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Christmas Greetings

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# NEW ZEALAND

## A FANTASTIC FIND

A recent purchase from the estate of a deceased collector has brought to light some most interesting items including a number which have not previously been recorded. These unrecorded items all appear to have been printed during the period 1925-27 at a time when the Post Office was experimenting with various papers, etc. Of the following items all but two shades are unrecorded.

### 1d DOMINION.

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| (A) <b>1925 Roughway Unsurfaced Paper.</b> 1d dull carmine, brownish gum, Mint Imperf pairs ..... | \$20  |
| ditto, ditto, Imperf Mint □'s .....   | \$40  |
| (B) <b>1925 Roughway Paper, Wmk. Sideways.</b> 1d carmine, Mint Imperf pairs .....                | \$16  |
| ditto, ditto, Imperf Mint □'s .....   | \$32  |
| ditto, ditto, Imperf Mint □, 2 stamps with Wmk. Letters .....                                     | \$100 |

(Note—owing to the manner in which these stamps had been kept almost all show some light creasing, visible on the backs only and detracting little from these Major varieties.)

### 1d GEORGE V (FIELD MARSHALL)

**1927 Cowan paper, Wmk. Reversed.** Two shades only have previously been recorded in this experimental printing but we are now able to report that 3 further shades were produced. A few sheets were printed in a shade best described as Claret and copies were found in both pale and deep claret. The deep claret is a particularly pleasing stamp.

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| (A) <b>Claret</b> Mint singles (□'s pro rata) .....            | \$5  |
| (B) <b>Deep claret</b> Mint singles (□'s pro rata) .....       | \$5  |
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**DOUBLE PERFORATIONS.** One sheet in the claret shade had 4 rows with double perforations both vertically and horizontally. The following blocks are from this sheet.

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| (F) Mint blocks (6) with 3 lower stamps having Double Perfs vertically and evidence of Double Perfs horizontally ..... | \$50 |
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### QUEEN VICTORIA, DUTY TYPE

**2/- blue, Cowan paper.** One sheet of this stamp (perf 14½ x 14) was issued with the horizontal rows of perforations missing, giving rise to the Major variety, Pair Imperf Horizontally. Again this is a previously unrecorded variety.

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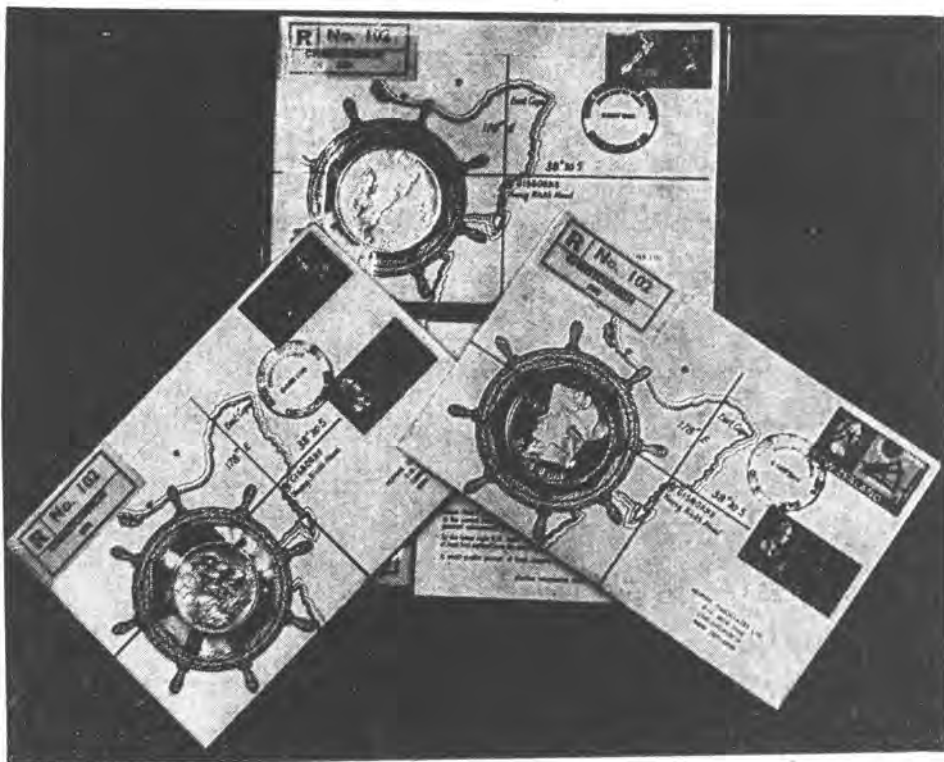
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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

As I write these last notes to complete the December issue, news has just been announced of the successful splashdown of Apollo 12 in the Pacific.

1969 as a year, will go down in history due to the achievements of man by landing on the moon. Today these achievements are tremendous acts of wonder. In our eyes these feats are gigantic in statue, but possibly in only a few years these huge jumps will appear as small steps as man goes on to change and conquer.

Perhaps 1969 will also be known in history as the dawn of disenchantment, criticism and rebellion against the established ways of human living. Throughout the world student unrest has gained momentum. The democracies have bulged with a new generation demanding its rights to be heard and tasting the heady results of mob power.

The future? It lies directly in the hands of the people, everyone—you and I in direct relation to the interest we take. However we all know that change is not only inevitable but necessary. Even the Stamp Monthly must change and we are happy that this is so, for it must grow with the hobby and serve the collectors to their interests.

This issue, for Competition No. 3, we are asking collectors to let us have their ideas for articles, items, features that they would like to see. From these we can assess current needs by readers and in the new year meet these ideas to the best of our ability. I hope many readers will take the opportunity to let us have their views.

Already many countries have issued sets of stamps to commemorate Christmas. This year the sets have shown Mary with baby Jesus on most occasions. It is pleasing that in these sets, in this world of today, the religious significance of Christmas has been given so much prominence.

A Happy Christmas to you and your families.

During the holidays we look forward to meeting or renewing acquaintances with any N.Z.S.M. readers.

LEN JURY.

## FAMOUS NATIVITY PAINTINGS BY OLD MASTERS: NATIVITY, FEDERIGO BAROCCI, 1526-1612



In this painting the painter has refrained from showing the more touching features of this traditional scene, in particular its ruined setting open to the chills of December and the nudity of the Child. The Virgin kneels in adoration of her Son, while St. Joseph opens the door to the shepherds. The interior depicted is humble but not at all dilapidated. The Child in the crib is well wrapped up against the cold. A basket, bag and bundle are shown on the left and in the centre of the room a kind of knapsack.



St. Joseph's attitude anticipates the changed conceptions which the Baroque age was soon to introduce. The different levels of the painting are related by a feeling for the third dimension which finds expression, not in the series of varying backgrounds, but by foreshortening of the figures, with a consequent compression of spatial unity. All these details are novel for the period.

This painting was acquired by Charles IV, then Prince of Asturias. In 1814 this work was at the Royal Palace of Madrid.

The 1969 Christmas Stamps of New Zealand, Niue and Tokelau Islands; 1968 Christmas Stamp of Spain and a recent issue of Paraguay, feature this famous painting.

The red and black plates appear  
D. A. Sterry.



## PUTARURU SCOUT STAMP GROUP VISITS TARAPEX

Mr. S. G. Sutton brought a Scout troop down to see Tarapex. Here he comments on the trip.

"Our club has just been down to see the Tarapex Exhibition, and the lads had a wonderful time. Keen is not the word really. Maybe one could say there are over keen, more so when it comes to spending the pocket money. Two members of our club could not make it at the last moment, because of 'flu, but they were well supplied with items of interest on our return. In the photograph you can see the following members: back—left to right: Lawrence Honey, Christopher Shadbolt, Chris Robben, Warren Lee, Neil John, Beeny Grootendost. front—left to right: Malcolm Sutton, Calvin Mora.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BUTTERFLIES

Nelson.

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to note that none of your readers are particularly impressed by the proposed butterfly designs (1c, 1c, 2c) in the 1970 definitives. These have drawn universally adverse comment from entomologists on the grounds that they are stylised designs bearing little relationship to the insects they are intended to depict. Many countries have issued butterfly stamps, but I know of none which are stylised. Stamps depicting natural history subjects should have a valuable educational function, but the crude caricatures we are likely to have inflicted upon us can only cause confusion. No informed entomological opinion was consulted before the designs were selected. The Entomological Society of New Zealand sent a strong protest to the Director-General of the Post Office soon after the designs were released, but apparently no reply has been received so far. We have no criticism of the moth designs (2½c, 3c, 4c), which, as far as we can tell from the black and white reproductions, are accurate illustrations. It will be a tragedy if the stylised butterfly designs are actually issued, especially as they will be (with the moths) the first New Zealand stamps bearing insect subjects.

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Watt.

### 10 CENT DESIGN

Nelson.

Sir,

I would like to refer to the rather unfortunate comments signed by N.R. in your November issue and referring to the new definitives of New Zealand and in particular to the 10 cents.

If this 10 cents is an insult to New Zealand Philately then it is by no means alone. Our standards are quite high but there have been many lapses. I have not seen the colours of this particular stamp, but if N.R. thinks he is talking for the philatelist let me say right away that I for one am not tired of the countries arms appearing on stamps and I shall be very disappointed indeed if the Queen's head ceases to remind us from time to time that we do belong to the British Commonwealth.

Perhaps the stamp is a little out of step in this set but then the same can be said of some of the others. Perhaps—as it is the intention of having it on sale at the time of the Queen's visit—it would have been better to issue it separately, but if necessary it can be dropped from the definitives at a later date.

As to N.R.'s "Rule Britannia stage"—besides being in poor taste I doubt whether any collector of N.Z. stamps regrets the presence of the earlier portrait stamps and the last Official set of the Queen is probably the most popular Official stamps issued in the British Commonwealth.

Whilst not wanting to see all our stamps confined to the sovereign's head—although the present Machin values in the U.K. are proving to be well liked—I would gamble that the practice of including it in the design at appropriate dates is well received, and Canada and Australia tend to do it more often than we do.

The quip that most of the 10 cents stamps will go to the U.K. will be a good thing is childish and collectors would be the first to grumble if they could not get copies. It might be pointed out that the U.K. is our best customer for N.Z. stamps, mint and used, and that this country rates among the first three or four most popular in stamps there. I might also add that New Zealanders are more popular in Britain than probably anyone else as the thousands of N.Z. Zedders there and the countless young people visiting the old country would testify.

Tom Spink.

(Editor: While Mr. Spink has quoted initials N.R., his remarks mainly refer to the opinion of G.H.

### P.N.G. FLAW



Mr. B. G. Vincent, Christchurch, has sent a copy of the recent 5c P.N.G. Myths top stamp, showing a white patch immediately below the right eye. Can any reader give the position of this variety.

## Br. Solomon Is.

### FREAK STAMPS

A Honiara resident recently bought seven stamps for 21 cents which may be worth a thousand dollars or more.

They came from a sheet of 3 cent stamps, bearing the picture of platform fishing, and were perforated across the middle as well as in the normal place along the edge.

The purchaser, who prefers to be anonymous, bought one stamp from the G.P.O. Honiara, and then, noticing the incorrect perforation, went back to look at and buy the whole sheet from which it was taken. He found that six more of the stamps in the left hand column had similar freak perforations and that there were probably three others, which had been sold earlier.

A spokesman for the Post Office said that he could not understand how the mistake had occurred in the perforating, but that the block of six should be worth a thousand dollars or more on the world market. The other three stamps, which had been sold earlier, would not lose their market value if they have already been franked.

This is the first major imperfection in locally sold stamps since 1967, when two stamps in a block of four had an overprint missing. These cost the purchaser \$1.40 and were later sold for \$2,000.

(From the B.S.I.P. News Sheet No. 13.)

### GAMES ISSUE

Sales of the Protectorate's four new stamps issued on the 14th August, to commemorate the South Pacific Games, appear to be heading for an all-time record. The total stocks held in the Protectorate and by the Crown Agents in London, worth about \$92,000, may be sold out by the end of the month, most of them to dealers and collectors. The Solomons and the Crown Agents each hold about half of the stocks, and in the Solomons local sales and overseas orders for first day covers came to over \$7,000. Hundreds of other orders are still being dealt with by Post Office officials and it is likely that this issue will prove even more popular than the previous record-holder, the Winston Churchill Commemoratives, which brought in \$10,000 in the first week. About 1,600 first day covers were sold in the Solomons, and advance orders at the Crown Agents were expected to total about \$30,000.



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SOUTHERN STAR STAMPS



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### FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. A. W. Griffiths, Director of Postal Services, reported on the recent unaddressed First Day Cover Service trial. The Post Office was very pleased with the results and plan to bring the service into operation with future issues.

#### Designer's Name

Upon being asked if the Post Office could ensure the Plate numbers and Imprints of the Printer's name be so placed that they can be collected in blocks of four instead of ten as in many cases now, Mr. Griffiths replied that these were placed at the printer's discretion. Mr. Griffiths added that future issues may include the name of the designer in the selvage.

#### 1970 Pictorials

The English or common names were used in each stamp due to the confliction of Maori names (dialects) for the same subject.

#### Election of Officers

President: Mr. F. W. Course (Waikato Society). Vice-President: Mr. Lex Robb (Christchurch). Secretary: Mr. Val McFarlane (Auckland). Treasurer: Mr. Dick Burge (Wellington). Executive: Member societies—Hawke's Bay, Royal, Southland, Taranaki, Wellesley, Wellington and Whakatane.

#### Membership Application

There have been some tentative applications by a number of groups for membership to the Federation. However, to become members such groups must be registered as an incorporated society.

#### Future Meetings

Tentative dates for the Federation to meet are Christchurch—13th March and Palmerston North—26th June.

#### Junior Exhibition

The Christchurch Society are making plans to hold a Junior Exhibition (up to 18 years) in Christchurch in August 1971.

#### President's Report

The out-going President, Mr. S. R. Dacre of Christchurch, in his Annual Report to the Federation, made special mention of the great loss of Mr. Campbell Watts to the Federation. Commenting on Tarapex Mr. Dacre considered the success of the Federation's Guide rules used at Tarapex established them as a useful guide for future exhibitions. Tarapex would be remembered as an outstanding event in New Zealand Philatelic history.

During the year legal advice had been given to societies on Stamp Sales and Auctions.

#### Slogan Complaints

Mention of the black heavy inking being used for modern slogans causing many poorly used stamps was made. Mr. Griffiths in reply said that these slogans were in response from the general public's criticism that the old type were unreadable.

## New Zealand

### POST OFFICE NEW ISSUE POLICY

The Post Office receives many requests for special stamp issues, but because of the Department's desire to contain these issues within reasonable limits, only a few of the requests can be met each year. Consequently, the events to be featured, the designs, the number of stamps in the issue and their denomination, need to be given careful consideration.

In deciding on the denomination, the Post Office takes into account such factors as the organisation or event being commemorated, the likely areas in which it will be of special interest and so on. For example, in the case of the International Labour Organisation stamp it was decided to make the denomination 7c which is the basic overseas rate for surface letters. This was done to amplify the world-wide operations of the International Labour Organisation as a specialised agency of the United Nations. The denomination enabled the stamps to be fairly extensively used on overseas postings. In the case of the Law Society issue, an 18c stamp was provided to cover the letter rate to North America. This was in deference to the wishes of the Law Society who were expecting important representation at their conference from Canada and the United States. A 10c value was used for one of the Otago University stamps so that the stamp could be used on aerogrammes to Great Britain and Europe, thus drawing the attention of ex-students of the University now in those areas to the centennial celebration. The 8c, 18c and 20c values of the export series were fixed to cover the postage on airmail addressed to countries where it seemed that the particular produce being featured has potential markets.

Similar considerations to the foregoing are taken into account in deciding the denomination of other special issues.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. S. R. Dacre, President of the Federation, has been nominated to succeed the late Mr. Watts on the 1970 Stamps Advisory Committee, which is still engaged on selecting designs.

### C.P. TO VISIT NEXT YEAR

Mr. Campbell Paterson will be in New Zealand in March/April 1970 and further details of his trip will be published as they come available. He will of course be anxious to meet old friends and attend Society meetings—not to mention view as much fine N.Z. material as he can fit in! This trip will provide a real chance for N.Z. Specialists all over the country and friends and Collectors should contact us soon if they would like us to make specific arrangements for C.P. to meet them.

## SOCIETY NOTES

### WELLINGTON

The first part of the evening's programme at the October monthly general meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society was devoted to silent displays of entries by our members at the recent TARAPÉX exhibition. Unfortunately some members' entries had not been returned in time for the meeting, but others had been received that day and were duly displayed. In the absence of the President, our Vice-President, Mrs. M. E. Chesterman, congratulated all who had entered for Tarapex and she paid particular tribute to the efforts of our younger members. We are especially proud of Pat Guymer and Arie Roskam.

The second half of the evening consisted of a talk and display by Mr. J. W. Brodie on the subject of "All kinds of Stamp Collecting", illustrating various aspects of philately. Mr. Brodie introduced members to many and varied forms of stamps, including fiscals, local posts, railway stamps, road service stickers etc. Judging by the keen interest shown by members they were very appreciative of the somewhat unusual fare displayed. It makes a welcome change to see these lesser known aspects of philately, especially when they are described by an expert in this field.

The evening's proceedings were concluded by a short sale of stamps.

M. G. WING.

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The Postmaster-General, Mr. W. Scott, announced that the Post Office will issue a set to commemorate New Zealand's participation at Expo 70 in Japan next year. Mr. Scott made the announcement at the opening of Mr. Laurie Franks new premises in Christchurch. The set is expected in March/April, 1970.

## CURRENT DEFINITIVE ISSUE VARIETIES

(Contd. from September Newsletter of the Christchurch Philatelic Society).

### 2½c: Plate 2A1A1A1A

R2/3: Top frame line; R2/4: Retouch above 2½c; R8/5: Butterfly flaw; R10/6: Serif large 2 of 2½; R16/2: White spot between two top strokes of E of ZEALAND; R19/1: Malformed tail on 2 of ½.

### 2½c: Plate 2B1B1B1B

R12/7: Two prominent retouches Thirkell B3 and B5; R14/9: Apostrophe on D of ZEALAND; R16/8: Retouch below 2½; R18/7: Upright stroke of N of ZEALAND deformed by large white flaw.

### 2½c: Plate 2A2A2A3A

R1/4: Touching up above top flowers; R3/3: Extra serif on c of 2½; R13/8: Speckled blue print around stalks of two left-hand flowers (only on some sheets); R20/2: Deformed left stroke of N of ZEALAND.

### 3c: Plate 1A1A1A1A

R19/1: Retouched plate scratch under 3 of 3c.

### 3c: Plate 1B1B1B1B

R13/1: White blob flaw on top of Z of ZEALAND; R14/10: Touched-up plate scratch to right of top right flower; R15/8: "Gnome's Head" flaw. A white flaw on back of top petal of top right flower opposite I of PUA-RANGI.

### 3c: Plate 2A1A1A1A

R11/5: White blob on Z; R13/9: Large retouch above D of ZEALAND.

### 3c: Plate 2B1B1B1B

This plate has been found in two states known as the original and the retouched states and contains many flaws and retouches.

### 3c: Plate 2A2A2A3A

R5/10: Broken left leg of second A of ZEALAND. Similar to, but not identical with R5/10 of Plate 2B1B1B1B.

### 4c: Plate 1B1B1B1B

R8/8: Prominent retouch Thirkell B4.

### 7½c: Plate 1A1A1A1A

R9/2: Thin black vertical line between upper and lower fins Thirkell D4; R10/13: Small flaw under top fin.

## COMPETITION NUMBER 3

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Write down your ideas on a single sheet of notepaper, also including the names of the articles you enjoy most in the N.Z.S.M. Please include your name and address.

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### 8c: Plate 1A1A

R12/1: Retouch in Z of ZEALAND.

### 10c: Plate 1A1A Original Issue

R1/10: Retouch to right of D of ZEALAND; R2/9: Retouch under log.

### 25c: Plate 1A1A Original Issue

R8/6: White blob above second A of ZEALAND.

### 30c: Plate 1A1A1A

R2/1: Large retouch under N of NEW; R7/1: Small dot of dark colour immediately to right of flagpole; R7/7: Retouch long thin disturbance extending below right leg of N of ZEALAND. R8/1: Retouch immediately to right of flagpole.

## UNWATERMARKED

### Stop Press:

### Re the 1969 Christmas Stamp.

The latest information is that this exists on unwatermarked paper. Supplies were released in Wellington last week. News from Brian Lawton of Tiki Stamp Service.

## NEW ZEALAND STAMP DEALERS ASSOCIATION FORMED

At a well-attended meeting in Wellington on Saturday, 22nd November, dealers from Auckland to Invercargill on Saturday, 22nd November, dealers from Auckland to Christchurch elected the first executive committee. Over the years a number of dealers' associations have been formed in New Zealand but none have been active during the last few years.

Mr. Eric Brodie (Auckland) is the first Chairman and Mr. Laurie Vernazoni (Christchurch) is secretary. Membership Fees have been set along with various types of membership for full, part-time and other members of the stamp trade.

An appropriate emblem will be selected for members to use.

Full details, membership forms etc. will be available from the Secretary, Mr. Laurie Vernazoni, P.O. Box 949, Christchurch.

## THE FIRST AIRMAIL IN NEW ZEALAND AS RELATED BY MR. G. E. PEARSON

I can recall the first airmail carried in New Zealand. The mail was carried by George Bolt in his seaplane. At the time I was working in the Dargaville post office. Mr. Bolt left Auckland and landed at Dargaville on the Northern Wairoa River one forenoon, and returned to Auckland the same afternoon. Half the town turned out to see the event.

How did it start? After the First World War Gordon Coates was appointed Postmaster General and at the time was living in Dargaville. He used to often come along to the Post Office for a yarn and, I believe, to brush up his postal knowledge—which at the time was rather limited.

One morning I said to him "I believe you are going down to Auckland in a day or two."

"That's right," he said.

So I replied "Do you want to make a name for yourself Gordon?"

He said "I've already got a name—what are you suggesting?"

I replied "As you are now the Postmaster General, call the Chief Postmaster at Auckland and tell him that Captain Bolt is going to fly his seaplane from Auckland and land on the Northern Wairoa River, at Dargaville, and return the same day to Auckland. Suggest to the Chief Postmaster he should despatch a mail by the plane, Auckland to Dargaville, and pick up a return mail to Auckland."

The outcome is history.

Mr. Pearson is now living in retirement in New Plymouth.

As written in a letter to Herbert D. Mullon.



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Mint (unless used stated)

Australia Christmas	.44
Prime Ministers	.30
First Flight	.24
Antigua Christmas u.	.67
Redonda u.	.60
Ascension Crests	.73
u.	.80
Barbados I.L.O.	u. .20
Bermuda Treasure	.93
Dominica Gandhi	1.04
Falkland Is. Bishop	.58
Gibraltar Uniforms	.55
New Constitution	u. .83
Grenada Gandhi	.93
Guyana Defins	6.28
Lesotho Car Rally	u. 1.00
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St. Lucia Napoleon	.72
u.	.82
St. Vincent Statehood	.42
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## POSTMARK CORNER

by A. F. WATTERS



Readers will remember this illustration in the September N.Z.S.M. and I thank all those who wrote in interesting letters. I will quote from two of the replies only, as the other letters cover in general what appears in these.

Mr. A. F. Evans, Hahei, writes, "Reference is made to this in 'Hong Kong Airmails' by the late Col. F. W. Webb, published by the Postal History Society in 1968.

The aircraft was a BOAC Constellation on the Australia-England service which crashed on landing at Singapore. The boxed (50 x 20 mm) cachet was applied to some 2000lb of charred mail, so should not be particularly scarce.

I have a cover addressed to Hong Kong and postmarked at Dunedin at 9 p.m. on 7th March, 1954.)

And from Mr. R. Startup, "When en route from Australia to London QANTAS Lockheed 49 Constellation 'Belfast' G-ALAM under-shot the runway when landing at Kallang Airport, Singapore, crashed, fell over on to its back, and caught fire, with a loss of 33 lives.

Mails were being carried from Australia and New Zealand, including two bags from the Royal Household, then in Australia. The mail bags either burst open in the crash or were damaged by fire. A small quantity of the mail was destroyed with the remainder damaged.

The salvaged mail was flown on to London, 18th March, 1954.

Three different rubber stamp markings are known applied to this mail.

### SALVAGED MAIL

(a) In violet, unframed stamp.  
SINGAPORE CRASH

(b) In red, framed,

SALVAGED MAIL  
AIRCRAFT CRASH  
SINGAPORE 13.3.1954

(as illustrated).

### (c) In violet, unframed DAMAGED BY FIRE SINGAPORE CRASH"

It has been pointed out that this plane was under charter and no doubt is the reason that one report says BOAC while the other QANTAS. You will note reference to 2000lb of charred mail, however much of this would be parcel mail.

**Cherry Farm (Dunedin).** This office opened on the 8th September at the admitting office at this hospital and has full postal facilities.

**Whakatane (Rotorua).** This office has code on the senders receipt on the registration pads. Refer NZSM Vol. 2 No. 6 under the heading of Papakura.

**Deep Cove (Invercargill).** The department has confirmed that this office will eventually close when its functions are no longer required. It is expected that Deep Cove will cease towards the end of the year.

**West Arm (Invercargill).** It is confirmed that this office will close too, but as yet it is too early to try and speculate on the closing date. "I would suggest that covers be sent to each postmaster setting out the requirements and these could be held and datestamped at the appropriate time," so said a post office spokesman.

**Motupiko (Nelson).** Refer NZSM Vol. 2 No. 6. The safe at this post office was recovered intact and the office re-opened on the 22nd July. The heat of the fire had caused the registration book in use to stick, hence a new book was brought into use.

**Buy New Zealand '69 Exhibition, Wellington.** This busy post office was situated in the Winter Show Buildings at Wellington and used only one datestamp.

**Kingston Heights (Wellington).** A block of six shops are to be built at the corner of Montreal Grove and Quebec Street in the suburb near Berhampore and one will be a post office.

**Haumoana (Napier).** The post office here has opened in the general store until 18 August 1969 when a new 850 sq. ft. building was opened as a post office. Mrs. P. McGoverin who helped in the store post office is the new postmistress. In October Postmen's delivery will be started from Clive.

**Bell Block (New Plymouth).** In October a postman started delivering mail to 170 homes in the district. He works from this office and not the Chief Post Office in New Plymouth. This will mean that a "not known by Postman" rubber marking will be brought into use there in due course.

**Twizel (Oamaru).** I have been informed that a post office will open when this town of hydro-electric construction workers is occupied later this year. As yet I have had no confirmation from the department.

**Palmerston North.** On the 12th September at 8.30 p.m. one of the rarer machine errors occurred at this office with the datehead frame being inverted and not the date block which was up the right way. Refer N.Z.S.M. Vol. 1 No. 6.

## PHILATELIC RAPE

The controversy about the value of hinged v. unhinged stamps rages unabated in the philatelic press of England and the United States.

Rhodesian collector, Dr. P. Mavros, recently added the following amusing comments to the controversy in a letter to "Stamp Collecting" (U.K.).

"I fully support your correspondent's 'Greavance' about the Hawid Strip and the shibboleth status of that once-unimpeachable cornerstone of the true believer's faith and creed—the doubly-gummed, peelable hinge.

"To my shame, and before I learnt better, I at first thought the Hawid Strip to be some kind of sensual Egyptian belly dance, or kindred night club act, but I now recognise it as the agent by which the true, the orthodox, the faithful of yester-year has become the heretic of today, and by which the hinge, whose virtues everybody preached so loudly, has been cast into pagan darkness.

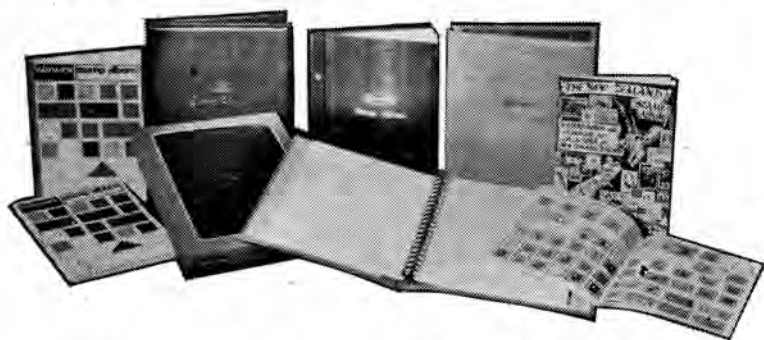
"Lost in this world of healthen doubt, my modern collection has degenerated, on the one hand into a pile of cheap mint stamps which I am too terrified to touch with a hinge, and on the other a packet of Hawid Strips which I am too mean to use, since, as often as not, they are worth more than the very stamps they are meant to immature.

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## PHILATELIC THOUGHTS

Murray Wing

A local philatelist was surprised to say the least when he received a letter from the Chief Postmaster couched in officialese along the following lines, "A letter addressed to you from overseas has been detained under Section 30 of the Post Office Act 1959, because it is suspected of containing an enclosure in fraud or violation of this Act. I should be pleased therefore if you would call at \_\_\_\_\_ etc., etc. If no response is received to this letter within one month, the article will be opened by officers specially nominated for this purpose under the Post Office Act. If the contents are found to be in violation of Section 30 of this Act, they will without further notice be destroyed or otherwise disposed of." The perplexed recipient was not aware of what Section 30 of the Post Office Act 1959 was all about and I think the writer of the letter should make this clearer in future as everyone does not have access to the Statutes.

What do you think the letter from overseas contained? Yes, you might have guessed, merely a newsletter/magazine from a collectors' club. I know the Postal officials have a job to do but their image would be much brighter if they went about it in an understanding way.

Mr. J. W. (Bill) Payton of Wellington has shown me examples of what could be doctor blade flaws on the 30c multicoloured Chateau Tongariro stamp. It consists of two thin but distinct vertical lines in blue colour on the left hand side of the stamp with three further vertical fine lines on the right. He would welcome news of any other collectors with a similar item.

Latest acquisition in these parts is a new stamp circuit located in Levin (Kowhai Sales Circuit), and run by Mr. B. C. Bevan of Box 1036, Weraroa, Levin. I was impressed by the high standard of the first circuit book which I received recently.

### PETER OLDHAM PREDICTS

I do not believe in making predictions regarding which stamps are worth buying for future prospects. When I have done so on previous occasions, every other collector had the same idea and the stamp which should have been scarce suddenly became as common as any other. However, I believe that the coil pairs in the current series must be worth buying. Each Post Office can decide whether or not to use counter coil machines but it seems that they must be rather unpopular with the staff because few offices are using them. In addition, they are going to have a very short life, and my advice is to buy while you can. They are obtainable in 2c, 3c, 4c, 6c, 10c, 15c and 20c values,

and although the outlay for complete sets of numbers is rather high, this could be an investment.

I have recently come across the 1960 Pictorial 5d Mountain Daisy (SG 787) with sideways inverted watermark. I do not recall seeing this variety anywhere previously which is rather remarkable considering the stamp has been off issue for two years. I have one or two fine used copies but have not seen it in mint condition.

This seems to be the month for unlisted varieties because I have recently come across the 4d POSB with the watermark sideways inverted. I have been overseas for a long time and it is possible that this variety has been previously reported, but if so it does not appear to have been catalogued. I have one or two fine used copies.

### G.B. AUCTION PRICES

The popularity of Great Britain stamps and the quest for early issues, at high prices is illustrated by the auction prices realised recently for three early G.B. lots at English Auctions.

Lot 395. Entire with 1d black plate 1A on cover dated June 3rd 1840 estimated at £6 fetched £16.

Lot 401 1d black on piece, pair 2d blue est. £3 fetched £5.10.

Lot 406. 2d Blue, fine copy "no lines" est. £8 fetched £12.

Tough prices for the Great Britain specialist?

"Rusticus".

### PHILATELY WITH DENNIS



"Like, man, what's this jazz about flowers have ter be clean or best be destroyed?"

## SECOND LARGEST IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

### LAURIE FRANKS LTD. OPEN NEW PREMISES

On the 12th November the Postmaster-General (Mr. W. Scott) opened new premises for Laurie Franks Ltd of Christchurch.

The building, entirely devoted to stamp collecting, is the first of its kind in New Zealand, and the second largest in the Southern Hemisphere.

The ground floor gives 3000 sq. ft. of space, and it has a mezzanine floor of 1300 sq. ft. There is a spacious car park, but Mr. Laurie Franks thinks it will not be long before the building is extended over this area.

The new building will provide accommodation for the company's permanent full-time staff of twelve, including those employed by the associated company, Philatelic Printers, Ltd.

In addition to the people, the company has a number of out-workers who work at home, and in the school holidays employs up to thirty-five schoolchildren.

As well as selling stamps, catalogues and various publications direct to collectors, the company supplies about five hundred shops from Kaitiā in Northland, to Riverton in Southland.

### FROM SMALL BEGINNING

Laurie Franks started collecting stamps when he was 7. Now he has developed his hobby into the second biggest stamp business in the Southern Hemisphere.

The business part started in 1952. Mr. Franks and a friend bought a stamp collection for \$9. They broke it up and sold the stamps to other collectors.

A further collection was bought with the proceeds, and the business was established.

For some years the two friends worked in their spare time, sending out batches of stamps to other collectors. The partnership ended when Mr. Franks was transferred to Wellington in the mid-1950s.

### Set Up Business

In Wellington he lost no time in setting up business on his own. He ran a mail order stamp dealership in his sparetime, from a bed sitting-room.

In 1957 he returned to Christchurch, going into stamp-buying and selling as a full-time business. At first he worked from home, but the business grew quickly, and he took over premises in Barbadoes Street.

With the new premises, he expanded into wholesaling stamps to bookshops.

"Till then," he says, "stamp collectors did most of their buying by correspondence.

"They pored over catalogues and selected the stamps they wanted for their collections. Then they got postal money orders, and wrote away for the stamps.

"I wanted to turn the corner bookshop into a kind of stamp centre, where they could go and buy stamps from displays.

### Easier Access

"I wanted to give them much easier access to the stamps they wanted.

"So we went into wholesaling stamps."

And business expanded. In 1964 he needed more space, so he took over the two shops next door.

He began publishing stamp catalogues, and specialised in stamp albums. These, too, went into the corner bookshops making them even more centres for stamp collecting.

And in 1967 he took over another shop in the block in Barbadoes Street.

### Subsidiary

The printing of specialised albums, books and catalogues was becoming such a big part of the business, that Philatelic Printers, Ltd., was set up as a subsidiary, and printing machinery purchased.

"Under this arrangement we can produce a more suitable article at a lower cost," Mr. Franks says.

Further expansion of business has made the latest move to new premises at 161 Durham Street, necessary.

But even in its first days of operation, the new building is crammed almost to the ceiling with stamps, stamps and more stamps.

They are filed away in boxes, thousands upon thousands of them.

There are low cost ones, ready to help fill a gap in someone's collection, and higher priced ones, often sold through postal auctions. For instance, in a current auction a pair of unused 1840 2d stamps is being offered for about \$300.



The Postmaster-General congratulating Mr. Laurie Franks after declaring his new premises open. Mrs. Diana Franks watches.

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Situated just within the tropics the climate here is ideal—the summer heat is generally moderated by sea breezes and there is no real winter by comparison with most of the outside world. The hills and valleys are beautiful and coconut palms and banana trees are scattered widely around the island. In fact tropical fruits of one variety or another are plentiful all year round and citrus fruits and most vegetables are plentiful in season and are grown in the well kept and carefully tended gardens of every family of the Island.

### WILD GOATS

Fresh meat is not plentiful, although generally a little may be purchased or traded for from the calling ships. However, the fish supply is abundant and what could be better than a piece of fish fresh from the sea into the pan? There used to be a number of wild goats on the Island but in recent years their numbers have decreased. Most families now have at least one pet goat at their homes. Recently Mavis, Jacob, Len and Thelma went goat hunting and killed six of the last remaining 12 wild goats. However, I believe this does not mean the near extinction of goats on Pitcairn as it is reported that many of the Islanders intend building pens at Ted Side and Outa Valley and will breed from the pet goats, penning up the offspring as a supply of fresh meat. When a Public Party is held on Pitcairn goat meat generally appears on the table and is not unlike mutton—in fact I have personally eaten it and did not know for several days that it was goat and not "good New Zealand Mutton"!

### ELECTRICITY

Yes the island now has its own electric power but this was not brought about by necessity because of the lack of fuel as some readers imagine. Wood is plentiful on the Island. Roseapple wood is widely used for fires and it grows so quickly in these tropical conditions that supply is far in excess of demand, and would be too even if the population was greater than it presently is. Most cooking is still done per the medium of wood. Most homes have what is known as a hop—an open fire with iron bars across it on which the pots are placed, and also a Stone Oven. These Stone Ovens are about 4 feet deep, 2 feet wide and 20 inches high (inside measurements). The fire is lit inside the oven and when the required temperature is reached the ashes are scooped out and the prepared food placed inside. How the Pitcairn ladies manage to judge the required heat is anybody's guess (one told me that for bread the temperature is right when you put your arm inside and it feels hot but does not burn your arm.) At any rate these ovens, with the Pitcairn ladies at the helm, produce some very good tasting dinners and when it is a matter of producing a meal for large numbers they certainly have it all over the modern small ovens.

The electric power, however, is a boon for the community, providing lighting and power to run washing machines which many of the homes now have and electric irons etc.

### TELEPHONES

The Island has two telephone lines—one "Government Line" for those holding Government positions and a private line for the rest of the community. It is an excellent means of communication on the Island where the homes are scattered over a fairly wide area, as if one has important news to convey you just put through a "long ring" and everyone picks up their phone and listens.

At present there are 17 children at the school ranging in age between 5½ and 16 years. Sixteen of the children are receiving their Primary Education and one girl, Glenda Young, is doing a Secondary School Correspondence Course from New Zealand. One of the most pleasing things about these children is the way in which they "get along" together despite the wide variation in age. In school

they play as a group and it is not uncommon to round a bend on the Island in out of school hours and find most of the schoolchildren, if not all, participating in a game of softball, cops and robbers etc., together. Then too, they spend a great deal of time swimming, almost year-round, either down at Bounty Bay or at "Izaacs", which are a group of rockpools, down below the Mission House, ranging from good sized ones suitable for swimming and diving to small ones suitable for young babies to sit and splash in. The children naturally all seem to swim like fish. They also spend quite a bit of time fishing and swimming around with flippers and masks. There are four young pre-school children on the Island and one to come, as well as the Education Officer's three pre-school children, so the school will not go out of business for some years yet.

### FILMS

One might think the children here miss out on most of the good things offering in the outside world. However I think not. They live on a beautiful island, enjoy a superb climate in an atmosphere almost free of contagious diseases including the common cold. The school has a movie projector and films are obtained from the National Film Library in New Zealand and used for educational purposes. Films are also shown in the evening twice a week and most of the children attend regularly. They have space aplenty for outdoor play, ships to wait for and watch with interest and occasionally visit. They can even now go shopping at their own Co-operative store twice a week. Admittedly they do not (except for those who have been away to New Zealand for short periods) know what city life is, but then on the other hand there are many country and city children in other countries who have never seen the sea or a large ship. And so, as the saying goes, I feel that what the Pitcairn children miss on the roundabout they gain on the swing.

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### 1970 NEW ISSUES

In March a set depicting flowers of Pitcairn will be issued followed by a set of Fish caught in Pitcairn waters.



## WHAT'S COMING ?

### NEW ZEALAND

- 1970: New definitive series.
- 1970: Cardigan Bay Stamp.
- 1970: March 10c Royalty.
- 1970: Expo 70.

### PITCAIRN ISLAND

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

### NIUE ISLAND

- 1970: Two commemorative issues.

### ROSS DEPENDENCY

- 1971: New Definitive series.

### WESTERN SAMOA

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

### PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

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

### CHRISTMAS ISLAND

- 1969: Ships Series.

### AUSTRALIA

- 1970: Royal Visit, 5c, 30c.
- 1970: April: International Grassland 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 Anniv. 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

- 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.

## SPECIAL POSTMARK FOR BOY SCOUTS CAMP

A special postmarker will be provided for letters posted in the letter receiver at the Second Australian Senior Scout Venture Camp which is being held at Nunawading, Victoria, from 29th December, 1969, to 8th January, 1970.

Overseas collectors should forward fully addressed but unstamped envelopes to the Philatelic Bureau, 664 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 3000, with a remittance to cover the cost of stamps to be affixed and the service charges (for affixing not more than four stamps, 3c per cover, for affixing five or more stamps, 6c per cover). Orders should reach the Bureau by 22nd December, 1969.

## Gilbert & Ellice Islands

### CHRISTMAS 1969

Gilbert and Ellice Islands are issuing a set of two stamps for Christmas 1969.

The designs show a young Gilbertese woman and her child, symbolising the Virgin and Child, in a Pacific Island setting. The people of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands are Micronesian or Polynesian, and the young woman on the stamp reflects this.

To differentiate the two stamps, the design of the 2 cent value has grass-covered ground, and the 10 cent value has a sandy beach.

Release date: 20th October, 1969. Designer: Miss Jennifer Toombes, based on local design. Printer: Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. Process: Lithography. Watermark: C.A. Block. Pane: 50. Size: 40 mm x 34 mm. Format and Values: 2c and 10c vertical.

## Tokelau Islands

Writing in "Western Stamp Collector" (U.S.) Mr. Harold P. Lopes recently came up with the following interesting background information about the Tokelau Islands:

All Tokelau mail goes through Apia, Western Samoa.

The prize possession of the natives are their outrigger canoes which are used for fishing and loading and discharging cargo from ships in the bay.

Because the shore surrounding the islands consist of reefs and rocks, canoes are the only boats which can manoeuvre through them.

The Tokelaus are under New Zealand and were once part of the Gilbert and Ellice Group. They have their own native chief and committees to administer the islands.

Atafu was the first island to be discovered on June 24, 1765, by Commodore J. Byron of the "Dolphin". The 500-acre island was discovered while the "Dolphin" was searching for the "Bounty" mutineers.

Approximately 1,900 Polynesians live on these islands. Fakaofu is the chief settlement. Chicken, fish and coconuts are staple foods. Copra, the main product, is exported.

Nukunono is the least populated island. It was discovered by Captain E. Edwards of the H.M.S. "Pandora" on June 12, 1791. However, this is the largest island with about 2350 acres. Post offices are located on each of these islands, but mail is infrequent because a ships stops there only once a year.

Between 1850 and 1870 the population was greatly reduced when Peruvian slavers captured many of the natives and used them as forced labour in South America.

All the islands are low coral atolls with encircling lagoons and therefore the waters around them are very treacherous.

The Tokelau Islands span 100 miles of ocean.

Three stamps showing various native scenes were issued in 1948. The 1d shows a map and scene of Atafu. A Nukunono dwelling and map is the subject of the 1d value. The 2d depicts the shore line of Fakaofu and map. The total number of stamps issued for postal use on these islands is 15.

According to Scotts Catalogue value of the stamps are the same mint or used. Mint copies can be purchased without any trouble, but have you ever tried to obtain copies used on cover? One of these days, Scotts will realise this fact and base their prices on the relative scarcity of these stamps in postally used condition.

# 1969 Christmas Issue

NORFOLK ISLAND  
27/10/69



BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS



CHRISTMAS IS.  
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GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS



COOK ISLANDS

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CHRISTMAS ISSUES

MALTA

8/11/69



TURKS & CAICOS IS.

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ANTIGUA

15/10/69



CYPRUS

24/11/69



MINIATURE SHEET

BOTSWANA

6/11/69

BOTSWANA



MALAWI

5/11/69





CHRISTMAS ISSUES

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ST. LUCIA

27/10/69



BR. HONDURAS

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CAYMAN IS.

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ST. KITTS

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#### AMENDED RELEASE DATES

British Indian Ocean Territory. Ships of the Islands. The release of this issue is now the 15th December, 1969, not 15th October, 1969.

St. Lucia. Christmas 1969. The release date of this issue was the 27th October, 1969, not the 16th October, 1969.

Nigeria. 5th Anniversary of the African Development Bank. The Release date of this issue was the 18th October, 1969, and the values were 4d and 1/6d.

### British Honduras CHRISTMAS 1969

British Honduras is issuing a set of four stamps showing "Virgin and Child" by Giovanni Bellini (5 cent and 15 cent) and "Adoration of the Magi" by Veronese (22 cent and 25 cent).

Giovanni Bellini (1430(?) - 1516) was born in Venice, and was probably the greatest painter of his time. He was the son of an artist famous in contemporary circles, and brother to another artist. He studied under his father but quickly overtook him in technique and moved on to Padua where he became fascinated by Andrea Mantegna who later married his sister. The influence of Mantegna was broken by a meeting in 1475 with Antonello from whence Bellini's pictures rose to a magnificence which earned universal admiration from his fellow artists.

Paola Caliarì, the son of a stonemason, was born at Verona, Italy, whence he got the name Veronese. He was apprenticed to Badile but later moved to Venice where he came under the influence of Titian and Tintoretto. He rose to a position of wealth and importance in Venice. He was called before the Inquisition to defend his paintings of "The Feast in the house of Levi".

Release date: 1st October, 1969. Adapted for printing by: G. Drummond. Printer: Format International Ltd. Process: Lithography. Pane: 50. Watermark: CA Block. Values and designs: 5 and 15 cents in common design; 22 and 25 cents in common design.

### Antigua

#### CHRISTMAS 1969

On the 15th of October Antigua released four Christmas stamps based on stained-glass windows in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. The 6 and 35 cents values reproduce "The Adoration of the Magi" by Guglielmo de Marcillat, with the arms of Pope Leo X, from Cortona Cathedral, Italy. The 10 and 50 cents values show a German stained-glass window, circa 1500, depicting "The Nativity" by an unknown artist.

The designs have been made by V. Whiteley and the stamps have been printed by Enschede en Zonen using the lithographic process.



## Gibraltar

### MILITARY UNIFORMS

#### 1d—Royal Artillery

Uniform of an Officer, Royal Artillery, 1758. Contemporary cap badge is depicted. Since 1704, gunners have served in Gibraltar and have played a most prominent part in its defence, particularly in the sieges of the 16th century.

The Royal Regiment of Artillery has had strong ties with Gibraltar ever since the Fortress was captured by a combined Anglo-Dutch Force in 1704. The first train of artillery was authorised by Royal Warrant in October of that year, twelve years before the regiment actually came into being. Consisting of 66 men, it was hurried up to Gibraltar to assist in repelling a Spanish counter-attack. This unit, therefore, was the oldest of the four original units which in 1722 went to form the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

#### GREAT SIEGE

During the Great Siege of 1779-1783, there were five companies of artillery on The Rock and the batteries descended from them today bear the honoured title "Gibraltar 1779-1783". On these five companies fell the burden of defending Gibraltar during that famous Siege and their achievement is still considered one of the finest pages in the annals of the British Army. Two interesting experiments were successfully put into practice during the Siege: One was the use of red-hot shot and the other, the invention of the Koehler depression gun-carriage, which permitted guns to bear on the enemy when close-in-shore. After the Siege the Artillery Garrison of Gibraltar provided gunners who fought at Teneriffe, Menorca, Corsica and Barrosa.

During the two World Wars, the artillery element was a substantial part of The Rock's defences and, in the second of these anti-aircraft guns were in action on many occasions. Nowadays, with the modern concept of warfare, the Royal Artillery in Gibraltar has been reduced to a Maintenance Unit and a Radar Unit, but the tradition is carried on by men of the Gibraltar Regiment, who man Gibraltar's remaining guns.

#### 6d—The Royal Anglican Regiment

Contemporary uniform and cap badge of a soldier of the Royal Anglican Regiment. The Royal Anglican Regiment bears the Arms of Gibraltar in their Badge. It incorporates three Regiments which defended the Rock during the Great Siege 1779-83.

The Royal Anglican Regiment was formed in 1964, the result of the amalgamation of seven county regiments from the area of East Anglia and part of the Midland Region of England. Six of these regiments had joined together in 1960 to form what was known as the East Anglican Regiment. They were later joined by the Royal Leicestershire Regiment and the present title was then adopted. There are at present four battalions in the regiment.

#### LONG ASSOCIATION

The former regiments which now make up the Royal Anglican Regiment have a very long association with Gibraltar and the present regiment's cap badge is the only one in the British Army, apart from that of the Gibraltar Regiment, which has the Castle and Key insignia of Gibraltar as its main feature.

At the start of the Great Siege of Gibraltar, which lasted from 1779 to 1783, five infantry battalions were stationed on The Rock. Three of these, the 12th, the 44th and the 58th Regiments of Foot, which later became The Suffolk, The Essex and The Northamptonshire Regiments, were among the regiments which amalgamated to form the Royal Anglican Regiment.

In 1968, to mark the association of the regiment with Gibraltar, Her Majesty The Queen approved an official alliance between the Royal Anglican Regiment and the Gibraltar Regiment. Shortly after this, in December, 1968, the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Anglican Regiment was posted to The Rock for a 9-months tour which has marked a further chapter in its long connection with Gibraltar.

#### 9d—The Royal Engineers

Uniform of a soldier Artificer, Royal Engineers, 1786. Contemporary cap badge is depicted. The Royal Engineers have served in this Garrison with great distinction both in peace and war. It could be said that this Corps was born in Gibraltar.

When Britain captured The Rock of Gibraltar from Spain in 1704, the Corps of Royal Engineers did not exist. Military engineering was undertaken by engineer-officers using tradesmen borrowed from the Infantry, or locally hired repair-and-improvement tradesmen. Until 1772, the repair and improvement of the Fortress defences was organised in this way.

In 1772, the 1st Company of Artificers, known as the Soldier Artificer Company, was formed, in order to speed up this work, which proved vital to the defence of The Rock during the Great Siege of

1779-1783. It was not until 1786 that this Company was fully accepted, and the uniform then authorised is shown on the stamp. This original Company was the forerunner of the Corps of Royal Engineers whose present-day badge is also illustrated on the stamp.

#### TUNNELLING

During the Great Siege, the "Sappers" commenced their famous tunnelling activities on The Rock. Since then, tunnelling has continued intermittently and now there are over 30 miles of tunnels in The Rock, most of which have been driven by the Royal Engineers. These tunnels, some of which are open to the public, and the oldest fortifications, are of great historical and engineering interest.

#### 2/-—The Royal Marines

Uniform of a private of Fox's Marines, 170. Contemporary Crest is depicted. The word 'Gibraltar' included in the Badge of the Royal Marines commemorates the capture and defence of the Rock in 1704-5.

"The Garrison did more than could humanly be expected and the British Marines gained immortal honour." (Triumph of Her Majesty's Army 1707.)

In order to support Austrian claims to the Spanish throne, in the War of Spanish Succession, a combined British and Dutch expedition under Admiral Sir George Rooke was mounted in 1704. The Allied Fleets arrived in Algeciras Bay in the afternoon of the 21st July and a force of 1,800 marines under the Prince of Hesse Darmstadt were landed to cut off all communications with the mainland. When no reply was received to the Prince's summons to the town to surrender, the Fleet commenced a bombardment on the 23rd July during which 15,000 shots were fired in five hours. Under cover of this hail of metal, a force of seamen landed and captured one of the redoubts. Again a call to capitulate was made and on the 24th the Governor surrendered the town and fortress.

#### FRENCH AND SPANISH

A force of 2,000 marines was left as a garrison when the Fleet sailed for Lisbon and England in August. The French and Spanish Governments, fully alive to the importance of The Rock, besieged the Fortress with a large army and a formidable fleet for almost eight months, but were unable to capture it. After repairing the batteries and strengthening the fortifications, the Prince of Hesse handed over command and the marines were distributed among the fleet which had returned from Lisbon.

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## Gibraltar—Uniforms Cont.

In recognition of the part played by the marines in 1704 in the capture of The Rock, 'Gibraltar' is the only specific battle honour borne on the Colours of the Royal Marines. And this honour can be seen on both The Queen's and Regimental Colours of the Plymouth Division which now rest in the King's Chapel. These Colours were laid up by a battalion landed from the Home Fleet on the 27th February, 1953, thus cementing a connection started almost 200 years earlier.

## Seychelles

### NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE

On 3rd November, 1969, the Seychelles issued a new definitive set of fifteen postage stamps to replace that first issued in 1962. The new set has as its theme the illustration of the Colony's history, and will replace the old, seldom required, Rs. 2.25 denomination with a new Rs. 15 stamp; this high-value stamp is required as a result of increased parcel and sample post activities, and of the introduction of a Rs. 30 fee for a ten-year passport.

The recorded history of the Seychelles is comparatively short and peaceful. They were named after the Vicomte Moreau de Sechelles, a Minister in the reign of Louis XV. They were, without doubt, known in the Middle Ages to traders between East Africa and the Arabian and Persian Gulfs, and some of the islands were certainly sighted by Vasco da Gama on his second voyage to India in 1502-1503; the granitic group of islands appears on several Sixteenth Century maps (Rs. 10 denomination) but the first well-documented discovery was by Alexander Sharpeigh in 1609, on his "Fourth Voyage of the East India Company".

### UNINHABITED

For more than 130 years after this the uninhabited islands remained undisturbed by man until in 1741 Mahe de Labourdonnais, the greatest of the French Governors of Mauritius, despatched to them an expedition under Lazare Picault (5 cts). A further 15 years elapsed before growing concern over British activities in the Indian Ocean determined the French to annex the main island, Mahe, and seven others. On 1st November, 1756, Captain C. N. Morphey performed the impressive ceremony of implanting a "Stone of Possession" engraved with the Bourbon arms

(30 cts). Again the islands were left uninhabited except by the pirates (50 cts), who found in them a pleasant intermittent refuge throughout the century, and were followed by their "licensed" successors, the Corsairs (60 cts). The first settlement was established on St. Anne Island in 1770 and during the next 20 years a small but thriving dependency of Mauritius grew up. The French Revolution of 1789 created a slight turbulence, but the Republican Commandant and the abolition of slavery were soon succeeded by a remarkable man, the Chevalier Queau de Quincy (Rs. 5) and the restoration of the old order. It was de Quincy who guided the dependency through the troubled years (1794-1810) of Anglo-French hostilities and, by his judicious and well negotiated capitulations (Rs. 1) whenever a British warship appeared, preserved it from the worst effects of the war. Of one or two naval engagements, that between the "Sybille" and the "Chiffone" in 1801 (Rs. 1.50) is the most memorable.

### CEDED TO BRITAIN

The Seychelles were, with Mauritius, formally ceded to Britain in 1814 and de Quincy continued his distinguished service, under the new masters, until his death in 1827. For a century or so the territory survived such upheavals as the abolition of slavery, the arrival of the missionaries, and its conversion into a separate Crown Colony in 1903 (its badge, designed by General Gordon, appears on the Rs. 15 denomination), without permanent damage or benefit. During this period, and more recently, it was occasionally used as a convenient place of exile for troublesome inhabitants of other parts of the Empire, of whom Prempeh, the ex-King of Ashanti (25 cts) who arrived in 1896 and stayed for many years, was probably the most colourful.

### SENSATION

The World Wars affected Seychelles less than most other participating countries, although its young men played their part with valour. The sensation caused by the discovery, in 1915, of the German cruiser "Koenigsberg" (15 cts) in hiding in the lagoon of Aldabra (now part of the British Indian Territory) was short-lived; but in 1939-45 Mahe was an important flying-boat and fleet-refuelling base (20 cts).

## ROYAL VISIT

The Colony was, in 1956, honoured by its first Royal visitor: H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh (Rs. 3.50). During the last decade the pace of life in these tiny islands has increased, with political progress, economic development and the establishment of a Satellite Tracking Station (10 cts). In 1968 the contract was signed for the construction of the first airport (85 cts) and when this is opened in 1971 the territory's unofficial slogan—"1,000 miles from anywhere"—will no longer apply and the way will be open for Seychelles to enter the modern world.

This set of stamps was designed and executed by Mrs. Mary Hayward, a former resident of the Colony who now lives in Tasmania.

### Technical Details:

Release date: 3rd November, 1969. Designer: Mrs. Mary Hayward. Printer: John Enschede en Zonen. Process: Lithography. Watermark: C.A. Block. Set: 25. Values: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 60 and 85 cents, Re1, Re1/50, Re3/50, Rs5, Rs10, Rs15.

## Barbados

### ATTAINMENT OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE BARBADOS BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION

The first Scout Troop in Barbados was started at Combermere School on 9th March, 1912, and the first Scoutmaster was Mr. C. W. Springer.

Recognition as a Local Association was given by Headquarters in London on 14th March, 1918, at which time there were six Groups with a total membership of 142. In 1934 Overseas Branch status was granted.

The development of Scouting in the Island was steady rather than spectacular but today there are nearly 1,400 uniformed members of the Movement in Barbados, which has its own Headquarters and Training Centre at Hazelwood, Collymore Rock, St. Michael.

The status as an Overseas Branch of The Scout Association continued until recently when, sponsored by the parent Association, application was made for independent membership of the World Scout Conference.

The four stamps in this issue will be released on the 16th December. They have been designed by J. E. Cooter and printed by Enschede en Zonen of Holland using the lithographic process.

## St. Kitts

### CHRISTMAS 1969

St. Kitts add to their collection of old masters reproduced on commemorative postage stamps with this latest issue. The following are some biographical notes of the artists whose works are reproduced.

#### Geertgen

Geertgen was a great painter. His beautiful glowing colours are bathed in a tranquil light which had been missing from Dutch pictures since the time of Jan Van Eyck.

Little is known of his life. He obviously came from Leyden and died in Haarlem c.1490. Mander (q.v.) reports that he was only twenty-eight when he died. He studied under Ouwater and is said to have served an apprenticeship in book illustrations at Bruges in 1475. He saw the work of Dirk Bouts and Monforte altarpiece of Van der Goes, now in Berlin. But his own style remained that of a thorough Northerner. He moved to Haarlem, where he was appointed official painter to the Knights of St. John, with whom he lived, as "Geertgen tot Sint Jans" for the rest of his short life.

#### Jan Mostaert

He was born at Haarlem c.1475 and died at Hoorn in 1555/6. Mander reports his having been in attendance to Margaret of Austria, the Imperial Regent of the Nethelands. He came of an eminent family and changed from noble man to artist merely by the wearing of a smock. It is, therefore, assumed that he was a wealthy man. His paintings are acknowledged as technically brilliant, though neither outwardly nor in spirit do they illustrate the subject. Mostaert was a distinguished landscape artist, as his Munich "Miracle of St. Hubert" proves.

Release date: 17th November, 1969. Designer: John Enschedes Staff Artists based on old masters obtained from Rijks Museum, Amsterdam. Printer: Bradbury Wilkinson & Sons Ltd. Process: Lithography. Watermark: C.A. Block. Set: 50. Values: 10 and 25 cents in common design. 40 and 50 cents in common design.

## Cayman Islands

### CHRISTMAS 1969

The Cayman Islands is issuing a set of nine stamps for Christmas 1969. The stamps are reproductions of "The Madonna and Child" by Alvise Vivarini on the 1 cent,

5 cent and 12 cent values and "The Adoration of the Kings" by Jan Gossaert on the 1 cent, 7 cent and 20 cent values.

The 1 cent value has been produced in four different background colours, red, mauve, green and blue, making four different stamps value each of 1 cent.

Alvise Vivarini (c. 1445-1504) lived and died in Venice. He was the son of Antonio Vivarini, but his paintings show initially much more of the influence of his uncle Bartolomeo; later his style evolved from this rather rigid technique to follow more closely those of Bellini and Cima.

Jan Gossaert (1478-c. 1535) was called, by his contemporaries, Mabuse, which is Flemish for his place of birth, Maubeuge. He is generally considered to have brought the Italian style of nude painting to Holland, although his paintings owe more to the influence of sculpture than living anatomy. He died at Middelburg about 1535.

This issue is to be released on the 28th of November. The designs were adapted for printing by G. Drummond and printed by Harrison and Sons Ltd. by the photogravure process. The stamps were printed on CA Block watermarked paper in sheets of 25. The designs are as illustrated.

## The Gambia

### ANNIVERSARY OF PIONEER AIR SERVICES 1934-1969

Release date: 15th December, 1969. Designer: L. D. Curtis. Printer: Format International Ltd. Process: Format (litho.) Watermark: Nil. Sheet size: 30 stamps.

After intensive preparations, the first attempt at a German Airmail connection with South America was undertaken by the airship Graf Zeppelin (shown on the 1s 6d value), in 1930. From 1931 to 1934 she made a series of further post and passenger-carrying journeys to South America. However, it was not possible to establish a regular and permanent connection between Europe and South America with only one airship.

The developing German Airmail Line, using flying boats, met with more favourable conditions in that an essential base had already been operated in Brazil by the Syndicato Condor since 1927. With the help of this, and the auxiliary catapult-ship Westfalen (shown on the 2d

value) station in the Atlantic Ocean, the German Airmail Line to South America was built up.

The first series of trials on this route were commenced in the summer of 1933, and on the 2nd June, 1933, the first flying-boat type Dornier Wal (shown on the 1s 0d value), the same as that used by Von Gronau on his world flight, was shot off. It reached Bathurst in The Gambia on the same day, and flew off again in the early morning of the 4th June, arriving at the steamer Westfalen on the same day.

The second trial in the direction of South America took place on the 6th June. The flying boat reached Natal in Brazil and on to Pernambuco (Recife) on the same day.

In this way it was proved by practice that the catapult service of the Westfalen was feasible between Europe and South America.

## Turks & Caicos Islands

### CHRISTMAS 1969

In the 13th century, as literacy became considered respectable for those of gentle birth there was a growing demand for devotional books for convenient individual and family use, instead of the gigantic illustrated tomes then in use. It was this demand which led to the introduction of the "Book of Hours".

These books were a simplified version of the prayers for the seven stated hours contained in the breviary. They were usually abstracted from the "Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary" an invariable office using short psalms and brief scriptural passages.

Books of Hours were beautifully illuminated and were presented by monastic orders to their rich local patrons.

To commemorate Christmas 1969 Turks and Caicos have chosen two illustrations from the "Book of Hours", once owned by Eleanor, Duchess of Tuscany, which is now in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Release date: 20th October, 1969. Designer: Adapted for printing V. Whiteley. Printer: Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. Process: Delacryl. Watermark: C.A. Block. Set: 25. Values: 1 and 15 cents in common design. 3 and 30 cents in common design.



## FROM KENNY TO CROWN AGENTS

### UMM AL QWAIN TURNS OVER NEW LEAF

His Highness The Ruler of Umm Al Qwain, a Trucial State in the Arabian Gulf, recently made the following announcement regarding the issuance of postage stamps by his State:

"For some time now I have been aware of the international criticism levelled at the stamp issuing policy of my State but I was unable to take action due to the contract which the State had with a stamp agency. This contract has now been terminated and in future the control of the Postal Department will remain in our hands. The following general conditions will be adhered to:

(1) No cancelled to order material will be issued under any circumstances apart from first day cover orders received before the day of issue of any stamps.

(2) A definitive set to take care of the postal requirements of the state will be issued at the most once every three to four years.

(3) Not more than six commemorative sets will be issued each year.

(4) Printing figures will be announced at the time of each issue.

(5) With regard to commemorative sets, there will be a validity of six months from the date of issue. At the end of this period all unsold stamps will be destroyed and the sales figures officially released.

(6) No stamps will be sold by the State at less than face value.

(7) An office will be maintained to take care of the legitimate needs of stamps dealers and collectors as well as to provide accurate information for the philatelic press and catalogue editors.

(8) All stamps will be printed and controlled by recognised security printers.

(9) The State of Umm Al Qwain would always appreciate hearing suggestions from genuine collectors and dealers regarding its stamp issuing policy.

(10) The Government of Umm Al Qwain has signed an agreement with the Crown Agents to handle its stamps.

### PHONEY SPACE ISSUES

It has been brought to the attention of the Umm Al Qwain Government that a set of "stamps" honouring the Apollo 11 flight was released on September 15th, 1969. This set is illegal and fraudulent

and has been issued under no authority whatsoever. This applies to any other so called sets of stamps which may have come on the market purporting to have been issued since June 14th, 1969.

From this date collectors and dealers should be warned that unused stamps will be available from the Umm Al Qwain Post Office and the Crown Agents at face value and any cancelled to order material sold at less than face should be viewed with the greatest suspicion. The Government of Umm Al Qwain serves notice that it will pursue to the limits of law any persons or organisations claiming to act as agents for the Government of Umm Al Qwain other than the Crown Agents.

### FRENCH POLYNESIAN LETTERS — Book Review.

In these days it is most enlightening to find a collection of letters like these in a private collection, for most collections are hidden away in the archives of churches where they gather plenty of dust. Mr. J. Richards, Christchurch, is to be complimented on publishing these letters in full so that we can get some idea of good work being done by the missionaries and the conditions under which they worked. They cover a period from 14th January, 1816 to 22nd February, 1842.

It must be remembered that there were no Post Offices on the Islands, mails were irregular and that six months could go before the letter was received. Page four lists the datestamps used on each letter and the transit schedule for all the letters.

This duplicated 16 page board cover book is obtainable from the publisher, Mr. J. R. Richards, Box 693, Christchurch, for 50c.

A.F.W.

### South Georgia NEW £1 DEFINITIVE VALUE

The king penguin which is featured on this new £1 value and the emperor penguin are the largest of living penguins. The emperor standing 3½ feet tall and the king about 3 feet.

The penguin's scientific name comes from the Greek "Spheniskos", meaning a "small wedge",

and refers to the penguin's narrow, flipper-like wings, which are useless for flying but marvellous for swimming—and quite effective for battering the shins of human visitors to their nesting grounds.

Penguins occur only in the southern hemisphere and their centre of abundance is the forbidding seas separating Cape Horn, the Cape of Good Hope, Australia and New Zealand from the Antarctic ice pack.

The penguins are an ancient, primitive group, highly specialised for a marine existence and their relationship to other birds is still the subject of considerable debate. Their lack of flight feathers on the wings is unique among the birds with keeled breastbones. The lack of a flexible "elbow" joint is also unique. The flipper is stiff and moves only at the shoulder. The peculiar structure of the penguin's beak, formed of several coalesced horny plates instead of a single sheath, as in most birds, suggests a possible distant kinship with the one other predominantly southern oceanic group, the albatrosses.

The penguins are the most truly marine of all birds and ideally adapted for sea life. Their chunky bodies are streamlined for ease of passage through the water. Penguins are more at home under the water than either on land or sea surface. Their agility in the water is astounding, but they are handicapped on land and the eggs are easy prey for giant petrels, sheath-bills and other predatory birds.

Most penguins are highly gregarious and breed in colonies, often of tremendous size. The birds return to the same colony to breed year after year and select almost the same spot for their nests. The two largest penguins, the king and the emperor, make no nest but incubate standing upright with their single egg held on top of their feet and covered by a fold of the belly skin.

Release date: 1st December, 1969. Designer: Printers' Staff Artists. Printer: Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. Process: Recess. Watermark: C.A. Block. Set: 60. Value: £1.

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## EARLY SPACE STAMPS OF THE SOVIET UNION

"The Earth is the cradle of reason, but one cannot live in the cradle forever", said Konstantin Eduardovich Tsiolkovsky.

Tsiolkovsky is regarded as the founder of the science of astronautics, as far back as 1903 he realised that a rocket need not have an atmosphere to propel itself.

He was an obscure teacher of mathematics at a secondary school in the provincial town of Kaluga south of Moscow. Between 1911 and 1914 he published several articles on space travel and gradually an interest was taken in his writings. In 1920 he published a novel "Beyond the planet Earth", this was translated in English in 1960.

At the age of nearly 70 he was finally recognised and all his articles were reprinted, he was hailed as a national hero, he died in 1935 and was awarded a state funeral.

The first stamp portraying Tsiolkovsky was issued in a series called Russian scientists, all stamps have a value of 40 Kopek, and the one showing Tsiolkovsky is a grey black on a blue paper issued on 15th August 1951. On 7th October 1957 another stamp was issued commemorating the centenary of his birth, value 40 Kopek, this stamp shows the bearded teacher, scientist in the centre panel, and a satellite in the left panel with a large rocket and extra-terrestrial scene in the right panel.

### FIRST SATELLITE

On 28th November 1957 this stamp was overprinted with the following text: "4 x 57 First Artificial Satellite of the World", the issue consisted of 22,000 stamps with the overprint in the centre; this number proved to be insufficient and another 44,000 were printed, this time however the overprint was slightly off centre to the right.

The next Soviet space stamps are a set of two showing Sputnik I and were issued on 5th November 1957, both stamps are of the same design but are in a different blue. Sputnik I was only small with a diameter of 50 cm, it made one revolution each 95 minutes, weighed 83 kg and had a speed of 28,000 km per hour, it was aloft until the 4th January, 1958.

This was followed by Sputnik II for which a set of 4 stamps was issued showing a robe-clad female figure reaching with her right hand towards the stars, also a rocket with the Spatsky tower of the Kremlin are part of the design, values are 20, 40, 60 Kopek and 1 Ruble. Sputnik II was launched

on 3rd November 1957, it had a diameter of 120 cm, a speed of 29,000 km per hour and made each revolution in 103 minutes; it stayed aloft until 14th April, 1958.

Sputnik III was launched on 15th May 1958 and a stamp was issued on 16th July following; it was issued with a label giving part of a speech by Mr. Kruschev, the value of the stamp was 40 Kopek and shows a third artificial satellite. The weight had by now increased to 1325kg; after 10037 revolutions it exploded.

### FIRST MOON ROCKET

The launching of a moon rocket, Lunik I, was the occasion for the issue of two 40 Kopek stamps, they show various aspects of this feat. Lunik I was launched on the 2nd January 1959 and after 34 hours it missed the moon by 8000 km and became a satellite of the sun; its weight was 361 kg, diameter 150 cm and makes an orbit of the sun each 15 months.

Lunik II was commenced by the issue of two stamps showing various aspects; this Lunik landed a pennant on the moon's surface, it was launched on the 12th September 1959, had a weight of 390 kg and a diameter of 152 cm.

On the 4th October, Lunik III was launched, its goal was to photograph the reverse side of the moon. It did a fantastic job and the photos caused a sensation. The satellite collided with an asteroid on the 21st October, 1959, and was destroyed. On 12th October, 1959, one purple stamp was issued showing the trajectory of this satellite; in 1960 a set of two stamps was issued celebrating the same feat, the 40 Kopek shows Lunik III photographing the reverse side of the moon and the 60 Kopek a map of the other side of the moon; both stamps are inscribed 7.X.1959.

### COSMIC ROCKET

Sputnik VI was the first cosmic rocket and was launched on the 15th of May 1960, had a weight of 4500 kg and exploded on the 25th of May 1960, through unknown causes. The stamp commemorating this rocket is of a deep purple colour with the Soviet Union in red shown on a globe, the rocket is shown in red above the Spatsky tower, value 40 Kopek.

Sputnik V was the second cosmic rocket and carried the dogs Balka and Strelka, launched on 19th August 1960, weight 4600 kg and orbiting the earth in an hour 30 minutes. Both dogs recovered well after re-entry and return to earth.

Two stamps were issued to commemorate this flight, both of identical design in different colours and values. The 40 Kopek is purple and yellow showing the Spatsky tower of the Kremlin, tracking devices, the Sputnik in yellow and both dogs in a small window-like frame. The 1 Ruble stamp is blue and orange with identical design.

Sputnik VI was launched on the 1st December 1960 with two dogs, Pchelka and Moushka; its weight was 4563 and it disintegrated on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere. No stamps were issued for this flight.

On the 4th February a 4500 kg Sputnik was launched, this being the 7th in the series. It orbited at a height of 260 km. No stamp was issued for this launching.

### VENUS SHOT

Venusik was the name of a Venus bound rocket, its weight was 643 kg and launching date 12th February, 1961. It never reached Venus and radio contact was lost after 10 days. Two stamps were issued for this event, 6 Kopek and 10 Kopek, the lower value shows the rocket against a globe on which the Soviet Union is shown in red, the 10 Kopek shows the complicated trajectory and the strange looking craft.

Now we have reached the period of the first manned Space flight, and this will be the main subject for next month.

Gerald M. van Zanten.







## ANPEX 1970 - SYDNEY

### GRAND JURY

The following well-known and dedicated philatelists have accepted appointment to the Grand Jury for ANPEX 1970, and with the President Col. F. V. Thompson, V.D., F.R.P.S.L., will function as a panel of referee and review, in the judging of the competitive entries.

**Robson Lowe**, Principal of the firm of Robson Lowe Ltd., London, needs no introduction to collectors. His reputation as a philatelist is world wide and he will bring to ANPEX 1970 a knowledge and experience second to none.

**Marcel C. Stanley**, of Wellington, New Zealand, is well-known in business circles in both New Zealand and Australia and is a philatelist of wide experience, particularly in the postal history and stamps of New Zealand and the New Zealand Dependencies. He is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand.

**John Gartner**, of Melbourne, is the principal of the Hawthorne Press, Melbourne, publishers of "Philately from Australia" and many other publications concerning the postal history and stamps of Australia and the Pacific Islands. He is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, and is a Past President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, and a member of the Royal Sydney Philatelic Club. He has had a wide experience as a judge in exhibitions in Australia and in America and has been a successful exhibitor.

### Official Carrier

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### Customs

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### TOURS

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This exhibition will appeal to all collectors here in New Zealand and already many New Zealand entries have been received by the organising body. The exhibition has been sponsored by the Philatelic Exhibition of New South Wales to celebrate the Cook Bi-Centenary, and there is confident provision that no matter what interests you may have, there will be sufficient variety to satisfy all interested in this hobby. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Bishop will be accompanying this tour.

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### WHAKATANE PHILATELIC SOCIETY (INC.)

c/o P.O. Box 16,  
Whakatane.  
25 July, 1969.

Dear fellow Stamp Collector,

As at least ten members of the Whakatane Philatelic Society intend to travel to Sydney next year for ANPEX 1970, Society members considered that some of their many friends throughout New Zealand might like to join them. The more the merrier.

I suppose it was because I had too much to say that I got landed with the job as interim organiser. However, the task has been made a lot easier through the co-operation of the Whakatane Travel Centre in association with Ansett Industries Ltd.

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If you are interested in joining in with us please write immediately. All bookings will have to be confirmed by 28th February, 1970, and payment in full will be required by 25th March, 1970, at the latest.

The week of the Exhibition coincides with the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Sydney for the Cook Bi-Centenary celebrations, and accommodation in Sydney will be at a premium. It has therefore been necessary to restrict the party to 35 persons, so early reservation is advised.

Excellent accommodation has been reserved at all centres which accounts for the slight increase in tour prices over standard package tours. I have stayed at the King's Cross Motel. It is modern, well appointed, and the service very good.

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## NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA



### SPECIAL DELIVERY

The 45 cent stamp will be issued November 21 in New York City during the American Stamp Dealers' Association National Postage Stamp Show in Madison Square Garden.

The 15 cent increase in delivery fee is the first since 1957, when a 30 cent rate was established. A rate change went into effect July 14.

Norman Ives of New Haven, Connecticut, designed the horizontal red, white and blue commemorative-size stamp. He is an Assistant Professor at Yale University School of Art and Architecture and his oils, prints and graphic designs have been displayed in a dozen or more one-man shows.

### AMERICAN STAMP ROBBERY RING SMASHED BY POLICE

(From The Philatelic Trader)

It has often been suggested that the international gangster combine known as the "Mafia" is at the bottom of the substantial number of stamp, coin and fine arts robberies which have been taking place in the United States in recent years. The arrest by New York police of a number of men, including one who was the nephew of the reputed Mafia leader gives credence to the theory.

A coin shop in the midtown section of New York has been suspected for some time as being the headquarters of the ring, whom New York detectives had been watching for months. When Boston Police reported to New York that a private car loaded with the loot of recent robberies there, was on the road, southbound, New York was notified. As the car pulled up to the Rio Coin Shop at 1147 Avenue of the Americas (45th Street) in New York, the police acted.

### MAFIA MEMBERS

In the car were three Massachusetts Mafia members, including Frederick Bonanno, nephew of Joseph Bonanno, the famed "Joe Bananas" of the underworld. In

the coin shop, awaiting receipt of the loot were three additional underworld characters including Jacob Maislich (alias "Jack Mace") whom New York police described as a "near genius of the underworld", and "one of the best known fences in the East".

The raid yielded stolen stamps, coins and art objects with a value in excess of £400,000. Among the loot recovered were two huge accumulations of rare stamps, packed into a carrying case for a bowling ball, and a shopping bag. Also recovered were Egyptian figurines, a rare Bible, a collection of religious artifacts, and an accumulation of silver figures.

The gang is known to have been involved in numerous robberies of securities and jewels in recent months, as well as stamps, coins and art objects. Millions of dollars in "fenced" items have been sold by them, according to the police.

Identification of the stolen stamps and ultimate return to the owners is expected to be a major problem since in most recent stamp robberies, the stamps were removed from album pages and stockbooks and anything identifiable has been left behind.

In the United States, the carrying of stolen material across a State line is a Federal offence, so the men now under arrest may be tried ultimately in Federal Courts, rather than in State Courts. The Federal penalties are ordinarily much more severe than are convictions to be obtained in State courts.

### PAINTER CHARGED FOR COUNTERFEITING

William M. Harnett (1848-1892) painted so realistically that he was arrested and charged with counterfeiting because of a bank note he painted on a still life. The charges were dropped.

Born in Ireland, he came to America when an infant, grew up in Philadelphia, moved to New York, where he worked as a silver engraver, meanwhile studying art at night at Cooper Union. Then followed six years study in Europe, the 17th century Dutch still life where he came under the spell of painters.

As an illusionist interested in creating a replica of real objects, Harnett was a master of texture and he had a keen eye for detail. When he exhibited his paintings, often special guards were posted to keep people from touching his art—they wanted to feel the porcelain and the pewter and the leather and

the wood. It has been said that the objects he painted were clearer and crisper than they were in reality.

His paintings commanded high prices.

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### HAMILTON

#### AMBURY SHIELD 15th-16th NOVEMBER

Report by Trevor Kearns

Three local Taranaki members motored to Hamilton, arriving in time to have a bite to eat and get to the hall in time for the talk and display on stamps of Japan by Mr. Van Boer. This was followed by afternoon tea and an auction. The afternoon session closed at 4.30. Next we all gathered at the Chelsea Restaurant to indulge, and I mean indulge, in a top class dinner to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of the Waikato Society. The evening session followed with a talk and display by Mr. Poutney on "Tin Can Mail" and a silent display by five women members of the Waikato Society, just to prove to the men folk that they collect and mount stamps, bless 'em! The evening was rounded off by supper. Next morning we all gathered at the Hamilton Lake Kiosk for a delightful morning tea and more chit-chat before breaking up and going our various ways home.

Closing notes: although the entries were interesting, there were not the large numbers as in previous years. Waikato and Auckland won the shield with equal points. A tip for future years. Starve yourself for at least two days before going, if nothing else one comes home well fed. And for the driver, avoid motoring in main street after 10.15, for the last three visits there has been a nose to tail accident at this time. Finally, see you all there next year?



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### FACTS ON LOCAL POST

These are produced by owners of British Islands to pre-pay the cost of ferrying letters and parcels to the nearest point on the mainland. They are not valid for national or international postage, and the British Post Office does not recognise them as postage stamps. Nevertheless, some islands such as Herm and Lundy have been producing these locals for over 30 years, and they appear to have been of interest to visitors. Other islands have started within the last few years.

These issues are not listed in standard British catalogues, but some appear in certain specialised works. The following descriptions of the various islands give some indication of the extent to which these locals may be used. In accordance with G.P.O. regulations, local issues are placed on the backs of the envelopes.

**1. CALF OF MAN.** An island adjacent to the Isle of Man. A private post has been established for some years and operates once a week for eight months of the year. There is a post office on the Calf of Man where visitors can obtain the Calf of Man issues and where letters and cards can be posted. For the remaining four months of the year the issues are on sale at the Manx Museum in Douglas. There is accommodation on the Calf of Man for up to 10 naturalists, and the Warden and Assistant Warden who may be in residence. The postal service is run by the Manx Museum Trustees.

**2. DAVAAR.** An island at the mouth of the Campbelltown Loch in Argyllshire with a lighthouse on the north-east side. Permanent population of six. Regularly visited by the public from the mainland to view famous cave painting of Christ. Mail is conveyed by boatmen privately hired by the occupiers, weekly, weather permitting.

**3. HERM.** An island off Guernsey, Channel Islands, one mile by half a mile. At one time a working population of 400 (quarrying) was served by the G.P.O. Now has a permanent population of 50 and from March to October a resident population averaging 250. By arrangement with the Guernsey Head Post Office, mail franked with normal Guernsey (or British) stamps on the front and Herm issues on the back is made up daily at 5.30 p.m. on Herm all the year

round, and sent by boat each morning at 9 a.m. in a locked bag and delivered to the Guernsey Post Office for cancellation and onward transmission. All postal arrangements made by the Tenant, Major Wood, are subject to approval by the States of Guernsey, from whom he leases the island.

**4. JETHOU.** A small island near Herm, which the Tenant leases from the British Crown. A private postal service operates less regularly between Jethou and Guernsey (which has no control over the postal arrangements). The resident population consists of one family but there are visitors in the summer months.

**5. LIHOU.** This is a 22 acre farm off St. Saviour's, Guernsey, which becomes an island when the tide is full but can be reached by a causeway at low tide. Apart from farm operations, a movement called the Lihou Youth Project proposes the reconstruction of an old 12th century priory and the setting up of a youth centre at which young people can undertake natural history studies. A caretaker's cottage is being built. A non-postal miniature sheets was issued prior to 1966 in aid of Project funds at 2/6 per sheet. On 18th July, 1966, what the Project described as "stamp labels" in 2d, 4d, 6d, 1/- and 2/- values were issued. These were to "cover the expense and trouble of conveying postal matter to and from the island to the G.P.O. at St. Peter's Port which will become more and more essential once the island becomes re-occupied". The statement continues: "The proceeds from the sale of these stamps will be donated to the Youth Project Funds".

**6. LUNDY.** An island in the Bristol Channel, once served by the Post Office, which now conducts a private mail service to and from Bideford in North Devon. The resident population is small but the island is visited by many thousands of holidaymakers in the summer. As with Herm, arrangements are made in co-operation with the G.P.O.

**7. PABAY.** An island just under one mile square, two miles off Broadford, Isle of Skye. Purchased post-war by A. L. Whatley and now produces cattle, poultry, knitwear and pottery. The winter population is eight and summer population up to 30. Apart from

the owner's farm, there is one cottage and one bungalow each available for weekly holiday rentals from March to October. The G.P.O. will not collect mail from Pabay but in 1962 offered one weekly delivery, providing a local boatman could be found to make it. The owner runs a daily boat service which carries mail to Broadford for the visitors in the summer and three times weekly in the winter.

**8. SANDA.** An island off the coast of Argyllshire. Permanent population of 18. Regularly visited by the public during the summer. Mail is conveyed by boatmen, privately hired by the occupiers, weekly, weather permitting.

**9. SARK — ALDERNEY — GUERNSEY.** Three of the Channel Islands. G.P.O. mails between Guernsey, Sark and Alderney are carried by vessels of the Commodore Shipping Company who also run a parcel delivery service between the islands. Parcels are taken to the offices of the company and issues are applied and cancelled prior to being put aboard the vessels. This service is by agreement through the Crown Officers, with the Sark Government and the States of Alderney, under which the shipping company were granted sole rights to operate such parcel services between Guernsey, Sark and Alderney. Deliveries are made to Alderney twice a week and to Sark three times a week (several per day during the summer).

**10. SOAY.** A Scottish Island off the coast of Skye. Soay issues are used for local despatch between Soay and Broadford. There is no G.P.O. collection from Soay and an official delivery only once a month. These are used mainly by summer visitors and tourists to Soay. In addition to the two families who reside permanently on Soay, there are 4 or 5 cottages let to summer visitors between May and September.

**11. STROMA.** An island off the Scottish Coast at Caithness, visited by holidaymakers during the summer. To defray the cost of running a mail boat to the Island from Huna, visitors sending letters must affix the Stroma issues which have now been in use for 5 years. Mail from Stroma is carried free of charge from the Huna Post Office, Wick, Caithness, where it awaits collection from Stroma.

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## JUNIOR PAGE - OTAGO CENTENNIAL

by SIMON SAM

Last month we told you a little about how Dunedin began, the story of the 1d Otago Centennial stamp of 1948. This month we shall have a look at the 3d and 6d of the same issue.



Dunedin was founded by a group of men who belonged to the Free Church of Scotland. This church had broken away from the Church of Scotland in 1843 under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Chalmers. Their first minister in Dunedin was Rev. Thomas Burns, a nephew of the poet, who came out in the second ship, the "Philip Laing". The first services were held in the survey office and then in two small wooden buildings. But the members had in mind almost from the day they landed the building of something permanent, that would not only be useful, but something of great beauty. How well they succeeded we can see from the picture on this 3d stamp.

### MAGNIFICENT

I am sure that those who have seen First Church in Dunedin will agree that it is a magnificent building. One writer said it was like a psalm in stone. A Dunedin resident, who later became Premier of the Colony, said it was the fairest and most chaste ecclesiastical building south of the equator. In the day time it is stately; at night when it is outlined against the dark sky it is superb. It is built of Oamaru stone, seats 1000 persons and cost £14,000 to build. Its graceful spire rises 185 feet from the front step.

The opening service was held on 23rd November, 1873, so that by the time these notes appear in print it will have given 96 years of faithful service to Dunedin. There was one sad touch at the opening service; Thomas Burns who had worked so long for this project

was not there to take part—he had died two years earlier. But that so often happens; one man plans but he passes away and another completes his work.

### 6d STAMP

Now to the 6d University stamp. Mr. Burns and other leaders in early Dunedin knew the value of a good sound education. Burns had been a student at Edinburgh University and in 1861 his old University gave him the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. These men planned not only a noble church but also a school of learning which should give the children of Otago the opportunity of that education which was at the time possible only by going overseas. The University was actually founded in 1869 but there was a lot of work to do before it could commence classes. A building had to be obtained and teachers employed so that it was not until July 1871 that it opened its door to less than 100 students—today it has an enrolment of about 5000. Amongst its distinguished students that first year was a young man from Scotland, Robert Stout, later to become Premier of the Colony and its Chief Justice. He was not only a student but also gave lectures on law. Another of its distinguished students is the present Governor-General of the Dominion, Sir Arthur Porritt, who in 1923 was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford.

### FIRST

The building on the stamp is the first permanent part of the university which expanded to cover many acres. Each year new buildings spring up to cater for the students, not only from Otago but from other parts of the Dominion. One important section of the University of Otago is the Hocken Library, which has the best collection of early New Zealand material outside of the Alexander Turnbull Library in Wellington. It is where all historic documents relating to Otago are stored for use by those seeking information on that part of the country. The University has a world-wide reputation for the high standard of its Medical School and indeed, although it may be small in comparison with many overseas universities, its name is held in high regard everywhere.

You may have noticed that the stamps issued in 1948 used the word centennial, whereas the post office used the term centenary for the University issue.

The small shields on the 6d stamp excited some interest when the stamps were issued. They were copied by the artist from two stone shields, one of which you can see above the windows on the left side of the stamp. One of these, I am told, is the old badge of Dunedin, while that on the right is of the old Provincial Council. The wheat and sheep tells us something of the products of Otago; the ship reminds us that Dunedin is a seaport and the stars are a symbol of New Zealand. Edinburgh Castle reminds us of the close connection that Dunedin has with the ancient Scots capital.

### BADGE

The badge on the 1969 stamps is that of the University itself, granted by the Lord Lyon King of Arms (of Scotland), January, 1948. The St. Andrew's Cross is symbolic of the Scottish foundation of the University; the five stars symbolic of New Zealand, and the book is the symbol of learning. The colours of the University are blue and gold as they appear on the stamps.

There is no crest to the Arms. According to Scottish armorial customs, a University is not a war-like body and is therefore not entitled to wear a helm, without which, of course, there can be no Crest or Mantling.

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