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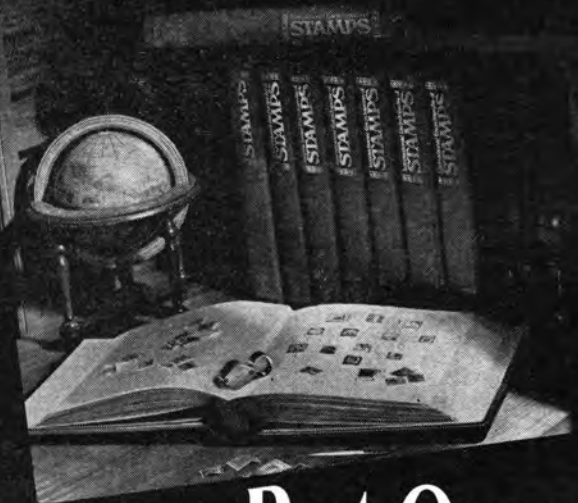
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N.Z.'ers are now among the world's keenest stamp collectors, and every week more and more are taking up the absorbing hobby.

Stamp collecting, or philately as the experts call it, is certainly big business these days and offers sound investment for the wise collector.

Every year the world's estimated 40 million collectors spend hundreds of millions of pounds on stamps, albums, catalogues and other accessories. In Britain alone £9 million is spent annually by stamp enthusiasts.

But serious collectors—whether they are schoolboys or retired colonels—are often confronted with problems about stamps that can't be solved by their catalogues or other specialised publications.

To overcome this the world's biggest publishing organisation, the International Publishing Corporation, is publishing in 98 weekly parts an authoritative International Encyclopaedia of Stamps, the first of its kind ever attempted.

The first weekly issue will be on sale at newsagents in New Zealand on 22nd June at 65 cents. Special binders are available to build the 98 full-colour sections into a seven-volume encyclopaedia.

Editor-in-chief of the Encyclopaedia is 33-year-old James Mackay, keeper of the British Museum's vast philatelic collection and a world authority on stamps. Scottish-born Mr. Mackay has already written 10 books on philately.

Mr. Mackay, who began collecting stamps when he was seven, has many relatives in Australia and New Zealand and takes a special interest in the stamps of the two countries.

He has specialised in New Zealand stamps since 1956 and says rather modestly that his collection is "fairly extensive". His mother's brother and his family live in Wellington, while in Australia his relatives are spread all over the country from Northern Queensland to Tasmania.

Mr. Mackay, who has a young son and daughter, says stamp collecting is the universal hobby, "a science and a serious pursuit of millions."

"More leisure time and better wages and salaries have put the hobby within the reach of countless people who, a generation ago, would have had neither time nor money to take up stamp collecting," he says.

"Stamps also tend to be better in design and more frequent in issue than they were a decade ago. Consequently stamp collecting is undergoing a boom."

Mr. Mackay has numerous other interests apart from stamps. He travels extensively giving lectures, he likes canoeing, rowing, walking, boating and rock-climbing. He says he is now too busy to follow the activities of his "younger days" like flying, painting and playing the piano.

He is very keen to meet as many stamp collectors as possible during his visit to Australia and New Zealand, especially those with whom he has kept contact over the years by letter. This is his first visit to New Zealand.



MR. JAMES MCKAY

PROFILE

Food parcels from Australia and New Zealand during and immediately after the last war were the real reason that James Mackay, editor-in-chief of the International Encyclopaedia of Stamps, took up his special interest in stamps from these countries.

"I was only a kid at the time but I remember so clearly the colourful stamps that were stuck on these parcels.

"The parcels had been posted by family relatives in Australia and New Zealand and honestly the food in them just about kept us alive in those days. It's no wonder I remember the stamps."

Mr. Mackay, who is now 33, says he remembers very well the parcels of the early 1950's which carried stamps to the value of 5/10.

"There was a 5/- Queen's coronation stamp and two 5d rams. I'll never forget those."

Mr. Mackay now has an extensive collection of both New Zealand and Australian stamps. His New Zealand collection is larger, and numbers several thousand stamps in 15 albums.

The New Zealand collection includes a whole album of the rare 1900 Penny Universal stamps, and a series of the 1898 pictorial sets which Mr. Mackay says were among the finest pictorial stamps ever issued.

"New Zealand is a real challenge to the stamp collector," he says.

"It is an extremely difficult country to collect. So many of the stamps had different printers, different inks, different perforations, and different papers.

"Actually some New Zealand stamps can be very valuable. The 1855 1/- is worth around £1,000, while the 1862 3d fetches £2,500."

Mr. Mackay's Australian collection numbers between 3-4,000 stamps, mainly of Commonwealth issues, although he has a representative series of State stamps.

Australia is one of the most popular countries with collectors. It is within the reach of the average collector financially.

"The Australian stamps seem to reflect such things as the unusual wildlife and exotic flowers and rather naturally they attract many collectors."

Mr. Mackay's Australian collection includes some rare Ship's letters dating back to the early 1800's.

"The stamps issued these days are very popular and reflect the very conscious policy of the postal authorities."

Mr. Mackay certainly does not confine his stamp collections to Australia and New Zealand. He "dabbles" in other countries, and is acknowledged as having some of the best collections in the world of stamps from Tristan da Cunha and Pitcairn Island.

"To be honest, I don't know anyone else who has a better collection of Tristan stamps."

Mr. Mackay says he has no idea of exactly how many stamps he has in his various collections or how much they are worth.

But he is certain of one thing . . . there are about 4,000,000 stamps under his care at the British Museum where he is in charge of the philatelic collection.

To celebrate the issue of the new weekly STAMP
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5. Winning entries in Junior Section may have to furnish proof of age.
6. Quiz closes 31st July. Entries postmarked after this date will be invalid.
7. Results will be announced in the September issue.
8. In the event of a tie prizes will be allocated in order of receipt of those entries.

TO ENTER—

After reading the first issue of the new International Encyclopaedia of Stamps . . .

Write one one sheet of writing paper your name and address (and age if entering in the Junior Section). Also write where you bought your July issue of the New Zealand Stamp Monthly, e.g. Tom Smith's Bookshop, Epsom, or Subscriber.

Then list your answers to the twelve questions below.

1. Who is the Editor in Chief?
2. What is the new name for French Somaliland?
3. "Tigers" were issues by?
4. How many N.Z. Stamps are pictured in the first issue of the encyclopaedia?
5. For what is John Palmer noted?
6. The Post Office Tower set started a first for Great Britain. What was it?
7. What was the first adhesive to depict an aeroplane?
8. Who were the first to fly the Atlantic non-stop?
9. What islands did Italy capture in 1911-12?
10. Who designed the U.P.U. stamps of 1949?
11. What is the modern name for the burial place of the legendary CAIN?
12. Which country issued the first definitive series of airmail stamps?

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Remember name, address, age (Junior Section) and note where you obtained your July N.Z.S.M. Closing date 31st July.

POSTMARK CORNER

A. F. WATTERS

Though no new post offices have opened so far this month two have closed, while special postmarks have been announced for other offices.

Kauangaroa (Wanganui). This post office, 4½ miles northeast from Fordell, closed 30th April, 1970. The office has had a varied history, first opening 1st August 1881 with E. A. Ford as postmaster: It closed on 1st April 1921 though the telephone office remained open until 9th August 1928. The office re-opened 11th July 1932, closed 31st December 1940, re-opened 23rd October 1941, and has now closed again. For those interested the name Kauangaroa means "long swim" referring to the very long ford across the Whangaehu river near here.

Edievale (Dunedin). Closed on 29th May, 1970. This post office, which has always used a coin-circle datestamp, is 15 miles north of Tapanui in south Otago, and was opened 19th April 1905. The post office was in the local general store which was also closing down and, as there was no great demand for postal facilities, it was decided to close the post office as well.

SLOGAN POSTMARKS

In recent months the Post Office has made increasing use of rubber-die machine slogans for special events. In March BUY BONUS BONDS was used widely throughout New Zealand. Steel die slogans, which had a line above and below the slogan, were used at Auckland, Christchurch, Frankton, Hastings, Invercargill, Moray Place, Napier, Palmerston North, Wellington, and Whangarei, while rubber die slogans were used at Ahuriri, Avondale, Blenheim, Browns Bay, Dunedin, Ellerslie, Gisborne, Greymouth, Hamilton, Havelock North, High Street, Hokitika, Lower Hutt, Manners St., Marton, Masterton, Motueka, Nelson, New Plymouth, Picton, Rotorua, Te Aroha, Timaru, Upper Riccarton, Waipawa, Wairoa and Westport.

I think that the BUY BONUS BONDS slogan must have been used at other post offices as well. If you have this slogan from any other post office could you let me know.

PACIFIC TRAVEL CONFERENCE AUCKLAND APRIL 1970 was used for about three days in April, and examples of this will be rather scarce in the future. So

far copies of this slogan have been reported from Bluff, Dargaville, Hamilton, Auckland, Hastings, Kaikohe, Napier, Palmerston North, Wellington, and Whangarei. If you have others, could you kindly let me know.

The last slogan, FERRYMEAD ELECTRIC TRAMWAY 9 MAY 1970 was used on all four post-marking machines at Christchurch from 4th to 9th May to mark the opening of the Tramway Museum. Did you get copies of it for your collection?

SPECIAL POSTMARKS

1970 HEALTH STAMPS

Do not forget that when the Health stamps are placed on sale a special post office, with an illustrated datestamp, will be open for that day only at the Health camps at Maunu (Whangarei), Pakuranga (Auckland), Gisborne, Otaki (Wellington), Glenelg (Christchurch), and Roxburgh (Dunedin). This will be August.

If you are going to get a cover from each of these post offices please remember that when you send the postal note it must cover not only the value of the health stamps postage plus health, but also 3c to cover the cost of putting the stamps on the cover.

5th August, 1970. 1970 Health stamps will be placed on sale and special datestamps (probably "sunray" datestamps, as before) will be used on the day of sale only at the temporary post offices at Maunu, Pakuranga, Gisborne, Otaki, Glenelg, and Roxburgh Health Camps.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SEMINAR

14-19th August, 1970. An International Education Seminar, under the auspices of the New Zealand Education Institute, will be held in the University of Waikato, Hamilton. For the Seminar a special datestamp will be used at the University Post Office of mail posted there on 15, 17, 18 and 19 August. Covers (fully-stamped) for post-marking, should be sent with an appropriate requests to the Chief Postmaster, Hamilton, with the outside cover endorsed "Special post-mark University P.O."

50th ANNIVERSARY OF COOK STRAIT FIRST FLIGHT

25-28th August, 1970. The 50th anniversary of the first crossing of Cook Strait by air will be commemorated by special mail despatches Christchurch to Wellington on 25th August, and Wellington to Glenheim on 28th August. Mails in

these despatches will be cancelled with a special datestamp illustrated with a representation of an AVRO 504K aircraft. Covers (fully stamped) for the flight should be sent with an appropriate request to the Chief Postmasters at Christchurch and Wellington, respectively, with the outside envelope endorsed "Cook Strait flight".

HASTINGS BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

20th September, 1970. The 21st anniversary of the well known Hastings Blossom Festival will be marked by the use of a special cancellation during the festivities. Further details later.

FURTHER POSTMARK NEWS

Christchurch: A copy of a date-head showing Christchurch, N.Z. around the top and O.M.B., around the bottom. 3.0 p.m. 5 Jan. 1970 O.M.B. (Overseas Mail Box) has been shown to me.

Mangere Bridge. Has a new datestamp. This is different from the previous one. It has smaller letters.

Matapiki (Rotorua): This post office was opened 1 February 1957 and closed 7 November 1967. It was situated in a small store half-way between Tauranga and Mount Maunganui.

Bishopdale (Christchurch) introduced a second datestamp and this is used on the counter. Glen Innes is using a dated parcel roller.

New Plymouth is using a new rubber marking to correct the error on the registration labels which show NP instead of NU. The new one has higher letters for NU than the older one.

Government Franks. It is reported that the "General Assembly Postage Paid" frank was replaced late in 1968, though perhaps replaced may not be the word, as I have seen the old one used since that date, so it could be an extra one. This leads me to the question from a "reader" at Kaitaia who enquired if government franks were worth collecting. Yes. These franks are very good and you can get a fine collection by looking around, for many people get letters from different ministers or their departments.

My thanks to Mr. Robin Startup for supplying most of these notes this month.

TEMPORARY BLINDNESS

Mr. Frank Watters has unfortunately been afflicted with temporary blindness. However Postmark Corner readers will be pleased to know that Mr. Watters is improving. (Editor.)

U.S. INVESTORS BURN THEIR FINGERS

Several hundred American investors are today counting their burned fingers. The principal American philatelic investment scheme has announced that it cannot pay its obligations, nor can it redeem the tremendous amount of "portfolios" which it has sold in recent years, with a guarantee of re-purchase at cost, plus interest.

Worst yet, in a confidential letter sent to their customers, the firm says that if some of the larger creditors persist in threatening legal action, it will declare its insolvency, thus assuring that no one will be paid.

No figures as to the amounts involved are known. The letter gives the news that the number of employees has been cut from nine to two. Monies received from investors dropped from \$50,000 a month to \$6,000 in December 1969.

The dropping of the market, especially in the supposed "gilt edge" issues is blamed for the debacle. The firm mentions having sold quantities of the 1952 souvenir sheet of Vatican for \$21 each four years ago, as against today's market of one-third that figure. With the profit that the firm guaranteed, they claim to have refunded \$27.50 per sheet to as many purchasers, dissatisfied with their investment, as they could afford to.

Quarter of a million dollars

The firm states that their total sales to investors was over a quarter of a million dollars, a sum far in excess of £100,000. The firm in their letter says that it has considered taking its entire stock of stamps and dividing them into lots, according to each investor's original remittance, and in that way, distribute its assets as fairly as possible. To date it has not done that, since as the owners says:

"... many members would be inclined to dump these stamps on to the market, and prices would be further depressed, which would not be fair to those who did not try to sell immediately".

It is almost inevitable that Federal authorities will step into the case as soon as the details are known. No public notice of the firm's difficulties has as yet been made; in fact, it is likely that there may be some investors who are still replying to their advertisements, offering a guaranteed return on their investment. In the United States, "guaranteed investment schemes" are strictly illegal, unless the firm places ample funds to

cover all its obligations in escrow funds where they cannot be touched. The near-bankrupt firm infers that it has done this.

The depressing state of the stamp business is given as the reason, by the President of the firm. He does not seem to be aware that the market in good stamps is bigger and better than ever; prices are running through the ceiling; tens of thousands of philatelic investors are spending more money than ever in fine material, to their enduring pleasure. In his letter he says:

"It is my honest opinion that the country already is in a full-fledged recession, and that the odds are in favour of a depression . . . holders of stamps liquidated their holdings in order to get cash to meet mounting expenses and living costs (or to invest in more promising fields) . . . Many and more members will want their money back, creating additional pressure upon me. And there is no way that I can help either them or myself. I would appreciate your comments and suggestions."

Sorry End

Philatelic investment schemes, in no matter what country they may be conducted, always seem to come to the same sorry end, but the sad part is that there always seems to be a new crop of "investors" who think that there is money to be made by the simple act of buying what someone wants to sell them, and holding it a certain period of time. It has never worked out; the chances are that it never will.

(Acknowledgements to the Philatelic Trader.)

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

In common with several other countries British Solomon Islands are marking the Centenary Year of the British Red Cross Society by issuing a special set of stamps. These stamps have been designed by Mr. L. D. Curtis and will be printed by Questa Colour Security Printers Ltd. in the lithographic process on CA Block water-marked paper. The issue consists of two values, 3 and 35 cents, which will be released on 17th August, 1970.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Release date: 26th June, 1970. Designer: Miss J. Toombs. Printer: Joh. Enschede en Zonen (Holland).

In the Gilbert and Ellice Islands the most significant contribution made in recent years by the United Nations through its agencies lies in the field of social development with particular emphasis on public health. For example, Tuberculosis remains the most important single major public health problem in the Colony. A control programme which has been in operation since 1961 began to receive assistance from The World Health Organisation and the United Nations Emergency Children's Fund in 1965. During the past twelve years a mass treatment campaign against yaws has been successfully completed and a programme of research into the incidence of diarrhoeal diseases has been initiated with technical and material assistance from W.H.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F. Assistance is also being given in the reorganisation of the Colony's Maternal and Child Health programme and to a Water and Sanitation project on an outer island.

Because of the importance of the work undertaken with the assistance of W.H.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F. it was considered appropriate that a stamp issue commemorative of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter on 26th June, 1970, should have the development of improved public health with the aid of United Nations agencies as its main theme.

Since the projects previously mentioned rely on both W.H.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F. assistance, the former being technical and advisory and the latter in the way of provision of drugs, equipment and transport, it was thought appropriate to refer to both agencies on the captions for each of the designs.



The United Nations "Fight Cancer" issue designed by Leonard Mitchell of Wellington.

IN SEARCH OF ART

You may ask yourself when you see a new issue of Christmas or Easter stamps how that particular painting came to be put on the stamp. The answer in many cases is that they are found at the expense of the aching feet of one of a small group of people on the Crown Agents staff.

If one day you see, in an Art Gallery, some apparent idiot backed against a wall with what looks like a magnifying glass yet looking at a picture some 30 yards away, don't call a psychiatrist. He could be one of us with a reducing glass making a decision on a borderline case. There are a great number of wonderful paintings which would be totally unsuitable to reduce to stamp size and yet do justice to the original. For instance, compare the simple beauty of a Raphael "Madonna and Child" with the somewhat disordered virility of a Breughel and you will understand why.

There are, of course, other considerations. Many of the quattrocento Madonnas would appear to be eminently stamp worthy, but a great deal have a high proportion of gold in the colour and this does not make for an attractive stamp as metallic inks tend to overbear the other colours.

Other Ideal Subjects

So far I have only mentioned paintings, but there are other works of art which are ideal for reproduction in miniature. Stained glass windows for instance do not usually present the problems of variation of tone and shade which would be caused by, say, the folds on a Leonardo robe. The same applies to the beautiful Limoges enamels of the sixteenth century, although some of these could cause retouching problems for the photogravure printer because of the cross hatching on the grisaille.

Another relatively untapped but rich source of stamp subjects is manuscript works, such as the many "Books of Hours", superb examples of which can be seen at the British Museum or the Victoria and Albert Museum. These again are in bright basic colours and simple, sometimes even primitive, design, and they invariably reduce well.

Of course, a great many of the works which are noted as possible subjects never appear on a set of stamps. This function is part of the advisory service of the Crown Agents and it does enable us to have a "reserve collection" should

one of our Principals require us to produce urgently a few ideas for a set of stamps with a theme appropriate to the major Christian festivals. At other times the postal administration will know exactly what it wants and it is a relatively simple matter to write to the appropriate gallery for permission to reproduce.

Galleries Co-operative

In most cases the galleries are extremely co-operative when we ask to use one of their paintings on a stamp. Probably they appreciate the publicity value of the posts, and there is always the possibility of tempting someone away from his magnifying glass for a day to appreciate the larger canvas. We in Britain are very lucky, and in most cases very unappreciative of the many magnificent collections open to the public. Besides the obvious National Gallery, the Tate Gallery and the museums, there are many fine pictures to be seen in the City galleries like those at Birmingham and Manchester, and the Walker in Liverpool. There are also some fine private collections to be seen, such as those at the Courtauld Institute Galleries at London University. When possible we also try to look at the pictures on view in galleries abroad, to widen our knowledge of the available subjects.

My own favourites? I have no real favourites—perhaps a preference for the Madonnas of Raphael, Leonardo and Giovanni, and the Crucifixions of Van der Weyden and Van Dyck which are superb pieces of iconography.

(Acknowledgements to "Gabriel", the magazine of the Guild for Collectors of Christian Philatelic Material.)

U.S.A. MAINE STATE

The six cent stamp will be issued July 9 at Portland, the first capital.

It is based on Edward Hopper's oil painting, "The Lighthouse at Two Lights, Maine," which hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York City. Stevan Dohanos, Chairman of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, designed the stamp.

Two Lights is a Coast Guard Station on Cape Elizabeth and there are also a few cottages.

Hopper, who died in 1967, was one of many top rank artists attracted by the grandeur of Maine. Winslow Homer painted there last century and the Wyeths summer there.

ST. VINCENT CENTENARY OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

(An extract from the Centenary Message published by the British Red Cross Society)

"In this, its centenary year, the British Red Cross Society is proud to remember all that has been achieved during the last hundred years. The tragedy of war highlights the need for aid to the suffering on a scale that goes beyond that which the disasters and accidents of civil life occasion. Thus it was that in 1879 public concern for the miseries of the wounded in the Franco-Prussian War brought into being the National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded which was the forerunner of what eventually became the British Red Cross Society.

Its Royal Charter granted in 1908 defined its primary object as the furnishing of aid to the sick and wounded in time of war. In 1919, to enable the Society to undertake the further work envisaged by the League of Red Cross Societies, a Supplemental Charter was granted which stated that, in addition to the primary object defined by the Charter, the objects and purposes of the Society should include the improvement of health, the prevention of disease and the mitigation of suffering throughout the world.

Now that the speed of communications has shrunk distances and increased the obligation man feels for man, the challenge of the future lies in strengthening our sense of common purpose, whether it be in Branch, National Society or International Red Cross, so that together we may meet the demands of the suffering across the frontiers of the world."

To mark this historic event St. Vincent is releasing a special four value set of stamps each one of which portrays an aspect of the local work undertaken by the Society.

Release Date: 1st June, 1970.
Designer: R. Granger Barrett. Printer: Harrison & Sons Ltd.



The latest from PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

NEW SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE

FROM AUGUST 19, 1970.



To mark the occasion of the 42nd ANZAAS Congress to be held in Port Moresby during August, four men of science closely associated with the establishment of the systematic study of the country's people, flora and fauna will be depicted on this stamp issue.



Designed by David Gentleman and printed in four and five colour photogravure by Helio Courvoisier of Switzerland, the stamps are arranged in sheets of 50.



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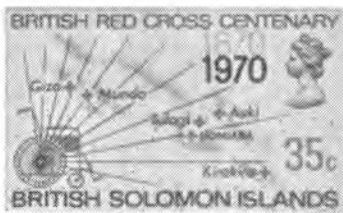
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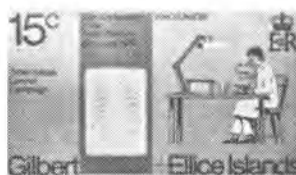
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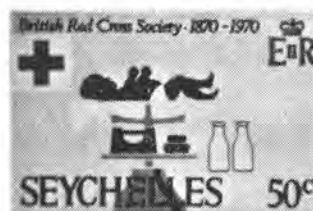
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4 AUGUST



New Zealand In The U.S.A.

By Herman Herst, Jr., Shrub Oak,
N.Y., U.S.A.

The tourist from New Zealand who visits the United States will almost feel at home if he pays strict attention to the road signs.

Of course, the similarity in town names between New Zealand (and other former Crown possessions in different parts of the world) is easily accounted for. In many cases, both will have been named after a similarly named town in Old England.

An interesting collection might be made by "matching" town names, since each town mentioned in this article in the United States has its own Post Office.

New Zealand's capital, Wellington, shares its name with eleven similarly named places in the United States, located in the States of Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Texas and Utah.

However, Wellington does not earn the sweepstakes for having the greatest number of sister-cities. That distinction belongs to Hamilton; of the fifty States in the Union, exactly half have Post Offices of that name. In this case, however, the duplication of the name is due to different factors. Alexander Hamilton, later killed in a duel, was one of George Washington's most famous generals in the Revolutionary War, and later one of his country's greatest Secretaries of the Treasury during the difficult days of the newly found independence. Offices named Hamilton are found in the following States: Alabama, Alaska, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, Washington.

One can only guess as to the significance of the name Westport in the United States, even if it is fairly obvious in New Zealand. Some towns of that name in the States are not ports, by any means, nor are they necessarily west of any place that is a port. Here in some cases, it is simply a matter of naming a new town after an older one. There are thirteen Westports in the United States, located in California, Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee and Washington.

Just tied with Westport with thirteen counterparts is Nelson. England's greatest naval hero is perpetuated in New Zealand, as in many other Commonwealth countries, but in all probability, his wide presence in the States is due to the desire to name the different towns after Americans who simply shared their surname with the hero of Trafalgar. There are Post Offices named Nelson in Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

It is odd that New Zealand's largest city, Auckland, does not have even a single similarly named town in the United States. Dunedin is in the States, restricted to but a single example, a well known resort town in the State of Florida. There are two New Plymouths (Idaho and Ohio), and the same number of Napiers (Alabama and Kentucky). Other single examples are Christchurch (Virginia), Palmerston (Pennsylvania), Blenheim (South Carolina). A "near miss" is a small town in Utah, which shares a name with New Zealand as far as pronunciation is concerned, but which spells it "Fielding" rather than "Feilding."

Rounding out the matching of town names is a town found in most Commonwealth nations, commemorating that event of 1066 known to every schoolchild. There are no less than ten Post Offices named Hastings in the United States, found in Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

PRIVATE OVERPRINT - COOK BICENTENARY MINIATURE SHEET

Dealers and collectors are advised that a **private overprinting** has been made on the Cook Bicentenary miniature sheet of stamps issued by the Australian Post Office.

The overprint, on the white border at each side of the 30c stamp, reads:

SOUVENIR SHEET ANPEX 1970
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL
SYDNEY
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

27 APRIL - 1 MAY

It is understood that 50,000 sheets were privately overprinted in this way, under arrangement with the ANPEX Executive Council, and that they are being sold through philatelic channels.

The overprint is not an official marking by the Australian Post Office and sheets bearing the overprint are not sold by the Australian Post Office.

The Department's present legal controls do not extend beyond the stamps themselves and as the stamps on the miniature sheet have not been defaced they are valid for postage. Postal legislation is being examined to bring the selvage or border on stamp sheets under control.

Adequate stocks of the miniature sheet as issued by the Post Office are still available for purchase, at the face value of 55c each, from the Department.

Press release from the Australian Post Office.

STOP PRESS

As we go to press we learn that another private firm copied the ANPEX overprint on further sheets. Subsequent court action was taken against the firm resulting in judgment in favour of the plaintiffs.

WALL ST. TIP BUY STAMPS

The state of the stock market is a bit like Bob Hope's joke: "Last week my broker said buy—this week he said jump". However, there is a swing away from share investment in America.

Business men are putting their money into stamps. Two decades ago it went into the work of Impressionists.

And the tycoons of this kind of investment joined the stamp collectors and dealers when the world's most valuable postage stamp came up for auction in New York.

The reddish-purple 1856 British Guinea stamp, which has the face value of a penny and measures only 2.2in long and 1.6in wide, sold for \$280,000. It has not been on the market for 30 years, when it was sold to an anonymous buyer for £18,750.

Perhaps the buyer will be among many groups of business men operating like Louis Goeringer, a 38-year-old Pennsylvania contractor.

He and nine other friends put £20,000 each into a pool. Their investment is now worth 20 per cent more.

GREAT BRITAIN

Commonwealth Games, June 15th. Values: 5d Runner; 1/6 Swimmer; 1/9 Cyclist.

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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

Lot No.	Estimate	Lot No.	Estimate	Lot No.	Estimate
NEW ZEALAND					
452 King Edward VII. M. 452-55, 457, 459, 461, 462. Some heavily hinged. Cat. \$11.80	6.00	475 1969 20c Meat. 100 F.U.	3.00	503 N.Z. Covers. Royal, Insurance 1969, Cook, Law Society with special postmarks. \$1.22 Face	1.50
453 Q.E. Official. Imprint & Plate Bl. Bl. 4 M. 3/- value	10.00	476 1967 50c Falls 20 V. F.U.	4.00	504 New Zealand Covers. Export 8c, 18c, 20c, Health, Kerikeri, 7c Fishing & Corso plus small foolscap cover album	1.00
454 1960 3/- Black. Imp. & Pl. No Bl. M. Cat. (\$45 C.P. (6)	40.00	477 1967 \$1 Glacier 10 V. F.U.	6.00	505 N.Z. Covers Incl. special pmks. Marlborough, Coronation, 1940, Exhib. D.C. Day etc. (19) Good value	1.50
455 1970 10c Royal Stamp Inv. wmk. Imp & Pl. Bl. (6) Scarcer than believed	10.00	478 3c Bible 500 F.U.	3.00	506 1936 Chamber of Commerce F.D.C. Cpl. set	1.50
456 1969 Law Society. Rare 18c Plate Bls. Nos. 1A 2A 2A 1A & 1221—Selling to \$75 the pair	45.00	479 3c Law F.U. 500	2.50	507 F.D.C. George VI. 2d—3/- 1.5 .47	1.50
457 1970 10c Royal Stamp Inv. wmk. M. Pair (2)	2.50	480 3c Otago 500 F.U.	2.50	508 1954 Q.E. Set on F.D.C. to 10/- F.U.	10.00
458 1967 3/- Multicolour. Second shade Inv. wmk. Imp. Bl (4) M.	100.00	481 3c Suffrage 500 F.U.	3.00	509 First Trans-Tasman Cover 7d Trans-Tasman o/p F.U.	4.00
459 1960 Christmas M. sheet (60) Creased down 2 rows perfs.	30.00	482 1967 Christmas 1000 F.U.	5.00	510 Pair First Trans-Tasman covers 7d Blue on each. Two types of Auckland relief	9.00
460 1967 3/- Multicolour second shade. Inv. wmk. Mint pair with selvage	40.00	483 1968 Christmas 1000 F.U.	5.00	511 Cover N.Z. to Aust to P/NG per "Faith in Australia". 2 JL. 1934	5.00
461 1964 Road Safety Apostrophe Flaw. Positional bl. of 4 Cat. S.G. 20/-	1.00	484 1969 Christmas 1000 F.U.	4.00	512 1934 Trans-Tasman 7d Brown F.U. Cover Tatty	3.00
462 1959 Health 2d and 1d Bl. 4 Wing Retouch Cat. S.G. \$3	2.00	NEW ZEALAND BULK ON PAPER COMMON FLOWERS			
463 1949 Health No dot flaw M. strip (4)	1.50	485 7lb. Unsorted for varieties	4.50	513 Jubilee Airmail Cover. 1935 Air set. Smithy's Fourth return flight.	2.50
464 1963 Health M. 3d cut finger flaw Cat. \$9 S.G.	5.00	486 12lb. Unsorted for varieties	7.50	514 First flight pair Union Airways. Wellington-Auckland and return 27/6/37 (2 covers)	2.00
465 4c Kerikeri. Bl. 12 R 4/3 broken window	1.50	487 20lb. Unsorted for varieties	12.00	AUSTRALIA	
466 S.G. 43 6d F.F.Q. Manuscript pmk.	20.00	NEW ZEALAND BULK ON PAPER GENERAL MIX			
467 Health Miniature sheets 1957-1960 Cat. over \$4	2.50	488 17lb. Unsorted for varieties	26.00	515 ANPEX. Set of 5 covers with postmark for each day and Cover first day special pmk on floral coils	4.00
468 Arm Overprints 3/6, 22/- and 35/- with stamp duties. Date-stamps		489 18lbs. Unsorted for varieties	27.00	516 Special pmks 6th Aust. Philatelic Exhib. 1934 and 7th 1936	1.00
469 Arms Overprints £6, £9, and £10 with stamp duties date-stamp.		490 20lbs. Unsorted for varieties	30.00	517 Aust. A.I.F. F.D.C. Full set	4.00
470 Arms Stamps £7, £8 and £9 with stamp duties datestamp		491 27lbs. Unsorted for varieties	41.00	518 1934 Faith in Australia. Flight cover to N.Z. & return	3.00
471 Adverts. 1d x 2, 2½d, 3d, 5d, 6d, and 8d Sidefaces. Good copies used	6.00	492 N.Z. Duplicates Collection in album. Over 1000 stamps	5.00	519 First Official Airmail. Aust. to N.Z. Apr. 1934 Cachet	1.00
472 1967 7c Flower U. 200.	2.00	493 Used Collection approx. 240 diff. & extras. Mixed condition	5.00	520 First Flight cover. Aust—P/N.G. July 1934	1.00
473 1968 15c Green Tikl. 100 F.U.	2.50	494 Mint Health Collection. 1929-55 Including Red & Blue Boys. Blocks from 1935 onwards. Cat. approx. \$100	70.00	521 Flight Cover. Aust/N. Guinea and return	1.50
474 1969 18c Wool 100 F.U.	5.00	495 N.Z. 500 Commercial Envelopes Ideal slogans, postmarks etc.	2.50	522 Flight Cover. New Guinea to Aust. Faith in Australia	1.00
		496 Ditto			
		497 Ditto			
		498 N.Z. Return Letter etc. markings (40)	1.00		
		499 N.Z. 50 Registration labels. Large variety	1.00		
		500 Overseas Commercial Envelopes (20) with special franks (Govt.)	1.00		
		FIRST DAY COVERS. SPECIAL PMKS. ETC.			
		NEW ZEALAND			
		501 Cover posted North Mt. Egmont—Centennial First Ascent. Stamp 3d 1935 Air	2.00		
		502 Covers. (25) Healths Coronation etc. Covers damaged cello tape	1.00		

Lot No.	Estimate	Lot No.	Estimate	Lot No.	Estimate
PACIFIC ETC.					
523 Niue, Tokelau, N.Z. Christmas, Br. Sols. Games & G.B. 2½d Silver wedding	1.20	554 Cyprus (33) 1938-55 (Incl. Q.E.) Cat. \$30	15.00	594 Nigeria, Niger coast, Northern, Southern Nigerian and Lagos (25). Cat. \$14	4.00
524 Papua New Guinea Covers. Shells (2) 68 Heritage. 69 Games, Myths, 5c I.L.O. Coil, Orchids, 70 Heritage. Face \$6 plus	7.50	555 Dominica (64) 1903-54 Cat. \$21	6.00	595 Nigeria (25) Cat. \$5.00 Incl. 5/- wedding	1.50
525 Covers. Cook, Samoa and G.B. Chichester Cat. \$4.50	2.50	556 Dominica (17) 1907—Cat. \$5	2.00	596 Niue (32) 1931-1953 Cat. \$9.50	5.00
526 PAQUEBOT Markings. 4 Covers Br. Sols, Fiji, New Hebrides, and New Caledonia	1.50	557 Falkland Islands M. & U (10) Cat. \$3	1.50	597 Norfolk Is. (23) 1947-1960 Incl. 5/- Bloody Bridge Cat. \$37	20.00
527 Western Samoa. 1935 set on F.D.C.'s (8)	1.50	558 Falkland Dependencies. (16) Cat. \$3	1.00	598 North Borneo. Cat. \$15 (55)	4.50
528 Cook Islands. 1938 1/-, 2/-, and 3/- on F.D.C.	1.00	559 Falklands Is. Dependencies M. (73) 1944-56 Cat. \$14 plus	5.00	599 North Borneo (24) M. 1947 Cpl. plus 1950. Cat. \$10	4.00
529 Cover carried on the "Queen Mary" on first voyage June 5th 1936 New York to Southampton	5.00	560 Fiji. (78) 1937-1964 Cat. \$29	15.00	600 Northern Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Nyassaland (54) Cat. \$53	12.00
530 Gt. Britain. 1953 Coronation set of F.D.C. set cat. \$7 (Number in collection in brackets)	2.50	561 Fiji (21) Including 5d Blue cane Cat. \$12	6.00	601 Northern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Rhodesia (39) 1938-59 Cat. \$12	3.00
BULK QUANTITIES AND COLLECTIONS					
(Catalogue Values — Simplified only)					
531 British Comm. Mix off paper. 300 plus. Many large	1.50	562 Gambia 1886-1961 (31) Cat. \$8	2.00	602 Odds. Nauru Penrhyn etc. (30)	2.00
532 World collection 700 plus	3.00	563 Ghana/Gold Coast (33) 1948-57 Cat. \$9	2.50	603 Papua & P/NG. (12) 1911 & 1934 sets Cat. \$22	10.00
533 Lundy Locals. 1929 set ½-12 puffin M odd used vals. plus 2 datestamps plus 1953 Coronation set M. (29)	3.00	564 Ghana & Gold Coast (36) Cat. \$14	4.00	604 Papua/New Guinea (12) 1952 to 2/- Cat. \$11	5.00
534 Aden (39) 1937-53 Cat. \$14	3.00	565 Gibraltar (21) 1882-1950 Cat. \$10	3.00	605 Pitcairn Is. (19) No 1-8 plus "a" numbers plus others. Cat. \$25	12.50
535 Kathiri and Handramaut (45) 1942-55 Cat. \$12	3.00	566 Gibraltar (19) 1938-53 Cat. \$5.50	2.00	606 St. Helena (25) 1861-1938 Cat. \$13	5.00
536 Antigua (28) 1937-1953 Cat. \$9.50	3.50	567 Gilbert/Ellice Is. (31) 1935-1956 Cat. \$14	7.00	607 St. Kitts-Nevis (28) 1876-1951 Cat. \$28	12.00
537 Ascension (7) Cat. \$2	1.00	568 Gilbert/Ellice Is. Silver Wedding Mint. Cat. £5	8.00	608 St. Lucia (15) 1936-51 Cat. \$4	1.50
538 Australia 1913-65 U. (312) Cat. \$130	40.00	569 Great Britain (26). Cat. \$38	15.00	609 St. Vincent (27) Cat. \$13 1883-1951	5.00
539 Aust. Ant. Territory. 1957 to Decimals. Cat. \$6	3.00	570 Gt. Britain U. (250) 1841 (Incl. £1 Silver Wedding plus most Commem. sets)—1966 Cat. \$124	40.00	610 Samoa (25) 1935-53 Cat. \$10	5.00
540 Bahamas (32) 1938-54 Cat. \$4.50	1.50	571 Grenada (31) 1937-53 Cat. \$4	1.00	611 Sarawak (16) 1951 F.U. to \$5 Cat. \$8	3.00
541 Barbados 1897-1958 Cat. \$16	5.00	572 Grenada (16) Cat. \$5.50	1.50	612 Sarawak Mint Cat. \$15 (44)	5.00
542 Basutoland, Bechuanaland (29) Cat. \$3.50	1.00	573 Hong Kong (13) Cat. \$1.50	5.00	613 Seychelles M. 1897-1952 (14) Cat. \$5	1.50
543 Bermuda (15) 1938-1949 Cat. \$3	1.00	574 Hong Kong (34) 1935-49 Cat. \$7 plus	2.50	614 Sierra Leone (24) 1859-1938 Cat. \$20	7.00
544 British Guiana (31) 1897-1954 Cat. \$7	2.00	575 India 1905-60 Cat. \$50 (242) 1922-1959—later Cat. \$58	18.00	615 Singapore 1948-63 Cat. \$10 (69)	3.00
545 Brunei (29) 1908-52 Cat. \$5	1.50	576 Ireland (96) U. Almost cpl. 1922-1959—later Cat. \$58	18.00	616 South Africa (165) 1910-62 Cat. \$18	4.00
546 Canada U. (230) 1927-65 Cat. \$40 plus	15.00	577 Jamaica (71) 1900-1960 Cat. \$13	4.00	617 Southern Rhodesia 1932-1953 (41) Cat. \$11	4.00
547 Cayman Is. (51) 1921-53 Cat. \$13	4.00	578 Jamaica (20 and 1 cover) Cat. \$16	4.00	618 Straits Settlements 1912-37 Cat. \$14 (54)	4.00
548 Ceylon (95) 1935-62 Cat. \$12	3.00	579 Jersey & Guernsey (4) M. Cat. \$2.50	1.00	619 Sudan (43) 1897-1957 Cat. \$8.50	2.00
549 Cook Is. 1946 Peace U. 1946 Defins M. Cat. \$3.50	2.00	580 Kenya etc. M. & U. (40) Cat. \$10.50	3.00	620 Tanganyika (9) Cat. \$11	2.00
550 Cook Is. Churchill Letter I for Figure 1 4d, 10d, 1/-, 2/- and 5/- in pair with normal Cat. \$55	20.00	581 Kenya, Uganda & Tang. (56) Cat. \$9 plus 2 £1 vals. slightly damaged	3.00	621 Tonga (55) 1897-1953. Cat. \$34	12.00
551 Cook Is. Churchill. Misplaced "IN" 4d, 10d, 1/-, 2/-, and 5/- vals in pairs with normal	20.00	582 Labuan (13) Cat. \$3 plus	1.00	622 Trinidad & Tobago (34) 1885-1961 Cat. \$15.	5.00
552 Crete M. (4) Cat. \$8 1899	3.00	583 Leeward Islands (42) Cat. \$6.00	2.00	623 Trinidad & Tobago (32) 1937-53 Cat. \$5.50	1.50
553 Cyprus (13) Cat. \$12 1882-1955	5.00	584 Malaya, States, Pakistan, Burma Cat. \$14 (135)	3.00	624 Turks & Caicos Is. (16) 1889-1948 Cat. \$7	2.00
		585 Malta (13) 1860-1954 Cat. \$11	4.00	625 Turks & Caicos Is. (47) 1922-1957 Cat. \$22	7.00
		586 Mauritius (44) M. & U. 1879-1950 Cat. \$13.50	4.50	626 Uganda (6) 1896-1898 Cat. \$6.50	2.00
		587 Malta (68) M. 1922-1956 Cat. \$44	18.00	627 Virgin Is. (27) 1922-56 Cat. \$22	9.00
		588 Montserrat (13) 1937-51 Cat. \$3.50	1.00	628 Virgin Is. 1883-1950 Cat. \$9.50	3.00
		589 Montserrat M. (24) Cat. \$26	15.00	629 Zanzibar (23) Cat. \$9	2.50
		590 Mosul (Indian Forces) (6M) Cat. \$2.75	1.00		
		591 Natal 1869-1908 (22) U. Cat. \$14.50	3.50		
		592 New Foundland (17) Cat. \$4	1.50		
		593 Newfoundland (29) 1932-47 Cat. \$4 plus	1.50		

Guide to World Currency Rates in Sterling

Country	Currency	£ s. d.	Country	Currency	£ s. d.
Abu Dhabi	1 Dinar—1,000 Fils (1.143=£1)	17 6	Ethiopia	1 Ethiopian Dollar—100 cents (6=£1)	0 3 4
Afghanistan	1 Afghani—100 Puls (172=£1)	0 0 1¼	Falkland Islands	1 Falkland Islands pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1=£1)	1 0 0
Albania	Dubai Currency	—	Faroe Islands	Danish Currency	—
Algeria	1 New Lek—100 Qintar (12=£1)	0 1 8	Fiji Islands	1 Fiji Dollar—100 cents (2.09=£1)	0 9 6¾
Andorra	French and Spanish Currency	—	Finland	1 Markka—100 pennis (9.99=£1)	0 2 0
Angola	1 Angola Escudo—100 Centavos (68.12=£1)	0 0 3½	Formosa	1 New Taiwan Dollar—100 cents (96.24=£1)	0 0 2½
Antigua	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 Cents (4.80=£1)	0 4 2	France	1 French Franc—100 centimes (13.22=£1)	0 1 6
Argentina	1 Peso—100 Centavos (832=£1)	0 0 2¾	French Guiana	1 Local Franc—100 centimes (11.84=£1)	0 1 8¼
Australia	1 Australian Dollar—100 cents (2.15=£1)	0 9 3½	French Polynesia	1 C.F.P. Franc (240.43=£1)	0 0 11¼
Austria	1 Schillings—100 Gros. (61.90=£1)	0 0 3¾	French Somaliland	1 Djibuti Franc—100 centimes (512=£1)	0 0 1
Azores	Portuguese Currency	—	Fuejira	Dubai Currency	—
Bahamas	1 Bahamas Dollar—100 C. (2.45=£1)	0 8 2	Gabon	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661=£1)	0 0 4
Bahrain	1 Bahrain Diner—1000 F. (1.14=£1)	0 17 6½	Gambia	1 Gambian Pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1=£1)	1 0 0
Barbados	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 Cents (4.80=£1)	0 4 2	Germany (East)	1 M.D.N. Mark—100 Pfennig (10.01=£1)	0 2 0
Belgium	1 Franc—100 centimes (119.87=£1)	0 0 2	Germany (West)	1 Deutsche Mark—100 Pfennig (8.85=£1)	0 2 3
Bermuda	1 Bermuda Pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1=£1)	1 0 0	Ghana	1 New Cedi—100 New Pesewa (2.45=£1)	0 8 2
Bhutan	Indian Currency	—	Gibraltar	1 Gibraltar pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1=£1)	1 0 0
Bolivia	1 Bolivian Peso—100 centavos (28.50=£1)	0 0 8½	Gilbert and Ellice Is.	Australian Currency	—
Botswana	South African Currency	—	Greece	1 Drachma—100 Lepta (71.50=£1)	0 0 3¼
Brazil	1 New Cruzeiro—100 centavos—1000 Old Centavos (9.34=£1)	0 2 2	Greenland	Danish Currency	—
British Honduras	1 British Honduras Dollar—100 Cents (4=£1)	0 5 0	Grenada	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 cents (4.80=£1)	0 4 2
British Solomon Is.	Australian Currency	—	Guadaloupe	1 Local Franc—100 centimes (12.22=£1)	0 1 6
British Virgin Is.	U.S. Dollars—British and East Caribb. currencies also circulate	—	Guam	U.S.A. Currency	—
Brunei	1 Brunei Dollar—100 cents 7.32=£1	0 2 8¾	Guatemala	1 Quetzal—100 centavos (2.39=£1)	0 8 4½
Bulgaria	1 Lev—100 Stotinki (2.81=£1)	0 7 1½	Guinea Republic	1 Guinean Franc—100 centimes (586=£1)	0 0 4
Burma	1 Kyat—100 Pyas (11.43=£1)	0 1 9	Guyana	1 Guyana Dollar—100 cents (4.80=£1)	0 4 2
Burundi	1 Burundi Franc—100 centimes (260=£1)	0 0 9¼	Haiti	1 Gourde—100 centimes (11.95=£1)	0 1 8
Cambodia	1 Riel—100 Sen (84=£1)	0 0 2¾	Honduras Republic	1 Lempira—100 centavos (4.78=£1)	0 4 2½
Cameroun Republic	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661=£1)	0 0 4	Hong Kong	1 Hong Kong Dollar—100 cents (14.64=£1)	0 1 4¼
Canada	1 Canadian Dollar—100 cents (2.56=£1)	0 7 9¾	Hungary	1 Forint—100 Filler (28.18=£1)	0 0 8½
Canary Islands	Spanish Currency	—	Iceland	1 Iceland Krona—100 Aurar (210=£1)	0 0 11½
Cape Verde Is.	1 Cape Verde Escudo—100 centavos (68.12=£1)	0 0 3½	India	1 Indian Rupee—100 Paise (18.04=£1)	0 1 1¼
Central Afr. Republic	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661=£1)	0 0 4	Indonesia	1 Rupiiah—100 Sen (976=£1)	0 0 2½
Ceylon	1 Ceylon Rupee—100 cents (14.12=£1)	0 1 5	Iran (Persia)	1 Rial—100 Dinars (179.54=£1)	0 0 1¼
Chile	1 Escudo—100 centesimos (21.35=£1)	0 0 11¼	Iraq	1 Iraqi Dinar—1000 Fils (0.86=£1)	1 3 3
China	1 Jen Men Piao—100 Chiao—100 Fen (5.91=£1)	0 3 4½	Ireland (Eire)	1 Irish Pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1=£1)	1 0 0
Colombia	1 Colombian Peso—100 centavos (40=£1)	0 0 6	Israel	1 Israeli Pound—100 Asorot (8.40=£1)	0 2 4½
Congo (ex Belgium)	1 Zaire—100 Makuta—10,000 Sengi (1.39=£1)	0 14 4½	Italy	1 Lira—100 centesim (1492=£1)	0 1 4
Congo (ex French)	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 Centimes (661=£1)	0 0 4	Ivory Coast	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661=£1)	0 0 4
Cook Islands	N.Z. Currency	—	Jamaica	1 Jamaica pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1=£1)	1 0 0
Costa Rica	1 Colon—100 centimos (15.92=£1)	0 1 3	Japan	1 Yen—100 Sen (856=£1)	0 0 2¾
Cuba	1 Cuban Peso—100 Centavos (2.39=£1)	0 8 4½	Jordan	1 Jordan Dinar—1000 Fils (0.86=£1)	1 3 3
Cyprus	1 Cyprus Pound—1,000 Mills (1=£1)	1 0 0	Kenya	1 Kenya shilling—100 cents (17.17=£1)	0 1 2
Czechoslovakia	1 Koruna—100 Heller (33.44=£1)	0 0 7¼	Korea (South)	1 Won—100 Jeon (670=£1)	0 0 3½
Dahomey	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661=£1)	0 0 4	Korea (North)	1 Won—100 Jun (6.17=£1)	0 3 2¾
Denmark	1 Krone 100 ore (17.99=£1)	0 1 1¼	Kuwait	1 Kuwaiti Dinar—1000 Fils (0.86=£1)	1 3 3
Djibuti	1 Djibuti Franc (508=£1)	0 0 5¾	Laos	1 Kip—100 Ats (581=£1)	0 0 4¼
Dominica	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 cents (4.80=£1)	0 4 2	Lebanon	1 Lebanese pound—100 piastres (7.68=£1)	0 2 7¼
Dominican Rep.	1 Peso—100 centavos (2.39=£1)	0 8 4½	Lesotho	South African Currency	—
Dubai	1 Dubai Riyal—100 Dirhams (11.54=£1)	1 8¾	Liberia	1 Liberia Dollar—100 cents (U.S.A. Currency circulates)	0 8 4½
Ecuador	1 Sucre—100 centavos (53.50=£1)	0 0 4½			
Egypt (U.A.R.)	1 Egyptian pound—100 piastres—1000 Milliemes (1.04=£1)	0 19 2¾			

Country	Currency	£ s. d.	Country	Currency	£ s. d.
Libya	1 Libyan pound—1000 Millimes (0.86 = £1)	1 3 3	St. Christopher-Nevis-Anguilla	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 cents (4.80 = £1)	0 4 2
Liechtenstein	Swiss Currency	—	St. Helena	U.K. and South African Currency	—
Luxembourg	1 Luxembourg or Belgian Franc—100 centimes (119.87 £1)	0 0 2	St. Lucia	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 cents (4.80 = £1)	0 4 2
Macao	1 Pataca—100 Avos (14.63 = £1)	0 1 4½	St. Pierre et Miquelon	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4
Madeira	Portuguese Currency	—	St. Vincent	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 cents (4.80 = £1)	0 4 2
Malagasy Republic	1 Franc Malgache—100 centimes (661 = £1) 10 francs =	0 0 4	Sabah	1 Malaysian Dollar—100 cents (7.31 = £1)	0 2 8¾
Malawi	1 Malawi pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1 = £1)	1 0 0	El Salvador	1 Colon—100 centavos (5.98 = £1)	0 3 4¼
Malaysia	1 Malaysian Dollar—100 cents (7.31 = £1)	0 2 8¾	Samoa	U.S.A. Currency	—
Maldive Islands	1 Maldivian Rupee—100 Laris (14.29 = £1)	0 1 4¾	San Marino	Italian Currency	—
Mali Republic	1 Franc Malien—100 centimes	1 6	Sarawak	1 Malaysian Dollar—100 cents (7.31 = £1)	0 2 8¾
Malta	1 Maltese pound—20 shillings—240 pence (1 = £1)	1 0 0	Saudi Arabia	1 Riyal—20 Qurch—100 Halalas (10.72 = £1)	0 1 10½
Martinique	1 Local Franc—100 centimes (12.22 = £1)	0 1 6	Senegal	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (592 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4
Mauritania	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4	Seychelles	1 Seychelles Rupee—100 cents (13.33 = £1)	0 1 6
Mauritius	1 Mauritius Rupee—100 cents (13.3 = £1)	0 1 6	Sharjah	Dubai Currency	—
Mexico	1 Mexican Peso—100 centavos (29.80 = £1)	0 0 8	Sierra Leone	1 Leone—100 cents (2 = £1)	0 10 0
Monaco	French Currency	—	Singapore	1 Singapore Dollar—100 cents (7.31 = £1)	0 2 8¾
Mongolia	1 Tugrik—100 Monso (9.60 = £1)	0 2 1	Somali Republic	1 Somali Shilling—100 cents (17.14 = £1)	0 1 2
Montserrat	1 East Caribbean Dollar—100 cents (4.80 = £1)	0 4 2	South Africa	1 Rand—100 cents (11.72 = £1)	0 11 7½
Morocco	1 Dirham—100 Francs (12.2 = £1)	0 1 7¾	Southern Yemen	1 South Arabian Dinar—1000 Fils (1 = £1)	1 0 0
Mozambique	1 Mozambique Escudo—100 centavos (68.12 = £1)	0 0 3¼	Spain	1 Spanish Peseta—100 centimos (167 = £1)	0 0 1½
Muscat and Oman	1 Gulf Rupee—100 Naya Palsa (13.29 = £1)	0 1 6	Spanish Guinea	Spanish Currency	—
Nauru	Australian Currency	—	Spanish Sahara	Spanish Currency	—
Nepal	1 Nepalese Rupee—100 Pice (24.30 = £1)	0 0 9¾	Spanish West Africa	Spanish Currency	—
Netherlands	1 Florin or Guilder—100 Cents (8.67 = £1)	0 2 3¾	Sudan	1 Sudanese pound—100 piastres—1000 milliemes (0.84 = £1)	1 3 9¼
Netherlands Antilles	1 Netherland Antilles Florin or Guilder—100 cents (4.50 = £1)	0 4 5¼	Surinam	1 Surinam Gulder or florin—100 cents (4.50 = £1)	0 4 5¼
New Caledonia	1 C.F.P. Franc (240.43 = £1) 1 Fr. =	0 0 1	Swaziland	South African currency	—
New Hebrides	1 C.F.P. Franc (also Austrian Currency (240.43 = £1) 1 Fr. =	0 0 1	Sweden	1 Kronot—100 ore (12.36 = £1)	0 1 7½
New Zealand	1 New Zealand Dollar—100 cents (2.14 = £1)	0 9 4¼	Switzerland	1 Swiss Franc—100 centimes (10.34 = £1)	0 1 11¼
Nicaragua	1 Cordoba—100 Centavos (16.75 = £1)	0 1 2¾	Syria	1 Syrian pound—100 piastres (10 = £1)	0 2 0
Niger Republic	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (592 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4	Tanzania	1 Tanzanian shilling—100 cents (17.17 = £1)	0 1 2
Nigeria	1 Nigerian Pound—20 shillings—240 pence (0.86 = £1)	1 3 3	Tchad	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4
Norway	1 Norwegian Krone—100 ore—(17.09 = £1)	0 1 2	Thailand	1 Baht or Tical—100 satang (46.69 = £1)	0 0 4¾
Pakistan	1 Pakistan Rupee—100 Palsa (11.43 = £1)	0 1 9	Timor (Portuguese)	1 Timor Escudo—100 centavos (68.12 = £1)	0 0 3½
Panama	1 Balboa—100 centesimos (also U.S.A. Currency) (2.39 = £1)	0 8 4¼	Togo	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (592 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4
Panama Canal Zone	U.S.A. Currency	—	Tonga	1 Pa'anga—100 sentis (2.143 = £1)	0 9 4
Papua & N. Guinea	Australian Currency	—	Trinidad and Tobago	1 Trinidad and Tobago Dollar—100 cents (4.80 = £1)	0 4 2
Paraguay	1 Guarani—100 centimos (297.50 = £1) 10 Guarani =	0 0 8	Tunisia	1 Tunisian Dinar—100 millimes (1.26 = £1)	0 15 10½
Peru	1 Sol—100 centavos (102.50 = £1)	0 0 2¼	Turkey	1 Turkish pound (or lira)—100 kurus (21.6 = £1)	0 0 11
Philippines	1 Philippine Peso—100 centavos (9.37 = £1)	0 2 1½	Uganda	1 Uganda shilling—100 cents (17.17 = £1)	0 1 2
Pitcairn Island	Australian Currency	—	Umm al Qitwan	Dubai Currency	—
Poland	1 Zloty—100 Groszy (9.6 = £1)	0 2 1	United Arab Republic	See Egypt	—
Portugal	1 Portuguese Escudo—100 centavos (68.12 = £1)	0 0 3¼	United States	1 U.S. Dollar—100 cents (2.39 = £1)	0 8 4¼
Portuguese Guinea	1 Portuguese Guinea Escudo—100 Centavos (68.12 = £1)	0 0 3¼	Upper Volta	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (661 = £1) 10 Francs =	0 0 4
Puerto Rico	U.S.A. Currency	—	Uruguay	1 Uruguayan Peso—100 centesimos (592 = £1) 10 Pesos =	0 0 4
Qatar	1 Qatar—Dubai Riyal—100 Dirhams (11.54 = £1)	0 1 8¾	U.S.S.R.	1 Rouble—100 kopecks (2.15 = £1)	0 9 3¼
Ras al Khalma	Dubai Currency	—	Vatican City	Italian Currency	—
Reunion	1 C.F.A. Franc—100 centimes (592 = £1) 10 francs =	0 0 4	Venezuela	1 Bolivar—100 centimos (10.70 = £1)	0 1 10½
Rhodesia	1 Rhodesian pound—20 shillings—240 pence	—	Vietnam (North)	1 Dong—10 Hao—100 Xu (8.83 = £1)	0 2 3¼
Rumania	1 Leu—100 Bani (28.8 = £1)	0 0 8¼	Vietnam (South)	1 Dong or Vietnam Piastre—100 cents (192 = £1)	0 0 1¼
Rwanda	1 Rwanda Franc—100 centimes (320 = £1) (10 francs)	0 0 7½	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	Currency of U.S.A.	—
Ryukyu Islands	U.S.A. Currency	—	Western Samoa	1 Tala—100 sene (1.72 = £1)	0 11 7½
			Yemen	1 Riyal—40 Bogshas	—
			Yugoslavia	1 Yugoslav dinar—100 Paras (30 = £1)	0 0 8
			Zambia	1 Kwacha—100 Ngwee (1.71 = £1)	0 11 8¼

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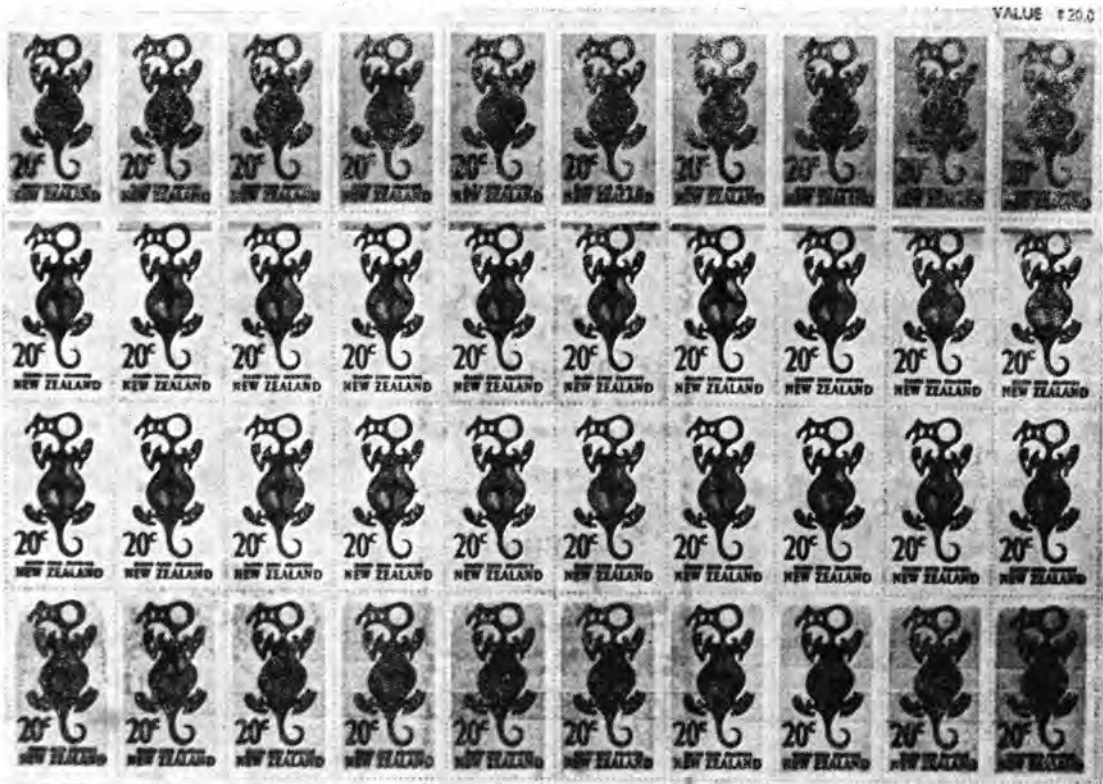
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"GHOSTLY" TANIWHAS



This sheet was recently found in Wellington. The second row has the yellow-brown background colour almost completely missing. Note colour along the top of each stamp. The third row has the yellow-brown completely missing, whilst the four shows inking bands. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C. McNaught.

PHILATELY WITH DENNIS



He went down to the "OTHER PLACE" to start a stamp club and found it full of Dealers and Arabian New Issues.

WHAT'S COMING ?

NEW ZEALAND

1970: Aug. 5: Health Stamps. (Basketball 2½c and 1c, Soccer 3c and 1c.)

1970: Oct. 1: Christmas Issue. 2½c, 3c, 10c.

1970: Dec.: Chatham Is. Issue.

1970: Dates to be announced. Moths and Butterflies. Rest of the 1970 Pictorials.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

1970: September: Fish.

NIUE ISLAND

1970: August 19: Crab set. 3c, 5c and 30c.

1970: Two commemorative issues.

ROSS DEPENDENCY

1971: New Definitive series.

WESTERN SAMOA

July 27th: Regular Air Mail Series. 3s, 7s, 20s, 30s.

August: Cook's exploration of the Pacific. 1s, 2s, 20s, 30s.

October: Christmas set of 4 and miniature sheet. 2s, 3s, 20s, 30s.

1971: January: 9th Anniversary of Independence.

1971: Timber Series.

1971: New definitives.

PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

1970: Scenic Series.

1970: Famous Men Series.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

1970: Ships Series.

AUSTRALIA

1970: 18th International Dairy Congress.

1970: United Nations Anniversary.

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

1970: Famous People (Booklet).

1970: National Development Series.

1971: Sydney Stock Exchange.

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

1971: Animals Series (3).

1971: 50th Anniv. of RAAF.

1971: May: Rotary Convention.

1971: Parliamentary Conference.

NORFOLK ISLAND

1970: July 22: 1, 7, 10, 25 cents.

1970: Oct. 15: Christmas. 5 cent.

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

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

FIJI

1970: July: Discovers and Explorers. 2c, 3c, 8c and 25c.

1970: Nov. 2: Centenary of first Fiji stamp. 4c, 15c and 20c.

GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

1970: Sept. 1: London Missionary Society. 3, 10, 25 and 35 cents.

1970: Christmas.

1970: New Definitives.

BR. SOLOMON ISLANDS

1970: August 17: Centenary of British Red Cross.

1970: Oct. 19: Christmas.

NEW HEBRIDES

1970: Christmas.

1970: July 20: "Call to Arms".

PAPUA/NEW GUINEA AIRS JUNE 24th



NIUE CRABS



A special Niue stamp issue comprising a set of three stamps featuring edible crabs found on the island will be released by the New Zealand Post Office on behalf of the Niue Post Office on 19 August, 1970.

The stamps, designed by Mr. G. F. Fuller of Havelock North, are in denominations of 3c, 5c and 30c. They were printed in the Netherlands by Enschede en Zonen, who used their fine screen offset process to show the crabs in their natural colours on pastel backgrounds. The crabs featured are the kalavi, kalanimu and unga.

Persons desiring first day cover cancellations should ensure that their remittances and envelopes reach the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Private Bag, Wellington, no later than 20 July, 1970.

The stamps will be on sale in New Zealand only at the Chief Post Offices, Wellington and Dunedin, the Philatelic Sales Section, Chief Post Offices, Auckland and Christchurch and the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, and will be withdrawn from sale on 30 April 1971.

The stamps are not valid for postage purposes in New Zealand.

BEGINNERS FORUM

By Gerald Lawson.

HOW TO MEASURE PERFORATIONS

Practically all the early stamps were issued imperforate, as the necessary machinery to separate them at that time had not been developed. As some of you will know imperforated stamps were



recently issued by Tonga as a philatelic attraction and Poland and Spain have produced others of like manner, but remember where this type of stamp is being sought, particularly with regard to the "classics" always endeavour to obtain those having wide margins if possible. This qualification assists in eliminating any doubts of the stamp's genuineness. During the last century a dishonest practice of trimming off perforations to convert a perforated stamp into a more valuable imperforated one was often the case. So be sure to have a good look at this aspect when buying imperforates.

As most collectors are aware, there are several types of perforation in existence, all of which have different sizes of perforations or "teeth" as they are commonly called. To enable any new-comers to the hobby to readily determine the exact perforation reading for any stamp in their collection, first procure a reliable gauge such as the Stanley Gibbons "Instanta Gauge" that is easy to use and designed to correctly measure the number of holes contained within a space of two centimetres (20 mm.). The operation is quite straight forward. As an example, take a copy of the current 4 cent Matu-tikumu pictorial and place its top edge flush with the right-hand side of the gauge. Next move the stamp slowly upwards or downwards until the second radiating line from the left cuts the centre of a "tooth". You will find this occurs when the top-edge of the stamp is lying just above the horizontal line numbered 15.



This indicates that the perforation is in fact 15. Now follow the same procedure with either the left or right-hand side and the measurement will be found to read 14. By this means you have determined that the 4 cent stamp has top and bottom edges of 15 perforations within a distance of two centimetres, and side readings of 14 perforations. The stamp, therefore, is said to be "Perf. 15 x 14" and is shown thus in any standard catalogue.

Stamps on which the horizontal perforations are different from those on the sides are said to have compound perforations. Hereunder are the various ways perforations are written and expressed:—

Perf. 14—perforated alike on all sides.

Perf. 15 x 14—compound perforation, where the first figure refers to the top and bottom, and the second to the left and right sides.

Perf. 15, 15½—perforated approximately 15.

Perf. 11 and 14 mixed—stamps perforated in one gauge and re-perforated in another.

Imperf. x perf. 14—imperforated at top and bottom and perf. 14 at sides. (Perf. 14 x Imperf. means the reverse.)



The last mentioned expression refers to the stamps of Sweden and coil stamps in the main.

Next month—How to Hinge Stamps.

If readers have any queries they would like to ask Mr. Lawson, they may write to him c/o 179 Upland Road, Remuera, Auckland.

CANADA



SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE ISSUE

On June 25th the Canada Post Office will issue a six-cent commemorative stamp honouring Sir Alexander Mackenzie, fur trader and explorer, who in 1793 completed the first crossing of the North American continent north of Mexico.

Born at Stornoway, Scotland, in 1764, Mackenzie emigrated to North America with his father in 1774. He entered the service of a fur trading company in Montreal in 1779. When the firm was later absorbed by the North West Company in 1787, Mackenzie became a partner in the larger concern and was stationed in Athabasca.

It was during his employ there that Mackenzie embarked on his now famous explorations for the Pacific Ocean. The first of his two journeys began on June 3, 1789, and took him, by way of the Slave River and Great Slave Lake, to the Arctic Ocean and the mouth of the river which now bears his name.

His second journey began at the forks of the Peace of Smoky rivers on May 9, 1793. Following a route along the Peace, Parsnip, Fraser, Blackwater and Bella Coola rivers, Mackenzie reached the tidewaters of the Pacific by July. There, on a large rock in Dean Channel, he left the famous inscription: "Alex Mackenzie, from Canada, by land, 22nd July 1793".

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W.H.O.	.65	St. Lucia Carifta F.U.	.65
I.H.R.	.83	Napoleon	.72
Games	.90	Easter F.U.	.61
I.L.O.	.51	Carifta	.47
Malawi I.L.O.	.86	St. Helena Uniforms	.94
I.L.O. F.U.	.93	Ships F.U.	.85
Maltal 5th Anniv. F.U.	.90	Constitution F.U.	.60
George Cross 1957	.60	St. Kitts Methodist Conf.	.47
Gandhi F.U.	.29	Warner	.63
Gandhi	.27	Warner F.U.	.62
I.L.O. F.U.	.16	Fish F.U.	.76
5th Anniv.	.93	Xmas F.U.	1.00
Xmas F.U.	.45	St. Vincent Carifta F.U.	.35
Montserrat Xmas F.U.	.75	Carifta	.32
Carifta F.U.	1.04	Statehood F.U.	.49
Development	1.40	Methodist Conf. O/P F.U.	4.00
Development F.U.	1.30	Carnival F.U.	.32
Mauritius Gandhi F.U.	1.47	Human Rights.	.28
Telfair	1.01	Swaziland United Nations. F.U.	.95
Telfair F.U.	1.22	Commission	.88
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TRIBUTE FOR FINE SERVICE

At Rotorua Philatelic Society's Annual General Meeting Messrs. E. Roe and S. Parlane were made Life Members in recognition of the services they have so generously given to the Society. Mr. Roe, a founder member, is still a very active member and it is hoped he will be so for many years to come and to continue above all his very popular talks on Current Affairs. Mr. S. Parlane, following a period as President, has held the demanding office of Sales Superintendent for many years and the steadily increasing revenue received from sales give ample proof of his ability to obtain the quality material required. Here again we trust that we may have his services for many years to come.

READERS' LETTERS

FAULTY \$1 STAMP

Tokoroa.

Dear Sirs,

I have just purchased at the Kopeopeo branch of the Whakatane P.O. the \$1.00 Blue mint with a definite ink streak part way through it. This appears to be an excess ink spot that has been pulled through the stamp, and also through the bottom selvage on printing. Have any of your readers found a similar ink mark on any of the \$1.00 stamps? The assistant at the P.O. assures me that there have been quite a number with these faulty marks.

I agree with your correspondent, M. Scott. I think the Japanese printed stamps are shocking, and it is nearly impossible to get a good used stamp of any of their printings. British printers have many faults, but are as good as any printer who handles the volume of print which they put through.

Yours faithfully,

James R. Park.

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Warkworth.

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and informative booklet. Please find enclosed three dollars for my subscription for one year.

It might interest you to know that I have found an 18 cent New Zealand woolmark stamp which has the picture itself printed on the gummed side. I believe at least one sheet has been printed like this, and if anyone else happens to have one of these in their collection, I would be pleased to hear from them.

Yours faithfully,

P. A. Young.

PHILATELIC THOUGHTS

Murray G. Wing

Winter is the time when philatelists try to catch up on all the things which have been left undone for so long—in some cases since the previous winter. How many of us get round to soaking off all those accumulations of stamps on paper; sorting out the various acquisitions we have pushed to one side; mounting those hard to get stamps in the blank spaces staring at us in our albums, or writing up those future award-winning entries. Perhaps you may not get all the time you require for your hobby during the winter. You may be a football player or ardent fan, or if you are like me you have to take your young son to Rugby or soccer. Be that as it may, we usually manage to get time to do something philatelic even though it is ever so little. Then there is the task of writing to overseas pen friends or writing to your favourite dealer with your latest requests. I assume that the falloff in attendance at Societies' winter meetings is compensated by a flurry of activity at home. Interest in stamp collecting is still at a very high level in this area. Most local dealers seem to be well patronised. Some are busy acquiring suitable material at the various local auctions which is another good sign.

I had not been out to Lower Hutt for some time and during the May school holidays I took the family on a late night shopping spree. It was a Thursday and this added to the novelty of the venture. Needless to say I called at Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson's new stamp shop in Flanders Lane off High Street and was impressed with the spaciousness of the new premises and the excellent layout. Local philatelists J. M. A. (Jes) and J. M. (Jenny) Gregson will be returning to the

United Kingdom for good in a few months time. They have not been in New Zealand long but have become well known and their many friends wish them bon voyage and all the best for the future.

TAURANGA CELEBRATION

3rd Annual Dinner — 11th July, 1970

The Tauranga Stamp Club cordially invites fellow stamp collectors and their wives, or husbands, to our 3rd Annual Stamp Dinner to be held at the Promenade Lounge, Odeon Theatre Building, Elizabeth Street, Tauranga, at 4.30 p.m. on the 11th July.

The programme will include talks and displays by Mr. R. A. Dexter on "How to Evaluate Varieties"; Mr. G. Lineham on Postage Stamp telling the "Story of the Bible" from "Genesis to the Revelation"; Mr. A. V. Allo with slides on "Israel"; and Dr. E. A. Schoenberger on the "Postal History of Israel".

Dinner will be served at 6.00 p.m. approximately.

There will be several tables of stamps etc. for sale.

This evening will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and the Tauranga Stamp Club looks forward to meeting you all once again.

The price, inclusive, will be \$1.80 per head, to be sent to:

The Secretary,
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P.O. Box 666,
Tauranga.

by the 6th July, or please inform the Secretary of the number definitely attending for catering arrangements.

Anyone wishing to sell any stamps at the sales tables please send same to: Mr. D. C. Green, Exchange Superintendent, P.O. Box 666, Tauranga, by the 6th July.

PROGRAMME

Door open 4.00 p.m. approximately.

4.30 p.m. — Official Welcome.

4.45 p.m. — 5.30 p.m.: Mr. R. A. Dexter of Auckland, "How to Evaluate Varieties".

6.00 p.m. — 7.30 p.m.: Tea and time for buying stamps.

7.30 p.m. — 8.15 p.m.: Mr. G. Lineham of Auckland, "Story of the Bible". (Thematic.)

8.30 p.m. — 9.00 p.m.: Mr. A. V. Allo of Tauranga, slides on "Israel".

9.00 p.m. — 9.45 p.m.: Dr. E. A. Schoenberger of Hamilton, "Postal History of Israel".

10.00 p.m. — Supper.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NEW ISSUES

June Releases

1st June, 1970.

St. Vincent. Centenary of the British Red Cross Society. 3, 5, 12 and 25 cents.

Tristan da Cunha. Centenary of the British Red Cross Society. 4d, 9d, 1/9 and 2/6d.

3rd June, 1970.

Malawi. Commonwealth Games. 4d, 9d, 1/6, 3/- and Souvenir Sheet.

8th June, 1970.

Gibraltar. Europa Point.

St. Lucia. Centenary of the Death of Charles Dickens. 1, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

9th June, 1970.

St. Helena. Centenary of the Death of Charles Dickens. 4d, 8d, 1/6 and 2/6d.

15th June, 1970.

Br. Solomon Islands. New Constitution. 18 and 35 cents.

17th June, 1970.

Cayman Islands. Centenary of the Death of Charles Dickens. 1, 12, 20 and 40 cents.

Ceylon. Asian Productivity Year. 60 cents.

Turks and Caicos Islands. Centenary of the Death of Charles Dickens. 1, 3, 15 and 30 cents.

24th June, 1970.

Papua and New Guinea. Air Services. 4 x 5 cents, 25 and 30 cents.

26th June, 1970.

Barbados. 25th Anniversary of United Nations. 4, 5, 25 and 50 cents.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands. 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. 5, 10, 15 and 35 cents.

Lesotho. 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. 2½, 10, 12½ and 25 cents.

United Nations. 25th Anniversary. 6, 13 and 25 cents and Souvenir Sheet.

Forthcoming Issues

DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Anguilla. 1970. **Antigua:** 3rd August, 1970. **Bermuda.** 6th July, 1970. **British Indian Ocean Territory.** 1970. **Brunei:** 1970. **Cayman Islands.** (New Value Tablets), 8th September, 1970. **Lesotho.** 1st November, 1970. **Malta.** 5d and 10d Values. July, 1970. **Montserrat.** 2nd July, 1970. **Turks and Caicos Islands.** (New Value Tablets). December, 1970.

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

Antigua. Military Uniforms. 1st December, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 1st October, 1970. **Ascension.** Royal Naval Crests. 7th September, 1970. **Barbados.** Flowers of Barbados. August, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 1970. **Bermuda.** 350th Anniversary Parliament. 1st October, 1970. **Botswana.** Centenary of the Death of Charles Dickens. 6th July, 1970. 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. 24th October, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 13th November, 1970. **British Honduras.** Hardwoods. 2nd July, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 2nd October, 1970. **British Indian Ocean Territory.** Aldabra Nature Reserve. 1970. **British Virgin Islands.** Centenary of British Red Cross. 10th August, 1970. **Spanish Main.** 16th November, 1970. **Cayman Islands.** Tourism. October, 1970. **Ceylon.** Opening of the U.P.U. Building. 14th August, 1970. Centenary of the Faculty of Medicine. 1st September, 1970. **U.N. Anniversary.** 24th October, 1970. **Keppitipola.** 26th November, 1970. **East Africa.** Commonwealth Games. 16th July, 1970. 25th Anniversary of United Nations. 24th October, 1970. **Falkland Islands.** "Great Britain" Steamship. October, 1970. **The Gambia.** Commonwealth Games. July/August, 1970. 5th Anniversary of Independence. 1970. **Gibraltar.** Military Uniforms. 14th July, 1970. **Philippia.** 18th September, 1970. **Christmas.** 1st December, 1970. **Guernsey.** Agriculture and Horticulture. 12th August, 1970. **Christmas** (Churches). 11th November, 1970. **Guyana.** 25th Anniversary of United Nations. 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 1970. **Hong Kong.** Asian Productivity Year. 5th August, 1970. **Jamaica.** Centenary of First Telegraph Service. 1970. **Jersey.** Battle of Flowers. 28th July, 1970. **Lesotho.** Tourism. September, 1970. **Birds.** December, 1970. **Malawi.** Moths. 2nd September, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 4th November, 1970. 25th Anniversary of U.N. 1970. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O. 1970. **Muda Irrigation Scheme.** 1970. **Malta.** 25th Anniversary U.N. 1970. **Mauritius.** Port Louis—Old and New. 17th August, 1970. **Montserrat.** Irish Settlers. 1970. **Tourism.** Sept./Oct. 1970. **Nigeria.** 10th Anniversary Independence. 1970. **U.P.U. New Headquarters Building.** 1970. 25th Anniversary of United Nations. 1970. **St. Helena.** Centenary of British Red Cross. 15th September, 1970. **Military Uniforms.** 1970. **St. Kitts.** Arts Festival. 1st August, 1970. **Stamp Centenary.** 14th September, 1970. **Christmas**

1970. 16th November, 1970. **St. Lucia.** Centenary of British Red Cross. 18th August, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 1970. **St. Vincent.** 150th Anniversary of the Anglican Cathedral. 7th September, 1970. **Christmas** 1970. 23rd November, 1970. **Seychelles.** Centenary of British Red Cross. 4th August, 1970. **Flowers.** 1970. **Singapore.** 10th Anniversary People's Association. 1st July, 1970. **National Day.** 9th August, 1970. **Festival of Sports.** 23rd August, 1970. **Shipping.** 1st November, 1970. **Swaziland.** Commonwealth Games. 1st July, 1970. **Tristan da Cunha.** Crawfish. 1st November, 1970. **Turks and Caicos Islands.** Centenary of British Red Cross. 6th October, 1970. **Zambia.** Preventive Medicine. 4th July, 1970.

Sales Figures

Br. Indian Ocean Territory: Coral Atoll (Aldabra).

Rs. 2.25: 28,952; F.D.C.: 1,669.

Malaysia: Minggu Perpaduan (Solidarity Week).

15c: 11,263,350; 20c: 1,088,400; 50c: 1, 508,400; F.D.C.: 67,378.

Mauritius: Centenary of the Birth of Gandhi.

2c: 901,842; 15c: 633,809; 50c: 160,680; 60c: 158,244; F.D.C.: 10,968; Re.1: 125,609; S/Sheet: 25,864.

Muscat and Oman: Oil Industry. 20 Baizas: 76,103; 25 Baizas: 76,103; 40 Baizas: 106,003; Re.1: 77,018.

Papua and New Guinea: National Heritage (Folk-lore).

5c: 1,532,100; 10c: 452,000.

Papua and New Guinea: South Pacific Games.

5c: 1,175,980; 10c: 378,830; 20c: 300,722.

ZAMBIA — PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

The release date of this issue has been amended to 4th July, 1970 (from 25th May, 1970).

GUERNSEY — BOOKLETS

The release of the booklets with new cover designs has had to be postponed. The three booklets, 2/-, 4/- and 6/-, will probably be released towards the end of June.

N.Z.S.M. APPRECIATES NEWS FROM READERS

PHILATELIC SOCIETIES

Airmail Society of New Zealand

Hon. Secretary: J. C. Stapleton, P.O. Box 1646, Christchurch. Meetings: First Wednesday each month*, 7.30 p.m., at St. Elmo Courts (Shell Oil (N.Z.) Social Room, corner Montreal and Hereford Sts.

Ashburton Stamp Club

Hon. Secretary: R. Walkham, 6 Cross St., Ashburton. Meetings: Fourth Wednesday each month at Repertory Theatre. Junior, 7 p.m.; Seniors, 8 p.m.

Auckland Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: R. A. Dexter, P.O. Box 1932, Auckland, C.I. Meetings: First and third Tuesday each month*, 8.00 p.m., in hall, 1st floor, Horticultural Society Headquarters Building, 57 Symonds St., Auckland.

Christchurch Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: B. E. R. Alexandre, P.O. Box 819, Christchurch. Meetings: Second Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m., at Canterbury Manufacturers' Assn., 263 Cambridge Tce.

Dunedin Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mr. R. Grimmer, P.O. Box 753, Dunedin. Meetings: Fourth Thursday each month†, 7.45 p.m., in Kiwi Lounge, R.S.A. Building, Moray Place, Dunedin.

Hastings Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. D. O. Musson, P.O. Box 864, Hastings. Meetings: Third Wednesday each month, 7.45 p.m., at Old Folks Assn. Rooms, Heretaunga St. East.

Hawke's Bay Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: M. R. Carroll, P.O. Box 475, Napier. Meetings: First Wednesday each month*, 7.45 p.m., at Orange Lodge Hall, Carlyle St., Napier.

Hutt Valley Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: J. H. Fredericksen, Box 30.657, Lower Hutt. Meetings: First Tuesday each month*, 7.30 p.m., Supper Room Horticultural Hall, Laings Rd., Lower Hutt.

Manawatu Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: B. H. Ogier, P.O. Box 206, Palmerston North. Meetings: Second Wednesday each month*, 7.30 p.m., in the Lower Hall, Y.W.C.A., Church St., Palmerston North.

Nelson Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: S. O. Merlo, P.O. Box 16, Nelson. Meetings: First Tuesday each month*, 7.30 p.m., at Garrison Band Rooms, near Trafalgar Park. Also in June, July and August on third Tuesday and second Tuesday in January.

N.Z. Stamp Collectors' Club

Hon. Secretary: E. G. Whitley, P.O. Box 1805, Christchurch. Meetings: Second Wednesday each month*, 7.45 p.m., in Canterbury Manufacturers' Assn. rooms, 263 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch.

Poverty Bay Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: W. D. Bennett, P.O. Box 519, Gisborne. Meetings: Second Wednesday each month, 7.30 p.m., at Pensioners Hall, Palmerston Road.

Postal History Society of N.Z.

Hon. Secretary: R. R. Stephen, P.O. Box 1605, Auckland. Meetings: Second Wednesday each month*, in hall, Horticultural Society Headquarters, 57A Symonds Street, Auckland.

Rotorua Philatelic Society:

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. J. Sainsbury, P.O. Box 32, Rotorua. Meetings: Second and fourth Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m., at Rotorua Primary School, Arawa St.

Royal Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: D. E. G. Naish, P.O. Box 1269, Wellington. Meetings: Second Monday each month*, 7.45 p.m., at Y.W.C.A. Building, 355 Willis Street, Wellington.

Southland Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. P. Laing, P.O. Box 300, Invercargil. Meetings: First Saturday each month*, 8.00 p.m., at Supper Room, Town Hall.

Taranaki Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: A. F. Watters, 5 Tor St., New Plymouth. Meetings: First Monday each month*, at 7.45 p.m., at National Party Rooms, 1 Powderham Street.

Tauranga Stamp Club

Hon. Secretary: G. F. Janes, Box 666, Tauranga. Meetings: First and third Mondays each month at Bethlehem.

Thames Valley Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: F. Jans, Brunton Cres., Thames. Meetings: Second Wednesday each month in Thames.

Timaru Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. M. Walker, P.O. Box 237, Timaru. Meetings: Second Tuesday each month, 7.30 p.m., at Centennial Rooms, George St.

Upper Hutt Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: I. Clark, 4 Ebdenton Street, Upper Hutt. Meetings: Third Monday each month, 8.00 p.m., in the Library, Heretaunga College. Ward St., Upper Hutt.

Waikato Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Frances, P.O. Box 663, Hamilton. Meetings:

First and third Wednesday each month, 7.45 p.m., at Whitiara Bowling Club Pavilion (north end of Hamilton). No meetings December, January. First meeting of the year third Wednesday of February.

Wanganui Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Spencer Smith, 35 Jellicoe St., Wanganui. Meetings: Second Wednesday each month*, in United Friendly Societies' Board Room, Guyton St., Wanganui.

Wellesley Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: B. Forster, P.O. Box 3623, Auckland, C.I. Meetings: Second and fourth Monday each month (no meetings fourth Monday in December, second Monday in January, or Labour Day), 7.30 p.m., Building and Display Centre, Cnr. Victoria and Elliott Streets (Conference Room). Entrance Darby St.

Wellington Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: M. G. Wing, P.O. Box 2146, Wellington. Meetings: Fourth Monday each month (October, fourth Tuesday), 8.00 p.m., first floor, Y.W.C.A. Building, 355 Willis Street, Wellington.

West Coast Philatelic Society Inc.

Hon. Secretary: E. T. Higgins, 7 Domain Terrace, Karoro, Greymouth. Meetings: First Wednesday each month* at 8 p.m., in Pensioner's Room, Boundry Road, Greymouth.

Whakatane Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. L. H. Moore, P.O. Box 114, Whakatane. Meetings: Second and fourth Thursdays, 8.00 p.m., each month, at Club rooms, McGarvey Rd., Whakatane.

Whangarei Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. P. Holcroft, P.O. Box 463, Whangarei. Meetings: First Tuesday each month*, 8.00 p.m., at Library, Whangarei Intermediate School.

South Auckland Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. MacKay, 95 Wyllie Rd., Papatoetoe. Meetings: Last Thursday every month*†, at old Plunket Rooms (next to Central Theatre block), St. George St., Papatoetoe, at 8.00 p.m.

Putaruru Philatelic Society

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. M. Foster. Meetings: Second Monday each month, 7.30 p.m., Putaruru Travel Lodge, 60 Taupo St., Putaruru.

Hamilton Stamp Club

Hon. Secretary: Mr. D. Roberts, Phone 57-593, Hamilton. Meetings: Second and fourth Thursday each month.

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SOCIETY NOTES

N.Z. NIGHT AT DUNEDIN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A well attended May meeting largely devoted to N.Z. stamps was conducted by the Dunedin Philatelic Society. The Commonwealth Competition, judged by the Rev. F. Belmer, was won by Miss Shore with her collection of Western Samoa and Mr. L. Brighton won the N.Z. Competition.

"N.Z. Night" was convened by Mr. D. White who began by showing some slides of N.Z. stamps which had been altered in various ways. Included were a "Poaka in football boots" and an express delivery stamp depicting a tuatara with a mailbag on its back. A range of N.Z. stamps was displayed from full-face queens on cover (including Headquarters and Queen's Redoubt franks of the Maori Wars), to colour trials of the side-face issues, plate proofs of the 1898 pictorials, two-perf pairs of Edward VII, and a forgery of the Auckland Exhibition overprint. A presentation set of George V, the 1935 Mitre Peak with no peak, and various perforation varieties and misplaced colours among the recent pictorial issues completed the display.

Dr. R. M. CARR, Press Officer.

HAWKE'S BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY PIGEON POST

The June meeting of the H.B. Philatelic Society was held on Wednesday the 3rd June and the guest speaker was Mr. J. Kilgour of New Plymouth who gave a very interesting talk and display on the Pigeon Post between Auckland and Great Barrier Island around the turn of the century. During 1896 experimental flights were made and the following year saw the opening of the first regular flights.

These stamps have the distinction of being the world's first postal labels used for airmail purposes.

There are several types of these labels and the first ones do not show a pigeon or dove, but a swallow. Many forgeries of these labels are known.

The 42 members and visitors present very much enjoyed this very interesting as well as informative address.

The collection earned Mr. Kilgour a Bronze medal at the recently held ANPEX stamp exhibition held in Sydney.

Three members of the Napier Society also won awards at ANPEX. Mr. J. W. Timmer was awarded a Silver medal for a specialised col-

lection of New Zealand Full Face Queens; Mr. J. Whincop was awarded a Silver medal for his specialised collection of New Zealand 1953 definitive issue, and Mr. G. M. van Zanten a Bronze for his collection of Czechoslovakia, including field post items.

Three new members were elected at the meeting.

Items of interest included some early New Zealand postcards as well as a set of the Computer designed Dutch charity stamps, some printed on metallic paper.

TARANAKI PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

The 34th Annual General Meeting of the Taranaki Philatelic Society was held on the 4th of May and the following were elected to office for 1970-71: Patron, Mrs. H. Bacon; President, Mr. J. Kilgour; Vice-Presidents, Mr. L. Jury, Mr. B. Hutchinson, Mrs. O. Barnes; Secretary, Mr. F. Watters; Treasurer, Mr. C. Lilley; Librarian, Mr. D. Miles; Committee, Mrs. C. Dixon, Mrs. L. Allen, Mrs. M. Jagger, Messrs. S. Dixon, R. Tilley, T. McCracken, R. Reeves.

Mr. L. Jury, who has been the Society's President for the past three years did not wish to stand for election as President and a vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Jury for his untiring efforts in furthering the activities and well being of the society during his term of office.

May Meeting

Mr. R. Dacre, President of the N.Z. Federation, was the guest speaker who gave a very interesting and informative talk on world wide forgeries. His address was illustrated with numerous slides and judging by the way society members gathered around the speaker at the conclusion of his talk it was clear that both the subject and the speaker appealed to the enquiring nature of those present.

June Meeting

Addresses by Taranaki Society Members

Main attraction for the evening consisted of addresses given by three members of the Taranaki Society. The first of three was given by Mr. S. Dixon who displayed several very interesting New Zealand and Australian covers, each cover having a special story to tell. Also displayed were "Anpex" covers which Mr. Dixon obtained while at Anpex.

Mr. Acott displayed his two entries into Anpex (one of which was awarded a bronze medal) and spoke of the highlights of the exhibition itself.

The final address was by Mr. F. Watters who gave a very fine talk on telephone and telegraph office markings. Although the subject has certainly limited following within the society Mr. Watters nevertheless certainly held his audience's attention with his humorous accounts of incidents encountered whilst obtained some of these markings.

R. Reeves.

ANPEX REPORT WELLINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Inc.)

At the May monthly general meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society the immediate past-president, Mr. Marcel Stanley, gave a very interesting eye witness's account of the Australian National Philatelic Exhibition (ANPEX) held recently in Sydney. Mr. Stanley was well qualified to speak on this subject as he served on the Grand Jury at ANPEX and his comprehensive selection of N.Z. Chalon Heads (Full face Queens), were displayed in the Court of Honour. He mentioned the very high standard of the exhibits and drew attention to the fine showing made by the New Zealand entries. One unfortunate feature of the exhibition appeared to be the disappointment of 40 or so exhibitors whose sheets were not displayed because they were the last to be put up and by then available space was exhausted. It would seem that with better planning, sheets from all entries could have been shown. Mr. J. M. A. Gregson, who was also at ANPEX, supplemented Mr. Stanley's commentary.

The next item on the evening's programme was a mini-talk and display by Mr. Stanley on the Perkins Bacon reprints of various Chalon Heads. The Herts Philatelic Society and Stanley Gibbons Ltd. featured in several of the items displayed and this seems to have had a close association with Perkins Bacon. Rejected original dies seem to have been used and according to Mr. Stanley present day philatelists owe much to these people for leaving behind examples of printing from these dies (or die) for research purposes. It appears that the main alteration to the original die was the substitution of the value portion with a suitable variation.

A short sale of stamps brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

M. G. Wing, Hon. Secretary.

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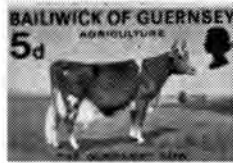
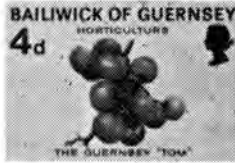
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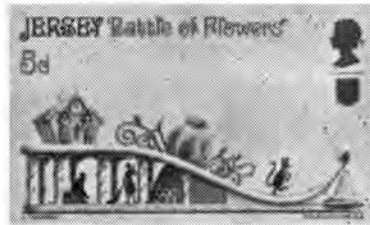
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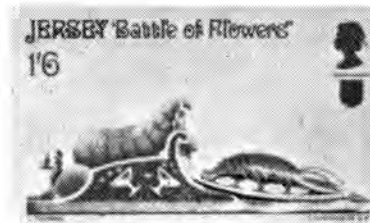
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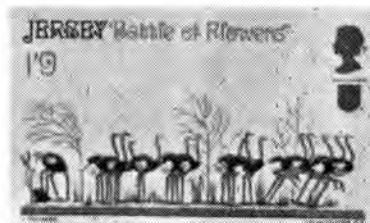
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 Process: Lithography.

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 Values and designs: 15 cents—Kindergarten Children at Play
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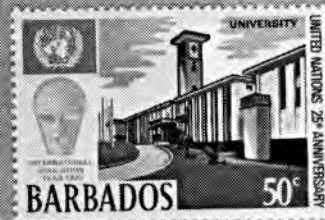
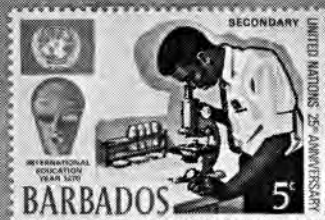
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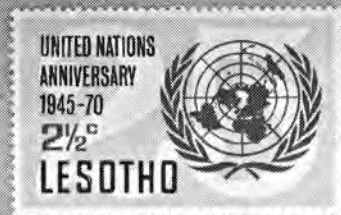
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SPACE STAMPS OF THE SOVIET UNION, PART 6

by G. M. van Zanten



"Wonders of Space travel" was the title of a set of five colourful stamps, some of these designs are based on drawings by Alexei Lenov and all show imaginative space themes.

The first automatic link-up was achieved by Cosmos 186 and Cosmos 188, the first one launched on 27th October 1967, the second on 30th October 1967. The link-up was achieved by the two computer controlled satellites. A six Kopek stamp was issued to commemorate the event, it shows on a black and red background the Earth in gold, trajectories, the two craft and the dates; in the foreground superimposed on the whole design are the two space-craft flying joined together.

Cosmonauts day 1968 saw the emission of a set of three stamps, joined by labels describing the events depicted on each adjoining stamp. The whole block of six is joined in design by one overlying design, cleverly worked into each stamp, and this shows the globe and various trajectories. Values are 4, 6 and 10 Kopek, the Moscow cancellation for the F.D.C. shows the Gagarin monument as described in an earlier article.

Welding in space was carried out during the flights of Soyuz 6, 7 and 8 in November 1969, for which a strip of three stamps was issued, showing the complete crew of seven that took part in the exercise, the stamps are grey-brown with gold text and background, all values are 10 Kopek.

Venus 5 and 6 were the subject of a set of two stamps of basically the same design showing trajectories and space-craft as background. The 4 Kopek shows a medal and the portrait of Lenin, the 6 Kopek shows two spacecraft in pink.

Cosmonauts day 1969 saw three large stamps and a sheet, the three stamps are all of 10 Kopek value and are in bright colours with a rather interesting background. The first shows a large rocket on its launching pad, a man is shown towards the top giving an idea of the size of the complete rocket. The

next one shows Zond 5 in orbit around the moon. The final one however is of much more interest as it shows Sergei Pavlovich Korolev, the man who was considered the chief space craft designer. Korolev was a pilot and rose to lieutenant general of aviation before transferring to the Soviet rocket programme. He died on 14th January, 1966. In his youth he had met Tsiolkovsky and was apparently inspired by him to go on with the work he made his lifetime ambition.

Also shown on this stamp is Sputnik I as a symbol of his achievements.

The sheet shows a Cosmos craft in pink against a background of green, value 80 Kopek, also as part of the design are shown the earth and the moon with futuristic space-craft.



I shall conclude with a short description of stamps not specifically issued as space stamps, but which shows the space theme and which may well be included in a collection on the subject. Some of these stamps only show a very small rocket somewhere in the design and these are not always easy to recognise, but all are shown in the final section of the excellent handbook "Catalogue L O L L I N I—C O N Q U E T E de L'ESPACE", a must for the serious collector of this subject, it is full of useful information, and only a little French is sufficient to follow the very full descriptions; also shown are pictures and autographs of most Cosmonauts and Astronauts as well as the Spacecraft, of which launching dates and particulars are shown.

The International Disarmament Conference in Stockholm was the

subject of a stamp showing 3 Sputniks leaving the earth.

The 21st Communist party congress in Moscow shows Sputniks 1, 2, and 3, as well as a large rocket over the Kremlin, giving a well balanced design. A predominantly red stamp commemorating the 44th anniversary of the October revolution shows a rocket in the top left corner and behind this in yellow a wide trail of exhaust.

Two stamps to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the October revolution show the cruiser Aurora, which played an important part in the events, together with two rockets drawing away into space.

The 40th anniversary of the first Soviet stamp was commemorated by a set of four stamps, one of these had a cosmos theme.

Molniya I was shown on a large New Year stamp for 1967, also shown is the Moscow TV tower, altogether a very elegant stamp, background is made up of large numerals 1967 superimposed on each other in different colours.

In 1951 a set of sixteen stamps appeared, showing Soviet Scientists, among these is a fine portrait of Tsiolkovsky with a rocket in the background. International co-operation year was also showing cosmos themes, the 3 Kopek telecommunication satellites and the 6 Kopek stars and a Sputnik.

"The World Youth Forum" of 1961 also shows a rocket together with a computer console; "World Without Arms and Wars" of 1963 shows a red rocket against a blue background; the "I.T.U." centenary shows the well known symbol and Sputnik I leaving earth.

GRENADA

EASTER PAINTING ISSUE LATE MARCH

Grenada, the Spice Island of the Caribbean, among the first American lands discovered by Columbus on his Flagship La Concepcion, has a rich religious tradition. For Easter, Grenada is appropriately releasing a unique set of stamps featuring, through the media of religious masterworks of famous painters, the Easter story.

5c (Red frame) "Last Supper" by Andrea del Sarto. This popular Florentine painter was born in 1486 and died in 1530. The characteristic boldness and beauty in the frescoes of his mature works can be noted in his "Last Supper" (painted in 1526, now at S. Salvi). The scene is based on St. Matthew 26:26, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.'"

15c (Royal Blue frame) "Christ Crowned with Thorns", by Anthony Van Dyck. After Rubens, he is the most prominent Flemish painter of the 17th Century. Born in Antwerp 1599, died in London 1641. His enduring fame is because of portraits using darker colours with emphasis of blue, grey, pink and sienna. This painting is based on Matthew 27:29, "And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head".

25c (Magenta frame) "The Passion of Christ", by Hans Memling. This 15th century Flemish painter's art was significant to Bruges amid its political and economic decline. The painting is based on St. Luke 23:27, "And there followed him a great company of people and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him."

60c (Yellow frame) "Christ in the Tomb", by Peter Paul Rubens. This Flemish artist exemplifies the Baroque style of European art of the 17th century. Born in 1577 and died in 1640, Rubens's spiritual and sensual vitality is best known. His life was the ideal of learned wisdom, public service and family virtue. Based on St. John 19:41, now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new spulchre, where was never man yet laid; there laid they Jesus therefore."

A souvenir sheet measuring 4-5/8" x 5-1/2", is also issued, holding the 25c and 60c stamps. The light-blue frame holds the marginal illustrations of two Apostles, with a marginal inscription of "Grenada—Easter 1970".

AUSTRALIAN COOK BICENTENARY POSTMARKS

Twelve special postmarkers are being provided in connection with the bicentenary of Captain Cook's discovery of the eastern coast of Australia. The locations chosen in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland have been selected because of their historical significance in connection with Cook's voyage of 1770, and to tie in with local celebrations of the bicentenary. The period of usage of the special cancellations covers the whole anniversary period, from Cook's first sighting of the Australian mainland in April, to his departure in August.

The centres at which the postmarkers will be used, and the relevant dates, are:

Victoria: Point Hicks, (temporary post office), 20th April.

New South Wales: Kurnell, 27th April—2nd May; Bulli, 27th April—1st May; Botany, 27th April—2nd May; Laurieton, 27th April—2nd May; The Entrance, 4th May—16th May.

Queensland: Coolangatta, 13th May—19th May; Gladstone, 20th May—26th May; Rockhampton, 25th May—30th May; Mackay, 1st June—6th June; Cooktown, 15th June—20th June; Thursday Island, 17th August—22nd August.

Full sets of 12 official commemorative covers or miniature sheets, each cover or sheet postmarked at one of the historical centres associated with Cook, will be available from the Philatelic Bureau, 12th Floor, 374 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 3000, to which all orders and remittances should be sent. Five different sets will be available to collectors:

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E. 12 postmarked miniature sheets (not on cover). **\$6.96**

Covers in the sets will be postmarked on the first day of use of each of the postmarkers.

Clients should note that full sets cannot be despatched until August, when the last postmarker comes into use. To offset this necessary

wait, the Australian Post Office will return sets B, C, D, and E by airmail to overseas clients, without extra charge. Set A will be returned surface mail, post free. All sets will be forwarded under outer cover.

As usual, collectors may lodge covers locally for postmarking. However, full sets will be available only from the Philatelic Bureau.

CHANNEL ISLANDS

LECTURE BY OFFICIAL GUESTS FROM JERSEY

The Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation hosted a breakfast on March 15th at the Americana Hotel, in the Buckingham Room, in honour of its distinguished guests from Jersey, Channel Islands; Deputy G. Smale, and Controller of Posts, S. Thomas.

Addressing the distinguished audience of philatelists and philatelic journalists, Deputy Smale reviewed briefly the interesting history of the Channel Islands. He emphasized the fact that Jersey had enjoyed an independent existence dating back nearly 900 years, at which time the island became subject to the Dukedom of Normandy under William the Conqueror—before their ruler conquered England!

Because of this unique situation, they retained their own laws and privileges, not being dictated by Parliament, but being loyal to the Crown. Deputy Smale also discussed the German occupation of Jersey during World War II. This occupation ended on May 9th, 1945, and gives Jersey a happy event to commemorate with the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of Liberation issue on that date this year.

Controller Thomas, who until recently was the Chief of U.K. Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh presented Jersey's philatelic policy of issuing no more than four new issues annually and to commemorate events and matters closely connected with those of Jersey. He discussed the details of the forthcoming issues and especially the Liberation sets, of which everyone present received a folder in colour.

The lecture was followed by questions from the audience who thus was able to get first hand information on all the interesting aspects of the philately of the Channel Islands.

CEYLON

ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY YEAR

The Asian Productivity Organisation is an inter-governmental organisation of 14 Asian governments established for the purpose of fostering and improving industrial and agricultural productivity in the countries concerned. It was established by a Convention signed by five founder members in Manila in 1961 and is non-political, non-profit making and non-discriminatory in character.

The headquarters of the APO are in Tokyo and its Permanent Secretariat is headed by a Secretary General assisted by an international staff drawn from various member countries of the APO. The APO itself and members of its Secretariat are accorded diplomatic status by the Japanese government.

Policy is decided by a governing body comprised of one national director from each of the member countries of the organisation and this body meets at least once a year in one or other of the member countries. Funds are obtained through the membership subscriptions of member governments and through generous grants made by the more affluent member countries.

The main function of the APO Secretariat is to assist national productivity centres of the various member countries with technical advice and expertise of all kinds and at all levels, but particular emphasis is placed on the dissemination of productivity techniques suited to the limited financial and technological resources of developing countries. This dissemination is achieved through the medium of productivity seminars and symposia, the mounting of training courses and study missions and the provision of technical experts for national productivity centres or selected sectors of industry. In addition the APO Secretariat contributes faculty support for training courses and provides overseas fellowships for selected personnel from member countries.

Asian Productivity Year is being inaugurated this year to give added impetus to the productivity movement in Asia and to make Asians themselves increasingly aware of the vital part that increased productivity can play in raising their living standards. It will be marked by an intensification of the work of the APO and the national productivity centres of member countries and by the inauguration of many

important new productivity training projects in industry and agriculture. The highlights of APY will be the International Productivity Congress to be held in Tokyo in August this year in conjunction with Expo 1970.

Release Date: 17th June, 1970.
Printer: Messrs. Bruder Rosenbaum.
Process: Lithography. Watermark:
Nil. Pane: 100. Value: 60 cents.

MALTA AND EXPO '70

This year, Japan is holding a universal and international exhibition, the first ever to be held in Asia—the Japan World Exposition, Osaka, 1970—(EXPO '70).

More than 70 nations are participating in the Exposition with the finest of their arts and products. Malta is also taking part and has a Pavilion of its own in the International Unit Section.

The Malta Pavilion has been constructed by Takashimaya Company Limited of Osaka on the designs of Chev. Emvin Cremona and Mr. Joseph Spiteri, B.Arch., A. & C.E., of the Public Works Department, Malta.

The theme of the Exposition is "Progress and Harmony for Mankind" and the Malta Pavilion shows a cross-section of Malta's culture and progress from earliest times to the present day.

Exhibits in the Pavilion include replicas of statuettes found in the Neolithic Temples of Malta, Punic and Roman pottery and a small cannon belonging to the period of the Order of St. John (1530-1798). Works of art by old and modern Maltese artists includes "The Baptism of Christ" by Melchior Gafa' (1635-1667). There is also a cross-section of Maltese handicrafts.

CEYLON

NEW DEFINITIVE VALUES

In this Conservation Year of 1970 it is most appropriate that Ceylon should be issuing four new definitive stamps depicting the wild life of the island.

Wild life is protected in Ceylon today by the setting apart of specified areas for fauna and flora and there are three National Parks which are maintained by the Government. Ceylon has been concerned with the protection of wild life for many years. The Wild Life Protection Society having celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 1969.

5 cents—Wild Buffalo:

The wild, or water buffalo is a formidable and unpredictable animal. The true, wild form is today very rare and is protected to a great extent, whenever it is found, by laws which carry severe penalties for their infringement.

15 cents—Slender Loris

A strictly tree-living mammal of nocturnal habits, the Slender Loris is one of the four varieties of monkeys found in Ceylon. It feeds largely on insects and occasionally on small birds and ripe berries.

50 cents—Spotted Deer

With white pearly spots standing out vividly on glossy brown fur, this is one of the most beautiful species of deer in the world.

Protection for this animal is very necessary since it is zealously hunted for its flesh. The white form of this animal shown on the stamp is an uncommon mutation photographed in one of the National Parks.

Re. 1/- — Leopard

The leopard is the prince among Ceylon mammals, being the largest member of the cat family in the country. Because of the demand for its skin it is the victim of organised poaching and, again, the laws for its protection have to be rigidly enforced.

Technical Details:

Release Date: 11th May, 1970.
Printer: Messrs. Bruder Rosenbaum of Austria. Process: Lithography. Paper: White, wood-free special paper with super tropical gumming. aPne 100; Size 26 mm x 36 mm. Values: 5, 15, 50 cents, Re. 1/-

NEW ZEALAND

POSTAL STATIONERY. A new three cent embossed envelope with the stamp in orange instead of blue has appeared and seems to have been issued in February. First copies originated in Auckland, and are on sale at the Philatelic Bureau in Wellington, and Philatelic Sales Section Christchurch.

Pity no first day of issue was given like the newairmail pre-stamped envelope, which came on sale on the 16 December, 1969. More and more interest is being taken in postal stationery, and a book listing the types known is already being brought up to date before reprinting later this year by a society here in New Zealand.

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THE TRUCIAL STATES

The Trucial States gained their name from a treaty, signed in 1853, between Britain and various sheikhdoms situated on the peninsula bordering the Gulf of Oman. During the currency of the treaty, Britain has maintained responsibility for external and foreign policy of the seven sheikhdoms in the region. When Britain announced her intention of withdrawing from beyond Suez in 1971, the economic and political co-operation amongst the Trucial States was strengthened and in 1968 these states, together with Bahrain and Qatar, jointly agreed to establish the Federation of Arab Emirates.

The Trucial States, their populations and areas are:

	Approx. Area (sq miles)	Pop. (1968)
Abu Dhabi	26,000	46,500
Dubai	1,500	59,000
Sharjah	1,000	31,500
Ras al Khaima	650	24,500
Fujairah	450	9,700
Umm al Qaiwan	300	3,700
Ajman	100	4,200

ABU DHABI

One of a number of trading and pearl fishing settlements in the Gulf, Abu Dhabi had its economic condition changed markedly when commercial strikes of oil were proved in 1960. Since then, oil production has risen steadily to 500,000 barrels per day, the largest in the lower Gulf area, but still far below the 2,700,000 barrels per day output achieved by Kuwait.

The sudden acquisition of wealth derived from the oil industry has built up a purchasing power which is huge in relation to the size of the sheikhdom. Some of this purchasing power is being released in the development projects mentioned below, but some is also being used by individuals to satisfy personal wants, such as more varied clothing, foodstuffs, housing and furnishings.

Development projects

A comprehensive Five Year Plan, due to be completed in 1972, has been drawn up. The plan provides for a total expenditure of NZ\$794 million, with annual allocations being highest in 1969 and 1970 (NZ\$163.4 and NZ\$163.6 million respectively). About one-quarter of the total allocations will be spent on roading and communications, about one-fifth on the establishment and servicing of new industries, such as a petroleum refinery and petrochemical production.

Social services are also provided for, with schools, hospitals, housing, and commercial buildings to be constructed.

DUBAI

Dubai, founded in 1833, is an active entrepot centre, handling a variety of trade between India, the Far East, and countries bordering the Gulf. Oil was discovered in Dubai in the 1960's and commercial production commenced in 1968 (present production is 30-40,000 barrels per day and is expected to rise to an eventual 100,000 barrels per day). However, the broader trading base of the economy is expected to be less affected by the advent of substantial oil revenues than have been the economies of Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, or Kuwait.

UNITED NATIONS "PEACE AND PROGRESS"

To mark the 25th Anniversary of the Signing of the United Nations Charter on 26th June, the United Nations Postal Administration is releasing a set of three stamps and a Souvenir Sheet on the theme "Peace and Progress".

The 6 and 13 cents denominations have been designed by Helio Courvoisier and measure 36 x 26 mm. The 25 cents denomination was designed by Ole Hamann of Denmark and measures 26 x 33.6 mm. All three stamps and the Souvenir Sheets have been printed by Courvoisier.

ENGLISH INFLUENCE IN EARLY LITERATURE OF ICELAND

Iceland was discovered and settled around 870 A.D. Most of the settlers came from Norway, but quite a few are supposed to have come from the Norse settlements in the British Isles. It is also considered a fact that the settlers brought with them a number of slaves, mainly Irish. Due to the settlers origin and circumstances in a new country, a culture peculiar to Iceland developed which early seems to have taken an independent course, although in the beginning it had firm roots in Norwegian culture to which it was closely connected for five centuries.

The settlers brought with them the customs and beliefs of their homeland, almost without exception they were pagan, worshiping Odin and Thor, the same gods as other Scandinavians. In the year 1000 A.D. the Icelandic legislative

assembly, the Althing, accepted the Christian religion, and with Christianity came new cultural contacts and one of the results was that Icelanders learned the art of writing books. As early as the 11th century a few Icelanders studied at schools in England, Germany and France and during the 12th and 13th centuries it is evident that Icelanders were closely acquainted with the European culture of the Middle Ages. The Icelandic literature of the Middle Ages, varied and original, and almost peerless in the world sprang from the old Norse heritage and new influence from the southern Europe. Best known of the Icelandic literature of the Middle Ages are the Edda Poems of pagan gods and germanic heroes; Biographies of the Kings of Norway one of which is Heimskringla by Snorri Sturluson (ca. 1179-1241), and the Icelandic Sagas some of which must be considered among the world classics, e.g. the Saga of Burnt Njal.

The literature of the Middle Ages was written down on vellum. The oldest remnants of Icelandic manuscripts extant today date from the latter part of the 12th century, a considerable number from the 13th century have come down to us, but it was during the 14th century that the art of writing books flourished in Iceland, and from that century we have the largest and most exquisite manuscripts ever written in Iceland. In the 13th and especially in the 14th century the illumination of manuscripts developed into a fine art in Iceland with clear traits of its own although European influence, mainly English, can easily be discerned.

The stamp subjects are the following:

5 kr: Showing a part of column a on fol. 27r from the so-called "Skarosbok", an illuminated law-manuscript written in 1363 (AM 350 fol.). From an artistic point of view, one of the most renowned of the Icelandic manuscripts.

15 kr: Part of the preface to "Flateyjarbok" (Gl.kgl.saml.1005 fol.), which is the largest of all the Icelandic manuscripts and contains biographies of the Norwegian kings etc., written approximately 1387-1394 for a wealthy Icelandic farmer by the name of Jon Hakonarson, who died around 1400. The manuscript was written by two clergymen, Jon Poroarson and Magnus Porhallsson.

30 kr: An illuminated initial letter in column 295 in "Flateyjarbok". The picture shows Harald Fairhair cut the fetters of Dofri, the giant. Flateyjarbok is illuminated by Magnus Porhallsson.

NEW SAMOA Air Mails

for release 27th July 1970.

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NEW AIR MAILS FROM W. SAMOA

On 27th July 1970 the independent state of Western Samoa will release a series of four definitive air mail stamps. Since their Independence, Samoa has only issued two air mail stamps for regular use, and this was prior to the country's changeover to decimal currency, in July 1967. Western Samoa depends to a great degree on airline communications, and the biggest percentage of first class mail is despatched by this method of transportation.

The first internal air service in Western Samoa has now been opened and it is felt that this would be an ideal time to release a series of four definitives.

This new service operates between Apia, on the island of Upolo, and Asau, on Savaii. It is expected that official air mail will be carried on 27th July for the first time to coincide with the issue of the stamps.

Air Samoa Limited, using a Britten-Norman Islander, conduct the internal service. The opening of the first internal air mail service will be quite an important event in the postal history of the State.

It must be emphasised, however, that aircraft are by no means new to Western Samoa. The country's flag airline, Polynesian Airlines Limited, are now ten years old. As far back as 1937 Pan American Airways 'Samoan Clipper' flew over Apia on the Pacific route between the U.S. and New Zealand.

The co-pilot on many flights of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, well-known Captain Sir Gordon Taylor, was a regular visitor to Samoa in the 1950's with his famous Bermuda flying boat, "Frigate Bird III".

It seems fitting that Samoa should honour the pioneers as well as the present-day operators. Therefore this initial air mail definitive series was planned along these lines.

Details of the designs are as follows:—

3 sene: Sir Gordon Taylor's Bermuda flying boat, "Frigate Bird III". This Australian airman pioneered many of the world's air routes on his own flights and as co-pilot of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. He was the first to fly from Australia to South America direct, and return. His Bermuda is still landing on the waters of the Pacific. It is used by a subsidiary of the French Airline UTA on flights out of Tahiti to adjacent islands of the Society Group.

7 sene: Polynesian Airlines Limited DC.3 at Apia. Known as PAL, the airline's DC.3's have flown on regular and charter flights in the Pacific area as far away from Samoa as permitted—Tahiti to the east, Ellice Islands to the west, and New Zealand to the south.

20 sene: Pan American Airways "Samoan Clipper". In command of Pan-Am's first chief pilot, Captain Edwin C. Musick, this famous Sikorsky four-engine flying boat, flew the first air mails on the U.S.—Samoa—New Zealand route in December 1937.

30 sene: Air Samoa's Britten-Norman Islander. This is the type of aircraft that was awarded first prize in the December 1969 England to Australia Air Race.

The four stamps, same large size as Samoa's astronaut issue, were all designed by Australian artist, Ray Honisett, and were printed in four-colour photogravure by the Reserve Bank of Australia in Melbourne. The sets of four stamps may be ordered from the Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Apia, W. Samoa at a cost of 75 cents (Aust. or N.Z.) for mint or used sets, and 86c (US currency). First day covers with a special postmark may be obtained for 88c (Aust. or N.Z.) and \$1 (U.S.). The price in Great Britain is 7/- stg. and 8/3d respectively. Collectors should remit by International Money Order or Bank Draft. Australian, English and U.S. bank notes are acceptable but not New Zealand.

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On Friday, 12th June 1970, the Post Offices of the Cook Islands placed on sale three beautiful postage stamps to commemorate the Royal Visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, to New Zealand, in connection with the bicentenary celebrations of Captain James Cook, namesake of the Cook Islands.

A five cent denomination portrays Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles, and Princess Anne. This was designed by Victor Whiteley of London.

A thirty cent denomination reproduces a Wedgewood bust of Captain James Cook, and shows his 106 foot ship, the Endeavour, in

which the great explorer travelled to the South Pacific on his first voyage of discovery.

A one dollar denomination reproduces the design of a one dollar coin of the Cook Islands issued in commemoration of the Royal Visit. This was designed by James Berry, O.B.E., of Wellington.

The stamps have been produced in five colour photogravure. Each is inscribed "Royal Visit — March 1970" and bears the Crests of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and of Crown Prince Charles.

The stamps have been printed in sheets of eight with decorative corner label showing the Sovereign Crest of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and the coat-of-arms of New Zealand and the Cook Islands. The sheet margins show a multi-coloured garland of the brilliantly coloured tropical flowers of the Cook Islands.

For the convenience of Post Office patrons wishing one of each stamp a small perforated souvenir sheet containing all three stamps will also be placed on sale.

Unless supplies are exhausted earlier the stamps will be withdrawn from sale at the Post Offices on 12th August 1970.

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Great Britain

Turn to Great Britain and have a nice little hunt for pictures of people and places in—England, Scotland, Wales. The first stamp picture of the Houses of Parliament is from France; Compton Castle, Devon, Eton College, Buckinghamshire, and Windsor Castle, Berkshire are on stamps of Newfoundland. If you are interested in Robert Burns, poet; Henry Fieldin, author, or William Harvey, physician, you will find them honoured in Russia. Shakespeare has his portrait from say, USA, Henry M. Stanley, Congo, Anthony Eden, Egypt, Sir Winston Churchill, New Zealand and Togo! Byron and Admiral Codrington were both honoured by Greece for their show in the fight for Greek independences.

United States Presidents

Former United States Presidents—what a list there is:

Washington, Ireland; Lincoln, Dominican Republic; Roosevelt, Nicaragua; Kennedy, Congo; Eisenhower, Korea; and if we want

United States citizens there are almost enough to fill this page; just a few from Russian: Mark Twain, Emerson, Longfellow, Poe and Whitman, all of whom are also on United States issues.

And what about our own country? Yes we do have a few stamps for this "Peanut Hunt Game".

The first that I can find is the 3d Victory stamp of 1919 showing the lion from Trafalgar Square in London. I am certain that the two lions on the 1/- stamps of this set also have their home in London.

The Anzac stamps of 1936 and 1965 have views of Anzac Beach which is in Turkey and if you want

JUNIOR PAGE

by Simon Sam

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a corresponding Turkish stamp turn to the issue of 1917 or the Gallipoli issue of 1915. The portrait of Captain Cook on the 1d centennial has its origin in the statue at the Admiralty Arch London. In London also we must visit Kensington Gardens as a tribute to Peter Pan, and Picadilly Circus where Eros has command—a memorial to the Earl of Shaftesbury. New Zealand has always been proud of its loyalty to the British Crown, right from the days when the Maori chiefs accepted Queen Victoria as their own special friend, on that day they signed the Treaty with her at Waitangi. It is not surprising therefore that the Coronation issue of 1953 could be transported direct to Britain and used for stamps of that country, with only the name deleted. For here we have Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Coronation Coach and the Royal Crown and septre.

On the peace issue—St. Paul's cathedral with the British Union Jack could also be used as a British flag; the stars at the top being quite a minor New Zealand embellishment.

The army stamp in this issue with date palms and ancient pyramid take us to Egypt while the coconut palms are from the Pacific. The steamer on the Hawaii stamp of 1894 is the "Arawa", once known in New Zealand waters and I am told that another steamer in the Panama Canal zone stamps flies the flag of the New Zealand Shipping Company.

One of the most thrilling exploits of the New Zealand army in Hitler's war was the part they had in the defence of Crete. This is recalled by the use of the New Zealand Ensign, along with flags of Australia and Britain in a Battle of Crete issued in 1950. If you have a set of the South Korea issue of 1951 you will find among the 22 flags of that issue our national emblem.

I have not overlooked the several New Zealand Christmas stamps which reproduce famous paintings from the "Old World" and may I say that it is good news that the Christmas stamps this year will include one New Zealand scene and one New Zealand church window, although this was probably made in some other overseas country.

It's a good thing to "know" your stamps; and I hope this little game of "Hide and Seek" will give you a greater interest in your hobby.



Date, Coconut and Nikau Palms

GT. BRITAIN NEW-STYLE SLOGAN

A new-style slogan postmark is to be used experimentally by the Post Office during the British Postal Engineering Conference in London this month.

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