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The scene in New Zealand has been coloured by the increase in the number of issues. I was surprised last week to receive a letter from a New Zealand specialist overseas who, because of the large number of New Zealand issues now, is closing his albums with these issues up to the 1970 Pictorials. At this stage it is hard to gauge if there is a general sentiment against collecting New Zealand. However the New Zealand Philatelic Bureau is alive to current thought and has sent a short questionnaire to societies. I will quickly run through the questions and I welcome thoughts by readers on the points raised.

1A. How many Health and Christmas stamps should be issued in one year and to what value? Is it time for a set of four values such as issued by Switzerland? One stamp for the main internal rates, 3c (second class mail) 4c (letters) and 5c (airmail) and a higher value say 10c for aerogrammes plus a health surcharge? The Post Office could then produce a variety of miniature sheets to aid door to door sales e.g. 3c miniature sheet of 6, 4c miniature sheet and 5c sheet plus a souvenir sheet one of each value.

B. Are you in favour of miniature sheets for these issues? It must be realised that miniature sheets are a tremendous help to Health Camp Sales for selling door to door. Christmas miniature sheets would be, in my opinion, too small to be of use to Post Office customers.

2. How many commemorative stamps should be issued in one year, and to what value? It appears that collectors would appreciate more use of low values.

3A. How many years should a definite set stay on issue? Consensus of opinion is 5 years.

B. Are you in favour of Pictorial Stamps? Most people seem in favour.

C. Are you in favour of the reigning monarch's head? Surprisingly a large number of people are against the use of the monarch's head.

D. Or, do you favour a combination of B and C? A pictorial set with monarch's head on the highest or lower values have been two suggestions. At this stage, let us hear from you. The Post Office are keen to hear your views.

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For the novice, the colour catalogue contains reasons for collecting stamps and information about paper, watermarks, separation, printing, and glues used in stamps. The book also tells how to care for stamps, expand a collection, sources for learning more about stamps, and instructions for ordering from dealers.

The book contains 790 full-colour illustrations of regular U.S. issues, plus 54 airmail stamps. In addition to other types of regular issues, the book reproduces Confederate stamps and those of territories now or formerly governed by the United States. The catalogue also has 141 colour reproductions of United Nation stamps and 283 releases from foreign countries.

The established collector will find the book a utilitarian reference work. The typography is easier on the eye than almost any stamp catalogue previously issued.

Each entry in the book shows the Scott catalogue number, the most widely accepted means of classifying stamps. Price listings for used and unused are also given for each stamp.

Conrad Blum, Irving Koslow, and Edward G. Mueller are special editors of this colourful work. The abridged listings in **U.S.A. Stamps in Colour** were selected from Volume I, **Scott's 1971 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue** whose editors are Gordon R. Harmer, Eugene M. Costales, and James B. Hatcher.

Missing Red In 1968 Health

by John J. Bishop

1968 Health Variety. During the currency of the 1968 Healths a miniature sheet of the 3c value was purchased from a young girl who was conducting door to door sales of Health stamps on behalf of the Health Camps Federation, and this sheet was subsequently found to have the red printing missing. The result of this missing colour was that the red Olympic ring was missing and also the girl swimmer's face and arm are yellow instead of their normal flesh pink colour. We recently purchased a cover bearing a copy of this stamp with the missing colour and learnt the full story of its finding from the owner.

The gentleman from whom we purchased the cover received at his Wellington office a letter from his sister-in-law, which after opening (carefully thank goodness) he left on his desk. Not being a collector himself he had noticed nothing unusual about the stamp or cover but the firm's accountant upon seeing the envelope immediately recognised that something was amiss and when the writer was contacted it was found she still had the remaining five stamps intact. These five Mint stamps were subsequently sold but the cover bearing the 6th copy was retained by the lucky owner until now. We note that the stamp is listed in the 1971 Stanley Gibbons Elizabethan Catalogue with a footnote reading that the variety "occured once in a miniature sheet and only five copies unused are known". We now know the history of the sixth copy.

SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS VARIETY

Early in November a spectacular major variety was found in the current 3c Christmas stamp. The wording "New Zealand Christmas 1970" and the value "3c" were omitted from the panel at the top of the stamps.

First news of the "missing colour" hit the headlines when 5 copies were sold to Bill Nicholson at his Stamp Shop in Lower Hutt. Further information to hand suggests that 45 copies were sold to another Wellington dealer. It is also believed that the companion sheet has also been found.

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POSTMARK CORNER

A. F. Watters

Did you have a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year? I hope so and I also hope that you were able to add to your postmark collection over that period.

Glendowie (Auckland). This new suburban post office opened in Auckland on the 1st December. The year wheels on this datestamp are set giving equal space between the year and the mail indicator (Number) so that it reads 7 0 1 instead of 70 1.

Weber (Palmerston North). This post office was burnt down early in the morning of the 3rd December. Nothing was saved (no further particulars available at the moment).

Te Kawa (Hamilton). This post office has closed but as yet haven't received the official closing date.

The seasonal post offices at **Maungwhai Heads**, and **Pataua** both in the **Whangarei** postal district, reopened on the 1st December. These are the only covers to hand at the time of writing. **Maungwhai Heads** registration label is a little unusual as the **Maungwhai** has been applied by rubber stamp and **Heads** added in ball point. It is obvious that the postmaster has borrowed or at least used the rubber marking from **Maungwhai** post office. The same registration book is being used at this post office again and the numbers continue on.

Government Postal Service — Wellington. A little known postal service operates in the heart of Wellington city each day delivering and collecting mail for despatch each hour. This service has been going for over 30 years and I am told is highly efficient.

Wellington being the capital city has all the Government Departments Head Offices scattered around the city area. Many Government Departments are so large that with sections and divisions they spill out of one building and into another, and in the cases of the largest ones, sometimes even a third building. The larger the public demand for a service the larger the space it needs.

The main office for this delivery system is the wooden Government Buildings at the north end of Lambton Quay. The city is divided into a number of areas (in 1957 it was eight classified blocks) each with its own messenger and delivery system. All Mail for Government Departments is collected from the Chief Post Office and brought

to this office, sorted into the required areas and taken by van to the right offices in the right building, each hour. This van also collects all the outgoing mail which goes through the system in reverse. There is, however, a sideline which over the years has grown and now is very large. This is the collecting, sorting and delivering of internal mail.

This special mail needs to be marked so that the office staff know to put it aside for the messenger. The messenger knows to collect it, and the sorters in the main office know that it is not for the post office.

Special rubber stamps, or markings is a better word, are used on this mail by each office. These are applied in various colours, green, blue, black, or purple. This marking is applied in many cases to the top right corner. Some of the markings have the word "Deliver", some O.H.M.S. some just the letter "D" some a boxed mark reading Not to be posted/for internal/Delivery use/only, plus many others. I know of at least 15 different markings. I would add that this type of marking is NOT available to the public or even to postmark collectors. (Thanks to various Governmental Departments and R. M. Startup for information.)

Over 7,000 articles were posted at the temporary Post Office at the 7th Far East Scout Conference.

Wellington Postmen datestamp was replaced on the 1st October with a **Wellington Postmen's Sorting CENTRE** datestamp. This is used in the postmen's delivery branch in the Wellington mailroom on undeliverable mail. Unlike Auckland which has a number of sorting offices, all the Wellington sorting for all postal zones is carried out in the Chief Post Office mailroom.

Markings

A reader in Palmerston North sent me an envelope with a marking applied in red. This red marking reads, "To save delay please request/sender to include box number/in your address." It was applied to a letter addressed to a street in Palmerston North instead of the box number. It is good when readers see these markings and send them in so that they can be recorded.

Wheel Barrow Mail

I was asked the other week by a local philatelist if I knew anything about the wheel barrow mail.

On the 23rd September 1935 Mr. F. G. Lukey left Bluff with Mr. J. Schofield for Christchurch, 400 miles away. This was no easy trip, for they were walking, pushing a wheelbarrow. Not only did the wheelbarrow carry plenty of advertisements, but it also had one or other of these gentlemen in the barrow, as well as a quantity of covers which were souvenirs of the journey. They arrived at Christchurch 12 October, and the mail was duly posted to those who had ordered a cover, a few friends plus a few extras. They are by no means plentiful and add to a cover collection.

Mr. Lukey told me that on an earlier trip they walked from Auckland to Wellington via Te Kuiti, New Plymouth, Stratford, Kaponga, Manaia, Hawera, Palmerston North. By the time New Plymouth had been reached new soles were needed.

KINGSTON HEIGHTS (Wellington)

Full postal and banking facilities were available from the 19th October in a new post office at the corner of Quebec and Montreal Streets Mornington. This Mornington is a suburb of Wellington and is not to be confused with the Dunedin suburb which has a post office of that name.

NEW PLYMOUTH POWER PROJECT AGENCY (New Plymouth)

Full postal and banking facilities are now available each Wednesday evening from six to eight p.m. The office is situated in a prefabricated building in the main staff complex. You will notice the word Agency, and as far as I know there are only two other agencies in New Zealand. This agency does not have its own datestamp or P.O.S.B. marking and used the New Plymouth delivery datestamp from the chief Post Office counters, and an old P.O.S.B. marking which has had a word removed. The way to get a cover which really shows place of posting at the moment is a registered one for they write on the label "Power Project New Plymouth". It is staffed by two officers from the New Plymouth Chief Post Office. All mail will need to go through the C.P.O. New Plymouth. The opening night was Wednesday, September 30th.

EARLY POSTING ON NORFOLK ISLAND

Norfolk Island

The first postage stamps to be used in Norfolk Island were those of Van Diemens Land, later to be known as Tasmania.

Van Diemens Land stamps were issued on 1 November 1853. Norfolk Island was then a dependency of that colony and the intention was that the stamps be sold there also. However, due to unusual circumstances, which are worth relating here, they did not become available on Norfolk Island until 7 months later.

Mutiny

Arrangements had been made for a supply of the stamps, of 1d and 4d denominations and of a total value of £16, to be sent to Norfolk Island by the government barque 'Lady Franklin'. The vessel departed Hobart on 16th December 1853, her complement including guards and convicts. But the 'Lady Franklin' returned to Hobart on 28th January 1854, her mission uncompleted. She had not reached Norfolk Island as the convicts on board had mutinied and escaped, taking the postage stamps as part of their booty. Strangely, it is on record that some of the stamps, of the value of £6, were subsequently recovered.

Evacuation

A new consignment of stamps was sent to Norfolk Island either in February or July 1854, the available evidence suggesting the later as the likely date. By July 1854 there was opportunity to use stamps in Norfolk Island for a further 10 months only as, following a decision to abandon the settlement, all free settlers, convicts and the military settlement were removed. The last party was taken off the Island in May 1855.

Covers of the period, bearing Van Diemens Land stamps and Norfolk Island postal markings, are extremely rare and probably no more than two or three are known in philatelic circles today.

Pitcairn Landing

The vacating of the island left the way clear for the British Government to proceed with a long-standing plan to move the inhabitants of distant Pitcairn Island to Norfolk Island. Some years earlier the Pitcairners had petitioned the authorities to shift them to a more suitable place and it became possible to effect the transfer in 1856, the whole of the Pitcairn commu-

ity being transported on the ship 'Morayshire', landing at Norfolk Island on 8th June of that year.

It is doubtful if there is any surviving philatelic material relating to the early years of the Pitcairners at Norfolk Island. Postal arrangements were then of a most meagre character; postage stamps of any kind were not in use and the few letters despatched had postage requirements met in cash. Such letters, carried by the occasional visiting ships, were eventually posted in various ports around the Pacific and bore no external evidence of their Norfolk Island origins.

From 1856 Norfolk Island had the political status of a British colony and the Governor of New South Wales was appointed also to the position of Governor of Norfolk Island. At no time, however, did the island become a dependency of New South Wales.

About 1877, the New South Wales Government agreed, at the request of the British authorities, to supply Norfolk Island with postage stamps. While the practice was observed for a few years, it would seem to have been discontinued, for reasons not known, in the 1880s. The earlier practice of pre-paying postage stamps in cash then continued to be followed until about 1898.

Special Postmark

Norfolk Island was provided with a distinctive postmarker of N.S.W. pattern about 1892 but there was little opportunity for it to be used at the time because New South Wales or other postage stamps could not be purchased on the island. The situation improved about 1898 or 1899, when N.S.W. stamps were placed on regular sale. Most philatelists interested in Norfolk Island are able to introduce their collections with N.S.W. stamps of 1898-1912 bearing the coveted Norfolk Island postmarks.

The position of Norfolk Island as a British colony was not materially affected by the federation of the Australian colonies on 1st January 1901, and stamps of N.S.W. types continued to be employed until supplanted by stamps of the uniform Commonwealth issue of 1913.

Territory Status

Norfolk Island ceased to have the status of a British colony and became an Australian Territory as from 1st July 1914. About 1923, efforts were being made to secure distinctive postage stamps for the

Territory but these were unsuccessful at the time. The proposal was raised again in 1937 and on this occasion was favourably received. Subsequently, the preparation of a stamp design was authorised and this received final approval late in 1939. Early in the following year the Note Printing Branch was asked to prepare stamps accordingly, in five denominations. At about this time also the Government publicly announced that a Norfolk Island stamp series could be expected about April 1940.

However, the subsequent course of events ruled otherwise. The stamps were actually printed but because of wartime conditions it was decided not to proceed with the issue. Some years later, in 1947, the destruction of the printed stocks was authorised. During the process of destruction some of the stamps were stolen and subsequently reached the philatelic market. All stamps of the 1940 printings were perforated 11 and are therefore readily distinguishable from the initial issue of 1947, uniformly perforated 14. Stamps of the 1947 series were of the same design as the abortive 1940 series.

New Zealand Units

During most of the period of World War II, Norfolk Island was garrisoned by New Zealand army and air force units which established their own services post offices. Philatelic interest in the various postmark impressions from these offices has brought about the situation that they are now difficult to acquire, particularly on cover.

The issue of the first Norfolk Island stamp series on 10th June 1947 was significant also in that from the same date, Norfolk Island assumed full control of its own postal affairs. Since then the Territory has had complete responsibility for its stamp issues, although for a number of years afterwards the actual work of procuring new stamps was carried out by the Australian Post Office at the request of the Island Administration.

The 1947 series comprised 12 stamps, values being 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 5½d, 6d, 9d, 1s and 2s. All stamps were of the same design, a view of Ball Bay, and were printed at the Note Printing Branch, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Melbourne.

Acknowledgment to F. Collas who originally wrote this article for the Aust. Ext. Terr. Dept.

MILITARY UNIFORMS

Antigua

Antigua is issuing a set of five stamps showing military uniforms.

Drummer Boy

The half cent value shows a Drummer Boy of 4th or The King's Own Regiment in 1745. In 1881, this Regiment became The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) and, in 1920, The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster). In 1959, The King's Own and The Border Regiment were amalgamated to form The King's Own Royal Border Regiment, and now forms part of The King's Division. The Regiment fought against Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden in 1746. The background figures are a Grenadier Company Sergeant and Private, and a Battalion Company Officer.

West India Regiment

The 10 cents value shows a Private of the 4th West India Regiment in 1803. Originally, seven Regiments were raised in 1795, and, by 1798, the number had risen to twelve. The number of Regiments varied over the years, and, when finally disbanded in 1927, there remained only two. The uniform was basically the same as that of the rest of the British Army. Initially, the equipment was black, but was changed to buff in 1803.

Grenadier Company

The 20 cents value shows an Officer of the Grenadier Company, 4th Battalion, 60th (Royal American) Regiment of Foot, in 1809. The Regiment raised in 1755 for service in the American colonies. There were originally two Battalions, but these were soon increased to four, and a fifth, Rifle Battalion, was added in 1800. After various re-organisations, the 60th became a Rifle Regiment in 1824, under the name The 60th Duke of York's Own Rifle Corps. In 1830, the name changed to The 60th King's Royal Rifle Corps, and the number was dropped in 1881. The Regiment is now the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, in The Light Division. The background figure shows a Private in the Rifle Battalion.

Light Infantry

The 35 cent value shows an Officer of the Light Infantry Company, 93rd (Highland) Regiment, in about 1830. This Regiment was raised in 1800, largely from Sutherland Fencibles, and revived the title The 93rd Sutherland Highlanders in 1861. In 1881, the 93rd was

amalgamated with the 91st Highlanders. The new Regiment was originally called Princess Louise's (Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders), but, in 1882, the names in parenthesis were reversed. The title The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's) was adopted in 1920. After the Battle of Balaclava, the 93rd earned the soubriquet The Thin Red Line. That the Officer is in the Light Infantry Company is indicated by the wings on his shoulders, the whistle and chain on his shoulder-belt, and the green hackle in his feather bonnet.

3rd W.I. Regiment

The 75 cent value shows a Private in the 3rd West India Regiment (Light Infantry) in the uniform adopted in 1858 at the express wish of Queen Victoria, who had been favourably impressed by the dress of the French Zouaves. The background figures show a British Officer in tropical dress, and a Drum-Major and Drummer.

The date shown on the stamp is the date from which the regiment served in Antigua and does not necessarily coincide with the uniform illustrated.

Falkland Islands

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY AND SOUTH GEORGIA

The following procedure will be followed when the above territories' sterling value stamps are taken off sale on 15th February, 1971.

The transitional period in which both £sd and decimal value stamps may be used for postal purposes has not yet been decided but it is likely to be a year to eighteen months. When it is decided to demonetize the £sd stamps advance publicity will be given. Holders of the old type of stamps wishing to exchange these for the new decimal value stamps will be given a six months period of grace to do so. It is not proposed to exchange the old £sd stamps until they are invalidated, i.e. they will be exchanged during the six months period of grace only. It is emphasised that holders of the old type of South Georgia and B.A.T. stamps should not send them to those territories for exchange but consign them to the General Post Office, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Jamaica

125th ANNIVERSARY OF JAMAICAN RAILWAY

In the early days of the Colony's history it appears that roads and their upkeep present much the same problem as they did in contemporary Europe. Originally highways were made a charge on the parishes, each being responsible for its own section. The opening up of the interior overtaxed this system and it was supplemented by central government grants and turnpike enterprises. By the middle of the nineteenth century either the administrative arrangement was working badly or, perhaps, the public were more critical having become aware of the improvements that had taken place in road construction in the U.K. and other countries; in any event there had been one or two investigations and attempts at reform.

It is not surprising, therefore, that a community as socially and economically advanced as Jamaica should have been quick to recognise the potentialities of the railway. At the end of October 1843, William Smith of Manchester, England, petitioned the House of Assembly for permission to construct a railway from Kingston to Spanish Town (the Capital at that time) with an extension to the Angels two miles north. The bill became law before the end of the same year and work started in September 1844. The period coincided with the Railway mania and the Jamaican venture was a small spark in the flare.

The line took just over a year to complete and it was opened in lavish style by the Governor, the Earl of Elgin, at the end of November, 1845.

To commemorate the 125th Anniversary of this momentous occasion Jamaica are issuing a three value set of postage stamps marking more historic steps in the Railway's history.

The 3c features The Projector 1845 which was one of the first steam locomotives provided for the Jamaican Railway.

Whilst the 15 cents depicts the last of the steam engines used in Jamaica. (1944 Engine 54 4-8-0 type wheel arrangement.)

The 50 cents value features one of the last locomotives purchased in 1967. This is an Alco model DL532 of 1050 horse power and Bo-Bo type wheel arrangement.

ANTIGUA - 20th ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE
1 FEB 1971



MALAYSIA - BUTTERFLIES
16 NOV 1970



PITCAIRN ISLANDS
POLYNESIAN PITCAIRN
1 MARCH 1971



ST. LUCIA - AIRWAYS
1 MARCH 1971



GIBRALTAR

16 FEBRUARY 1971



SHADES AND FLAWS FROM WARWICK PATERSON IN THE C.P. NEWSLETTER

1970 HEALTHS

Three major colour groups in the 2½c plus 1c value (Basketball girls).

THREE SHADES

The three colours are (a) the common vermilion (b) the scarce light orange of which I have observed an estimated 10%—15% of total copies and (c) the rare scarlet — a deep, rich colour of which not more than 14 sheets have been found to my knowledge. This deep colour gives the entire design a distinctly reddish look.

UNITED NATIONS

As with the Health above the colours in this stamp are a result of colour combinations. I mentioned flaws in plate 1A1A1A1A R/49 and R/65 (also plate 1B1B1B1B) as occurring in the yellow plate last month. Both these flaws appear in the foreground at the bottom of the design, where yellow red and blue dots combine to form a brown "earth" colour. Arthur Dexter points out to me that my observation was at fault here. The flaws are in fact in the blue plate, as red and yellow colours are present within each flaw. Transient flaws are appearing quite frequently in this stamp, taking the form of colourless blobs and blotches in the blue plate—often with what I would call a "splatter" effect and sometimes with coloured areas within the flaw. Some of them last over a series of several dozen sheets and may move slightly across the sheet. Some form of foreign matter is doubtless at fault—probably lodged not on the plate itself but on the "blanket" cylinder, interfering with the transfer of inked design cylinder to sheet of stamps. By observation and comparison it is probable that we shall learn more of the causes of this type of defect in due course.

1970 CHRISTMAS

2½c, 3c, 10c

Again, printed by Delacryl, this year's Christmas do not seem quite up to the standard of the previous years' Harrison photogravure reproductions. The finer screen and harsher colours detract, I feel, at least from Correggio's masterpiece. On the whole I think the two lower values succeed well, however, of the 10c I find little to say in praise.

The design hardly shows us much of the architectural attraction of the church tower and the colour choice is atrocious. Mark Cleverley of Auckland designed the 10c which seems a disappointment after his 25c Hauraki Gulf and 15c Maori Fish Hook (to come) and his other varied and innovatively accomplished designs.

Christmas

Shades: A very pale black in the 3c value and in the 10c there are two major variations in the orange—one quite pale.

1970 Pictorials:

1c plate 1a1a1a1a: R1/6 retouch under upper segment left wing R2/1 plate scratch behind antennae R6/20 blue flaw in selvage R8/20 retouch to left antenna R9/20 behind second A of Zealand.

1c plate 1b1b1b1b: R10/5 retouch left of upper right wing and flaw antenna R10/8 orange flaw tip of upper right hand wing.

1c plate 1b1b1b1b: R7/3 retouch under 1c, R9/1 over W, R9/4 centre top margin, R3/10 left of upper left wing, R5/9 top of left antenna.

2c plate 1a1a1a1a: R9/18 retouch under 2nd A of Zealand R8/7, R9/17 behind figure 2.

3c plate 1a1a1a1a: R8/13 retouch left of upper left wing.

3c plate 1b1b1b1b: R6/13 flaw left moths body R2/14 retouch right margin under 3c.

4c plate 1b1b1b1b1b: Retouches R9/6 over 2nd A, Zealand, R10/18 above moths head.

1970 HEALTHS 2c PLUS 1c (Girls)

Back in the news again! While examining several sheets of this stamp for outstanding shades in Auckland last month I came across one of those big finds that collectors romance about; I noticed a sheet with distinct doubling of the impression in the magenta colour in the bottom margin of the stamps—a "double impression" if you like, about 3mm below the main print and distinct enough to be readable. This doubling shows also in the upper part of the design as a ghostly shadow of "1970" and slightly below. Explanation? I believe that this is another example of a "blanket" impression as described in October's Newsletter. With two examples now we may

find that this type of defect is associated with the Delacryl process only; of this particular example I found six sheets—however, only the first two or three produced what I would describe as really clear double impressions—undoubtedly a real rarity and one well worth representing.

10c TIMBER STAMPS (Second design)

I have seen one full coil strip of ten stamps with completely missing green colour—the coil pairs at each end had been preserved and will make magnificent and very rare collectors' items. This was one of the more striking missing colours I have seen—and with ten copies only known?—well, your guess as to price is as good as mine. The stand of trees at left looked very wintery!!

COOK IS. DISPLAY

TAURANGA STAMP CLUB

Conducting its usual fortnightly meeting at the home of Mr. Arnold Shanks, the Tauranga Stamp Club had one of its most enjoyable and interesting meetings of the year. The most notable feature was the presence of the club's Patron, Dr. K. J. McNaught and his wife of Hamilton.

The meeting began with presentations of awards that members had won at the recent Ambury Shield weekend at Hamilton, at which the club gained a very creditable 3rd equal placing with Waikato. After making the presentations Dr. McNaught gave members some interesting points on how to arrange their own collections for future competitions.

The second part of the evening was a remarkably fine display of Cook Island stamps from Dr. McNaught's own collection. The display took in all stamps from the very earliest up to the latest issues.

As he showed each set, Dr. McNaught gave a very interesting coverage of the postal and general history of the Islands. A very enjoyable evening closed with a fine supper provided by the lady members of the club.

W. E. Osborne,
President.

\$100

Latest price of the 1970 3c Christmas stamp with missing words was \$100.

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ABBREVIATIONS

F.D.C.—First Day Cover
 U—Used
 F.U.—Fine Used
 M—Mint
 V.F.U.—Very Fine Used—
 Circular cancels.
 O/P—Overprint

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Lot No.	Estimate	Lot No.	Estimate	Lot No.	Estimate
POSTAL HISTORY					
NEW ZEALAND					
837	1882 Sideface Plate Proofs Imperf. Pairs 1d (2), 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d (2), 8d and 1/-	25.00	848	Heard Island. Closing of Post Office. (3 covers). Reg. Cover. Reg. and Stamped at Mawson due to lack of time and volume of mail.	2.00
838	Sheet 2d full face. Posthumous pull from original plate Imperf. in black (240)	50.00	849	Heard Is. (4). 3 Reg. Covers for 1949, 1950 and 1951 and cover 1952	5.00
GREAT BRITAIN					
839	1d Mulready Cover (A67) with Family Endowment Life Assurance Advertisement Inside. Printed by Baily and Co.	25.00	850	Heard Is. (4). 3 1951 Covers (2 Reg.) 1 1952	3.00
840	1d Mulready Cover (A8) (Cuddy). Unused with various small adverts. Printed by I. Page	25.00	851	MacQuarie Is. Establishing First Post. 7.3.47. Reg. Cover. Large MacQuarie Island handstamp	2.00
841	1d Mulready Cover (A241) incorporating Hallet's Postage Advertiser	25.00	852	Macquarie Is. (6). Various Covers (3 Reg.). Posted 1949 (2), 1950, 1951 (2), and 1952. 3 with cachets, one H.M.A.S. Labaum	6.00
842	1d Mulready Cover (A63) incorporating Edinburgh Envelope Advertiser (No. 1)	25.00	853	Macquarie Is. Official Stationary with two cachets (Scarce) 21.9.50	1.50
843	Mulready Caricature envelope — J. W. Southgate's "Blarney Stone"	20.00	854	Macquarie Is. Scarce cover sent on ship chartered to carry new food supplies due to mishap. Special cachet on back noting via Dunedin, New Zealand	15.00
844	Fore's "Courting" Envelope	20.00	855	Macquarie Is. First Day 3½d Australian Antarctic Commemorative (3 covers). Heard Is. cachet cover postmarked at Macquarie due to closing down. Macquarie Is. One cover cachet blue, other black	4.00
AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC					
Australian Antarctic Research Expeditions					
845	Heard Island. Reg. Cover with large Heard Island Rubber Stamp and Normal cover sent on first post 23.12.47 (2)	2.50	856	Ditto also Mawson F.D. cover	5.00
846	Heard Island. Official Envelope (scarce) with (Anare) Cachet and Heard Is. Handstamp	1.50	857	Mawson. First outgoing mail. (3 covers and 1 reg.)	2.50
847	Heard Island. Rescue of Dr. Udovikoff. Reg. Cover (31.1.51) carried on successful rescue ship H.M.A.S. Australia. Cover carries ANRAE Heard Island Cachet used only on special occasions. (10 known)	15.00	858	Antarctic Treaty — First consultative meeting (2 covers)	1.50
COOK ISLANDS					
			859	Airmail set of 10/- in Pairs. 6d, 1/6, 5/- and 10/- show small plane variety in pair with normal.	9.00
860	Airmail. £1 value in pair with scarce upright watermark also variety small plane.	50.00	NEW ZEALAND		
861	Long Type Fiscals. Postally used. 2/- and 7/6.	3.00	862	Ditto £1 (Damaged) Postally used.	1.00
863	Ditto £2. Postally used. Fine		863	Ditto £2. Postally used. Fine	
864	Ditto £5. Postally used. Fine		864	Ditto £5. Postally used. Fine	
865	Ditto 3/- (2), 5/-, 4/-, 6/- 7/- and 10/-. Fiscally used (7)	3.50	865	Ditto 3/- (2), 5/-, 4/-, 6/- 7/- and 10/-. Fiscally used (7)	3.50
866	5/- Fiscal Type and 1/- 1884 Postally used together on piece. (Wellington 19.8.87)	2.00	866	5/- Fiscal Type and 1/- 1884 Postally used together on piece. (Wellington 19.8.87)	2.00
867	N.Z. Q.E.II 3/- Official Pair V.F.U.	3.00	867	N.Z. Q.E.II 3/- Official Pair V.F.U.	3.00
868	N.Z. Arms 1/3 Blue letters used. Cat. \$6.	1.50	868	N.Z. Arms 1/3 Blue letters used. Cat. \$6.	1.50
869	N.Z. 2/6 and 3/- Q.E.II on Horseback. Mint S.G. Cat. \$9.	4.00	869	N.Z. 2/6 and 3/- Q.E.II on Horseback. Mint S.G. Cat. \$9.	4.00
870	Christmas Island 1958 and 1963 Sets Mint	2.00	870	Christmas Island 1958 and 1963 Sets Mint	2.00
871	Niue 1967 Arms 5/- S.G. 84 Ea Very Rare	35.00	871	Niue 1967 Arms 5/- S.G. 84 Ea Very Rare	35.00
872	Niue Corner Block of Four 1920 3d V.F.U. S.G. Cat. 2.40	1.25	872	Niue Corner Block of Four 1920 3d V.F.U. S.G. Cat. 2.40	1.25
873	Niue. Selvedge block of four. 1920 6d VFU S.G. Cat. \$4	2.00	873	Niue. Selvedge block of four. 1920 6d VFU S.G. Cat. \$4	2.00
874	Niue Selvedge block of four. 1920 1/- VFU S.G. Cat. \$7.20	3.50	874	Niue Selvedge block of four. 1920 1/- VFU S.G. Cat. \$7.20	3.50
875	Niue Selvedge block of four. 1927 4d VFU S.G. Cat. \$3.60	1.75	875	Niue Selvedge block of four. 1927 4d VFU S.G. Cat. \$3.60	1.75
876	Pitcairn KGV1 set complete mint. S.G. Cat. \$19.	10.00	876	Pitcairn KGV1 set complete mint. S.G. Cat. \$19.	10.00
877	Australia Vertical Strip of 3 F.U. Cent. of S.A. 1/- S.G. Cat. \$5.10.	3.50	877	Australia Vertical Strip of 3 F.U. Cent. of S.A. 1/- S.G. Cat. \$5.10.	3.50
878	Australia Silver Jubilee Set F.U. Cat. \$13.70.	7.50	878	Australia Silver Jubilee Set F.U. Cat. \$13.70.	7.50
879	Australia £1 and 10/- Robes F.U. S.G. Cat. \$11.	6.50	879	Australia £1 and 10/- Robes F.U. S.G. Cat. \$11.	6.50
880	Australia Navigator Set. 4/- to £2 F.U. S.G. \$25	20.00	880	Australia Navigator Set. 4/- to £2 F.U. S.G. \$25	20.00

MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR FUTURE SALES.

NEWS AND VIEWS

STAMPS AND INFLATION

by LAURIE FRANKS

With everything else in N.Z. having risen this year, many collectors have no doubt been wondering what the effect on the stamp market will be.

The price freeze does not effect stamps, which are termed second-hand goods, and certainly prices inevitably must increase in proportion to the cost of living, or dealers stocks and your collection will both drop in value in relation to purchasing power.

This year has been abnormal in that stamp prices have remained more steady than any other time I can remember. We are still selling all stamps in our Tasman Catalogues at the listed prices, whereas with N.Z. stamps alone by six months after publication at least 20 to 30 items have increased. Possibly the tightening of the economy has eased the pressure on the stamp market, and this may continue for a few months. Prices of cheaped stamps will go up before long because of higher handling costs—our new U.S.A Catalogue lists Comemoratives at not less than 5c each for this reason. We understand S.G. now will not supply orders for stamps under 1/- each, and in U.S.A want lists are on the way out, and the largest approval business in the country has closed up because of rising costs.

My prediction is that prices for items in reasonable supply—costing up to \$3, each or so—will remain constant in price for a few months, but that as soon as the economy gets another spurt—in election year (1972)—there will be a rush of people trying to fill gaps that they could not afford earlier. The prudent collector should try to spend as much as possible before the rush comes.

Rarer items will not be affected as many of these are sold to overseas buyers, and many to persons whose incomes are not affected so much by economic crises. The amount of material being exported from N.Z. these days indicates that many items now plentiful may soon become much scarcer. We notice that many bulk lots of F.D.C.'s & Special Postmarks in our Auctions now go overseas, and

remember how the buying of early Health stamps by U.S. troops visiting N.Z. during World War Two led to 1931's rising from 30/- each to £5 in 1947. We don't say that 1946-50 Health F.D.C.'s will rise like that, but if this trend continues, in another 10 years there will be many items which will be sought after which to-day are considered as junk.

PHILATELIC THOUGHTS

Murray G. Wing

A new format is being developed for the ESTIMATES OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND (Parliamentary Papers B7 PT. I) — Departments are now required to include Programme Statements. These statements give details of Departmental objectives. The following are listed under POST OFFICE ACCOUNT VOTE Post Office Working Expenses as the "Postal Objectives" of the N.Z. Post Office. Readers may be interested:-

1. Efficient quick mail services to and from any place in the world.
2. Delivery of letter mail within N.Z. no later than the day after posting within a radius of about 200 miles. All other letter mail to be delivered no later than the second day after posting.
3. Upgrading of rural delivery service.
4. Extended parcel delivery service.
5. Private boxes on demand.
6. Improved posting box clearance service.
7. Mechanised postal centres at Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland, and mechanisation of mail handling at other centres as warranted.
8. Promotion of philatelic sales throughout the world.

The other day I was lucky enough to be given for study some very old club circuit books. These had been passed down from father to son and then cousin to cousin. They were apparently made up about 1908 and apart from the

fact that they had been issued by the "Wellington Junior Philatelic Society" there were many interesting features including some well known philatelists' names and comments by the Exchange Superintendent including "Most of these stamps might be priced at 4 a penny some 8 a penny". (They were priced at 1d each.) Also "Spaces not marked. Probably X."

(It seems that human nature never changes.)

There seems to be considerable interest at present in the higher values of recent N.Z. commemorative stamps and readers should endeavour to obtain copies for their collection while they can still be found. Used copies of such issues as Cook Bi-Centenary, Armed Forces, Corso, EXPO 70 are not too plentiful. Other stamps tipped as good investments include Cook Is., Apollo Landing Set, Australia Geo. V 1/4d mint or used.

TOO MANY ISSUES

Auckland.

Dear Sir,

I am in agreement with the large number of collectors and the Philatelic Societies in general in their opposition to the large number of new N.Z. issues announced by the Post Office in the coming year, and it is a pity to see a prominent philatelist like the contributor of Philatelic Thoughts advocating a new annual stamp to celebrate stamp week.

If people would give a little more thought before voicing opinions on issuing new stamps for everything that comes into their heads it might be better for Philately in general.

In reply to John Campbell, Philatelic Societies pass on the views of their members to the N.Z. Federation of Philatelic Societies which take up the questions with the Post Office. There is much co-operation by the Post Office and it is usual for a responsible Post Office official to attend Federation meetings and he gives a sympathetic ear to their questions. However the Post Office policy on new stamps issues is finalised for approximately 12 months, so nothing can be done about it and after that time the current questions are most likely forgotten.

Arthur Dexter.

THE PASSING OF THE ACCUMULATOR

Whither Away

by Merry Trishus

There is no doubt about it! I am being forced into it! Into abandoning the role of accumulator and up one rung of the ladder — that of a one-country man. It is against my fixed principles, and all I hold dear and enjoyable in this hobby. But what can one do when one is forced by the Post Master General into having to buy a 10c Christmas stamp as well as the ones that are usually used. Who wants to use a 10c on a Christmas card? And if there is such a person, which I doubt, he should be made to supply all philatelists their requirements to fulfil the demands of our overseas swaps. That is what ultimately breaks the accumulator.

To accumulate he must have sources of supply. So, brushing aside the fact that he might — I repeat "might" — get what he wants from the village dealer at that worthy Philatelic Parlour—the true blue accumulator, by luck or good management, gets into touch with a fellow idiot in another country. Then his troubles begin. His fellow idiot's ideas of supply and demand seem to work on the proposition that he demands and you supply. Thus though it is bad enough with the ordinary lot of definitives and commemoratives, to swing another 10 cent stamp into the list is the last straw. Bang goes another dollar.

So in February, or possibly before, the 28c comes out; I am going to join the list of pensioners who simply can't live on their pensions, and I will regretfully have to cease enlarging my albums and those of my overseas stamp friends.

Of the latter, I may say, one is a Hungarian Jew in New York who is an adept in this demand and supply lark. He reckons a U.S. \$5 defn., catalogue value 70c, is the equal of a 70c N.Z. com-men, catalogue value \$5. Did he get away with it? Well, I am of Scots descent, and my U.S. album holds, at latest count, 927 stamps.

To get back to my main subject, the question is now, on which country should I concentrate. At first I thought Cocos and Keeling Island or Christmas Island might give less trouble as regards the annual output. But then I realised I have nearly a full packet of

hinges on hand which my Scots ancestry will require me to use. So I expect it will be N.Z. and, at the present rate, the output there will use up the packet before the contents completely shrivel up.

But I give formal notice here and now that I will not be into taking the next step forward—into the specialist group. No, Sir.

Even as a one-country man I may occasionally feel the urge to burst into words in this Journal. That is, if the Editor so permits or finds himself short of really acceptable material. But I give further notice that I cannot approach nor treat the subject of philately or any of its branches, with the single-minded purpose, knowledge, and solemnity that seems to permeate the pens of the learned contributors to this journal. I nearly put "other" before "learned" but realised in time that the Editor if for nothing else, sought eminence in truthfulness.

But if it should be found that the present postmarking gadget at Watawapa came first into use on the day of my birth, then I might admit that postal history had its attractions. But I couldn't be serious about it. Not, of course, that, that will worry the present addicts or diminish their numbers.

Perhaps I may actually be a postal historian after all. I have got a couple of copies of the Dick Seddon small poster of the Christ-Church Exhibition. And I may say that I went to that Exhibition and can, I think, remember posting postcards from the top of a tower. Although admittedly being only a small boy at the time, I may have mined up that bit of my postal history.

But, if I may digress, what I do remember is that, out of the one day I then had in Christchurch (two had been visiting my grandparents in Dunsandel), I only had two hours in the morning at the Exhibition. My young Aunt (who had charge of me and was to put me on the ferry to Wellington that night) in the afternoon carted me off to a cricket match — which was of more interest to her as her current boy friend was playing in it. Preferring a cricket match to the sideshows of an Exhibition. Well, I ask you? I was aged ten.

You will remember that a couple of months ago I asked you where Zaragoza was. Well, I will tell you. It is on the way from Barcelona to Madrid. I was going through some overseas travel brochures the other day. And there it was, staring me in the face. I must have been through the city once, as I did that trip eleven years ago.

It is, perhaps, as well after all that I have been financially forced into becoming a one country man. This latest stunt of Messrs Gibbons into requiring an accumulator to buy about ten catalogues where three used to fill the bill, is I feel an outrage against the susceptibilities and pockets of all true philatelists. And that ten may be up to twenty before the rest of volumes two and three are dealt with. I assume it is because they want to make money out of their catalogues. But I often wondered if they made it out of selling stamps. Because if you went into Gibbons you had to pay catalogue prices. No chance of a cut there. I tried it. £2.10.0 was the price of the stamp I wanted (they had only two of them) and £2.10.0 each I had to pay, although the other few dealers where I picked up other copies all dealt with me around the thirty bob mark.

But, returning to the catalogue question, how am I going to remember that Andorra is with France and not in Spain. General Franco may have something to say there. But at least I have learnt where to find San Marino.

I see no alternative. I must still rely on the Library—even if it is only last years models.

A PRINTING ACHIEVEMENT

Laurie Franks Ltd.'s associate company, Philatelic Printers Ltd. has just been awarded a \$28,000 contract for the Education Department of Papua & New Guinea. This is not only the first-ever printing contract for P.N.G. to be placed in N.Z., it is the first overseas contract in the educational field to come to N.Z., and Philatelic Printers Ltd., one of the youngest printing firms in N.Z., is only the third to enter the export field.

JUNIORS 1971 PROGRAMME

The N.Z. Junior Stamp Club has a busy year ahead. In addition to producing a quarterly Newsletter, running six competitions per year, attending to the Approval Service and Exchange Schemes, answering problems and giving guidance, finding penfriends and visiting members, the four members of the club committee has planned a busy programme of special activities for 1971.

Special Club meetings are planned for Hamilton, Putaruru, Papakura or Papatoetoe, Whangarei, Hastings, Lower Hutt, Nelson and Dunedin. These will be either attended by Trevor McCracken or Rob Hunt and will mainly be gatherings in club members homes. The first meeting will be held in Lower Hutt in March.

A Postal Sale will be held in May in an effort to raise some extra money for club funds. Up till now the club has relied on the 50c subscription members pay and any profits from the Club's Approval Service are used for the members benefit. Any material donated to the club for sale in this Postal Sale would be very welcome.

The major event of the year will be the Philatelic Youth Camp which will be held at the Blue Skies Scout Camp just out of Christchurch. This is the best Campsite that the club has ever managed to acquire and will accommodate 60 campers. The camp will be held from 16th to 22nd May. Cost will be \$10.00.

A Philatelic Weekend will be held at Campbells Bay, Auckland, early in July. This will be in the form of a mini-camp lasting from Friday evening until Sunday evening.

It is also hoped to be able to organise another mini-camp from 27th to 29th August in Palmerston North to coincide with the New Zealand National Junior Stamp Exhibition (STAMPEX) being held at that time in Palmerston North.

The committee is hoping that many of its members will enter STAMPEX and will give all the encouragement it can to members who intend to do this. The three committee members who are eligible to enter will all be putting in entries.

The N.Z. Junior Stamp Club has also decided to donate a trophy to be awarded at STAMPEX. The form of this award and what it is to be awarded for has still to be decided.

This month the club has a Crossword Competition and a Write a Letter Competition going. Entries are coming in fast. Useful prizes are awarded in all the club's competitions. This month and every month many members will be trying to win a Stamp Album on the Stamp Page of the N.Z. Woman magazine.

January Birthday winner is David Wilton (11) of Trentham.

If you are young, and interested in stamps, then join in the fun by being a member of New Zealand's largest Junior Stamp Club. Write to Neil Harland, P.O. Box 812, New Plymouth, for full details.

SCOUT POSTMARK SIDELIGHT

Be Prepared: A special postmark was in use for the Boy Scout Conference in Lower Hutt. This was the event which kept us out of our usual meeting place, and to add insult to injury, few of our members know that a special postmark was being used there. It seems that one must always be on the alert for these possibilities, or, as the Scouts say, "Be prepared". (Hutt Valley P.S. Newsletter)

Mollymawk

It's Mollymawk: An old sailors name given to kinds of albatrosses makes the bird on of the Chatham Islands stamps a mollymawk, not a hawk. Lots of newspapers seem to have got it wrong.



Mollymawk: I am obliged to the Wildlife Section of Internal Affairs for finding out (from Dr. R. A. Falla) the origin of Mollymawk. The name given to a seabird called the Fulmar (a kind of petrel) was in ancient Norse times "Malle muk". As the Scandinavian sailors ventured further, they saw other birds of the albatross type, but still gave them the same name "Malle muk". This became Mollymawk in English, but it is often confused and rendered as Mollyhawk. To scientists it is still Mollymawk, because the bird is not a hawk at all.

Acknowledgment to Ashton Cook Editor of the Hutt Valley P.S. Newsletter.

"STAMPEX '71" NATIONAL JUNIOR STAMP EXHIBITION

The National Junior Stamp Exhibition being arranged by the Manawatu Philatelic Society is to be called "Stampex". It will be held in the Centennial Pavillion erected in the Square, Palmerston North for the Centennial celebrations. The Exhibition is to be held during the first week of the 1971 August school holidays from Tuesday, 24th to Saturday, 28th August inclusive.

Entry forms with details will be distributed in February. Children under 10 will be able to enter, in fact anyone who is under 21 can enter in the appropriate age group.

The Society's efforts in promoting this, the first ever National Junior Stamp Exhibition, are meeting with an excellent response and it is anticipated that a most successful exhibition will result.

Numerous donations have been received and this is very gratifying indeed. Considerable expense is involved and the Committee appeals for further donations of cash, stamps or philatelic accessories. These will be greatly appreciated.

Material donated for auction will need to be in the hands of the Society by the end of January. A special Postal Auction will be held early in the new year so please send your donations in as early as possible.

We gratefully acknowledge donations of stamps and cash from the following:—

Capt. Holland, Mr. V. Macfarlane, Mr. C. E. Cooksley, Mr. H. Newth, Mrs. V. Palenski, Mr. A. V. Milar, Mr. G. Elliot, Mr. Colin McNaught, The Stamp Den, Gisborne, Aotea Stamp Co., Taradale Junior Stamp Club, Mrs. L. R. Capill.

Liaison Officers

We would be grateful of Philatelic Societies would appoint a liaison officer from their membership and advise us accordingly so that we may channel correspondence through him.

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PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

National Heritage Stamp Issue—Native Dwellings

Four typical and picturesque examples of traditional native architecture to be found in various Districts of the Territory are featured on this National Heritage Stamp Issue to be released on 27th January, 1971.

This colourful set, which comes in denominations of 5c, 7c, 10c and 40c was printed in three and four colour photogravure by Helico Courvoisier of Switzerland by Australian artist, Graham Wade.

EASTERN HIGHLANDS ROUND HOUSE



Some Highland villages may contain between 25-50 round houses arranged lineally, whilst others may have as few as ten. The houses are circular in plan featuring a conical roof topped with a long upright pole which is itself topped with clumps of orchids or tanket leaves. Sometimes these houses may feature two of these pole extensions. The only opening in the house is a small front entrance about four feet high, which usually opens onto a broad path running the length of the village. The house walls consist of two rows of parallel bi-pointed wooden stakes, pounded vertically into the ground and stuffed with dead grass (kunai and pit pit) held in place by long horizontal strips of tree bark. The roof is constructed of the same materials, the stakes being lashed to the centre pole with strong vines, which makes the rafters project out and over the walls forming a continuous type of eave, and are lashed to thick vines and thick pliable bamboo that has been twisted in and out and around, parallel upright stakes.

It is fairly customary for the men of a village to sleep together in a

men's house and in this there is usually no division of the interior into rooms, but a low partition may separate the front half containing a circle of stones for a fire from the back half containing headrests for sleeping, or sometimes this back half is raised a foot or so above the ground forming a sleeping platform. The magic flutes of the Highlands are kept in these houses and are forbidden to the sight of women.

The women's houses, are constructed externally the same as those of the men, although sometimes slightly smaller, however the interior differs somewhat as the house is usually shared by the pigs belonging to that particular family, these being very important to the health and economy of the Highlands people. Stalls for the pigs, usually an extension of the main centre pole, may be constructed inside the woman's house separated from the living quarters by a rail fence, through which the animal can thrust its snout for scratching or for a morsel of food.

The inside roof of all round houses are black and shiny with smoke, dirt and grease from a fire which is usually kept going all night. Most of these houses have neat borders of red and yellow crotons. Sometimes wooden slats about a foot high are placed across the front entrance to stop neighbours' pigs from entering. When a Highland man leaves his house for any period of time he planks up the entrance and then crosses the stems of two large cordyline bushes across the planked up entrance, this informing all and sundry that the house is locked up and therefore not to be entered.

MILNE BAY HOUSE



Most houses in the Milne Bay District including the Trobriand Islands, D'Entrecasteau Archipelago and Woodlark Island have decorations of carved and painted panels. The design used on the panels were copyright to a clan or to a family or more especially to the chief's house.

The designs were affixed to the yam storage houses and to the prow belonging to the family or clan. Although discs or cappings were fitted to the foundation posts of houses in many coastal villages in Papua and New Guinea, it was a feature of all houses in the Milne Bay District as a protection against rodents. In other villages where these were not used special food hooks were made to hang from the rafters to protect food.

As in most coastal villages, houses were built on piles and this gave cool space under the house to sit and talk, work at pottery or for storage of equipment. The design of the house itself differs in various parts of the district. It is thought that the design shown here may have been influenced by the teachings of Samoan Missionaries late last century. Essentially the house is divided up into a living section, bedrooms and kitchen.

PURARI DELTA HOUSE



This type of house which is found in the Papuan Gulf can be over one hundred feet long and about thirty feet wide. Family houses are built in the same style but are not nearly so large. Usually there is a central corridor with cubicles on each side. In the family homes there are as many cubicles as there are wives. The children sleep in the same cubicle as their mother. A separate cubicle is devoted to the kitchen and

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often a sort of raised patio is built across the entrance protected by the long overhang of the gable roof.

RAVI

Was the name given to very large houses built in the same style and used for ceremonial purposes to which women were forbidden to enter. Sacred articles were housed here and there were few, if any, cubicles. The large floor space was used for discussions in meetings of the elders or for initiation and other ceremonies.

The interior housed carvings and decorations; veritable museums of primitive art on their own.

Chalmers described the interior in 1883: "I looked down an aisle nearly 200 feet in length. All down either side was hung with what looked like splendid silk curtains and these were made from the young frond of the sago palm split up when quite new. The flooring of the tisle, two feet broad, appeared to be a dark-stained, highly polished weed, and carved with figures of men, crocodiles and cassowaries. This received its high polish from the blood of victims dragged along to the end..." Similar houses were built for the single men who each maintained his own allotted cubicle.

**SEPIK-MAPRIK HAUS
TAMBARAN OR MEN'S SPIRIT**

The distinctive facade of the Maprok Haus Tambaran with its masses of multi-coloured faces and animal motifs is one of the best known art styles in the Territory. The rows of painted faces may be tiered in six rows in the very large houses up to eighty feet high, but in the small twenty foot houses there may be only one row of faces. The faces represent ancestral spirits and legendary heroes. Under the painted facade is a carved beam with a row of faces

which may represent legendary heroes, important tribesman or even people who have had influence in the village such as patrol officers, village constables or missionaries. Other decorations on this facade are small animal and bird carvings such as the pig or hornbill. Lizards, fish and men are also intermingled in the paintings on the facade.

The house is used by men only for initiation, fertility or other ceremonies. Inside the houses are kept carvings called "Givaldu" which are representative of the first people of the tribe much in the same concept as Adam and Eve in Christian belief.

These figures may be up to 20 feet long.

Although women are not allowed inside the haus tambaran, they can pass in front of it when no ceremonies are taking place. Most ceremonies are held in front of the haus tambaran and a pallsade of palm fronds is built to enclose a dance ground in front. Women are not allowed near here at this time.

Acknowledgement is extended to Mr. R. D. Mackay, and Miss T. Monahan of the Papua and New Guinea Public Museum and Art Gallery, Port Moresby and Mr. Graham Wade of Sydney, for providing background material for this issue.

**BOTSWANA
CHRISTMAS 1970**

Designs featured last issue

To mark the Christian festival of Christmas 1970, Botswana are depicting animals in psychedelic colours. Since one of Botswana's principal attractions is its extensive variety of wild life and these animals are also among the longest established residents of the country, the Postal Authority thought it very appropriate to pass on their message of "Happy Christmas" via these little messengers.

Being essentially a joyous occasion they decided to use the selected animals symbolically, so that their happiness could be reflected in their features, and, in keeping with the modern artistic trends they chose also to express this happiness by the use of psychedelic colours. To have used traditional colours in circumstances would, they felt, have been quite unsuited to the subject matter as well as to the message which they were trying to convey.

This year additionally, they have chosen what they feel is an original subject for a Christmas issue and, as befits a young and vigorous country like Botswana, they have set out to present a modern approach to art which at the same time is not out of keeping with the dignity of Christmas.

Mr. A. A. Vale is again the designer of this set of stamps. He was also the designer of the Botswana Christmas 1969 issue which won the Observer award for the best Christmas design in 1969 from Commonwealth countries.

H.M.S. CALLIOPE

HMS Galliope was built at Portsmouth Dockyard, 1884, this being the third vessel of that name in the Royal Navy. She had a steel hull, wood and copper sheathed, with a displacement of 2700 tons. The vessel was classed as a steam corvette or cruiser third class. Twin steam engines were capable of giving 13.7 knots, a cruising range of 4000 miles at 10 knots. The ship had coal bunkerage for 550 tons.

This ship must not however be mistaken for the similarly named vessel, under the command of Captain Stanley, which arrived in the Bay of Islands in 1845 where it immediately became engaged in the Battle of Ruapekapeka. After serving and aiding with similar Naval exercises on the coast of N.Z. Captain Stanley undertook to survey the Auckland harbour, naming two points of the harbour after himself and his vessel, Point Stanley and Calliope Point.

Although the notice of the visit had been so short it had been possible to release two values to honour the visit—8 sene and 20 sene.

It was at Calliope Point that the Royal Navy was to set up barracks and build a dry dock. By mere coincidence the HMS Calliope, which was later to become famed for its escape from Apia Harbour in the face of a bellowing hurricane, was at Auckland in February 1888 and the first vessel to get into the dry dock. The HMS Diamond followed and the two ships sat high and dry for opening ceremonies of the Naval dock.

On October 29th, 1907, the Calliope was made into a RNVR drill ship; being renamed in June 1915, Helicon; and reverted to Calliope in October, 1931. The vessels life ended when sold on October 4th, 1951, and then broken up.

WHAT'S COMING ?

NEW ZEALAND

1971: Jan. 20th: Maori Artifacts. 15c, 18c and 20c.

1971: Feb. 10th: CWI and Rotary.

1971: March 3rd: One Ton Cup Yachting Contest.

1971: April 14th: National Parks. 25c, 28c, 30c and 50c.

1971: May 12th: Centenaries Palmerston North, Auckland and Invercargill.

1971: June 9th: UNICEF and Antarctic Treaty.

PITCAIRN

1971: March 1st: Polynesian Pitcairn. 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c.

ROSS DEPENDENCY

1971: New Definitive series.

WESTERN SAMOA

1971: February 1st: 9th Anniversary of Independence (Timber).

1971: New definitives.

PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

1971: Jan. 27: Native Buildings. 5c, 7c, 10c and 40c.

1971: March 31: Flora and Fauna. (Five stamps.)

1971: June 9: Fourth South Pacific Games. (Four stamps.)

AUSTRALIA

1971: Jan. 6: Australia-Asia. 7c, 15c and 20c.

1971: March 31: Armed Services. 3 and 6c.

1971: April 24: Centenary of Australian Natives Association. 6c.

1971: May 7: Centenary of Sydney Stock Exchange. 6c.

1971: May 17th: 50th Anniversary of Rotary. 6c.

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

1971: Animals Series (3).

1971: 50th Anniv. of RAAF.

1971: Parliamentary Conference.

NORFOLK ISLAND

1971: Feb. 24: 2, 5, 15, 50 cents.

1971: June 16: 20, 30 cents, \$1.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

1971: New Definitives.

BR. SOLOMON ISLANDS

1971: Jan.: Ships and Navigators.

GT. BRITAIN

1971: Feb: Decimals. ½p, 1p, 1½p, 2p, 2½p, 3p, 3½p, 4p, 5p, 6p, 7½p, 9p.

1971: Feb.: To Pay Labels. ½p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, 5p.

POST OFFICE CENTENARIES 1971

1st January: Glenorchy, Kaipara Flats, Ohaupo (re-opening centennial), Rotorua, Taupo, Taradale, Waikaka, Dargaville.

1st February: Makikihi.

1st April: Johnsonville, Kaiwharawhara, Tawa.

16th April: Waima.

20th April: Jacksons.

14th May: Reefton.

1st June: Te Angra.

1st July: Ormond, Ponsonby.

20th July: Sawyers Bay.

1st August: Ryal Bush.

10th November: Kakanui.

Acknowledgments to "The Mail Coach".

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

The following postage stamps will cease to be valid with effect from the 1st April, 1971. They may, however, be exchanged for stamps of current issues of equivalent values from any post office in the colony on or before 1st November, 1971.

(a) 1956 Definitive issue.

(b) 1963 Freedom from Hunger Commemorative issue.

(c) 1963 Red Cross Commemorative Issue.

(d) 1964 First Air Service Commemorative Issue.

(e) 1965 International Telecommunications Union Centenary Commemorative Issue.

POPE PAUL VISIT



On 29th November, 1970 Western Samoa released two stamps to honour the visit of His Holiness Pope Paul VI to Polynesia.

An official announcement was made in Apia on 29th October by Bishop Pio Taofinu'u just a few minutes before the news was heard via international radio. Bishop Pio's message was that "His Holiness, the Holy Father Pope Paul VI has decided in favour of a visit to Western Samoa in order to honour through this visit the peoples of the Pacific and the heroic missionaries who have spent their lives in the service of these people of the Pacific."

The Pope flew thousands of miles extra on the normal Manila Sydney route so as to specially visit the Samoan people for one day only.

He said Mass at the parish church in Leulumoenga after which His Holiness proceeded to the Presbytery to meet his missionaries.

Although the notice of the visit had been so short it had been possible to release two values to honour the visit—8 sene and 20 sene.

Western Samoa CHRISTMAS 1970

The printer of this issue, previously given as "Helico Courvosier S.A. (Spain)" is, in fact, "Heraclio Fournier S.A. (Spain)."

Incorrect information appeared on the first news release describing this particular stamp issue.

NEW ZEALAND NEWS



New Maori Stamps

A further three stamps of the 1970/71 Definitive issue will be placed on sale at all Post Offices on 20 January, 1971. These stamps feature Maori artifacts, the 15c featuring a Maori fish hook designed by Mr. M. Cleverley of Auckland. The 18c Maori Club and 20c Maori Tattoo pattern were designed by Miss E. Hunter of Wellington. All these stamps were printed by photogravure by Harrison and Sons Limited, London.

GUIDES POSTMARK

Special arrangements are being made to commemorate the official opening of the 3rd National Girl Guides Camp which is being held at Hastings on 5th to 13th January, 1971.

You will note the special pictorial datestamp at the 3rd National Girl Guides Camp Hastings, temporary Post Office will be used on 5th January, 1971 and not 14th January 1971 as stated in the December 1970 Philatelic Bulletin.

Persons requesting this special datestamp will be asked to forward their stamped addressed covers to the Postmaster, Hastings, by 31st December, 1970. The outside cover or wrapping should be enclosed "Covers for Girl Guide Camp, Hastings."

Stamp Collectors Special Pack

Philatelists, or those with stamp collector friends overseas should welcome the latest move by the New Zealand Post Office's Philatelic Bureau, in Wellington.

The Bureau has collected the 17 special or commemorative stamps issued between October 2nd, 1969 and October 1st, 1970 in a stamp collector's gift pack being released on December 1st.

This year's introductory gift pack has been limited to a print of 10,000 but, if demand is heavy the print order will be increased when next year's gift pack is produced.

The white laminated folder of this first production is decorated with a simple, but colourful design incorporating distinctive features in the designs of the stamps.

The history and details of the stamps are outlined on the inside cover which also includes an artistic impression of Captain Cook.

The collector's pack includes stamps produced for the Cook Bicentenary, Expo, Health, Corso, the 25th anniversary of the United Nations, Cardigan Bay and the three new Christmas stamps.

The collector's pack will be available from December 1st at Chief Post Offices and post offices in tourist centres where Philatelic Bureau officials expect a heavy demand from overseas visitors searching for gifts to send home to friends and family.

The pack may also be obtained from the Philatelic Bureau, Private Bag, Wellington (mail order) and the Philatelic Sales Sections at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

WAIKATO P.S. Russian Collection

The President of the Waikato Philatelic Society, Mr. John O. Moore, spoke to members at their second October meeting about Pre-War Russia. The period covered was from the Russian Revolution, which ended in 1923, to the start of the Second World War, 1939. Mr. Moore pointed out that the stamps gave an overall impression of drabness which reflected the life in Russia at that time, the Stalin era. A display of stamp issues during the period was shown and was part of the collection that gained a Bronze Award at Tarapex.

STAMP VALUES DISCUSSED

THE HASTINGS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

At the November meeting of The Hastings Philatelic Society Mr. J. Whincop gave a talk on the value of stamps, and how the Stamp Catalogue is the stamp Bible. Mr. Whincop said some collectors think they have very valuable stamps by catalogue value, but if the stamps are to be sold one does not get the catalogue value unless the stamps are valuable ones. Mr. Whincop told members not to value their collections by catalogue values.

The guest speaker for the evening was our President Mr. A. A. Morgan who displayed his collection of Art on Stamps. Mr. Morgan said he has always been interested in art and he displayed his stamps the way he had collected them, there were stamps from every country. A number of the stamps were taken from paintings in different famous Art Galleries. Some of the stamps were of ancient art, Central America and Chinese Pottery, Statues, Needlework, Tapestry, and lace, stained glass windows, Religious paintings, War art, there was one from Viet-Nam that had recently been done, and some of the famous artists. Members all enjoyed this interesting collection.

The Baker Cup of Art on Stamps was won by Mr. A. A. Morgan, Mr. G. van Zanten 2nd and Mr. L. Scrivens 3rd.

The Hildreth Cup conducted by Mr. J. Whincop was won by Mrs. L. Brown.

AIRMAIL EXHIBITION

Next year's international airmail exhibition (organised by the International Aero-Philatelic Club under the Patronage of F.I.S.A.) will be held in the Congress Halls in West Berlin from June 10th to 13th; at the same time F.I.S.A. will hold its XI Annual Convention and Congress.

Requests for information about the Exhibition, and for entry forms (which have to be forwarded in duplicate to the Organising Committee before April 5th, 1971) should be submitted to any of the following societies who will have copies of all available documents.

Aero Philatelic Club: Mrs. Shirley Scott, 103 Stamford Court, Stamford Brook, London, W.6.

British Air Mail Society: Mrs. C. M. Gray, 35 Southwood Road, New Eltham, London, S.E.9.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NEWS

December Releases

1st December, 1970.

Antigua. Military Uniforms. ½, 10, 20, 35, 75 cents and souvenir sheet.

Gibraltar. Christmas 1970. 2/-
Turks and Caicos Islands. 300th Anniversary of the Granting of Letters Patent. 1, 8, 10 and 35 cents.

7th December, 1970.

British Indian Ocean Territory. Replacement. Definitive Values. 30, 60 and 85 cents.

8th December, 1970.

Guyana. Christmas 1970. 5, 6, 15 and 25 cents.

14th December, 1970.

Christmas Island. New definitive values. 15 and 30 cents.

16th December, 1970.

Malaysia. 25th Anniversary of the Installation of the Sultan of Trengganu. 10, 15 and 50 cents.

21st December, 1970.

Ceylon. International Education Year. 15 cents.

29th December, 1970.

Seychelles. Flowers. 20, 50, 85 cents; Rs 3.50 and souvenir sheet.

31st December, 1970.

Montserrat. Girl Guide Golden Jubilee. 10, 15, 25 and 40 cents.

Forthcoming Issues

DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Ascension Island. (Space.) 15th February, 1971. **British Antarctic Territory.** Decimal Values. Overprinted. 15th February, 1971. **British Honduras.** New ½ cent definitive. 1971. **Brunei.** 1971. **Cyprus.** 1971. **Falkland Islands.** Decimal Values. Overprinted. 15th February, 1971. **The Gambia.** 1971. **Gibraltar.** (4p, 1 p, 2p stamps reels.) 15th February, 1971. (Old and new views.) 16th February, 1971. **Guernsey.** 10p, 20p, 50p. 6th January, 1971. - Remaining values. 15th February, 1971. **Booklets** (10p, 20p, 30p). 15th February, 1971. **Jersey.** Decimal 4p—9p. 15th February, 1971. **Lesotho.** 4th January, 1971. **Malawi.** (Antelopes.) 15th February, 1971. **Malaysia.** States Series. (Butterflies.) 1971. **St. Helena.** Decimal. 15th February, 1971. **South Georgia.** Decimal Values. Overprinted. 15th

February, 1971. **Swaziland.** P.D.L.'s (1, 2 and 5 cents). 1971 **Tristan da Cunha.** Decimal Values. Overprinted. 15th February, 1971. **Turks and Caicos Islands.** (New Value Tablets.) February, 1971.

Commemorative Issues

Antigua. 20th Anniversary of Adult Suffrage. 1st February, 1971. **Barbados.** Easter 1971. 1971. **Tourism.** 1971. **Bermuda.** Keep Bermuda Beautiful. 8th February, 1971. **Botswana.** Important Crops. 1971. **British Antarctic Territory.** 10th Anniversary of Entry into Force of Antarctic Treaty. 23rd June, 1971. **British Honduras.** New Capital. 30th January, 1971. **British Indian Ocean Territory.** Aldabra Nature Reserve. 45, 75 cents: R1 and 1.50. 15th February, 1971. **Brunei.** The Installation of the Perdana Wazir. 1971. **Cayman Islands.** Turtles. January 1971. **Ceylon.** Republican Issue. 8th January, 1971. **East Africa.** Conversion to Metric System. 4th January, 1971. **Guyana.** Public Buildings. 1971. **Hong Kong.** Lunar New Year. 1971. **Jersey.** Wildlife Preservation Trust. 12th March, 1971. **Lesotho.** Birds. 1st March, 1971. **Malawi.** Decimal Currency. 1971. **Malaysia.** Muda Irrigation Scheme. 1971. **Mauritius.** Tourism. March, 1971. **Montserrat.** Irish Settlers. 1971. **St. Helena.** Easter 1971. 1971. **St. Kitts.** Flowers. 1st March, 1971. **De Poincy.** 1st June, 1971. **St. Lucia.** Opening of Beane Airport. 1st March, 1971. **Singapore.** National Day. 1971. **Swaziland.** Flowers. 1971. **Tristan da Cunha.** 50th Anniversary of the Shackleton Rowett Expedition. 1st June, 1971.

PERFIN. CATALOGUE

Laurie Franks Ltd. of Christchurch have just published a catalogue of New Zealand stamps with perfin initials. Perfins are initials such as W & T for Whitcombe & Tombs punched into stamps in the form of little holes. Collectors will be interested to know that stamps that they have previously considered valueless because of these holes may be worth \$5 or more.

UNITED STATES

NAVY TO CACHET APOLLO 14 COVERS

Manned Spacecraft Recovery Forces of the U.S. Navy will provide commemorative cachet and cancellation services for the upcoming Apollo 14 manned flight to the moon.

Philatelic co-ordinators designated for the Atlantic and Pacific Fleet Recovery Forces (Task Force 140 and 130) will receive all such covers and make distribution to assigned recovery ships.

To permit adequate time for handling of covers, collectors should send pre-stamped, self-addressed envelopes to the appropriate co-ordinator at least three weeks prior to the scheduled launch date for the mission. For the scheduled 31 January 1971 launch of Apollo 14, covers should be received prior to 8 January.

In accordance with U.S. Postal regulations, only United States postage may be used on covers submitted. Stamps (postage) of other countries or the United Nations cannot be used. Cash, money orders or checks in lieu of postage cannot be accepted. It is requested that collectors furnish standard size covers, 3 5/8 inches by 6 1/2 inches, with a filler inserted to simplify handling.

Due to the popularity of the cancellation service and the limited postal facilities on recovery ships, each recovery force co-ordinator will accept a maximum of two (2) covers from an individual collector.

When more than the authorised number of covers is received, they will be returned unprocessed. Covers received too late for distribution to Recovery Force units will also be returned unprocessed.

Addresses for the Atlantic and Pacific area Co-ordinators are:

Apollo 14 Covers
Task Force 140
Naval Air Station
Norfolk, Va. 23511
Chief in Charge (Apollo 14)
Task Force 130
Navy Terminal Post Office
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96610

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NEW DECIMALS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

DISTINCTIVE DECIMAL STAMPS

An opportunity for philatelists to start a specialised collection of United Kingdom decimal stamps will be given by the introduction of the full range of decimal definitives in February.

There are 12 stamps in the low-value decimal range. Denominations and colours are ½p, turquoise; 1p crimson; 1½p charcoal grey; 2p green; 2½p pink; 3p bright blue; 3½p greygreen; 4p light sepia; 5p pale violet; 6p light green; 7½p light brown; 9p orange and black.

These are in addition to the 10p, 20p, and 50p high-value stamps issued in June, and the £1 stamp.

Colours of the new stamps were chosen after extensive tests on 25 colours for "confusability" at the Applied Psychology Research Unit in Cambridge. Housewives, who had volunteered to take part in the tests, were shown one stamp mounted on a white card for just two seconds, then another stamp. They had to say what degree of similarity there was between the two colours. Later, postmen also joined in the tests and eventually a colour range which would avoid confusion between different values in the sorting office was evolved.

Printed in photogravure on white, coated, unwatermarked paper by Harrison and Sons Ltd., the stamp will be issued in sheets of 200. They are the same size and show the same Machin profile of the Queen as the current low-value fsd range. All the stamps will have two phosphor lines except the 2½p which will have one.

Perforations are 15x14.

TO PAY

Low-value To Pay Labels will be brought into use at the same time as the low-value decimal definitives stamps. There will be six denominations:—½p, 1p, 2p, 3p, 4p, and 5p. Each will be the same colour as the postage stamp of the same value.

Low-value Surcharge Labels, until now known as Postage Due labels, were introduced in 1914 and their design has so far remained unchanged. The new labels will, together with the higher values of 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 — introduced on June 17th — complete the full-range of decimal to pay labels.

All the new To Pay labels were designed by Jefferey Matthews who has previously been successful as a stamp designer. Printing details are the same as those for the low-value stamps.

INVALIDATION

Every British stamp issue since 1911—except the decimal stamps—will become invalid for postage within 18 months of Decimalisation Day on February 15th, 1971.

These include the £1 stamps issued during the reigns of King George V and King George VI. The £1 Queen Elizabeth stamp has been adopted into the decimal range and will continue to be valid, as will the £1 Windsor Castle stamp.

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STAFFA OMAN AND UPPER YAFFA GREAT BRITAIN STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

THE STAMP TRADE

The Stamp Trade Standing Committee devoted several of its meetings to a close scrutiny of a number of recent issues. After extensive research and detailed discussions the Committee reached the following conclusions:

STAFFA

An island off the British coast, tourists visiting the Island can post mail using this private local issue in addition to normal postage stamps. According to information received by the Committee nobody lives on the Island and there are very few days when it is possible to land at all.

When offered for sale the recommended description is "Tourist souvenir labels".

If and when plans to build a new pier and other developments come to fruition, the Committee will reconsider their recommendation.

OMAN

The Committee has not been presented with any convincing evidence that the labels inscribed "State of Oman" have any postal use within the territory, over which the Iman of Oman claims sovereignty.

However, the Committee is aware that large numbers of covers bearing State of Oman labels have passed through the international mails. These appear to have emanated from Beirut where the Iman of Oman's Postal Counsellor has an office. Some of these covers have been transmitted through Jordan and Iraq.

When offered for sale the recommended description by the Committee (obligatory on B.P.A. and P.T.S. members) is "Propaganda labels".

PARAGUY

The Committee was dismayed to see sets of very colourful labels closely resembling postage stamps and made available by the authority of the Paraguayan Post Office. These labels even bear the words *Correos and Aereo*.

However, they definitely do not prepay postage but may be used on mail by those whose wish to contribute to the cost of building a monument for Marshal Lopez.

The issues seen include two sets with designs representing the first man on the moon and a flower set.

The key to recognising these is that all values are of 0.50 and there will be found in small type near this value the words "Adicional Pro-Monumento al M. Cal Lopez".

When offered for sale the recommended description is "Charity labels not valid for postage".

UPPER YAFFA

The Committee has examined all available material to the status of the issues of Upper Yafa. The evidence indicates that the authorities in this area, in the north of the West Aden Protectorate, had the right to issue their own stamps and that this policy was put into effect between September and December, 1967. The State apparently did not wish to be incorporated in the Republic of Southern Yemen after the transfer of power by the British authorities, but the area was overrun on some date which is not known during the closing months of 1967. It would appear that a set of definitive stamps was put on sale on September 13th, and that in the next few weeks as many as twelve commemorative issues appeared. Covers have been examined which bear several values of the definitive set and stamps from four of the commemorative issues. Some are postmarked November and one December, 1967.

From the evidence examined, the Committee is satisfied that some, though perhaps not all, of these issues were available for, and served, postal duty.

There are no releases known to have taken place after December, 1967.

FORMOSA

The Committee was shown a set of labels with Chinese masks closely resembling stamps of China (Formosa) issued in 1966 (S.G.-569/572). These labels are printed in sheets of 10 with consecutive numbering in the top right corner. When offered for sale the recommended description is "Privately produced labels".

WELLPEX '72

Readers are advised that the Wellington Town Hall has now been booked and the next N.Z. National Philatelic Exhibition (Wellpex '72) will be held there from 15th—20th May 1972 both dates inclusive. The Mayor, Sir Francis Kitts, has consented to be Patron.

AUSTRALIAN

POST OFFICE SEEKS STAMP MARKETS OVERSEAS

Negotiations have been completed for the Crown Agents to establish an Australian Stamp Bureau in London to promote and distribute Australian stamps on behalf of the Australian Post Office.

The new Australian Stamp Bureau will begin operations on 1st January, 1971, and the Australian Post Office will shortly mail full details to the U.K. stamp trade.

The appointment of the Crown Agents is designed to provide an improved service to stamp dealers in the United Kingdom where Australian stamps have excellent reputation amongst collectors.

Recent advertising campaigns in the United Kingdom have shown that there is considerable potential for further increases in sales of stamps in that area.

Investigations into the appointment of agents in North America, Japan and the continent of Europe, all important markets for Australian stamps, are well advanced.

The Australian Post Office is actively promoting Australian stamps overseas to give further impetus to marketing activities in its postal operations.

SPECIAL POSTMARKER FOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE

A special postmarker will be provided at Canberra from 3rd-17th February, 1971, during the Fifth Commonwealth Education Conference.

A temporary post office will be established at the Haydon-Allen Building in Canberra for the convenience of delegates, 200 of whom are expected to attend the conference from 30 Commonwealth countries.

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SOCIETY NEWS

WELLINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY REPORT

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Entertain

A well-attended November meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society (our last meeting for the year) had Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Stanley, who recently returned from a three month overseas trip made to coincide with Philymphia in London, showing a selection of colour slides taken on their travels. Apart from a few slides which showed the layout of the frames and dealers stands at Philymphia, the Stanleys delighted us by showing the tourist side of their holiday, with slides from Hawaii, several stops in the U.S.A., including Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco, the Grand Canyon and New York, Canada, and then on to England. Mr. Stanley mentioned how much they had enjoyed Disneyland when in Los Angeles. Another slide showed the family standing outside the famous San Quentin Prison, by Mr. Stanley assured us that it was quite a tourist spot!

Some candid shots were taken of the "sights" around London, and Mrs. Stanley showed and described the latest in Woman's fashions—that is, the Midis and the Maxis.

Several beautiful slides taken of Florentine artwork, and inside St. Peter's in Rome showed Mr. Stanley to be a rather talented amateur photographer.

Their return journey was made through Spain and Italy, and then through the East (Bankok and Singapore) before arriving home.

A lovely supper then followed, thanks largely to the efforts of our President, Mr. M. Chesterman, who then wished all present a Merry Christmas.

Miss P. Guymer,

Stamp Collecting Through Correspondence

Mr. W. H. Preston-Thomas was the guest speaker at the October monthly general meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society. He has a number of correspondents throughout the world, some of whom he has been writing to for over 30 years. "P-T" as he is often referred to, explained how he keeps a register of his correspondents and how he logs the various New Zealand stamps he sends them. He most often sends used N.Z. new issues as they become available, i.e. stamp by stamp. The register shows who is due to receive his

latest acquisitions. In this way he eventually sends a complete set of each new issue to all his pen friends. "P.T. drew attention to the correspondents' clubs which he found most suitable. He had a few harsh words to say about those overseas clubs who seem to pirate names and addresses from other respectable clubs. Among Mr. Preston-Thomas's most treasured items are some momentos and souvenirs etc. of the Second World War. P.T. was apparently at naval college with the late Duke of Kent and knew him well. When the Duke met his tragic death P.T. received a letter from the late Princess Marina together with a copy of the last photograph taken of the Duke before he was killed. These items were on display and invoked a good deal of attention.

P.T. amongst his many public minded chores undertakes the collection and disposal of hundreds of thousands of stamps on aid of the Blue Cross Society (the animals' Red Cross).

The meeting concluded with a short sale of stamps which had been carried over from the full night sale.

M. G. WING

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A highlight of the annual tion to Life Membership of Mr. general meeting was the elec- D. A. McCurdy, who joined the Society 'way back in 1930. During this period Mr. McCurdy served on the Council as Sales Superintendent, Treasurer, Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter. In moving the motion, which was carried with acclamation, the Chairman said it was nice to see Mr. McCurdy present and looking so fit and well.

R.P.S. TAKES OVER "STAMP COLLECTOR"

The Federation of N.Z. Philatelic Societies has accepted an offer from the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand to take over the publication of the New Zealand Stamp Collector. The "Stamp Collector" will under go gradual changes in content and will include more articles and news of a philatelic and research nature.

The "New Zealand Stamp Collector" was first published in 1919 under the joint editorship of Mr. Laurie Vernazoni and the late Mr. R. J. G. Collins,

FISH FEATURED HASTINGS SOCIETY

At the October meeting of The Hastings Philatelic Society, held in the Old Folks Association rooms, the Members enjoyed a varied and entertaining evening.

The instructional talk was given by Mr. J. Whincop who spoke on papers and short cuts on the sorting of stamps. Mr. C. Gregory displayed his collection of printed stamps on cards.

The Hildreth Cup was conducted by Mr. A. A. Morgan and won by Mr. J. Whincop.

Mr. J. W. Timmer displayed his pair of No. 1 New Zealand Queen Victoria stamps. It is not often one has the opportunity to see such rare stamps as these. In 1855 the first stamps were mostly used by soldiers writing to England and as this was rarely done, these stamps are very rare on covers.

The Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. J. Foote who showed his comprehensive collection of Fish stamps. Mr. Foote said he collected fish 'because he is a breeder and loves fish both on stamps and in the water. There was every type of Fish, and they were set out in families. There were Scorpions, Sharks and all varieties and colours of fish. Members kept Mr. Foote busy after his display with questions on his set out and writing up and the fish on the stamps. The display was enjoyed by all.

The Baker Cup Competition of King George VI Pictorials was won by Mrs. M. Howell.

The evening concluded with a short sale by tender.

PHILIPPINES DISPLAY TAURANGA STAMP CLUB

On 19th Oct. Mrs. M. Douglas entertained the meeting with a very interesting talk and display on the stamps of the Philippine Islands. Some of the most interesting items were the moderate rainfall of 250 inches in some parts, and a population of some 30 million. Mr. Osborne in thanking Mrs. Douglas commented on such a fine effort for her first display.

November 2nd, saw Mr. P. Pollard with an interesting study and sometimes humorous anecdotes on the stamps of Ireland. They show a very patriotic touch in the choice of commemoratives, also a bit of history of Christian unity of Europe was enjoyed by those present.

W. E. Osborne

Stanley Gibbons

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PITCAIRN ISLAND

The Story Behind The Stamp

The Bi-Centenary of the Discovery by Capt. Philip Carteret.

by Val McFarlane

Capt. Philip Carteret, sailing the H.M.S. Swallow, wrote into his Log-Book, "On Thursday the 2nd July 1767, we discovered land to the northward of us, which appeared like a great rock rising out of the seas." With these words Capt. Carteret recorded the rediscovery of an island which he named "Pitcairns Island", after the young midshipman who had sighted it. Unhappily, Midshipman Pitcairn lost his life in the "Aurora" on a trip to the East Indies.

History records that Spanish explorers made five voyages through the Central Pacific, the last was made by Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, who in January 1606 discovered the island of La Encarnacion, and three days later San Juan Bautista, there is no doubt that these two islands are now known as Ducie and Henderson.

Between 1767 and 1790, when Fletcher Christian beached and burned the "Bounty", there is no record of Pitcairn being sighted. In 1791, Edwards in the "Pandora" sighted and renamed "Quiros" Island, "La Encarnacion." "Ducie Island, but it was not until 1808 that the American Sealer, "Folger" found the new community on Pitcairn Island. John Adams, the last of the mutineers, records that

it was Carteret's Journal of the H.M.S. Swallow, that finally guided Fletcher Christian to Pitcairn Island.

"Folgers" report on the community living on Pitcairn, went unnoticed, because of the Napoleon wars, and Pitcairn was lost again until 1814, when the British Warships, "Briton" and "Tagus" revealed the story of the settlement to the world. Jonathan Adams, a brother of John Adams, the mutineer, sent him letters and gifts, by Captain James Henderson of the "Hercules" on his journey to Valparaiso. In January 1819, Henderson, on his return trip from Valparaiso, called in at Pitcairn and discovered a fourth island in the group, now known as "Oeno" Island.

The Bi-Centenary of Pitcairn's rediscovery by Carteret is a fitting moment to recall the story of these four isolated islands. The Double Canoes of the early Polynesian navigators, the galleon and bergantine of Quiros, the sloop of Carteret, the Armed Vessel Bounty, Henderson's Indiaman and the men who manned them are part of the saga of the South Seas. Of the four islands only Pitcairn is permanently occupied but its story of mystery and mutiny is sufficient to guarantee a perennial interest in them.

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ANTIGUA - MILITARY UNIFORMS
1 DEC 1970



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CHRISTMAS IS - FISH
14 DEC. 1970



St. Lucia OPENING OF BEANE FIELD AIRPORT

Release date: 1st March, 1971.
Designer: John Waddington Studio
from local ideas. Printer: Questa
Colour. Process: Lithography.

The new international airport at Beane Field is situated on a part of the island that has interesting links with St. Lucia's past. Amerindian (Arawak and Carib) as relics have been found there in abundance.

The Caribs were very much here in A.D. 1605, when 67 men from the English ship "Olive Branch" landed and pitched camp close to the mouth of the Vieux Fort River. In fact, they killed 48 of the 67. Some 50 years later, the Caribs of the district proved so troublesome to Dutch sailors stopping off there for water and wood, that the Dutch put up a redoubt, or fort, to protect themselves. This fort explains the name of the neighbouring town—Vieux Fort and it is thought that it must have been to the east of Beane Field.

The first sugar estate in St. Lucia was established in the neighbourhood in A.D. 1765 and right down to World War II the district continued to produce sugar. In 1941 the U.S.A. authorities took over some 960 acres of land for an Arm base and airport—BEANE FIELD. It was named, apparently after an American airman who died in the service of his country.

On December 10th, 1960, the major part of Beane Field was returned to the St. Lucia Government.

The Lighthouse that figures on one of the stamps undoubtedly has a claim to publicity on the occasion of the opening of the new international airport at Beane Field since, together with Maria Island, it is one of the most outstanding objects on St. Lucia to appear to a pilot as he approaches the southern tip of the Island. Moule a Chique Lighthouse is a picturesque signpost on the way to Beane Field.

The name of the lighthouse poses a problem as it has been spelt in so many ways on maps and in books that its origin and meaning offers considerable difficulty. It would seem, however, that the French surveyor, Lefort de Latour, has the answer in the "Description" that he wrote for the map of St. Lucia which he published in 1787. Speaking of the mountainous promontory at the southern tip of the island,

he says it is called "le mole a Chiques". This he explains by saying that the promontory really forms a kind of mole or breakwater: it covers or protects, on the south-eastern side, the bay and port of Vieux Fort.

So much for 'Mole', but what about 'a Chiques'? Here Lefort de Latour has nothing to say. However, it would seem that the 'Chiques' in question are fleas or mites which penetrate under the skin of both man and beast—to their great discomfort. The English name for them is chiggers, chigoes or jiggers. One may suppose that, in early French colonial days, the promontory abounded in these chiggers, and that the colonists named it after them.

Polynesian Pitcairn

At the beginning of the 6th century A.D. it seems that the ancestors of the present Polynesian race had already established themselves on the larger islands of the Pacific Ocean and were embarking on voyages of discovery to the smaller and more remote islands. From Tahiti it is thought that they sailed from island to island in a south easterly direction through the Tuamotu Group and on to Mangareva (the Floating Island).

The folk-lore of Mangareva tells of a chief, Taratahi, who sailed away with some of his followers and colonised Matakiterangi. Here they and their descendants lived until driven off by another group led by a certain Ragahenua who is thought to have originated in the Austral (or Tubuai) Islands. Matakiterangi is said to have been a fertile land but having the drawback of a difficult landing place due to its height. Pitcairn Island has been identified as Matakiterangi. Situated as it is some 300 miles to the South East of Mangareva, it would have been well within the range of the Polynesian canoes and it seems to be the only island fitting the traditional description of Matakiterangi. Confirmation of this identification would seem to have been made in 1834 when some Pitcairn Islanders, who were staying for a time on Mangareva, were surprised to learn from the local inhabitants that they knew not only the position of Pitcairn but could also describe in detail their ancestral burial grounds on it.

Certainly, when first discovered by Europeans, Pitcairn bore ample evidence of Polynesian occupation. Rock carvings of men, animals and the cliff, stone idols were still in geometrical patterns were found on position around the sacred sites, Polynesian style burial grounds and ovens were discovered and piles of stone implements were still littered around the sites that had apparently been used for canoe building. Subsequently many of the relics were lost and some, particularly the stone deities, were deliberately destroyed. However, enough remain to tell the story of the original inhabitants of Pitcairn and this latest stamp issue portrays several of the relics which are still extant.

Release date: 1st March, 1971.
Designer: Miss Jennifer Toombs.
Printer: Alden and Mowbray Ltd.
Process: Lithography. Watermark:
C.A. Block. Perforation: 13½.

SOCIAL EVENING

DUNEDIN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

November Meeting

For the final meeting of the year on November 26th, the Dunedin Philatelic Society held a social evening which was well attended by members and their families. Members who had won cups during the year displayed their entries. Some items of interest were displayed with these. There was some speculation as to how many Block combinations could be obtained from the recent Canadian Christmas issue.

Mr. J. B. Hamel showed negative slides of items in his collection taken by an N.Z.B.C. Television crew when they were obtaining material to publicise the recent Stamp Week. For postmark collectors this type of display certainly warrants investigation as that heavy black postmark shows up white and is easier to discern.

Mr. D. White provided entertainment with another showing of some slides of N.Z. stamps with subtle alterations. These included the "Mainland" on the 1923 Map stamp and a not so young girl on the 1935 Health stamp.

An informal chat and supper bought the evenings proceedings to a close.

I. R. Coutts.

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LIFE ON PITCAIRN ISLAND

Isolation

Some time ago we saw an Educational film about life at the South Pole. The emphasis was on the isolated and lonely existence experienced by the members of the Winter party. Here on Pitcairn we think they have it good down there. To begin with they know before they start that they will have a long spell with very little contact with the outside world and they plan and cater accordingly. What happens when a store ship is expected at six or seven weekly intervals and suddenly there is nothing for three and then four months? Not even word of a ship or a promise of one before five or six months have passed? The South Pole winter party cannot tell you but we can. We can also tell you what it is like to receive no mail for four months or so. No doubt many readers have wondered why their letters, stamp orders etc. have gone unanswered over recent months. The answer is, we are sorry to say, that we have not received any letters to answer, and apparently cannot hope to do so for some time to come.

Drought

Pitcairners have endured long spells between ships in the past but it must be a long time since a scarcity of calling ships was combined with a scarcity of rain.

Consider the odd set of circumstances that have put the people of Pitcairn in the unenviable position of being able to claim, without much fear of contradiction, that they are one of the most isolated groups of people on earth.

The Island is well known for its fertility, moderated temperatures and ample rainfall and the people make the most of these natural blessings by working the soil. The gardens have always produced well. There has always been more than enough fruit and vegetables to meet the needs of everyone and the local inhabitants have come to rely heavily on their gardens for the best part of their foodstuffs. Then too one cannot rely too greatly on outside sources when the basic wage is only 28 cents per hour.

The story this year is different. Apart from the odd passing shower very little rain has fallen since July. Spells of very dry weather have been experienced in the past.

However this drought coming during the winter months and the planting season is a more serious one as we cannot expect much relief during the long hot summer months to come. Most householders have had empty fresh water tanks for over two months and have been carting 5 gallon lots of water from "Browns Water" — an insignificant but vital trickle in the bush a mile or so from the village — and 500 feet above it. This is not only a monotonous past time but a very time consuming one. Mouths which are usually wet and cool have been hot and dry. Some stout hearts have not only carted water to their homes but also to their gardens. However five or ten gallons does not go far on parched soil and as Pitcairn terrain does not make for bulk water carting (even if an unlimited quantity of water was available, which is not the case) most of these gardens have now shrivelled up or are about to do so.

This article, although not philatelic, gives an insight to life on one of the most popularly collected Pacific Islands. Readers will also note, due to the reasons given in this article, why the 'Fish' issue of Pitcairn was delayed from September until October 12. Presumably the Crown Agents in England were unable to find a calling ship to Pitcairn during September.

Although we have endured a considerable brain washing programme, some of us still wonder if the bombs in our back-yard have not had something to do with the freak weather conditions. Cynics and the brainwashed may laugh but more than one reputable scientist believes that such disturbances do have a considerable effect on the weather. Who are we to question the knowledgeable when the proof seems to be on our doorstep?

Good Supplies

No water, no garden, no food. Fortunately the position is not as bad yet as it could be. People who live in out of the way places usually lay in good supplies against hard times and this is just what the

people of Pitcairn have done. However such supplies are not inexhaustible and heavy demands have been made upon them during the past few weeks. Then too there are necessary foodstuffs such as flour, rice and butter which have a short life in a hot climate and cannot be stored in bulk for any great length of time.

But what about all the ships that pass Pitcairn Island. The answer of course is that they are of no help. It is the ones that stop that count — and in particular the scheduled callers carrying mail and supplies. These are becoming fewer and further apart.

In 1968 a Co-operative was formed on Pitcairn to help ease the food supply situation caused by fewer supply ships. However, working on the very small financial margin that it does, our store has been looking like "Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard" for some time now. When stores do eventually arrive the goods will hardly hit the shelves before they are whisked away and then we will be back where we started with probably another long stretch before us of empty shelves and no replacements.

The last store ship from New Zealand arrived early in July and the last supply ship from the United Kingdom brought no supplies whatsoever. As we go to press no one here, in New Zealand or anywhere apparently has any idea when our next store ship will arrive. Our claim to isolation is based largely on the fact that on one appears to have the interest, the authority or the ability to remedy the position by arranging for a ship to call.

No Mail

Talking of isolation, the position with mail here would be laughable if it was not so ridiculous and frustrating. We have received no mail from New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom since July and none from the United States since May.

The complications, disappointments and frustrations arising from non-delivery of mail would provide material for several more pages but let's hope February's story is brighter and we can turn our thoughts to happier events.

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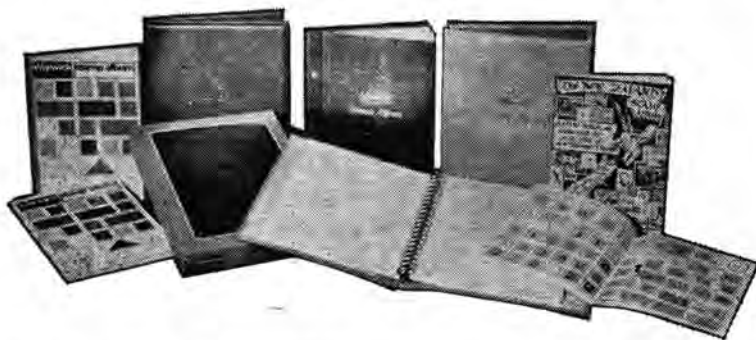
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New Year Issues



A 6 cent postage stamp honouring General Douglas MacArthur will be issued with first day ceremonies January 26, in Norfolk, Virginia, Postmaster General Winton M. Blount has announced.

The date marks the General's 91st birthday anniversary. He is buried in Norfolk, and a MacArthur Memorial Foundation has been established there.

Almost from the moment of his death in 1964, there has been intense demand for a MacArthur stamp, Mr. Blount noted.

The son of a general, General MacArthur was born in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1880 and received an appointment to West Point in 1897, where he graduated No. 1 in his class.

His rise in rank was rapid. By 1917 he was a colonel, a year later a brigadier general.

In 1930 he was named chief of staff, at 50 the youngest ever to hold the post.

As Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Tokyo, General MacArthur restored the shattered economy and placed Japan on the road to democracy, where he served as a Five Star General.

The MacArthur stamp is vertical and was printed on the Giori press in red, blue and black. It was designed by Paul Calle, of Stamford, Connecticut.

The portrait is based on a Wide World photo that was taken early in 1944 aboard a Flying Fortress, during an inspection flight over New Guinea.

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount has announced the subjects of three commemorative postage stamps that will be issued next year.

The stamps will:

Salute the role of blood donors and urge increased participation in this vital programme.

Mark the 10th anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty, which provided for scientific co-operation and pledged the area to peaceful activities.

Honour Missouri on the 150th anniversary of achieving Statehood.

Dates and places of first day of issuance ceremonies and the denominations and designs of the stamps will be announced later.

The Antarctic Conference met in Washington in 1959, with representatives present from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States. All signed the treaty December 1. The treaty went into effect on June 23, 1961.

Thus far, Argentina, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, Norway, South Africa, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom and the United States have announced plans to issue an Antarctic Treaty stamp next year.

NEWS FROM THE UNITED STATES

The treaty made no effort to settle conflicting claims for possession, but opened the region to peaceful exploration. Observers from any of the participating nations may freely visit one another in the region.

In proclaiming January "National Blood Donor Month," President Nixon said, in part:

"Amongst the noblest acts of personal generosity is the gift of one's blood for the benefit of another. It is a contribution to health and life for which there is no substitute.

"The voluntary blood donor system developed by the American Red Cross and the American Association of Blood Banks provides modern methods for safe and simple donations of blood. Contributions of the voluntary blood donor

should be recognised and encouraged to assure that our Nation's growing need is safely met."

Missouri entered the Union on the date that one of its best known pioneers died—Daniel Boone. He had left "over populated Kentucky" for wide open spaces.

The land that now is Missouri was discovered, perhaps, as early as 1659 by Pierre d'Espirit, and party who claimed discovery of rivers believed to be the Mississippi and Missouri.

Two of the best beloved characters in American fiction—Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn—were created with residence in Hannibal.

This 24th state to enter the Union is the nation's largest producer of lead. The state's aerospace industries are tops in economy.

STAMP DESIGNER

SPEAKS AT HAWKE'S BAY P.S.

The monthly meeting was held on the 2nd December; 40 members were present.

The evening's programme consisted of a talk and display by Mr. G. F. Fuller of Havelock North, who spoke on stamp designing. Mr. Fuller is the designer of the recent crab stamps of Niue Island. He told us of the difficulties encountered as to the right colours of the crabs, as he was only supplied with colour photographs and preserved, but considerably faded specimens. Fortunately he could contact a student from Niue Island who described the exact colours to him. This was Mr. Fuller's first unopposed assignment, all previous assignments were in competition.

Mr. Fuller is on the permanent design committee of the United Nations and has supplied them with many designs, of which he showed us a number. With one design he won a second prize. After questions were answered supper was served and following supper the Baker Cup competition was conducted by Mr. J. J. D. Low, this consisted of ten "easy" questions. It was won by Mr. P. Swann.

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RUATARA, THE CHIEF WHO "PREPARED THE WAY"

(Continued from last month)

ARRIVAL OF THE MISSIONARIES

I cannot do better than give the story as Marsden himself wrote it.

"About ten o'clock we prepared to go ashore to publish for the first time glad tidings from the Gospel. I was under no apprehension for the safety of the vessel, and therefore ordered all on board to go onshore to attend divine service, except the master and one man. When we landed we found Korokoro, Ruatara and Hongi dressed in Regimentals which Governor Macquarie had given them, with their men drawn up ready to be marched into the enclosure to attend divine service. They had their swords by their sides and switches in their hands. We entered the enclosure and were placed on the seats on each side of the pulpit.

"Korokoro marched his men and placed them on my right hand, in the rear of the Europeans; and Ruatara placed his men on the left. The inhabitants of the town, with the women and children and a number of other chiefs, formed a circle round the whole. A very solemn silence prevailed—the sight was truly impressive I rose up and began the service with singing the One Hundredth Psalm, and felt my very soul melt within me when I viewed my congregation and considered the state they were in.

"After reading the service, during which the natives stood up and sat down at the signals given by Korokoro's switch, which was regulated by the movements of the Europeans, it being Christmas Day I preached from the second chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel and tenth verse, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy".

"The natives told Ruatara that they could not understand what I meant. He replied that they were not to mind that now, for they would understand by and by, and that he would explain my meaning as far as he could. When I had done preaching he informed them what I had been talking about . . . In this manner the Gospel has been introduced into New Zealand."

It was a day that had been well prepared for, the climax to years of striving to introduce Christianity to the inhabitants of New Zealand.

In 1964 when the 150th anniversary was to be celebrated the Government of New Zealand invited a great-great grandson of Samuel Marsden, Reverend R. E. Marsden Vicar of Pendeen, Cornwall, to visit the Dominion as the guest of the people.

Christmas Day 1964 was a lovely day. I stood with hundreds of others from all over New Zealand and listened to the preacher from England speak from the same text which had been used 150 years earlier. It was a solemn and joyful service. The Governor

JUNIOR PAGE

by Simon Sam

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General spoke and brought a personal message from the Queen.

As I now look at this Christmas stamp of 1964 I can see in my mind's eye the quiet Oihi Bay, with the gentle waves lapping the shore. Ruatara died three months after he had been privileged to act as the forerunner of the missionaries—the victim of a cruel disease he had contracted while in England.

Nobody now lives on the site of his hill top pa or at the bay below. Only the bleating of the sheep and occasionally the voice of tourists disturb the quiet of nature. The Marsden Cross marks the spot and a few yards away the grave of two of those pioneers of the faith, John and Hannah King.

I do hope that you will have the pleasure some day soon of visiting the Bay of Islands and if it is at all possible you will be able to stand as I did on the spot where the story of Christmas stamps had its setting.

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