals—will be on sale from 17-XI-64 to 15-I-65. The values are (in cents) 7+3, 10+5, 15+10, 20+10 and 40+15. The surcharges benefit destitute children. The designs feature children in various activities.

### U.N.O.

A 5c stamp was due on 23rd October calling for the cessation of Nuclear Testing.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

**10 September.** Evening set aside for the ladies to compete for the Simenhoff Cup, but the only exhibitor was Mrs. H. Jeidel, who showed part of her Belgian Congo collection.

**24 September.** Our "Western Province Get-together night," with a large attendance and fully twenty exhibits were shown. They included Israel, Palestine, U.S.A., Canada, S. Africa, Seals of Egypt, and thematic subjects such as Pets, Flora and Fauna. There was also a good Tristan Da Cunha collection shown by a Junior from the Fish Hoek Society.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

**September 30.** This being the last meeting of the year, it was also the A.G.M. when the following Committee was elected: President, Prof. A. W. Sloan; Chairman, Dr. P. Hotz; Hon. Secreary, Mr. R. Sorrell; Hon. Librarian and Custodian, Dr. T. B. Davie Collection, Mr. M. Kort; Additional Member, Miss G. Shrire. The Quiz was won by Miss E. Speed with a phenomenal score of 90%.

Due to adequate publicity, there was a record attendance to see the fine collection of "Belgium" and "Belgian Congo" belonging to Mr. W. Ch. G. van Leeuwen. This fine general collection with a certain amount of specialisation, consisting of approximately 400 sheets, showed definitives, commemoratives and miniature sheets, railway and official stamps, German occupation of Belgium, in regard to the Belgian Congo there was likewise a full showing including the Congo Republic and Katanga.  
—M.F.S.

### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**September 14.** The ever versatile Mr. R. Putzel made a fine showing of "Maps on Stamps," his exhibit fully covering all the frames. His method of setting-out is unique.

**September 28.** This proved an unusual evening in that the showing consisted of "Pictorial Postmarks." These are interesting to thematic collectors, as they are official emanations and the designs fit into the various subjects portrayed. Those who exhibited were Mrs. Hilde Jeidel, Mrs. Reiss, and Mr. W. G. Combrink and Dr. P. L. Vautier. —M.F.S.

### CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

**September Meeting.** Mr. Eliezer Blum was the main speaker and gave his views on the latest trends in stamp collecting, basing them on his meetings with advanced collectors and dealers, met on his recent tour in Europe.

Exhibits were given by the following members: Dr. Gottchalk, Sudan; Mr. Roze, War-time covers, etc.; Dr. Peisack, K.G. VI stamps; Mr. Shevelew, Latvia; Mr. Heilbrun, old and new in Austria and Switzerland; Mr. Galp, Israel collection beautifully written up; Mr. Joffe, a trip through France; Mr. Jeidel, Egypt; Mr. Jacks (in absentia), War on Stamps; Mrs. Jeidel (in absentia), Congo stamps.

**October meeting.** A discourse and exhibition on the "Printing and Production of the Israeli stamps" was billed for this meeting, but details are not yet available.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

**28 September.** (1) Mr. E. Jourdan showed his collection of Zeppelin flights, a most interesting lot. He then gave a straightforward selection of the commemorative stamps of Italy.

(2) Mr. B. Lavinza showed a small collection of the earlier issues of Belgium.

**October.** The first meeting was postponed to allow a number of members to make an organized trip to Pretoria to see the Exhibition in Pretoria, which they much enjoyed.

**26 October.** Dr. Harvey Pirie showed part of his collection of the postmarks and censor marks associated with African forces in World War I. In this he included his unique specimen of a S. African Base Post Office, probably used at Kilindini; he reported finding a different type of mark, from what is probably the same office. This was in the P.O. exhibit at the recent Pretoria Exhibition. It is hoped to publish photographs of both of these soon.

As the other exhibitor for the evening, Mr. A. A. Leurton, did not materialise, Dr.

Pirie gave a further showing of World War II post and censor marks—extensive but with no unique marks.

### PRETORIA P.S.

**5 October.** This was the evening of our annual visit from the P.S. of Johannesburg, whose team was led by Mr. K. Lydall. Four exhibits were shown: (1) Mr. B. Glassman, who showed Israel Air Mails, mounted so as to demonstrate an air trip through the country. (2) Mr. Mendelsohn showed stamps of Ukraine. (3) Mr. Lydall showed a surprisingly large number of stamps printed in either Gold or Silver. (4) Mr. Fisher-Hill displayed recent British issues, which he termed as a whole "Britain Goes Gay."

### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

**September meeting.** Mr. B. Glassman gave what will be the first of a series of displays "Israeli stamps and their Designers."

It should be noted that future meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursdays of each month, but at the same venue—Burlington House, 2nd floor, cor. Rissik and Marshall Streets.

### O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**September meeting.** A good attendance, although the meeting was put forward a week. After new issues were shown there were two exhibits: (1) Dr. R. van Zyl Smit's S.A. Republican issues was a vast study with practically all the varieties of watermarks, papers and printings.

(2) Dr. K. Freund showed a fine thematic collection of Dogs on Stamps. There were many varieties of dogs and side-lines were shown such as guide-dogs and stray dogs, ending up with Dogs and Children, and Toy Dogs. The collection was only three weeks old and a further collection is hoped for.

### ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

**October meeting.** Mr. H. C. Russell, a visitor from Bechuanaland, showing a Rhodesian 1d. Postage stamp with a rubber Opt. of Postage Due, also a pair of 1d. stamps, imperf. between vertically.

Mr. Finch showed Portuguese stamps of 1923-64. In this time there had only been two definitive; amongst the commemoratives they sometimes included famous personalities of other countries.

## AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

Die hoogtepunt van ons jongste byeenkoms (**Woensdag 21 Oktober**) was 'n redelik goeie verteenwoordigende versameling van die Switserse vastereekse van 1862 tot hede, deur lid B. Seelig ten toon gestel. Die uitstaller het kortliks die verskeie uitgawes bespreek en die aandag op die juweeltjies gevestig.

Ons vasvraer het nie opgedaag nie en ons dus met vrye tyd gelaat om 'n bietjie te filateliër.

Die volgende seëlvriende is lidmaatskap toegestaan en word hartlik tot ons kring verwelkom: mev. T. Van de Leur en jongheer Charl Grobler. Aansoek om lidmaatskap is ontvang van mnr. Rob de Koning, Posbus 40, Tsumeb, S.W.A. (versamel Nederland, Nederlands-oosindië, S.W.A., Suid-Afrika en Frankryk); en J. H. Janse Van Rensburg, Huis Taabos, Universiteit van Pretoria (Unie, Republiek, V.S.A. en die tema Medies).

## P.S. OF NATAL

**8 October.** Three members exhibited — this was beginner's night. (1) Mr. Friedland showed a British Empire collection. (2) Mrs. Reinecke showed Belgian Congo. (3) Mr. Goote, Egypt.

**21 October.** Swapping night; very heavy rain but twenty members and two visitors from the U.S.A. were not deterred from attending.

## THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**October 12.** Part Two of Dr. Chait's collection "Animals" was shown to an appreciative audience. There is little that can be added to the report on the first part shown earlier except that this showing was even better if possible.

**October 26.** Mr. J. C. Silvie showed "Fiscal Stamps of the Cape." Although not thematic, this proved a most interesting evening. Mr. Silvie is an authority on his subject and the following were shown: V.O.C. period (started 1714); British embossed starting 1825 on wove and laid paper; then printed on coloured paper; then actual revenue stamps, lilac at first and then in other colours; bank cancellations; large triangular cancellations; Custom Duty stamps; Cigarette Duty stamps; Medicine Tax; Griqualand (used in Cape); Stellaland (used in Basutoland); Interprovincials (used up to 1937); Catalogue. Mr. Silvie gave a fine talk explaining the items exhibited and there was so much interest that there were many questions and these led to illuminating discussions. —M.F.S.

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