

THE NEW ZEALAND

# STAMP MONTHLY



Gerald Elliott, and the Minister of Defence and Tourism, Mr. D. S. Thompson, with the Grand Award.

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25	2d bright purple and green	10	20		
26	3d green	20	30		
27	5d bright purple	25	40		
28	8d red	40	60		
29	9d ultramarine	55	75		
30	10d brown and violet	65	90		
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## EDITOR'S NOTES

### TARAPEX 1969

Thursday, the 25th September, ten days to go, the first frames went up. Day by day, each section took shape. Five days to go, the frames were erected, support feet came off, supports went up. Three days, the Court of Honour was mounted and then suddenly dismounted. T.V. Town and Around had arrived, frames shifted, sheets removed from bags to stop reflection, silence, all work stopped as the camera whirred and tape recorders played. Judges were now arriving. Friday night the judging had started.

Two days to go—Saturday before TARAPEX—the first entries arrived for mounting. Working steadily, people were mounting pages at the rate of one every three seconds. Some of these volunteers came from as far away as Whan, garei and Christchurch.

Saturday night all but twenty entries remained to be mounted. News from the Chairman of the Jury—"Judging had finished", at 9.30 Saturday night.

Sunday—anti-climax day. The last entries and filling of frames for which no entries had arrived. Dealers were busy setting up their stalls.

Monday. It was here—the day we had started planning for less than twelve months before. During the morning the award cards were mounted and final odd jobs were completed. At 12 noon the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Ben Hutchinson and Jim Kilgour, went home for breakfast.

The following week was a pleasant haze of happy faces, new friendships, late nights and everyone saying "What a great show."

Now all is a memory. For the Taranaki Society, the members had accepted a huge task to which they put much effort and time and now they can say—a job well done. I hope the next society will have the same co-operation, good wishes and help that we received from stamp collectors and philatelists, who all together made this such a fine exhibition—TARAPEX 69.

LEN JURY.

### PATRICIA McCARTHY, D.B.

Among the many excited people who won awards and medals at their first entry in an exhibition was Mrs. Pat McCarthy from Whangarei. Thrilled at her success Pat was soon dubbed Patricia McCarthy D.B.—the D.B.? Double Bronze.

## TARAPEX 1969

### TV CAUSE

Carpenter Pat Butler had to carry a piece of timber five times before the TV Town and Around camera before the producer was satisfied. After all that Pat still didn't manage his first TV appearance.

### TARAPEX ANECDOTES

#### FINE TIMING

Exhibition Chairman, Ben Hutchinson, remained in "Telepathic" communication from the "bin" room, where the entries were stored after judging, to the exhibition halls. Not twice, or three times, but four out of five times Ben arrived with a fresh group of entries for mounting just as the last entry of the previous group was taken away for mounting.

#### SCHOOL TOURS

During the week many school parties accompanied by teachers visited the exhibition. One particular group had three different tour guides. For some reason each tour guide was told he was wanted urgently on the phone, however there was always another person ready to take over. Why? Well as one dealer put it—"Tell me which school she teaches at? I'm going home for my short pants"!

#### SECURITY

Each night approximately 10 men belonging to the local Taranaki Society and the Legion of Frontiersmen patrolled the halls. At all times they were in radio contact with four different outside points.

### ANOTHER CABINET STAMP COLLECTOR

It was somewhat of a surprise to find that our Minister of Defence and Tourism, Mr. D. S. Thompson is a keen philatelist. During his opening speech Mr. Thompson showed a keen knowledge of stamp collecting. Unfortunately Cabinet duties take up all his spare time now, but he looks forward to a day when he can spend time on his 16 volume collection.

### GUEST OF HONOUR

Highly impressed with the exhibition was the Guest of Honour, Mr. Bill Hornadge of Australia. Mr. Hornadge made many favourable remarks about the informality, cordiality and friendship so apparent during the exhibition.

### MURALS

Down one side of the entrance hall of the exhibition were displayed a number of Captain Cook Murals. These were handled with much care—one had a price tag of \$1000.

### RANFURLY SHIELD

Just before entering the plane for the return to Auckland, jubilant Gerald Elliott held aloft the Grand award in true Ranfurly Rugby Shield style.

### TOUGH WEEK

It was a tough week for Grand Award winner Gerald Elliott. At 12 p.m. Saturday before TARAPEX opening Monday, Gerald was rung up and told much to his consternation that all his entries had gone missing. However after a little more leg-pulling the news was broken to Gerald that he had won the Grand Award, two gold medals and a silver medal and we looked forward to seeing him at the opening for the presentation of the Grand Award. After hurried changing of airline bookings Gerald arrived down Sunday morning instead of later in the week as originally planned.

### GENUINE

During his Dinner Speech Mr. Bill Hornadge related many amusing anecdotes under the headings of Philately, Females and Food. Speaking on females he spoke of the little old ladies (Lols) who were certain their stamps were worth a fortune. After coming to grief with various ways to deal with these ladies so that they understood, he at last found a foolproof method. Each time they brought in their special stamp Mr. Hornadge would show them a huge box full of that particular stamp and so he explained it was of no value and not required. This method worked fine until one day Mr. Hornadge displayed his box as usual. The lady turned over the stamps in silence. After a few minutes, without saying a word she picked up her bag and walked to the door, but before closing the door, the little old lady fired her parting shot—BUT MINE IS GENUINE!

### THANKS TO THE RADICALS

Mr. Hornadge, tracing the early stages of philately, commented on how the penny post came into being. During 1839 a general election found neither party with enough votes and so a small radical party (almost equivalent to a communist party) held the balance of power. This party, through its position, pushed through the legislation to enable penny postage.

### THE DEALERS

Dealers at TARAPEX were well pleased with trade. One dealer within two hours of arriving sold a collection for \$1400.

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The development of Philately has emphasised a different aspect to the stamp. Stamps not only have function, they have an intrinsic value of their own. Philatelists have raised the collecting of these items to a very sophisticated level, involving the discrimination of art and the technicalities of a science.

### HIGH STANDARD

Mr. Val McFarlane, Chairman of the Jury, stated that the standard of the exhibits at TARAPEX was the highest ever in New Zealand and would compare more than favourably with any overseas national exhibition.

### TEN GOLDS

During the judging ten entries were put aside for consideration as possible gold award winning entries. In the final analysis only 3 collections reached the necessary standard for gold awards.

### NEW PLYMOUTH

To whet the philatelic appetite it was found during the Monday afternoon of TARAPEX that the rubber marking supplied by the Post Office for the registration labels had PLYMOUTH spelt as PYMOUTH.

### CAPE EGMONT VISIT

After visiting Cape Egmont Lighthouse one visitor remarked "Now if you were in the States you would have had a special Post Office here for mailing covers." On return to New Plymouth each member of the touring party were presented with Maximum cards showing Mt. Egmont and Cape Egmont signed by the lighthouse keeper and stamped with a stamp showing the same scene, post-marked at TARAPEX. Only sufficient were done for those on the tour.

### EXHIBITION DINNER

A large gay spirited crowd thoroughly enjoyed the evening's fare. Somehow 2 a.m. arrived before anyone started to look at their watches.

### SILVER GOLD AWARDS TO ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The members of the Federation (sponsors of the Exhibition) were so pleased and impressed with the exhibition that the President of the Federation, Mr. S. R. Dacre, Christchurch, made a surprise presentation at the dinner of a Silver-gold medal to each member of the Organising Committee as a mark of appreciation from the Federation.

### EATING HER WORDS

Carol Dixon, the hard-working treasurer, on receiving her medal commented—"At work last week a lady said I was a fool doing all that hard work. You don't get a medal for it!—I can't wait to see her face on Monday morning!"

### PUN

Laurie Franks, replying to the Toast to the Stamps Dealers, commented that many dealers do have more than their share of difficulties. Just last week he was most upset to read "Mob riots at Auckland Bishop's home."

### YOUTH

The average age of the organising committee of just over 30 years staggered many visitors. However much advice was still required from the experienced heads of Ray Herbison, John Dennis, Whakatane, and Vay McFarlane of Auckland.

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See TARAPEX advert, for prices. Only 250 sets were flown.

### 85th BIRTHDAY

Guest Speaker at the Postal History on the Tuesday night was Mr. Fred Walker of England who also celebrated his 85th birthday that day.

### WAITING TILL 90

Commenting on his bachelorhood Mr. Fred Walker told us he had said many years ago, he would wait till he arrived at the age of 85 before he would consider marriage. Now at that age he commented "The age of life expectancy has gone up in that time so I think I'll wait till I'm 90."

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**GR. BRITAIN:** 68 40c (30c); 67 35c (30c); 66 30c (20c), Phosp.  
**MALTA:** 68 35c; 65 \$1; 64 \$1.50.  
**N.Z.:** 1960/8 set \$1.75, □ \$7.  
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## CORSO



### NEW STAMP ISSUE

A special stamp issue to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Corso will be released on 18th November, 1969.

The issue comprises two stamps with denominations of 7c and 8c respectively. They were designed by Mr. L. C. Mitchell, Wellington, and printed in Tokyo by the Japanese Government Printing Bureau by photogravure process.

The 7c stamp in colours of gold and blue features a young girl holding a food bowl standing behind a foreground of wheat, while the 8c in colours of green, blue, red and yellow features a woman giving her child a glass of milk with a herd of dairy cows in the background. Both stamps also feature the Corso emblem.

The usual first day of issue rubber hand-canceller service will be available at all Chief Post Offices and the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington. Persons residing outside Chief Post Office centres who desire this service should forward their remittances and addressed envelopes to reach the Chief Postmaster con-

cerned or the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, by 11th November, 1969. A servicing fee of 2c per cover should be included in the remittance and the outside cover or wrapping should be marked "Corso covers 18 November". The standard Post Office first day cover is available at all Post Offices at a cost of 2c.

Unless stocks are exhausted earlier the stamps will be withdrawn from sale at all Post Offices on 31st January, 1970, but will remain on sale at the Philatelic Sales Section, Chief Post Offices, Auckland and Christchurch and the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, until 31st August, 1970.

## 1969

### CHRISTMAS STAMPS ON UNWATERMARKED PAPER

Two different papers were used for the New Zealand 1969 Christmas stamp.

The printers, Harrison & Sons Ltd., advised that after producing of the order on unwatermarked paper, they found that their remaining stock of this paper was unsatisfactory for printing. Time did not permit a further supply of watermarked paper to be obtained and, in the circumstances, the balance of the order was printed on unwatermarked paper.

Only the stamps on watermarked paper were received in time to be issued on 1 October and they were, therefore, used on first day covers and for orders of mint stamps.

### POST OFFICE ADVISE ONLY WATERMARKED PAPER USED

The information about the use of unwatermarked paper was based on advice received from the printers before the stamps came to hand. An examination of the stamps received to date—another five million stamps have yet to be delivered—indicates that the information about the use of unwatermarked paper is incorrect.

## TIME FOR PHILATELY

### MR. KINSELLA

It is bad luck that the Hon. A. E. Kinsella, a former Postmaster-General, has to retire from Parliament this year, for health reasons. Mr. Kinsella was, like Sir Heaton Rhodes, a stamp collector before he became Postmaster-General a few years ago. Mr. Kinsella was an office-bearer in the Thames Philatelic Society, and while he was Postmaster-General did his best to put in an appearance at any large philatelic occasion. The present Postmaster-General, Mr. Scott, who has been in office at a time of a lot of progress with facilities such as the Philatelic Bureau, is also retiring this year. He was overseas when TARAPEX opened, and Mr. D. S. Thomson, Minister of Defence, attended in his place.

Probably Cabinet Ministers don't have much time for stamp collecting. However, Mrs. Adams-Schneider, whose husband is Minister of Broadcasting, is a member of the "Royal".

### CHRISTMAS IN THE TOKELAUS

The Tokelaus will have a 2c Christmas stamp this year. Two cents is the internal rate for second class mail, the Post Office tells us with a straight face. We are, however, cautioned that covers ordered by collectors will need two of the stamps for overseas transit.

There are three atolls making up the Tokelaus. The 1966 census recorded a total population of 1900, made up of 616, 733 and 551 on the three atolls. Since then about 200 have emigrated to New Zealand as part of a permanent resettlement programme.

One imagines the inhabitants getting their Christmas cards, stamping them at 2c each, posting them to each other, and then going back to the post office for their mail. Or do the 616 on one atoll send cards to the 1284 others? Presumably there are only about 400 households in the whole group, which has a land area of 1350 acres.

Surely it would have been more logical to set the rate to New Zealand as the denomination, as cards to resettled relatives would be used in practice. But then we collectors wouldn't need to use two stamps, would we?

Thoughts from Ashton Cook, Hutt Valley Philatelic Society.

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## DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE

### 7c FISHING INDUSTRY

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Date of issue: 3 December, 1969.

Designed by: Display Section of the Public Relations Division, Post Office Headquarters, New Zealand.

Colours: Natural colours.

Printed by: Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., England, by lithography.

Stamp Size: 24 mm x 40 mm.

Sheet Size: 100 stamps per sheet.

Plate Numbers: 1111., 1A1A1A-1A.

Period of Sale: To remain on sale as part of the definitive set.

### SCARCE LAW SOCIETY PLATE BLOCKS

Numerous inquiries have been received about the elusive plate numbers 1221 and 1A 2A 2A 1A in the 18c stamp of the recent Centenary Law Society issue and the Post Office has investigated the matter with a view to solving the "mystery" not only for our own records but for the many collectors of New Zealand stamps as well.

When a stamp order is placed arrangements are made for the printers to supply particulars of the plate numbers used. This action is taken to ensure that our records are complete and also to inform collectors so that those who collect plate blocks can obtain their full requirements from either the Philatelic Bureau in Wellington or the Sales Sections in Auckland and Christchurch. Provided the information is received in time it is incorporated in the order form which the Philatelic Bureau prints for each new issue.

In the case of the 18c Law Society stamp, the plate numbers 1221 and 1A 2A 2A 1A were not included in the list received from the printers. By the time it became known that these numbers had in fact been used the stock of this stamp had already been distributed among an unknown number of post offices throughout New Zealand.

The matter was immediately taken up with the printers, who have now advised that plates 1221 and 1A 2A 2A 1A were used in printing the 18c stamp but that their use was regrettably overlooked at the time and that there is no record of the actual quantities produced from these plates.

The printers have also explained how these plate numbers came to be used and collectors will no doubt be interested to know the circumstances.

Half way through the printing it was found necessary to change to another machine. Because this machine was of a different size fresh plates had to be made. It was at that stage that register problems were experienced with the printing and additional plates had to be made to rectify this. It is for these reasons that an abnormal number of plates were used for the printing of the 18c stamp.

The Post Office is pleased that the "mystery" has been solved and to all collectors who have been intrigued, frustrated or inconvenienced in this matter we pass on the Printer's apologies for this most unusual omission.

The two plate numbers mentioned are not now available from the Bureau. The Philatelic Bureau's supply of plates 1221 and 1A 2A 2A 1A was sufficient only to meet the requirements of standing order clients.

### DEALER'S ASSOCIATION

A small group of dealers met on the Saturday night of TARAPEX to discuss the formation of a Stamp Dealer's Association. Mr. Bill Hornadge spoke on the benefits of belonging to an association.

General agreement was reached to start with a nucleus of full time dealers. A tentative figure of \$10 for full time dealers and \$5 for part time dealers was set as probable membership fees. Part-time dealers would have associate membership.

Mr. Laurie Franks of Christchurch was appointed to act as provisional secretary until a full meeting to be held in Wellington on the 22nd of November. Anyone interested in further details please write to Mr. Franks, Private Bag, Christchurch.

### STAMP MARKET DIPS IN ENGLAND

With the Labour Government doing its best to correct the Great Britain balance of payment position the majority of people in Britain today are suffering an acute shortage of cash.

The man who could spend £4 or £5 a week on stamps a couple of years ago, is lucky to be able to lay-out £2 today.

In the high streets all over Britain, cars, radio and television sets, vacuum cleaners, washing machines, furniture, books, records, are currently offered at give-away prices compared with even twelve months ago. Even the punters on the football pools gambled away £16 million less than they did in the previous year.

Many Great Britain sets are now selling at 20-40% below the peaks reached in some cases only 6 months ago.

Here are some extreme examples:

Shakespeare:

17/6 Sept. 1969—Jan. 69 24/3

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2/11 Sept. 69—Nov. 68 5/8

Battle of Hastings:

4/8 Sept. 69—Nov. 69 6/-

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Programme for Saturday,  
November 15th, 1969.

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9.30 a.m.: Doors open and morning tea.

10.30 a.m.: Talk and Display Mr. K. J. McNaught—"Unusual Items of New Zealand Postal History."

11.15 a.m.: Talk and Display—Dr. E. A. Schoenberger—"Switzerland".

12.00 noon: Lunch.

2.00 p.m.: Doors open and presentation of Shield followed by Judges' comments.

2.30 p.m.: Talk and Display—Mr. J. Denboer—"Japan".

3.15 p.m.: Afternoon tea.

3.45 p.m.: Auction.

4.30 p.m.: End of afternoon programme.

Organised Dinner at a local restaurant.

8.00 p.m.: Doors open.

8.30 p.m.: Talk and Display—Mr. D. W. Poutney—"Tongan Tin-Can Mail".

9.30 p.m.: END.



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## OPINION POLL

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## POSTMARK CORNER

A. F. WATTERS

TARAPEX 69 is over, but those who were able to be present will long remember the thrill of looking at the "Court of Honour" material and all the entries, for there we saw the cream of philately. For those who did not make it I am sure there has been many resolutions to attend Wellpex 1972. It was overheard "that these exhibitions are like a fever and no improvement can be hoped for 'til after the last day", and I can agree, for the week was all too short. For me it was a great time seeing and renewing old friendships and those whose names I knew only, including many readers of this magazine.

### SPECIAL CARE

Having a post office as it were on my doorstep was indeed very useful and the Postmaster, Mr. Russell and his four assistants, were very helpful. Special care was taken with each cover and this will make for many satisfied collectors.

The first day datestamps were designed along the lines of the first one used at New Plymouth. (It had a number in the place of the writing and was approximately half the size.) These were made of a plastic composition. Two were in use at the TARAPEX post office and a third was held at the Chief Post Office New Plymouth. This was used due to the amount of mail handled. All registered went through the special post office. As yet I haven't seen the third datestamp so can only comment on the ones at TARAPEX. The one that was used the most showed signs of wear especially at the top. The bottom and top lines are longer on this one but it isn't noticeable when the datestamp is used. The Tarapex committee had "for sale" some single plywood postcards and these sold very well indeed. This type of cover makes an interesting addition to a collection. I also saw four that had gone to Tawa and were backstamped there as the plywood was Tawa.

### STEEL DATESTAMPS

On the 7th the steel datestamps were used, two at TARAPEX and again the one held at the Central Post Office, New Plymouth, but wasn't used. The difference on at least one of them is the placing of the "T" from TARAPEX and the "L" of National. The mail

closed at 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. daily so there were the different mail numbers to collect. These datestamps were used again on the 8th, 10th and 11th Oct. Each day one was used unless the amount of mail made it necessary for the second to be brought into use.

### DAY OF ISSUE

The 9th October saw the long awaited Cook Issue and also the "Cook Bicentenary Stamps" datestamps were brought into use. Two were used at TARAPEX and one at the Central Post Office, New Plymouth. Due to the volume of mail all were used again this day. (Over 18,000 F.D.C. were handled by the TARAPEX post office this day not counting those serviced by the TARAPEX COMMITTEE). These datestamps were made of the composit material. I haven't been able to see any difference between the two at TARAPEX as yet though I haven't had time to look very carefully at them as yet. Late in the day these datestamps were showing signs of wear. A little ordinary mail was cancelled with the special datestamp on this day too.

As the exhibition closed at 9 p.m. on the 10th the datestamp showed 9 p.m. for final mail instead of the usual 10 p.m.

During TARAPEX it was possible to post mail to oneself at the exhibition, and the sign above the box said "Only mail addressed National Stamp Exhibition, C/-Post Office, Tarapex, to be posted in this aperture."

### POSTAL NOTES

Postal Notes were on sale as were British postal orders and all classes of postal stationery. This Post Office also had a Philatelic Bureau attached and there one could buy whatever one wanted as far as issues still available at the Bureau but withdrawn from sale at Post Offices.

### PYMOUTH

Two rubber markings were supplied for use on the registration labels. The one in use read "National Stamp Exhibition" one line, "Tarapex" next, "New PYMOUTH" on the last. As news got around of this error, more and

more registered mail went through. The markings were applied in either red or black, and were not corrected.

### POSTMARK NEWS

**Gisborne.** Used a pictorial datestamp and this was a very nice one and came out most attractively on the covers.

**Middlemore Hospital** (Auckland). This post office opened with little notice on the 13th October. It is situated in an outbuilding and it is available for patients, staff and nearby residents.

**Ferry Landing and Hahei Beach** both Thames, **Pataua, Mangaihai Heads** both Whangarei. These seasonal post offices re-open during December so remember to get your covers away. Riverdale Beach (Masterton) and Kinloch Marina Rotorua, see below). The first will re-open as usual for each school holidays and the latter is a possible.

### KINLOCH MARINA

A post and telephone office known as Kinloch Marina opened during the period 28 August—13 September by way of a trial. If the use made of it warrants, arrangements will be for the service to be available during the May and August vacations each year in addition to the Christmas New Year period. The office will not provide telephone service during the periods it is closed. The department advises it is situated on the western shore of Lake Taupo 22 miles from Taupo approximately.

### HEALTH STAMP SALES UP BY \$34,000

Health stamps sales increased by \$34,629 in the first three weeks of the campaign, according to figures released by the King George V. Memorial Children's Health Camps Federation.

From August 6 to 31 sales totalled \$259,074, compared with \$224,445 in the same period last year.

Greymouth people proportionately gave the most money—an average of 67c a household—of the 21 centres counted. Four showed a decrease in sales. They were Westport, New Plymouth, Wanganni and Palmerston North.

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Barbados Carifta	60	65
British Honduras Orchids	50	53
Bermuda Guides	—	87
Bahamas Airmail 50th Anniv.	—	41
Cyprus Labour Organisation	—	49
Ceylon Labour Organ.	12	12
Ceylon Wesak	15	15
Ceylon Goones	5	6
Ceylon National Savings	4	5
Dominica Tourist Year	1.18	1.27
Dominica World Health	—	67
Grenada Expo 69	85	—
Guyana Carifta	66	—
Guyana Easter	61	72
Hong Kong New Year	28	36
Ireland Europe	42	45
Lesotho Maseru	89	—
Malta Labour Organisation	—	16
Malta Gandhi	27	29
Malawi Labour Organisation (m/s)	86	93
St. Lucia 1969 Easter	57	61
St. Helena Ships	79	85
St. Vincent Methodist O/P	—	65
St. Vincent Carnival	29	32
St. Kitts Fish	70	76
South Africa Olympics	32	33
Trinidad and Tobago Labour Org.	14	19
Trinidad and Tobago Defins.	6.55	—
Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania Labour	83	88
Virgin Islands Stevenson	1.92	2.05

**PACIFIC ISLANDS**

British Solomons Games	93	1.00
Cook Is. South Pacific Conference	88	93
Fiji South Pacific Games	40	45
Papua and New Guinea Orchids	85	90
Papua and New Guinea Coil and I.L.O.	13	15

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## COMPETITION NO. 2

### THE 1970 PICTORIALS

From our competition entries there seems to be a wide divergence of opinions. Some entrants were very critical and few expressed pleasure with a wide number of designs.

**The Butterflies.** Out of all our entrants only one entrant noted that these were the ones they disliked. The others I believe were adopting a wait and see attitude. Not one of our entrants included these in their top three. This was somewhat surprising for only one other design (the 5c) was not mentioned at least once in the top three.

**The most popular design** was easily the 28c Egmont. Hauraki Gulf (25c) was next with a good following and third the enigma—the 20c Maori Face Tatoo. Curiously, our entrants either liked this, or heartily disliked. With the 10c Royalty the 20c topped the poll of disliked designs.

**Most common criticism** of the series. The disjointed nature caused by the use of so many subjects.

**Some of the readers' comments**  
 "To me there are only a few stamps that show any originality, these being the 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c (though a bit Japanese looking, and the 28c. Of the others, surely we have seen similar butterfly designs from Papua and New Guinea, like fish designs from Norfolk Island, the sea horse from Singapore and the \$1 and \$2 are too reminiscent of the Great Britain technology issue. The 10c is just another Royal stamp and splits the series too much"—F.U.

"I do miss the current 28c value—such a pity that such an attractive stamp should have such a short life. Disliked design: 10c—too unimaginative, similar to 4d Parliamentary Conference."—L.B.

"10c—What an insult to New Zealand Philately. This stamp is a throwback to the "rule Britannia stage" of New Zealand Philately with the Georges, Edwards, early Q.E. II designs. This stamp is totally unattractive. Imagine it with a dirty postmark, like a red light on the white paper."—G.H.

"Too many other countries have similar definitive issues, e.g. Papua and New Guinea, Christmas Island, Ascension Island, St. Kitts, Singapore, New Hebrides etc."—D.A.P.

"... the 10c has no appeal as far as I am concerned. The stamp itself could be British or from any commonwealth or colonial country

and does not exhibit any originality of N.Z. design. However, being aerogramme rate to the United Kingdom, I suppose most of them will go there, which to me is a good thing."—F.U.

"I find very little appeal in the new designs and my main criticism is that it appears to be a pot-pouri of themes—ideas and artists"—A.K.

"The 10c I dislike because it disrupts the whole series."—N.R.

"The Maori Tattoo Pattern I don't think is particularly pleasing.

If a Maori design was wanted, something more attractive such as a Maori Meeting House, should have been used."—B.A.C.

"The series as a whole is the best that New Zealand has ever had."—G.S.

### COMPETITION WINNER

Mr. J. R. Wells, Waiouru, picked the most popular three and also gauged correctly opinion on the 10c Royalty.

A \$10 voucher will be sent to Mr. J. R. Wells to be spent with any advertiser in this issue.

Make sure of your next issue for Competition No. 3.

## READERS LETTERS

### CANCELLATIONS

Dear Sir, Silverdale.

I'd like to comment on the recent P.O. cancellations—Stamps are absolutely mutilated—and will throw thousands into the "too heavily cancelled" category—also date and place postmark is not placed in relation to stamp.

Will not this give us—as N.Z.—a poorer philatelic image here and overseas and destroy much of the value of stamps in that capacity.

Another item of interest I've found is a mint 4c Health stamp with a definite scratch down the face of Dr. Gunn. It is 5th stamp up from bottom.

G. Faulbaum.

### P.O. COOK COVER

Dear Sir,

Now that our covers have come to hand from the Post Office, I think that it is the last time that the Post Office should try and put out a cover again, it is not worth the 4 cents that they charged for it, and the times were harder than they are now, the covers that they put out plus the information about each stamp was a pleasure to receive. After receiving this lot I will have to think again before I am taken for a ride like this.

Why! They did not even register the cover. Maybe it would be much better if one firm was to put out the official cover, after a panel of judges have seen them. As far as I am concerned with covers, I like to see them with something to be proud of to show my friends.

Tarapex, you did a wonderful job with your cover, and it is a shame that the Post Office or the powers that be, never took it as the all round cover for the official one. Cook's anchor was never like that, so I hope we don't get anchored down with much more of this rubbish. "ONE WHO BUYS."

### DESIGNS PRAISED

Auckland.

Dear Sir,

In view of the many times I have read criticism of N.Z. Stamp designs in your magazine, I feel I would like to pass on some comments from the Bahamas, where I send as many different New Zealand stamps as I can whenever I write.

One letter says—"These stamps you are sending me excite much comment and admiration for their variety of colour and historical interest, by everyone who sees them." "Recent Bahamian stamps are dull and uninteresting alongside those you send me," in another letter. I have many similar.

H. BLACKMAN.

### CHRISTMAS FLAWS

Dannevirke.

Dear Sir,

I would like to confirm the flaw mentioned in your magazine by Miss Enda Deadre R 7/4 Plate 1A, it is constant, also R 8/4 Plate 1A, two black dots by the babies head, also constant.

On Plate 1B there is a small white spot on R 1/4 top right corner above D of Land. Constant.

Some sheets have been seen with a small black bar joining the nostrils of the second kneeling figure from the left looking at the stamp.

As for the second reader his two line variations I think are plate scratches as they seem to occur on too many sheets to be doctor blade flaws. I have seen them on a great number of sheets and are quite constant as regards size and position.

Hoping that this will be of some use.

J. S. C. WOOD.

## TARAPEX AWARDS — MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES

GROUP 1 — NEW ZEALAND			GROUP 2 — AUSTRALIA		
Entry No.	Name	Award	Entry No.	Name	Award
1	A. Hunter	Silver-Gold Medal	80	S. R. Bennet	Silver Medal
2	G. J. Elliott	Gold Medal	82	T. W. Claridge	Certificate of Merit
3	L. B. G. Mitchner	Silver Medal	84	G. J. Elliott	Gold Medal
4	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal	85	K. McNaught	Silver-Gold Medal
5	J. W. Timmer	Silver-Gold Medal	86	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal
7	K. McNaught	Silver Medal	87	K. McNaught	Silver Medal
8	J. A. Robb	Silver-Gold Medal	88	K. McNaught	Silver Medal
11	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal	89	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal
12	J. McC. Thomson	Silver-Gold Medal	91	A. A. & F. K. L. Orton	Silver Medal
13	J. W. Avery	Silver Medal	92	J. R. Paterson	Certificate of Merit
14	B. A. & G. K. Hutchinson	Bronze Medal	93	R. D. Samuel	Silver Medal
15	G. A. Jenkins	Certificate of Merit	94	M. C. Stanley	Gold Medal
16	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal	95	R. M. Startup	Certificate of Merit
17	A. A. & F. K. L. Orton	Silver-Gold Medal	96	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
20	J. D. Dennis	Silver Medal	97	A. H. Voyce	Silver Medal
21	E. K. Hossell	Certificate of Merit	98	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
22	R. W. Pollock	Certificate of Merit	99	A. F. Watters	Certificate of Merit
24	Miss N. A. Williams	Silver Medal	100	J. W. Avery	Silver Medal
25	C. G. Capill	Bronze Medal	101	E. L. Clark	Silver Medal
26	R. A. Dexter	Silver-Gold Medal	103	D. W. Gallagher	Certificate of Merit
27	S. G. H. Goffin	Bronze Medal	104	J. W. Timmer	Bronze Medal
28	R. W. Pollock	Bronze Medal	105	J. W. Timmer	Bronze Medal
29	Miss N. A. Williams	Bronze Medal	106	J. W. Timmer	Bronze Medal
30	K. G. Baker	Certificate of Merit	107	J. W. Timmer	Bronze Medal
31	R. G. Darge	Bronze Medal	109	R. Lloyd-Smith	Silver-Gold Medal
32	S. G. H. Goffin	Certificate of Merit	111	R. L. Gigg	Certificate of Merit
33	Patricia E. Guymer	Bronze Medal	112	D. E. G. Naish	Certificate of Merit
35	R. W. Pollock	Bronze Medal	113	E. A. Barnes	Certificate of Merit
36	S. G. H. Goffin	Certificate of Merit	114	F. Devenyl	Certificate of Merit
38	E. McNaughton	Silver Medal	116	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
39	E. McNaughton	Silver-Gold Medal	<b>GROUP 3 — PACIFIC ISLANDS</b>		
40	D. E. G. Naish	Silver-Gold Medal	117	B. P. Beston	Certificate of Merit
41	F. M. Ransom	Certificate of Merit	118	B. P. Beston	Certificate of Merit
43	W. H. Rolston	Certificate of Merit	119	D. H. M. Clarke	Silver-Gold Medal
44	J. G. Spriggs	Certificate of Merit	120	J. A. Cooper	Certificate of Merit
45	Mrs. E. M. Svendsen	Bronze Medal	121	A. C. Felton	Bronze Medal
46	J. W. Timmer	Certificate of Merit	126	J. H. Harrison	Silver-Gold Medal
47	M. G. Tombleson	Certificate of Merit	127	C. Hegley	Certificate of Merit
48	J. S. C. Wood	Bronze Medal	128	W. A. Holloway	Silver Medal
49	B. E. R. Alexandre	Bronze Medal	129	W. A. Holloway	Bronze Medal
50	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal	130	W. A. Holloway	Bronze Medal
51	K. McNaught	Silver Medal	131	W. A. Holloway	Certificate of Merit
52	R. O. Samuel	Silver-Gold Medal	133	R. J. Kelly	Silver Medal
53	A. J. Acott	Bronze Medal	134	R. J. Kelly	Bronze Medal
54	R. F. Aitken	Certificate of Merit	135	Mrs. P. McCarthy	Bronze Medal
55	K. G. Baker	Certificate of Merit	136	J. McKegg	Certificate of Merit
56	R. W. Bower	Certificate of Merit	137	K. McNaught	Silver Medal
57	J. P. Curry	Silver Medal	138	L. B. G. Mitchener	Bronze Medal
58	R. G. Darge	Certificate of Merit	139	L. B. G. Mitchener	Bronze Medal
59	R. Dobbie	Certificate of Merit	140	D. W. Pountney	Bronze Medal
60	R. A. Dexter	Bronze Medal	144	Mrs. E. M. Svendsen	Certificate of Merit
61	C. J. Fannin	Bronze Medal	145	Mrs. E. M. Svendsen	Certificate of Merit
62	M. G. Garford	Certificate of Merit	147	J. P. C. Tresise	Bronze Medal
63	R. L. Gigg	Certificate of Merit	148	J. P. C. Tresise	Certificate of Merit
64	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal	149	J. P. C. Tresise	Certificate of Merit
65	K. McNaught	Silver Medal	150	D. H. M. Clarke	Silver Medal
67	A. A. & F. L. K. Orton	Silver Medal	151	J. L. Gumbridge	Silver Medal
68	W. H. Rolston	Bronze Medal	152	W. A. Holloway	Silver Medal
69	J. W. Timmer	Certificate of Merit	153	R. M. Startup	Certificate of Merit
70	M. G. Tombleson	Silver-Gold Medal	154	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
71	M. G. Tombleson	Certificate of Merit	155	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
72	J. Whincop	Certificate of Merit	156	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
73	E. R. Wilson	Certificate of Merit	157	A. H. Voyce	Bronze Medal
75	O. B. Y. Gregory	Bronze Medal	<b>GROUP 4 — ANTARCTICA</b>		
76	O. B. Y. Gregory	Bronze Medal	157	E. R. Gibbs	Silver-Gold Medal
77	O. B. Y. Gregory	Bronze Medal	159	D. E. Hurley	Certificate of Merit
78	O. B. Y. Gregory	Bronze Medal	160	E. McNaughton	Bronze Medal
79	R. Herbison	Certificate of Merit	162	Mrs. H. Taylor	Certificate of Merit

**GROUP 5 — BRITISH COMMONWEALTH**

163	R. Armstrong	Silver Medal
164	Mrs. D. B. Frazer	Certificate of Merit
165	G. V. Linnell	Certificate of Merit
166	L. Levene	Bronze Medal
169	P. Giffen	Bronze Medal
170	P. Giffen	Bronze Medal
171	S. J. Newby	Bronze Medal
172	Mrs. P. L. Turnbull	Silver-Gold Medal
173	J. T. Welch	Bronze Medal
174	D. H. M. Clarke	Bronze Medal
175	B. A. & G. K. Hutchinson	Bronze Medal
177	R. M. Tilley	Certificate of Merit
178	W. A. Holloway	Certificate of Merit
179	K. V. Lellman	Silver Medal
180	J. Shaw	Certificate of Merit
181	G. D. Stones	Silver Medal
183	Mrs. J. S. Quintrell	Certificate of Merit
184	I. R. Rutherford	Certificate of Merit
186	L. Levene	Certificate of Merit
187	B. H. Ogier	Certificate of Merit
188	Mrs. E. M. Svendsen	Certificate of Merit
190	S. H. Wood	Silver Medal
191	T. W. Claridge	Certificate of Merit
192	J. M. A. Gregson	Bronze Medal
193	F. W. Howell	Bronze Medal
194	J. R. Paterson	Certificate of Merit
195	J. R. Paterson	Bronze Medal
196	Mrs. P. L. Turnbull	Silver Medal
197	S. A. Wood	Bronze Medal

**GROUP 6 — FOREIGN**

198	G. S. Bernhard	Silver Medal
199	A. W. Bunn	Silver-Gold Medal
202	J. De Groot	Certificate of Merit
203	H. M. Hammerton	Silver-Gold Medal
204	A. D. Lonergan	Certificate of Merit
205	A. M. McMillan	Bronze Medal
206	J. C. C. McMahon	Certificate of Merit
207	E. M. McNaughton	Bronze Medal
208	J. O. Moore	Certificate of Merit
209	J. O. Moore	Bronze Medal
211	Sir Joseph Ward, B.T.	Silver-Gold Medal
212	S. A. Wood	Bronze Medal
213	G. M. van Zanten	Silver Medal
214	B. Z. Zasedka	Bronze Medal
215	Mrs. D. Ashby	Certificate of Merit
216	A. W. Creaser	Certificate of Merit
217	L. J. G. & Mrs. D. Franks	Silver-Gold Medal
218	Mrs. E. Gregory	Certificate of Merit
219	Mrs. E. Gregory	Certificate of Merit
220	Mrs. I. M. Hunt	Silver Medal
221	L. Levene	Bronze Medal
222	R. V. Roberts	Certificate of Merit
223	Mrs. U. McEwan	Certificate of Merit
224	J. H. Montgomery	Silver-Gold Medal
225	F. Devenyi	Certificate of Merit
226	R. V. Roberts	Certificate of Merit
227	J. H. Harrison	Silver-Gold Medal
229	R. S. Craddock	Silver-Gold Medal
231	L. T. G. & Mrs. D. Franks	Silver Medal
232	Mrs. I. M. Hunt	Silver-Gold Medal
233	Miss E. S. Mullett	Certificate of Merit
234	Mrs. I. M. Hunt	Silver Medal
235	T. W. Kuzma	Certificate of Merit
236	K. Mullertz	Silver Medal
237	K. Mullertz	Silver-Gold Medal
238	J. P. C. Tresise	Bronze Medal

**GROUP 7 — AIRMAILS**

240	H. L. Chisholm	Silver Gilt
241	C. E. Cooksley	Bronze Medal
243	L. J. Kilgour	Bronze Medal
244	J. S. Langabeer	Bronze Medal

246	K. E. Pettit	Silver Medal
247	Mrs. E. M. Svendsen	Certificate of Merit

**GROUP 8 — LOCAL POSTS**

248	D. L. Overbye	Silver Medal
250	Mrs. L. E. Walker	Certificate of Merit

**GROUP 9 — THEMATIC**

251	Mrs. S. A. Craddock	Silver Medal
252	F. Devenyi	Certificate of Merit
253	A. C. Felton	Certificate of Merit
254	Mrs. J. M. Gregson	Bronze Medal
255	Mrs. R. G. Hosking	Bronze Medal
256	Mrs. Mary Lambe	Certificate of Merit
257	A. G. Lineham	Bronze Medal
258	H. A. F. Lockrey	Certificate of Merit
259	Mrs. P. A. McCarthy	Certificate of Merit
260	K. McNaught	Bronze Medal
261	R. P. Mawby	Bronze Medal
262	Mrs. E. T. Mitchell	Certificate of Merit
268	E. Stermole	Bronze Medal
269	D. A. Sterry	Silver Medal
271	G. M. van Zanten	Silver Medal
272	B. Z. Zasedka	Bronze Medal
273	Mrs. M. Alley	Certificate of Merit
275	G. J. Elliott	Silver Medal
279	J. Shaw	Certificate of Merit
280	Mrs. M. Stephens	Certificate of Merit
281	N. A. Taylor	Bronze
282	I. P. S. Bade	Certificate of Merit
283	F. R. Belmer	Certificate of Merit
284	Mrs. Y. J. Benson	Silver Medal
285	A. W. Bunn	Bronze Medal
286	A. W. Bunn	Bronze Medal
288	Mrs. N. Dennis	Silver Medal
290	D. W. Gallagher	Bronze Medal
292	G. K. Leverington	Silver Medal
293	C. H. W. Lilley	Certificate of Merit
294	A. D. Lonergan	Certificate of Merit
295	Mrs. P. McCarthy	Bronze Medal
298	J. C. C. McMahon	Bronze Medal
299	J. K. Martin	Certificate of Merit
300	Miss M. V. F. Mullett	Silver Medal
301	Mrs. E. G. Murray	Bronze Medal
302	D. E. G. Naish	Bronze Medal
303	R. W. Pollock	Bronze Medal
304	Mrs. J. S. Quintrell	Certificate of Merit
305	Mrs. N. J. Ramson	Certificate of Merit
309	J. Shaw	Certificate of Merit
314	N. A. Taylor	Bronze Medal
315	Mrs. L. E. Walker	Bronze Medal
316	P. Jutzi	Certificate of Merit

**GROUP 10 — JUNIOR SECTION**

318	O. W. Lawrence	Certificate of Merit
319	R. J. Macartney	Album
323	A. McNiven	Album
324	Shane Ogier	Certificate of Merit
325	Pat Sole	Certificate of Merit
326	Michael Timmer	Certificate of Merit
327	Judith Tucker	Certificate of Merit
328	Miss A. Erbs	Certificate of Merit
329	Ian Little	Certificate of Merit
330	A. W. Roskam	Certificate of Merit
334	H. van Schreven	Album
335	Ronald Willems	Certificate of Merit
336	Anne Gallagher	Album
337	Anne Gallagher	Album
338	Peter Gallagher	Album
339	Sarah Hart	Certificate of Merit
340	V. Hutchinson	Certificate of Merit
341	Miss Jennifer A. Quintrell	Certificate of Merit
344	Jean Svendsen	Certificate of Merit



## WHAT'S COMING ?

### NEW ZEALAND

1969: Nov. 18: Corso Issue 7c, 8c.

1970: New definitive series.  
1970: Cardigan Bay Stamp.

### PITCAIRN ISLAND

1970: March: Flowers.  
1970: September: Fish.

### NIUE ISLAND

1969: Nov. 27: Flowers (Definitives) ½c-30c.

### ROSS DEPENDENCY

1971: New Definitive series.

### WESTERN SAMOA

1969: Oct. 13: Christmas Issue 1s, 3s, 20s, 30s, plus. miniature sheet.

1970: Jan. 19: 8th Anniv. of Independence.

### PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

1969: Oct. 29: Musical Instruments, 5c, 10c, 25c, 30.

1970: Bird Series.  
1970: Native Art.  
1970: Scenic Series.  
1970: Famous Men Series.

### BR. SOLOMON IS.

1969: Nov.: Christmas, 8c and 35c.

### CHRISTMAS ISLAND

1969: Nov. 10: Christmas Stamp 5c.

1969: Ships Series.

### FIJI

1969: Nov.: South Pacific University 2c, 8c, 25c.

### AUSTRALIA

1969: Oct. 22: Prime Ministers (Booklet).

1969: Oct. 15: Christmas Stamps 5c, 25c.

1969: Nov.: 50th Anniv. First Flight Aust. to UK.

1970: Royal Visit, 5c, 30c.

1970: April: International Grasslands Congress.

1970: Brisbane-Perth Rail Gauge Commem.

1970: 200th Anniv. of Captain Cook's Landing.

1970: 18th International Dairy Congress.

1970: Orthopaedic Conference.

1970: United Nations Anniversary.

1970: Adam Lindsay Gordon (Poet).

1970: Alcoholism and Drug Conference.

1970: 50th Aniv. of Qantas (2 stamps).

1970: Famous People (Booklet).

1970: National Development Series.

1971: Sydney Stock Exchange.

1971: 100th Anniv. R.S.P.C.A.

1971: Animals Series (3).

1971: 50th Anniv. of RAAF.

1971: May: Rotary Convention.

1971: Parliamentary Conference.

1971: Aust. Natives Assn.

### NORFOLK ISLAND

1969: Oct. 27: 5c Christmas.

1970: Anniv. of Cook's discovery of Australia.

1970: New Birds definitive series.

1974: Discovery of Norfolk Is. by Captain Cook.

1979: Death of Captain Cook.

### NAURU

1969: New Definitive Series.

### GILBERT & ELLICE IS.

1969: Oct. 20: Christmas 3c and 10c.

### FLOWERS FOR NIUE

On 27 November 1969, the Niue Post Office will issue a new definitive set of stamps to replace

the current definitive set, which has been on issue since 1950.

The ten stamps in the issue will have denominations of ½c, 1c, 2c, 2½c, 3c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 20c and 30c. The 20c stamp features a portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II by Anthony Buckley. The other nine stamps feature flowers growing on Niue. They were designed by Mrs. K. W. Billings of Wai-kanae who made a special trip to Niue to study the flowers.

The stamps with the flowers reproduced in their natural colours have been printed in the Netherlands by Joh Enschede en Zonen by fine screen offset process.

In order to meet shipping requirements persons desiring first day cover cancellation services must ensure that their orders reach the Philatelic Bureau Post Office Headquarters, Private Bag, Wellington, not later than 13th November, 1969.

Persons wishing to use their own addressed covers should forward the addressed covers plus a remittance of 84c per cover to the Bureau. Persons wishing to obtain the specially produced foolscap size first day cover issued by the Niue Post Office should remit 86c per cover.

The present 50c, \$1 and \$2 fiscals will remain as part of the new definitive set but the current Niue definitive stamps, including the 25c fiscal, will be withdrawn from sale on 26th November, 1969.

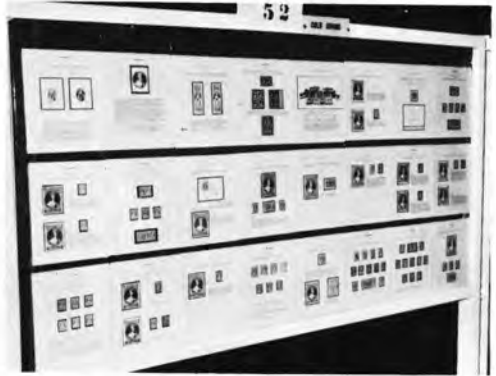
Niue stamps are on sale only at the Chief Post Office, Wellington and Dunedin, the Philatelic Sales Section, Chief Post Office, Auckland and Christchurch, and the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington.



# Tarapex '69



The Information Centre had many busy moments.



Part of the Grand Award Exhibit.



The Post Office display showing first designs through to the final set as issued.



Glenda McKay (Bureau) and Heather Cocker, Mrs. R. Chilcott of the Post Office.



One of the Cook Murals exhibited by Mrs. Celina Ballantine, Blenheim.



Marcel Stanley (left) receiving his bronze Medal in appreciation of his services on the Tarapex Jury.



Robin Startup (back to camera) receiving best Cook Is. or Capt. Cook collection award from the President of the Federation Mr. R.S. Dacre.



Roy Tilley with his award for the best non-medal winning exhibit.



Gerald Van Zanten (left) receives Silver Medal for his Space collection from Mr. Val McFarlane (Chairman of the Jury.)



Mr. A.G. Lineham (left) eyes his Bronze Medal being presented to him by the President of the Taranaki Philatelic Society, Mr. Len Jury.



Andrew McNiven won an Album with his entry in the Junior Section.





Terry Welch (John J. Bishop Ltd.) holding the fort.



The New Zealand Stamp Monthly was there too.



From the "Mainland" Laurie Franks Ltd.



Robin Startup and his sister Stancey talking to Mr. Dougherty and Mr. O.B.Y. Gregory.



Ben Hutchinson giving fatherly congratulations to Award Winning son - Vivian.



Lady Visitors from Auckland.

# TARAPEX DINNER



The Exhibition Chairman Ben Hutchinson welcoming guests to the dinner.



Guest of Honour Mr. Bill Hornadge (Seven Seas Stamps Aust.) sharing a joke. A member of the Band in the background.



Enjoying the night Mr. Fred Jackson, Christchurch (left) Ross and Shirley Craddock, Whakatane.



An interesting point being shared by (from left) J.M. Gregson, D.L. Overby, D.J. Jarvis, D.A. Stery and M.G. Wing.



Exhibition Secretary Mr. Stewart Dixon receiving his Silver-Gold Medal from Mr. S.R. Dacre in appreciation of his work for Tarapex. In foreground Mr. Jim Kilgour with his medal.



Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Lilley talking to the Mayoress Mrs. D.V. Sutherland.

# BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NEWS

## October Releases

1st October, 1969

Guernsey. Definitive. Postage Due Labels.

Jersey. Definitive. Postage Due Labels. Inauguration of the Jersey Post Office 1969.

Ceylon. Definitive.

Guyana. Centenary of the Birth of Mahatma Gandhi.

Ascension Island. Royal Naval Crests.

British Honduras. Christmas.

6th October, 1969

Western Samoa. Additional Definitive Value.

9th October, 1969

Uganda. Definitive.

13th October, 1969

Western Samoa. Christmas.

15th October, 1969

Antigua. Christmas 1969.

British Indian Ocean Territory. Ships of the Islands.

New Hebrides. Pentecost Land Divers.

16th October, 1969

St. Lucia. Christmas.

20th October, 1969

British Virgin Islands. Tourist.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Christmas 1969.

Turks and Caicos Islands. Christmas 1969.

23rd October, 1969

Zambia. International Year for African Tourism.

25th October, 1969

Jamaica. Christmas 1969.

27th October, 1969

St. Vincent. Statehood.

Jamaica. Centenary of First Jamaican Coinage.

Jamaican Coinage (postponed from 29th September, 1969).

Norfolk Island. Christmas.

28th October, 1969

Cayman Islands. Christmas 1969.

29th October, 1969

Papua and New Guinea. Musical Instruments.

30th October, 1969

Falkland Islands. 100th Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Stirling.

23rd September, 1969

Brunei. Opening of Dewan Majlis and Lapau Di-Raja.

20th September, 1969

Nigeria. State Wedding.

## Forthcoming Issues

### DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Anguilla 1969. Antigua 1969. Barbados. Bermuda. Decimal Currency Overprint. 6th February, 1970. British Antarctic Territory. Replacement of £1 value. 1st December, 1969. British Virgin Islands 1969. Brunei 1969-70. Montserrat February, 1970. St. Kitts 1st February, 1970. St. Lucia February, 1970. St. Vincent. Definitive. 24th November, 1969. Seychelles. 3rd November, 1969. Singapore. 5 New Values. 10th November, 1969. South Georgia. Replacement of £1 value. November, 1969.

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The stamps have been printed by Thos. De La Rue and Co. Ltd., using their Delacryl (litho) process, on CA Block watermark paper and in sheets of 25 stamps.

## Ascension Island

### ROYAL NAVAL CRESTS

Ascension Island is issuing a set of four stamps showing crests of famous Royal Naval ships which have visited Ascension Island.

The 4d value shows the Rattlesnake which visited Ascension Island in 1873. This was a single screw wood corvette built at Her Majesty's Dockyard, Chatham, in 1861. She was the sixth ship in the Royal Navy to bear this name (and there have been three later). The Rattlesnake took a prominent part in operations against the hostile tribes in the Ashanti War of 1873-74.

On the crest, the device of the snake entwined round a trident supported by the Naval crown and crossed cutlasses was perhaps devised by the ships officers or even by the stationer who printed their notepaper. Ships' badges were not regularised until the Admiralty set up a committee to look into and to control the design and issue of badges used on ships' boats as recognition marks, in 1918.

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**Ascension cont.**

The 9d value shows the Weston which visited Ascension Island in 1934. This was a twin screw steel turbine sloop, one of a class named after seaport towns, variously called the "Sandwich" Class, or sometimes by the name of the first ship of the group approved by the Navy Estimates. Originally called Weston-super-Mare, she was built in Her Majesty's Dockyard, Devonport, and launched on 23 July, 1932. She was 1,250 tons full load, and 250 feet in length. In the Second World War she sank the German U13 in the North Sea, May 1940.

The Admiralty official badge is a simplification of the Arms of the town of Weston-super-Mare, referring to the sunsets for which it is well known and to the fishing industry.

The 1s. 9d. value shows the Undaunted which visited Ascension Island in 1946. She was launched as a fleet destroyer of the "Ulster" Class at Cammell Laird's yard, Birkenhead, in July 1943. She was 2,880 tons full load, and 339 feet long. She saw service in the invasion of Normandy in 1944, and of Okinawa, in the Pacific, in 1945. From 1952 to 1953 she was converted to a fast anti-submarine frigate and is still in service.

There were eight predecessors of the name in the Royal Navy, dating from 1794, and the last ship of the name was a submarine lost in 1941. The badge is a reference to the name: On a blue field a white falcon, hooded and belled gold.

The 2s 3d value shows the Eagle which visited Ascension Island in 1968. The Eagle is an aircraft carrier ordered to replace the first carrier of that name which was lost in 1942. At the end of the Second World War the order was cancelled and the name transferred to a sister ship hitherto known as Audacious, built by Harland and Wolff, Belfast, which was launched as Eagle in 1946. She was accepted into the Navy in 1952. 90 per cent of welded construction, she is 54,000 tons full load, and 720 feet long. She has a complement of 1,745, excluding aircrew.

She was reconstructed during 1959-64, and given an angled flight-deck, steam catapults, and pre-wetting systems to counter fall-out.

**Tristan Da Cunha****UNITED SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL**

In the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, 1,600 miles from Cape Town, and 2,300 miles from Rio de Janeiro, a volcanic peak rises out of the lonely seas, making three tiny islands. On two only seals live. On the third, Tristan da Cunha, men and women work in lonely isolation.

Tristan was named after the Portuguese navigator, Tristao da Cunha, who discovered it in 1506. He did not attempt to land, but the coastline has no inviting harbours so this is not surprising. There was nothing there to interest an ambitious explorer.

So the island remained uninhabited for over 300 years. Then in 1816, the British, seeing Tristan as a possible advance base for the rescue of Napoleon from St. Helena, landed a small garrison. It wasn't long before the barrenness of the island caused their withdrawals, all except three men who opted to stay. Two of them soon changed their minds and left. But Corporal Glass stayed on. In due course he was joined by a few others, and the Tristan community devoted to a tough life was born.

In 1885 an island boat capsized, drowning 15 men and leaving only three adult men on the island. Suggestions were made that the whole community should evacuate but the islanders refused.

In the 19th century a number of sailing ships used to call. One such caller in 1848 was a missionary on his way to Ceylon. Why, he asked, was nothing being done for the souls of Tristanians? One of the largest Anglican Missionary Societies, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (now the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) supplied the answer in 1851 when it sent the first Anglican priest there. Since that time through the Chaplains appointed, S.P.G. and U.S.P.G. has continued its association with the "world's loneliest island".

Among the past chaplains was the Rev. E. H. Dodson, brother of the creator of "Alice in Wonderland".

These earlier Chaplains were more than pastors. They took on diverse jobs—Postmaster-General, Chief Magistrate, Administrator. The Government has, of course, now taken over these civil responsibilities.

Later developments on the island have been the development of a fish canning industry, and the construction of a harbour.

The then Anglican Chaplain, the Rev. Charles Jewell, provided fine leadership when the island, owing to a volcanic eruption, had to be evacuated in October, 1961.

After a sojourn in England the islanders returned to their island home towards the end of 1963.

The present Anglican Chaplain is the Rev. Angus Alexander Welsh, formerly Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Bacup, Lancs.

To honour the work of this society Tristan issues a four value set of stamps.

**Falkland Islands  
100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
CONSECRATION OF BISHOP  
STIRLING**

Waite Hocking Stirling was born in 1829, the second son of Thomas Stirling of Dartmouth, Devon. He became a B.A. at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1851, was ordained in 1852 and was priested in 1853 by the Bishop of Lincoln. From 1852 to 1856 he was the Curate of St. Mary's Church, Nottingham and secretary to the South American Mission from 1857 to 1862.

In 1869, after having been the Superintendent of Keppel Mission Station of the English Church Mission in Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia from 1862, he became the first Bishop of the new Bishopric of the Falkland Islands. This new Bishopric comprised, besides the Falklands, the entire continent of South America, excluding British Guiana (now Guyana), and on 21st February, 1892, Christ Church Cathedral was consecrated by him.

From 1901 to 1912, Bishop Stirling was Assistant to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and also from 1901 until 1920, he was Canon Residentiary of Wells Cathedral. He was the Precentor (in charge of all singing in the Cathedral) there from 1903 to 1920.

He died on 19th November, 1923.

This issue is being released on the 30th of October. The stamps were designed by G. Drummond and printed by the lithographic process by Format International Ltd. The stamps have been printed in sheets of 30 on CA Block watermarked paper.

## British Indian Ocean Territory

### SHIPS OF THE ISLANDS

On the 15th of October British Indian Ocean Territory is issuing a set of four stamps depicting ships of the islands which make up the Territory.

The 45 cents value shows an out-rigger. Common on the East African coast and used occasionally in Mauritius, the out-rigger canoe is found in British Indian Ocean Territory in Chagos where it is still used for fishing. The canoes, as can be seen on the stamp, have been modernised and the out-rigger is commonly bolted on rather than fastened with locally made rope as is usual in the Pacific. The canoes are normally built by the owners and can carry one or two adults. Smaller single-seater canoes are sometimes made by boys who use them for fishing and sailing close-in-shore.

The 75 cents value shows a pirogue. The pirogue is the typical work-boat of the islands, and is a direct descendant of the canoe as its name suggests, although it is now carved built and propelled by either oars or an outboard motor. Pirogues are built in various sizes from small fishing boats up to loading boats capable of taking up to 20 tons of copra and rowed by ten men. They are invariably painted with black pitch. The 1 rupee value shows the Merchant vessel Nordvaer. This is a motor vessel of 500 tons, and is owned by the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration and serves in the combined role of a touring and cargo vessel. In addition to carrying supplies, stores and labourers to the islands (including Seychelles outlying islands) and collecting copra, the vessel carries freight and passengers between Mombasa and Mahe. The Nordvaer has a Travelling Post Office on board.

The 1 rupee 50 cents value shows the Isle of Farquhar. Named after one of the islands of British Indian Ocean Territory, the Isle of Farquhar is a black iron top sail schooner built in 1904, and has a gross tonnage of some 300 tons. Based in Mahe, the vessel serves the British Indian Ocean Territory Islands and also the Seychelles outlying islands taking supplies, equipment and labourers to the islands and bringing back the copra.

## Malta

### FIVE YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

Five years ago Malta became independent. The attainment of independence came after a century and a half of struggle for self-rule. It was a virtually bloodless struggle save for one grave incident.

On the 7th June, 1919, a large crowd demonstrated in the streets of Valletta against the denial of constitutional liberties, the high cost of living and the unjust social situation prevalent on the Island. Some buildings were sacked and set on fire and British soldiers were called out to help control the situation. Four Maltese civilians lost their lives.

However, the constant efforts for self-government were crowned with success when on Monday, 21st September, 1964, Malta was granted independence. A new and exciting chapter in the Island's long and eventful history began. Behind was a chequered past under continuous foreign domination; ahead lay a challenging future as a fully independent nation.

The greatest challenge was the diversification of the Island's economy far too long based on its strategic position and colonial status. The path to this end lay in the judicious development of Malta's potentialities. In the exercise light industries and tourism were to play an important and decisive role. Substantial investments were channelled in each sector and much has been accomplished and the rate of progress sustained.

Industrial development in Malta is recent history. The fiscal and financial incentives offered by the Government, the skilful, adaptable labour force and the political stability of Malta account for the remarkable progress in the industrial field.

If the outcome of the efforts for industrialization is encouraging, the drive to attract more tourists to the Island has been a resounding success.

As a sovereign state, Malta had to formulate its own foreign policy and establish relations with other countries and the general line of policy adopted upholds the ideals of the United Nations and the Council of Europe. Malta seeks to develop cordial relations with all nations but inevitably it lays special emphasis on the Mediterranean, Europe and the Common-

wealth. The Maltese people cherish the democratic principles and ideals of the western world. To help maintain these beliefs, and preserve its security and political independence, Malta has established special relations with Britain and N.A.T.O.

The record of the past five years is one of substantial achievement against a background of stability. These welcome developments are due to the "will to change" which has been the predominant characteristic for the last half decade. The Maltese people have shown great qualities to adapt themselves to the great changes which came with independence and dealt with the tasks which faced them properly and efficiently. The first five years of independence are indeed a credit to the Maltese nation.

Release date: 20th September, 1969.

## Fiji

### INAUGURATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC UNIVERSITY AT LAUCALA BAY, SUVA

The area from which students will be drawn covers 6 million square miles of sea, a map of which is shown on the 2c value, against a lined silhouette of a mortarboard, and has an island population of about 1 million, nearly half of which lives in Fiji.

The site of the University is the Royal New Zealand Air Force Seaplane Station at Laucala Bay, an aerial view of which is shown on the 8c value, with a Sunderland Flying Boat and the RNZAF Badge superimposed. The University has no new teaching buildings except laboratories as shown on the 25c value, the RNZAF buildings being suitable for other purposes with or without some adaptation, for the initial student population of 220. We understand that the University is fully autonomous with faculties of arts, science, education and extra-mural studies and will incorporate the Fiji School of Medicine, the School of Agriculture in Fiji, the Pacific Theological College, and the Derrick Technical Institute (so far as its activities in the field of diploma courses are concerned). A college for the education and training of secondary teachers may be established as part of the University.

## SPACE SETS

### THE SPACE ISSUES OF SOME SMALLER COUNTRIES

Albania has issued several sets of Space stamps, commencing with Gagarin's first flight, both ordinary stamps and airmails, the latter are the ordinary ones with a red overprint, several subsequent sets were issued, some of them were quite well designed.

Belgium issued one Space stamp as part of a set for National Scientific Institutions and thus this stamp is often overlooked, it is however a fine stamp showing a satellite and a rocket.

Bhutan was the first country to issue Space stamps with a three dimensional image. They were printed in Japan and for canceller a special squeeze device was employed; here again both ordinary and airmail stamps were issued as well as miniature sheets.

This set is not easy to get hold of, mine were obtained by sending all International Reply Coupons in my possession to the Philatelic Bureau of Bhutan with the request for this particular set; I got all of them except the highest value, a well worthwhile addition to the collection.

Burundi issued an interesting set, both perforated 25000 and imperforated 5000 sets all showing various satellites, they were issued to commemorate the I.T.U. in 1965, also a miniature sheet was issued 12500 copies only.

Canada has her own Space stamp also, just one showing the Alouette satellite; it was issued in 1966.

Dubai is another small country that has issued some fine Space stamps, especially the set commemorating the first rendezvous in space, it is a very colourful set in which no doubt colour photographs were employed; both perforated and imperforated sets and a miniature sheet exist.

Fujeira has issued a set showing various satellites in 1966.

East Germany also has had several interesting issues, but perhaps the most interesting was the miniature sheet issued on 28th December, 1962, 8 stamps making up a composite picture of the earth, the moon, various satellites and portraits; the letters D.D.R. and the values appear in top and bottom margins. On 29th December

1964, three miniature sheets were issued to commemorate the Year of the Quiet Sun, these measure 109 x 90mm and fit well in a Space collection.

Ghana has had two Space issues, one for the Year of the Quiet Sun and a further one for the Peaceful Use of Outer Space.

Greece issued a very interesting set in 1965 commemorating the Astronautical Congress being held in Athens that year, the first stamp shows symbols of the planets, the second an astronaut in Space and the third one a rocket and a space ship.

Jordan has issued several sets, most of these have a very high catalogue value and are difficult to obtain.

Mongolia has issued some very attractive Space stamps of unusual format, very long and narrow, some have vivid colours and all have Mongolian motives somewhere on the stamp image.

Sharjah issued her first Space stamps in February of 1964 with large diamond shaped stamps showing in pleasing colours various satellites, there are also 5000 imperforated sets.

Suriname issued a set of two Space stamps in 1961 showing Gagarin and Shepard, also 7500 miniature sheets were issued, all these had variations in colour as well as perforations and consequently these are extremely rare.

A second set was issued in 1964 showing rocket, Ranger 7, and there were 5 stamps in the set.

Togo has also issued some most interesting Space stamps and miniature sheets and some overprints as well, one of her "miniature" sheets measures 235 x 270mm, almost the size of an average album page!!

Yemen has been responsible for some very fine Space issues, overprints and miniature sheets.

I have not mentioned any of the very many South American issues, as these are either very cheap or extremely expensive, most of them have miniature sheets which are numbered and often only a few thousand of these exist and thus only have speculators value.

The interesting part of this article is that we can clearly see that many countries, and many others not mentioned, seem to be aware of the potential of this kind of stamps among collectors, none of the above countries, with the exception of Canada had ever anything to do with any Space pro-

gramme at all, but some of these stamps are among the finest in a thematic collection of this kind.

No doubt we will see a flood of new issues on this subject now the Americans have set foot on the moon, and indications are that it will not end there either as there are always the first, second, third etc., anniversaries of this event "warranting" further issues.

The first country to issue an Apollo 11 stamp was Czechoslovakia, who issued two stamps on the day of the moon landing, cleverly the names of the astronauts are on a tag, as the stamps were ready for the printers, but in case of a last minute switch in crew the names were not including in the design proper and were added as per the label under each stamp. The First Day cancellation shows the moon with craters and footprints!!!

Issues of the U.S.S.R. will be commenced in the next article and some more details of rockets and satellites will be given as additional information.

G. Van Zanten.

### BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NEW ISSUES FACING DEATH?

For the 1970 S.G. Part one the number of pages has been increased by 30%. This represents all new issues for one year but I doubt if any collector has increased his purchasing power by even half this amount.

"In an attempt to counter the decline in revenue, issuing authorities are increasing the frequency of commemorative sets, thereby aggravating an already chronic situation. Ten years ago an edition of 70,000 to 80,000 was a fairly normal sale . . . nowadays to sell 20,000 to 25,000 sets is considered to be quite an achievement".

But even in these small numbers a quick reference over the last three Part 1 shows that new issue quotations are marking time. Several issues have never advanced, some have gained marginally. Few issues have kept pace with inflation.

During 1970 we will probably have more new issues and lower sales. For the future, it is harder to forecast but in time we hope a recession in the number of issues may not be far from the horizon.



## SPINE CHILLING PASTIME

### New Hebrides PENTECOST ISLAND LAND DIVERS

The original significance of the spectacular ceremony or ritual enacted by the men on the island of Pentecost in the New Hebrides is clouded by different stories and legends.

If you enquire from the islanders themselves they might tell you the popular legend of how, many years ago, a man's wife was unfaithful to him and when he tried to catch her to beat her she ran and climbed a tree. He climbed up after her and when he reached her they began to argue. He asked her why she had been unfaithful to him. She replied because her husband was a weakling. She then dared him to show his strength by jumping from the tree. At first he was afraid, but when she declared that she could do it, he answered "Very well then, we will jump together".

So they jumped. However, the wife had tricked her husband by tying a vine to her ankles so that she was not hurt as she touched the ground. But he fell and was killed. The men of the village were greatly incensed and humiliated that a woman had tricked one of their sex. So to retaliate and show the superiority of men, they built a tower many times higher than the tree and began the jumping ceremony which has been continued for generations.

The formidable preparation which goes into the spectacular ceremony takes approximately two months. A tower is built over eighty feet high strengthened by ropes of vines, and lashed to the trees at the edge of the clearing. However, even so the whole thing sways most alarmingly.

Each diver has a separate platform on the tower. These are arranged in tiers, the lowest being forty feet above the ground and the highest close to the top. The platforms protrude horizontally into space and have to stand a great strain when the man jumps, and then the vines which are tied from his ankles to the tower suddenly tighten over the end of the platform. The supports are not built too strongly because the platforms are meant to collapse downwards when the diver nears the ground, as a shock absorber and lessening the tremendous jolt on the diver's ankles.

The vines which are tied to the diver's ankles are of a specific maturity and gathered from the jungle just prior to the ceremony. They must be of the correct elasticity and strength or the man will be killed.

After the preparation of the tower the steep slope at the bottom must be pummelled and trodden and sifted until it is absolutely certain that there is nothing in the soil which could injure a diver as he lands.

On the day of the Ceremony as the men, who are to dive, approach the tower, tension begins to rise among the audience, who chant and dance, swaying backwards and forwards.

Suddenly a young man begins to climb quickly to the top of the tower. He is ceremonially painted and has flowers in his hair. Two older men follow up behind him. When they have assisted him to tie the vines to his ankles they leave him on the platform.

The rhythm in the chanting below changes and everyone faces the tower with arms outstretched, the women whistling shrilly.

The young man raises his arms. He calls and sings and claps his hands. The whistles and yells from the dancers below grow increasingly louder.

Slowly he topples forward, his body, spreadeagled, glides through the air. Then, as he flashes downwards, the vines around his ankles suddenly whip tight. There is a loud crack as the supports break and the platform they had supported falls. His head is just a few feet from the ground when the vines, stretched to their limit, snatch him back and he is flung towards the foot of the tower where he lands on his feet in the soft earth.

On the 15th October The New Hebrides release a set of stamps to commemorate this spectacular event. The stamps were designed by Victor Whiteley and printed in lithography by Messrs. Perkins Bacon.

The stamps, values 15 and 25 gold centimes and 1 gold franc, are in the vertical format size 1.9" x 1.25" and are painted on CA Block and unwatermarked paper for the English and French worded versions respectively.

## POPULAR CARTOONS

### "STAMP STORIES"

BY MONTY WEDD

Monty Wedd's cartoon stamp stories are quite unique—there is nothing like them produced anywhere in the world. For the past 16 years they have appeared in "Stamp News", the Australian monthly magazine for stamp collectors, and are one of the few cartoon features of Australian origin to have gained wide recognition overseas through syndication in "Linn's Weekly Stamp News", the largest stamp publication in the world.

Monty Wedd is a noted Sydney artist and his interest in all things historical is reflected in many of his cartoons which relate interesting stories from the pages of history books—as related through postage stamps. The cartoons by no means have been confined to history however, but have ranged from fairy stories to potted biographies of famous men and women and to fascinating background stories about rare and unusual stamps—all told in cartoon form.

Each cartoon story occupies a full page in "Stamp News" which readily acknowledges that they are amongst the most popular features of the magazine with readers young and old.

A hand-picked selection of 31 of these cartoons by Monty Wedd have now been assembled into a small book, "Stamp Stories" by Monty Wedd, published by Review Publications Pty. Ltd. (the publishers of "Stamp News") of Sterling Street, Dubbo, NSW, Australia. The book is priced at a very modest 30c (Australian) plus postage (U.S. 50c post free), and is bound to have a wide appeal to philatelists interested in the background stories to the stamps in their albums. The book is also bound to be much in demand as a gift to youngsters to interest them in the hobby of stamp collecting since the addiction of the young to all forms of stories in "comic" form is well established.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### SCHOOL VISIT ROTORUA P.S.

Mr. Vinson reported on the visit by club members to the Owata Primary School during the August holidays. A great variety of stamps were shown with added points on care in handling and mounting. The interest and respect shown by the children in the material displayed impressed greatly.

Comment was made on the designs of the 1970 definitive issue and although criticism was fairly evident it was felt that perhaps too many of us are negative in our attitude. Surely there are some in our ranks who can offer something in the way of designing.

The annual single sheet competition was keenly contested with numerous and varied entries. Mr. E. Roe evaluated the various entries on behalf of the three judges and the members were privileged with a most constructive summary of the sheets entered.

Results: 1st D. Sainsbury, "1969 Life Insurance". 2nd M. Bishop, "Flaws of the Pacific". 3rd, T. Parlane, "Burma".

M. J. SAINSBURY.

### REPORT FROM THE WAIKATO PHILATELIC SOCIETY ON RECENT MEETINGS

At the second September Meeting the Waikato Philatelic Society once again acted as hosts to the Putaruru Boy Scouts Stamp Club. Before the Scouts arrived the Society Members were fortunate enough to hear a short talk followed by a display of Postal History items by Mr. Fred Walker from England, here for Tarapex. The first talk after the boys' arrival was mainly for their entertainment and was a short talk and quiz combined by Mr. Frank Bailey. The reactions of the boys entertained the adults just as much as Mr. Bailey's talk entertained the boys. The final talk of the evening was by Mr. Kerry Orange who displayed a beautiful selection of Paintings on the Stamps of Spain. It was a pity that this talk was restricted.

At the first October Meeting the Waikato Philatelic Society held their Annual Pim Cup Competition, considered to be the major trophy of the Society. The Competition is run on the same lines as the Ambury Shield (although 4 classes instead of 8) and entries are always considered for the Club entry for the Ambury Shield

in November. The winner of the Pim Cup, for the second successive year, was Mr. John Moore who scored the maximum of 20 points, with Ray Fowke coming second. Mr. Moore also won the Vokes Cup which is awarded for the best annotation on Pim Cup entries. A Society Rule will prevent Mr. Moore from winning next year as it is considered that after two successive wins the Cup should be awarded to a different person on the third year to encourage entrants to participate.

J. MOORE.

### WHAKATANE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

It was with considerable pleasure that we welcomed back to Whakatane on 31st August Mr. Robson Lowe, accompanied by his secretary, Mrs. Norman. Staying with us for 2 days their visit was very informal. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis was the venue of a buffet luncheon the following day where many members of the society had the opportunity to renew acquaintances.

On the 11th September Mr. F. M. Ramson gave the society a talk and display on the New Zealand "Peace" issue of 1946. This is a specialised collection and there appears to be very little missing. Mr. Ramson has put considerable time and research into the subject—his main object being to get the flaws re-entries and retouches in their various combinations with the different frame and centre plates that were used. This applied mainly to the 3d, 5d and 9d values and to a lesser extent to the 4d and 6d values. His studies have brought to light blurred centres and inverted watermarks in several values, together with offsets and "double offsets." In all a very interesting collection and a credit to him.

Apart from the above "Silent Displays" have taken up much of our programmes recently. These included:—"Cook Island Miniature Sheets" by L. H. Moore; "U.S.A. issues depicting painting, folklore and Christmas themes" by Mr. N. Ramson; "Full Face Queens (N.Z.)" by W. Manning; "A Selection of West Indies" by R. S. Craddock.

Owing to Tarapex our main meeting for October was cancelled.

R. S. Craddock.

### BRITISH CARIBBEAN PHILATELIC JOURNAL

For some time Dr. John Lockie and Charles Cwiakala, members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (A.P.S. Unit No. 27), have been compiling a chronological listing of all first flight covers emanating to, through or from Jamaica. The final instalments of "The First Flights of Jamaica" is included in the journal with an invitation for members comments. Similar listings by Dr. Lockie and Mr. Cwiakala are promised for the islands of Bahamas, Bermuda, Barbados and Trinidad.

The October issue also carries philatelic travelogues by William M. McFarlan ("By Freighter to Inagua Bahamas in 1938") and Gale Raymond ("Ramblin' Around in British Honduras"). S. Graham Hoey has an illustrated article on the "First Daily Flight, Nassau-Miami" and discloses how the various cachets and backstamps are related to the covers' destinations.

J. Chin Aleong and Fred Seifert teamed up to compile the first known listing of "Missent Marks of the BWI" explaining that postal clerks are not infallible and the resultant markings being applied to the forwarded mail. Rick Rogers reports on "A Changing Anguilla" and illustrates five of the known postal markings used by the "invasion troops".

Mr. P. N. Greenshields, discoverer of the famous missing 3d value and name on the Bermuda Olympic issue, explains exclusively for the BCPSG the "hows and whens" of his find.

Regular column features by Bob Topaz ("Jamaica Jottings"), Fred Seifert ("Guyana Gleanings"), Bill Cornell ("Antigua Addenda"), Eddie Adelson ("Bahamas Bits") and Gale Raymond ("Bahamas News and Notes") keep the membership up-to-date on recent and newly-discovered postal history items.

These are but a few of the articles and items of interest in this well edited and illustrated journal. This authoritative 40-page British Caribbean Philatelic Journal is published bi-monthly by the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group and is edited by Col. Fred F. Seifert of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For membership particulars, interested readers are invited to request information by writing to: BCPSG Membership Chairman, A. N. Johnson, 2610 Virginia Street, Baytown, TX, 77520.



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# HOAX OR FRAUD ?

## QUEEN MAUD LAND — ANTARCTICA

In the October N.Z.S.M. we warned readers to be wary of "stamps" emanating from this particular land through a private company in Pitcairn Is. Following through further, Brian Lawton of Tiki Stamp Services wrote to the British High Commissioner in Fiji, who is also the Administrator for Pitcairn Is., for further details. At the same time Mr. Lawton pointed out that these stamp issues may be illegal and a means to defraud stamp collectors. Mr. Lawton wrote—"Any help or assistance you could give us on this matter would be greatly appreciated, and should this prove to be a "racket" it is essential that the Stamp Trade is aware of the position at the earliest opportunity."

**In the reply from the High Commissioner stated that the circulars had originated from New Zealand and were being reposted at the company's request from Pitcairn Island.**

Here are copies of the circulars and a paragraph of the High Commissioner's reply.

Queen Maud Land, Antarctica—  
Postage stamps.

The territory of Queen Maud Land, which had its own distinctive stamps on sale since February 1969, has made arrangements for these to be made available to stamp collectors through the firm whose address appears below. The stamps are all valued in New Zealand currency.

Orders will be accepted from any person or company in any country, and must be accompanied by payment in full. It is preferred that payments be in the form of currency notes, but any method of payment convenient to you can be used.

Return postage costs must be enclosed also. Bulletins about new stamps will be sent to any persons interested. We point out that because of the isolation of Pitcairn, mails are very irregular, and it can be up to or over six months before a reply can be expected. All orders should be directed to: The International General Mercantile Co. Post Office, Adamstown, Pitcairn Island.

### STAMP BULLETIN No. 1

Queen Maud Land will issue a set of two stamps in honour of the 12th Anniversary of the first Trans-Antarctic Expedition, which successfully crossed the continent in 1957 under Hilary and Fuchs.

Date of issue: 24th February, 1969. Values, \$2, \$5. Both stamps of common design. Colours: \$2 Red and Green, \$5 Light blue and yellow.

### STAMP BULLETIN No. 2

Queen Maud Land will issue a stamp entitled "Search for Knowledge." The issue of this stamp reflects the important scientific studying at present being done in Antarctica.

Date of issue: 17th July, 1969, value 55c. Design: Symbolic Lamp of Knowledge; Colours, Turquoise, red and gold, printed on toned paper.

### STAMP DESIGN CONTEST

A series of public contests are being held by Queen Maud Land, to decide designs for future stamps for the territory.

Designs are especially needed for the Definitive issue of about twelve values, for issue in 1970. Each stamp of this series will be printed in one colour only, so you are asked to submit single coloured designs accordingly. Other designs are required for special issues, e.g., paintings, fauna, etc., and any others you may think of. All designs should have Antarctic themes! Awards will be given for any designs chosen for use.

### HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REPLY

We have been in telegraphic communication with Pitcairn and find that there is no such company on the island. The Postmaster there has informed us that the company is sending postal articles from New Zealand for stamping with Pitcairn Islands stamps and reposting. We should add that the stamps being offered for sale are not official stamps of Pitcairn Island and there is no authority for the issue of such stamps on or from Pitcairn Island.

## PHILATELY WITH DENNIS



May His Exalted Highness of Umm al Muk deign to consider our humble suggestion for his new definitive issue for the next few weeks—life size reproductions in 3D from the Palace "Pin Up" collection!

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## STAMP FOR IKE



Postmaster General Winton M. Blount has made public the design of a postage stamp honouring Dwight D. Eisenhower. In making the announcement, Mr. Blount said: "General Eisenhower was one of the truly great Americans of our time and of all time. His life was proof that the fundamental power of the American people lies not only in their potential for greatness, but in their capacity for goodness. It is appropriate that we should honour his memory in this way."

The 6 cent stamp will be issued with first day ceremonies October 14 at Abilene, Kansas, where President Eisenhower spent his boyhood and where he is buried.

When President Eisenhower died last March 28, hundreds of thousands of words were written in newspaper tribute to him, but perhaps these 39 words tapped out by a Los Angeles newspaper man, in his opening paragraph, best summed up how people felt about Ike:

"If it had not already been said of George Washington, it could well be said of Dwight Eisenhower that he was in his day first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

The commemorative stamp is based on a photograph made by Bernie Noble, of the Cleveland Press. This photo captures the grin that was President Eisenhower's trade-mark. The design selected had the approval of Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Some years ago, a Major Eisenhower was dining at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C. The occupant of a nearby table observed to his companion, "There observed to his companion, "There's an officer who has stars in his pocket."

The reference, of course, was to Ike's potential for generalcy and he met the prediction with five stars and was to command the greatest military machine in history.

Dwight David Eisenhower was born October 14, 1890 in Denison, Texas. When he was two, the family moved to Abilene and here, in school, he showed proficiency in history, mathematics and athletics.

His father could not afford to send him to college but Ike took competitive examinations for West Point and the Naval Academy, finishing first for the Navy; second for the Army.

He graduated from West Point with a standing of 61st in a class of 1,964.

Promotion was slow. In the spring of 1941 he had achieved the temporary rank of colonel. But one year later he was Commanding General, European Theatre of Operations, and a year later was named Supreme Allied Commander for the invasion of western Europe. He won his fifth star in 1946.

Dwight D. Eisenhower ran for President, reluctantly it was said, and entered the first of two terms in office in 1953.

### EASTER SEALS FINANCE HOPE

"The tragic statistic is that the number of crippled Americans is growing faster than the combined efforts of government and private agencies to serve their needs." It was noted that if the ratio of crippled to non-crippled continues in the birth rate that by 1980 there will be at least 1,200,000 more who need help from society. "Research and therapy and humaneness are needed as never before, if a handicapped life is to be made worthwhile and productive."

The 6 cent stamp will be issued with first day ceremonies November 20 in Columbus, Ohio, during the Golden Anniversary convention of The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults—sometimes known as The Easter Seal Society.

The stamp, which will be printed with seven inks, was designed by Mark English, of Georgetown, Connecticut. He is also the designer of last year's Lucy Stone stamp.

The National Society for Crippled Children and Adults claims to be the largest volunteer agency serving the handicapped and has more than 1,400 affiliates in all of the states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

It launched the first Easter Seal Seal campaign in 1934. This produced about \$47,000. Cost of the Society's programmes today is well over \$23 million, financed in the main by the annual Easter Seal campaign.



### OVERSEAS RETAIL MARKETS FOR STAMPS

New overseas markets for British postage stamps are being explored by the Post Office, which is on the point of opening up general retail outlets in three countries for gift packs of commemorative and pictorial British postage stamps.

Agreements have been reached with distributing agencies in Japan and the United States of America—two countries where prospects of expanding markets are considerable—and in Singapore, for British stamp gift packs to be sold at general retail points such as bookshops, stationers and gift shops.

First orders are expected to be relatively small (several hundreds or a few thousands) but the Post Office expects the demand to grow rapidly once the market is established.

The Japanese scheme is being launched in conjunction with the British Week in Tokyo later this month and the USA project is to be given a send-off with the visit of the Flying Scotsman export sales train to America early next month.

The Post Office has taken exhibition space at the Tokyo British Week exhibition and on the Flying Scotsman. A special cover for British Week will be available for purchase only by visitors to the Post Office stand in Tokyo. It is not available from the Philatelic Bureau or from philatelic sales counters in Great Britain.

## PHILATELIC THOUGHTS

Murray Wing

I am writing these notes after a very enjoyable visit to Tarapex.

According to expert opinion Tarapex compares more than favourably with overseas philatelic exhibitions. The standard of entries was extremely high.

On the social side, undoubtedly one of the highlights was the official dinner. The Guest of Honour Mr. Bill Hornadge of Seven Seas Stamps (Aust.) Ltd. gave a most interesting address and some of his anecdotes will linger in our memories. His main theme was "Philately Females and Food" and he said that these were the principal interests of all male philatelists from 7 to 70, but not necessarily in the order given. Evidently dealers encounter many strange foods on their travels throughout the world in search of stamps not to mention camel stew, llama stew and roast cat (the latter in Macao where it was served as chicken). Mr. Hornadge's Xmas dinner in New Zealand in 1953 consisted of a bag of jubes partaken on a tourist motor launch. Apparently the tourist industry in those days had not awoken to the needs of overseas visitors stepping ashore in search of a square meal. New Zealand has some exotic dishes and I heard one of Mr. Hornadge's Tarapex hostesses say that they had visited the site of Maori fortifications near New Plymouth and the party was invited to stay for lunch but time did not permit this. Just as well as his hosts might have turned on Puha and Pakeha as the main dish. If he ever goes to Hong Kong he will find one of New Zealand's newer exports on the menu. I refer of course to chicken legs. They are not too bad if you do not look at them. Believe me, I've tried them. In replying to the toast to the visitors, Mr. A. W. Bunn from Australia also produced some entertaining explanations of the derivations of some philatelic terms including "philately" (from the Greek words "Philos"—love, and "Aletes"—toll free).

Without wishing to detract from the excellent standard of everything at Tarapex, I cannot resist mentioning one or two interesting

mistakes. Firstly the initial reports in the press referred to "Four-faced" Queens instead of, of course, Full faces. It was repeated in the incorrect form by some metropolitan newspapers too; an amusing card on a display stand where previous awards won by eminent N.Z. philatelists were laid out referred to a Bronze **Plague** awarded to Mr. Marcel Stanley at Wipa and another by Royal Philatelic Society, London. Obviously they meant Plaque. Finally the gem was the spelling of New Plymouth as "New Pymouth" on the special registration label produced by the Post Office for Tarapex (Rubber Stamp Impression).

One of the speakers at Tarapex referred to the need for careful research when preparing stamp designs. He no doubt was thinking of the Capt. Cook issue. It is ironical that one of the postal administrations not far from N.Z. has commissioned an artist to produce drawings in colour of indigenous flowers. These were duly completed and I am told that the authorities now realise that in one or possibly two cases weeds have been featured. Some weeds must be really colourful.

Several local stamp dealers were in evidence at Tarapex. Some had taken dealers' stands, viz. Colin McNaught and Ray Rowell. Others included Jos Gregson of Monorgan Philatelics (who incidentally has some extremely fine N.Z. material for sale.) I met Mrs. Mary Siklosi at Tarapex and although I have known her for some time I did not realise that she is the proprietor of Stamps International of Box 3456, Wellington, who run a mail order stamp display window (No. 13) in the city car park entrance, Lambton Quay. Stan Baldwin of Wellington Stamp and Coin Coy. would dearly have liked to have gone to Tarapex but he has only recently shifted to new larger premises at 147 Manners St. and judging by recent lunch time crowds the move is very much appreciated by his clients.



## FIRST ENGLAND-AUSTRALIA AIR FLIGHT

Stamps commemorating the first England-Australia air flight will be issued on 12th November, 1969, the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the historic flight by the brothers, Captain Ross Smith and Lieutenant Keith Smith, and Sergeant Mechanics W. H. Shiers and J. M. Bennett.

An unusual feature of the issue is that there will be three different 5c stamps printed on the same sheet. The first depicts the Vickers Vimy bomber in which the flight was made. The second shows the B.E.2E aircraft used by Captain H. N. Wrigley and Sergeant A. W. Murphy in making the first flight across Australia, from Point Cook to Darwin, to survey a trans-continental route for the Smith brothers. The third design shows the Ford truck in which Lieutenants Hudson Fysh and P. McGuinness made the survey of routes and landing areas in Queensland and the Northern Territory in preparation for the flights by Captain Wrigley and the Smith brothers.

This series was designed by noted Melbourne artist, Mr. Eric Thake.

They will be in multi-colour photogravure in large commemorative size.

It is expected to have a special philatelic mail flown from Darwin to Melbourne in December, on an aircraft re-enacting the Smiths' flight.



## Great Britain

### FOUR STAMPS, NOT SIX

The special British Architecture stamps being issued on February 11th will total four, not six as anticipated in the provisional programme for 1970.

During the design stage the Post Office decided on four single stamps valued at 5d, 9d 1s and 1s 6d instead of a block of four different 5d stamps, a single 9d and a single 1s.

The 5d and 9d values will be double size. The 1s and 1s 6d will be slightly larger, approximately 1½ inches by 1¼ inches.

### HANDOVER

The New Post Office Corporation has taken over an organisation which is virile, forward-looking, and above all devoted to serving the Public. Mr. Whitney Straight, Deputy Chairman of the corporation's board, said this today when he handed the Channel Isles control of their own postal services.

"I am certainly most impressed by the quality and attitude of mind of the personnel I have met," he declared. Wishing the new Jersey and Guernsey Post Offices "A happy and prosperous future" at handover ceremonies in the two islands, he promised them the corporation's friendly co-operation and thanked them for their past co-operation.

The change means that, from today, the Jersey States Postal Administration takes over control of the island's mail from the Post Office. The offices on Guernsey, Alderney and Sark will be taken over by the States of Guernsey Post Office Board. The two new post administrations will be entirely independent of each other.

Significant feature of the new set-up is that United Kingdom stamps are no longer valid for postage from and within the Channel Islands. The two new authorities will issue their own stamps, which will not be valid for postage from and within the United Kingdom. Old British Post Office Jersey and Guernsey regional stamps will remain valid for postage within the United Kingdom. They will continue to be sold at the philatelic bureau for another year. In addition to new Jersey and Guernsey stamps, Channel Islands postmen will have new cap badges and probably new uniforms eventually.

Guernsey, one of the two larger Channel Islands, has had its British Post Office since 1794, and the first postmaster was a woman.



### RELIGIOUS THEME FOR CHRISTMAS STAMPS

A religious theme is featured on the three special Christmas stamps to be issued by the Post Office on November 26.

Austrian-born designer Fritz Wegner has incorporated angels, the three Shepherds and the three Kings on the stamps, valued at 4d, 5d and 1s.6d.

The 4d stamp, depicting an angel, is in eight colours: pink, green, pale blue, purple, orange, brown, red and gold.

The three Shepherds are the subject of the 5d stamp, in green, yellow, mauve, light red, pale blue, brown, dark red and gold.

The 1s.6d stamp shows the three Kings bearing their gifts. The colours are dark blue, orange, red, light blue, yellow, green, black and gold.

The Stamp Advisory Committee assisted in the choice of designs.

Fritz Wegner, MSIA., was born in Vienna in 1924. He came to England in 1938 and studied at the St. Martin's School of Art, where he is now a visiting lecturer in graphic design. As a freelance designer he has illustrated books, magazines and periodicals. Married, he has three children.

The 4d stamp will be issued in sheets of 72, and the 5d and 1s.6d in sheets of 120. All will be double size and phosphor treated. The printers are Harrison and Sons Ltd., who have produced the stamps by photogravure. Perforations on all values are 15 x 14.

**AIR LETTER FORM.** A Christmas Air Letter Form, illustrating Nativity scenes, will be put on sale at all Post Offices between October 29 and December 24. It will be the same size as the current form and will cost 10d, including postage.

The designs, including the stamp—which shows Mary and Joseph journeying to Bethlehem—are also the work of Fritz Wegner.



## Bermuda

### TREASURE

If there is any one place which can be called a modern-day "Treasure Island" it is Bermuda.

Treasure and historic artifacts worth more than two hundred thousand pounds have been recovered from ships sunk off the island.

Mendel Peterson, chairman of the Smithsonian Institution's Department of Armed Forces History and a leading authority on underwater exploration, cites Bermuda as one of the richest areas in the world for finding sunken ships.

It is estimated by Bermudian diver, Teddy Tucker, that as many as 350 ships have been wrecked on Bermuda's reefs. Of these, 120 have been identified.

Jewels, gold and historical items recovered by Tucker were brought by the Bermuda Government in 1961 to be displayed in the Museum of Natural History at Flatts Village.

Showpiece of the exhibit is an emerald-studded gold cross. Tucker had salvaged it in 1955 from the wreck of the 16th century Spanish galleon San Pedro. The cross is three inches long with a 1½ inch long transverse bar. It is set with seven Colombian emeralds. One Dutch jewellery expert is quoted as saying that it might take as long as ten years to find a set of emeralds so perfectly matched as the ones on the cross, if they could be found at all! Speculation is that the cross was made by South American Indians, under Spanish supervision.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### CHRISTCHURCH OCTOBER MEETING

"Collectors Odds and Ends" was Mr. J. R. Richard's subject for this meeting. Often a collector might buy a bundle of covers just to get one or two items. The remainder might become stored away for ten to twenty years and after that time the possessor might find he had a good collection he did not know of.

The display comprised a varied selection of postal history—the first cover was a manuscript "earthquake" cover from Wairoa. This was followed by such covers as a Wairarapa wreck cover; a Japanese cover used in the occupation of Hong Kong; a first flight cover Formosa to Japan; a Hong Kong 1945 Postage Paid cover which had been used by repatriates released from the Stanley internment camp.

There was also an interesting display of official envelopes and wrappers. Examples included special wrappers for the N.Z. Gazette, N.Z. Mines Record and N.Z. Parliamentary Debates. Another interesting envelope was that issued by the Treasury in 1873.

Some early airmail covers were shown including Walsh Bros and Dexter's trial flight from Auckland to Dargaville and return in March 1920.

Next followed some Chatham Island covers including a full face used in 1874 and some early registereds.

There were also some interesting Pacific Island covers. One early Aitutaki cover was sent to Mr. A. W. Cousens (an early member of the Society) in 1912. There were also early Cook Islands registered covers with full sets of the first issue.

In all a very interesting display.

B. E. R. ALEXANDRE.

### FULL FACE QUEENS AT TIMARU

At the October meeting the Timaru Philatelic Society was treated to a magnificent display of Full Face Queens, a part of Mr. R. Shoemark's specialised collection of these issues. "The display starts from S.G.2," said Mr. Shoemark. "I haven't got a No. 1 yet." "I don't think anyone in Timaru has," commented auctioneer Mr. Trigrance.

Mr. Shoemark's collection had been completely built up by himself over a long period, and besides a good range of all shades and colours, perfs, and watermarks, it included many harder-to-acquire items, such as trial roulettes, pelure papers, and blued papers. There was also one interesting manuscript postmark from "Port Waikato", and Mr. Shoemark explained that he has a full study of the postmarks used on the Full-faces, which he may display in the future. Mr. Shoemark said that although he has not had his collection valued, he estimates that the evening's display would be worth at least \$5,000—the first sheet alone being catalogued at over \$2,000. The collection is not insured but is always kept in an office strongroom. We were all very pleased to have the opportunity to see this collection, as these old issues are seldom seen in one collection.

In the auction, Tongan Bananas attracted much interest, and the large quantity of mint stamps plus a cover all sold well—people were obviously intrigued at the novelty of the stamps.

B. R. HENDERSON

### SALE AT WELLINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The main feature at the September monthly general meeting was the annual full night sale of stamps. Thanks to Ray Powell and his able assistants some 170 lots were dealt with in about two hours. Gross sales amounted to approximately \$200. The commission due to the Society in respect of this sale has been donated to the organisers of Tarapex and a cheque will be forwarded to New Plymouth shortly. Some of the interesting items sold included the Tristan da Cunha Resettlement Set on cover; Papua New Guinea Queen Elizabeth II £1 Robes Mint; N.Z. Govt. Life 5c and 10c decimal overprints on white paper in mint blocks of four; British Solomon Is. Geo. VI set mint including 4½d.

M. G. WING.

### LADIES NIGHT — ROTORUA

Ladies night went off with a bang on October 14th.

A large attendance (30) was recorded including three visitors.

Business was completed early in the evening and the President collected the final entries for the Ambury Shield before handing over the chair to the ladies.

Two Quizes were carried out.

**Results:** "U.S.A. Presidents". Won by two of our younger members. "Name the Country". 1st, Mr. Davenport; 2nd, Mrs. Fletcher.

Messrs. Roe, Vinson and Davin-hill judged a single sheet competition for the ladies. It was won by Mrs. Sainbury with her entry

## British Virgin Islands

### TOURIST ISSUE

British Virgin Islands are issuing a set of four stamps depicting tourist scenes. The tourist trade is fast becoming the major industry in British Virgin Islands, and to capitalise this more effectively, communications and hotel accommodation are being improved.

The 2 cent value of the tourist issue shows a tourist with a Rock Grouper. For fishermen, this area is one of the most exciting in the world. The waters abound in every type of game fish imaginable of which the Marlin, Wahoo, Tuna, Sailfish, Cobia and Rock Grouper are but a few. The islands claim four world records including the 814lb Marlin record (80lb test line) caught near the island of Jost Van Dyke.

A Pipe-organ cactus and tourist deep in the National Park at Virgin Gorda are shown on the \$1 value. The northern half of the island of Virgin Gorda is hilly and Virgin Gorda Peak is an outstanding landmark although only 1,370 feet high. The southern half is flat with giant boulders and many outstandingly beautiful beaches (the 20 cent value shows tourists lying on the sand on a beach in the National Park at Virgin Gorda). "The Baths" is a unique rock formation of special interest consisting of gigantic boulders forming a watery labyrinth of grottoes with beachside caverns and pools. Copper Mint Point is an old gold, silver and copper mine where Spaniards mined some 400 years ago.

The 10 cent value shows yachts at anchor in Road Harbour, Tortola. The island of Tortola is very mountainous. Mount Sage, the highest point in the archipelago, rises to 1,780 feet, and traces of primaeval (xerophytic) rain forests are still to be found on its slopes. A number of beautiful white sandy beaches are to be found on the northern shore, some approachable only by sea or on foot. Road Town is the capital and business centre of the Territory.

## JUNIOR PAGE - HOW DUNEDIN BEGAN

by Simon Sam

About this time one hundred and twenty years ago there was much excitement in several homes in Scotland as fathers and mothers prepared for a long journey which was to take them to the other side of the world. It was to be a lonely voyage, with a certain amount of discomfort and danger. But times were hard in Scotland and these people looked forward to a better life in far off New Zealand, a land of which they had heard so much in the last few months. There were two ships in this expedition, the JOHN WYCLIFFE, which sailed from London on the Thames and the PHILIP LAING from Greenock on the Clyde. You will see a picture of these two small ships at anchor in Port Chalmers on the 1d Otago Centennial of 1948.

### 1940 SET

When New Zealand in 1940 celebrated its centennial as a British Colony, the Post Office said that the set of stamps issued for that event was to cover the whole story of New Zealand. I am sure you will agree that Mr. L. C. Mitchell and Mr. James Berry who created the designs did an extremely satisfactory job. The Post Office said that this set would include ALL settlements and there would not be any more stamps concerned with other settlements which took place after 1940 and everyone accepted this. However, when the time of the Otago Centennial was drawing near the people of that district decided that they would like a special set of stamps to mark the event. The Postmaster General lived in Dunedin and they persuaded him that he should ask the Government to give them these stamps. This was done and as you will know, other districts asked for the same privilege and in the end six of the ten provinces had their special commemorative stamps. Rather strange that the only ones to miss were the four oldest settlements—Auckland, Nelson, Taranaki and Wellington.

### JOHN WYCLIFFE

The two small ships on this 1d stamp—the John Wycliffe sailed from London on 24 September 1847 with 97 passengers, but had some trouble and had to put into Portsmouth for repairs, finally leaving England on 16 December. It was a great day when at last the

ship sailed into Port Chalmers and the men and women and the children were able once again to stand on firm soil after those long weary days at sea. The leader of the expedition was Captain William Cargill, who had fought under the Duke of Wellington and whose name is commemorated in the city of Invercargill. The ship arrived on 23rd March, which ever since has been observed as Anniversary Day in Otago.

The PHILIP LAING sailed from the Clyde on 27 November, reaching Port Chalmers on 15 April, with its precious burden of 247 passengers, which included 93 children. What an exciting time they had on board ship and during those early days in Dunedin.

### SIZE

The size of the ships—how small compared with the great liners which now travel between Britain and New Zealand. The John Wycliffe was of 662 tons and the Philip Laing was, I understand, slightly larger.

### RUGBY

One of the passengers on the first ship was a THOMAS ARNOLD who intended to farm some property his father had bought in the North Island. His father was the famous Headmaster of Rugby, the school where the game of Rugby was first played. This sketch of the two ships in Port Chalmers is taken from a painting by David O. Robertson of Port Chalmers and is dated 1898. The artist, Mr. James Berry, has added some pleasing touches in the Maori warrior and the plants in the four corners. Top left New Zealand Clematis; top right buttonhole rose; lower left New Zealand flax; lower right thistle—the national flower of Scotland.

### NEW EDINBURGH

The original intention was to call the chief town New Edinburgh but this was changed to the Dunedin, the old name of the Scots capital. Port Chalmers was named after Dr. Thomas Chalmers, Professor at the Universities of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, who had been one leader in the Free Church of Scotland which founded this new colony in Otago which is commemorated in these centennial stamps of 1948.

### INFLUENCE

Dunedin was not the first European settlement in Otago—Waikouaiti, Riverton and Bluff are several years older, but Dunedin grew to be one of the leading cities of New Zealand and the home of many business houses and other institutions which had a great influence on life in New Zealand. And it all started when these two small ships sailed into Otago Harbour just on 122 years ago.

Radio talks by Simon Sam can be heard from Radio 2ZP New Plymouth at 9.05 a.m., 2nd and 16th December.

### SPECIAL POSTMARK FOR APOLLO 12 SPLASH-DOWN

Following the unprecedented popularity of the Western Samoa Moon Astronauts issue on July 24th many requests have been received by the Post Office for a commemorative postmark to be used to honour the Apollo 12 astronauts when they are recovered from the sea in the Pacific Ocean off Samoa in November.

It has been decided to provide a commemorative pictorial postmark for use only on the splash-down day.

Souvenir covers will be provided and serviced for collectors by the Philatelic Bureau. While they last, stocks of the 20 sene Moon Astronauts issue which were returned from outlying post offices will be used on the splash-down covers.

The Moon Astronaut commemorative will be used on orders received until stocks are exhausted, and then current commemoratives will be affixed.

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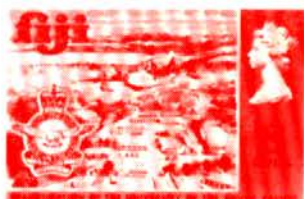
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