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EDITOR'S NOTES

Stamp Week

Now that most of the news of Stamp Week has died away, let us look for a moment on its impact on the hobby.

From around various parts of the country news has arrived of a general upsurge in interest. In Auckland a special display area in a Queens St. Arcade attracted many people. Newspapers throughout New Zealand ran special supplements and the Dominion Sunday paper received over 10,000 entries in their Stamp Colouring-In Competition. The Palmerston North Convention attracted a very large attendance and was very successful. The N.Z.S.M. has received a large number of entries to the Stamp Encyclopedia Quiz, and we will begin to open these on August 1st.

It was unfortunate that those handling the Encyclopedia of Stamps left it so late before announcing a date of issue. Due to this the idea of a Stamp Week had little time for organisation and it fell to the lot of one stamp firm. However, despite the short notice, Mr. Laurie Franks deserves to be heartily congratulated for the effort and thought he put in, making this week as successful as it was.

While many may criticize that it was for the benefit of one firm, let us also remember the huge volume of publicity that the hobby has received through the newspapers. Obviously a tremendous number of new collectors have been attracted to the hobby. Societies that are on the ball, will be quick to capitalise and gain from the added strength of new members. Naturally a very large proportion of these will be children, but it also must be remembered that it is through their children's interest that large number of parents renew interest and become very absorbed with the hobby.

The idea of a National Stamp Week deserves commendation by a united effort to make it an annual event. I hope that the New Zealand Federation of Stamp Societies through the member societies, the New Zealand Stamp Dealers' Association, and the various Stamp Album manufacturers will join together for a similar week well organised and publicised, next year and every year.

Murray Wing in "Philatelic Thoughts" has put forward the suggestion of a special stamp such as is issued by Belgium, Austria and other European countries. What do you think?

Palmerston North

The annual convention at Palmerston North organised by the Postal History Society was a resounding success. It is estimated over 200 collectors were present during the day. All the speakers were of a very high calibre and very interesting. It is hoped to print at least one of the talks in the New Zealand Stamp Monthly. The talk by Mr. Robin Startup is already available to readers in a special booklet. See page 29 for further details. The sale of stamps was once again very popular and proceeds should also help to make the weekend financially successful as well.

Junior Stamp Exhibition

The Manawatu Philatelic Society has put forward plans and received Federation support for a Junior Stamp Exhibition in Palmerston North. It is hoped to co-incide the exhibition with celebrations planned for the centennial of Palmerston North city in August 1972.

New Stamp Centres

Craig Williams of Gisborne, a regular Stamp Monthly Advertiser as "The Stamp Den", has opened a new display room and office in the centre of Gisborne. Visitors are welcome to inspect the new premises. LEN JURY.

PHILATELIC YOUTH CAMP

**Camp Huinga, New Plymouth.
August 26th—September 2nd,
1970.**

By popular demand another of the Philatelic Youth Camps has been planned for this year. This camp will be held at New Plymouth's Y.M.C.A. Camp Huinga from Wednesday, August 26th to Wednesday, September 2nd. N.Z. Junior Stamp Club Chairman, Rob Hunt, is again Camp Director.

The main features of this camp will be advice on exhibiting stamps and a study on the different types of collecting and methods of collecting. The programme will include 8 prominent Taranaki Philatelists including Mr. Jim Kilgour (Pigeon Posts), Mr. Charlie Lilley (Care and cleaning of stamps and F.D.C.'s), Mr. Stewart Dixon (Philatelic Exhibitions), Mrs. O. Barnes (Stories about the origin of N.Z. Postmarks), and Mr. A. Acott (a study of the 4d ANZAC). Mr. Ian Rutherford, Mr. Frank Watters, Mr. Len Jury and other Taranaki members will be assisting with the

programme to make this the best Philatelic camp yet. It was the Taranaki Philatelic Society which organised the Tarapex Cook Bicentennial Stamp Exhibition last October. The Taranaki Society, one of the most active societies in this country, and one of the few who encourage junior philatelists has a lot to offer to the campers who will attend this coming camp.

Because such an interesting and entertaining programme can be arranged for this camp, the period of the camp has been extended by two days to cover a full week, Wednesday to Wednesday. The complete cost of the camp, including meals, sleeping facilities etc. is \$10.50. This is reduced to \$10.00 if enrolment is made before August 8th, 1970.

The campsite will easily hold 50 boys and girls in bunkrooms of eight. There is a large dining room—meeting hall; toilet facilities are adequate with a bath and showers available. All beds have mattresses. Campers will have to supply their own sleeping bags or blankets.

Further Programme Details

In addition to the talks and displays campers will participate in Project work competing for several prizes which have been donated by N.Z. Stamp dealers. A hike, games, evening barbeque will be included in the recreational activities, while campers will have plenty of time for wrapping, buying and selling of stamps among one another in set periods. Discussions and an occasional debate will make a full programme for everyone. The camp programme will be distributed with the name tags and camp newsletter No. 2 in August, approx. 2 weeks before the camp.

All enquiries and enrolments should be sent to Rob Hunt, N.Z. Junior Stamp Club, P.O. Box 812, New Plymouth.



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POSTMARK CORNER

by A. F. WATTERS

Three new post offices have opened recently, following the present day trends to open in new growing suburban areas.

Coyle Park (Auckland): This post office opened on the 8th June in a Stationery shop near the corner of Raymond and Pt. Chevalier Rd. The name comes from the reserve at the end of Point Chevalier and this post office would be about ¼ mile north from the Point Chevalier Post Office. B. E. Hilford is the postmaster.

Maungatapu which opened in a modern shopping block on the east side of Maungatapu Road, on the highway between Tauranga and Mount Maunganui, and 2½ miles SSW from Tauranga P.O. as the crow flies. This area is a peninsula jutting northeast from Hairini into the Tauranga harbour. The name, taken from a hill at the northern end of the peninsula, means "sacred mountain". The post office opened 25th June, 1970, and is using a relief datestamp until a permanent datestamp can be obtained.

Te Mai (Whangarei): This post office opened on the 6th July in a store at the corner of West End Avenue and Maunu Road just below the Whangarei Base Hospital, about 2 miles from the Chief Post Office, Whangarei. Mr. L. Closely is the Postmaster. This area is known locally as Horahora, but as this is a fairly common name in New Zealand it could not be used for the post office name, so the street name, Te Mai, was used.

Whatawhata (Hamilton) was using a relief datestamp on the 6th July. It is interesting to note that eleven (11) is being used for the second mail each day instead of 2.

Wakefield (Nelson) is still using a relief which started on the 16th May, 1969. My latest copy is dated 9 July so this has been in use for almost 14 months and must surely be a record.

Opabeke Rd. (Auckland): This post office was issued with a datestamp including time line for showing the mailing closings. Most of the smaller post offices use just numbers. This office is using only the time with a dash and a black square (4—□). The dash is where the minutes would be and the square where A.M. or P.M.

Pacific Travel Conference slogan was also used at Gore, Greymouth, and Timaru. Thanks to Miss P. Pilcher, Invercargill, for this information.

International / Education / Year—1970 slogan is being used at Gisborne.

Red Cross/Week/26 April—2 May slogan was used at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

The latest special slogan to be used was used only from 22 to 26 June at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin, in conjunction with the very successful National Stamp Week. This rubber slogan die read **STAMP WEEK/22-26 JUNE** and was very noticeable on envelopes. A number of new automatic postmarking machines, of the Pitney Bowes type, will be coming into use over the next few months, but most of these will be using the slogan **BUY NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS** to start with. The exception will be the machine for Orewa which will have **COME TO THE FABULOUS HIBISCUS COAST**.

AUTOMATIC SERVICE/ (drawing of telephone)/14 November 1969. This outdated slogan was used at Rotorua South 25 May, 1970.

Putaruru: The new post office was opened by the Honourable Mr. McCready, Postmaster General. A friend of mine who lives in California wrote saying that in the paper he read a small piece about a round post office that had been opened in New Zealand. A total of 6,393 covers were cancelled with the special datestamp.

New Brighton (Christchurch): This post office usually uses printed registration labels, however on the 29th May this office used labels with a rubber stamp for the name.

Whangarei: On the 2nd May the counter datestamp was set to show **2MY□70**. The tens for the year were blank and the units showed seven and the mail number the 0 for 70. These errors make very nice additions to any postmark collection.

Coronet Peak (Invercargill): This seasonal post office opened on the 13th July when there was enough snow for skiing. This is New Zealand's only seasonal office above the snow line. It is not far from Queenstown.

Thames: Around 1937 the Thames Chief Post Office was issued with what collectors call a

"Blackball" type datestamp with Telegraph Office around the top. For many years this datestamp was used on registered mail from this office. In 1967 it was withdrawn from regular service and up to 24 December, 1968, it was used only at busy periods. On the 3 December, 1969, with the words "Telegraph Counter" drilled off it was brought into use on the postal counter.

Lake Rotoma (Rotorua): The post office opened here 17 January 1908 under the name **ROTOMA** when the district was mainly a farming community. Mails were received from Rotorua by coach. The post office closed 10 November, 1911, but on 25 March, 1915, a telephone office and small exchange opened under the name **ROTO MA**. This was corrected 16 October, 1916, to **LAKE ROTOMA** and on 22 July 1922 the post office was re-opened, being established in the small general store here. In 1962 the store proprietor found the old telephone equipment too frustrating, and the office was then moved about 100 yards further east to the modern and very pleasant Stillwater Motel where Mr. Terry Stack became Postmaster. The post office is situated in the motel office but whenever the staff is temporarily absent it is operated in the El Toreador Coffee Lounge - immediately upstairs, where patrons get a glorious view of the lake in one direction, and the motel's own thermal swimming pools in another.

It is not known what type of datestamp was used the first time the office was open but a coin datestamp was used when the post office reopened. This was replaced prior to 1936 with the current C type datestamp. Originally this was used without a mail number but this was fitted with one in the last few years.

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Meetings are held every two months in London and these are well attended. Efforts are made to secure speakers who are recognised experts in their particular field and the subject matter of their talks is closely associated with New Zealand and its stamps. Members find that much useful information arises from the discussions which take place between the individual members and the speakers; and members have visited many provincial centres where talks and displays have been given, the links with our country members being thereby maintained and stimulated.

Specialisation

A substantial proportion of our members collect New Zealand generally. Specialist interest is well maintained for the Classic and Middle Issues and recent experience has shown a keen developing interest in Modern New Zealand stamps.

The Society welcomes both the specialist and general collector.

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An Auction is held after the Annual General Meeting in November and in this way members find that they are able to dispose of their surplus material, being assured that it is being offered to other collectors having a direct interest in the stamps of New Zealand. All members may bid at such auctions in person or by post.

Membership

The Society is proud to number amongst its members many leading specialists in the stamps of New Zealand whose names are well known in this country and in New Zealand. In the same way we are pleased that many of our members have joined in the earliest days of their interest and have since developed into specialists in one or other of the many fields open to the collectors of this country. We have been honoured with visits by famous collectors from New Zealand and we enjoy the support and close co-operation of New Zealand House, whose officials have given lectures and have supplied interesting films of the country.

Membership of the Society is open to all who have an interest in N.Z. Stamps and Postal History, and application may be made to the Treasurer, Noel Turner, Gladstone House, High Road, Wood Green, London, N.22 (Entrance Fee 10/-, overseas subscription \$1 p.a.)

ANPEX SHEET COURT ACTION

Controversy continues to rage around the overprinted Anpex souvenir miniature sheets. Two key developments in May were an official Post Office announcement that it would plug the legal loophole under which the sheets were printed, and a Supreme Court action in Victoria to prevent a Melbourne stamp dealer distributing replicas of the official Anpex sheets.

The item comprises 50,000 Captain Cook miniature sheets overprinted privately for sale at Anpex

70, the National Stamp Exhibition held in Sydney from April 28 to May 1.

The overprint was applied to the selvedge of the sheets where post office authority does not apply. The Post Office has announced that it is examining the present regulations with a view to extending its authority to the selvedge on all sheets of postage stamps it issues.

Early in May the Melbourne firm of Orlo Smith & Co. offered for sale at 85c each Captain Cook miniature sheets with an overprint almost identical to the original Anpex overprint. Melbourne dealer Mr. Max Stern, who carried through the project for the Anpex council at the time was offering to buy the original sheets at \$1.20. Some collectors had the bright idea of buying the sheets offered by Orlo Smith & Co. at 85c and walking around to Mr. Stern to get \$1.20—a tidy profit for a few minutes walk. Mr. Stern soon spotted the fact that the sheets differed from the originals and he informed the Anpex Council.

A specially convened meeting of the Anpex Council decided to take legal action and on May 20 a Supreme Court writ was taken out in Melbourne by Anpex Council officials and Mr. Stern jointly against Clemens Cornelius Engelkhamp and Josephine Emilie Engelkhamp, trading as Orlo Smith & Co., seeking damages and an injunction against the Engelkhamps prohibiting them offering for sale the sheets allegedly overprinted by them.

The action was brought on two grounds.

(a) That the Anpex sheet had become an established collector's item and that the unauthorised printing therefore was damaging to Mr. Stern and Anpex Council and

(b) That the word Anpex was registered and its unauthorised use by the Engelkhamps was a breach of copyright.

The action came before the Victorian Supreme Court on May 29, and a judgment by consent was recorded in favour of the plaintiffs.

"Stamp News" believes that approximately 1,000 of the Captain Cook sheets with the unauthorised overprint were produced with slightly in excess of 100 copies of each of the following numbers: 1502, 2473, 3246, 7785, 19,648, 29,682, 31,143, 46,938 and 56,231.

"Stamp News", Australia.

Details of New and Forthcoming Issues

FIJI

DISCOVERERS AND EXPLORERS

In honour of some of the great Discoverers and Explorers who either landed or sailed around the coasts of the Fiji islands, the Government of Fiji is issuing a four values set of stamps.

The 2 cents value shows a bust of Abel Tasman with his ship's log open at the entry relating to his sighting of Fiji in 1643. Tasman, a Dutchman, sailed through the north-eastern part of the Archipelago with two little ships, the "Heemskerck" and the "Zeehaen". They sighted about a dozen islands but found no anchorage and did not land.

The 3 cents value depicts a bust of Captain James Cook with his ship "Endeavour". In 1774, after sighting Tonga, Captain Cook sighted the lone southern island of Vatoa while bound for the New Hebrides. A landing party left gifts for the islanders who had fled from the shore, and Cook sailed off to the south-west, passing south of the Moala and Kandavu groups without seeing them.

The 8 cents value shows a bust of Captain William Bligh with the long boats in which he sailed, in rough seas, right through the Fijis to Timor in the Dutch East Indies. In April 1789 the crew of H.M.S. "Bounty" mutinied near Tofua, Tonga. Lieutenant Bligh and 18 loyal men were cast off from the ship with a meagre supply of bread and water and four cutlasses. The voyage in the open boat covered 3,600 miles.

The 25 cents value shows a bust of a Fijian explorer and an early type of Fijian ocean-going canoe in which the first discoverers of Fiji are likely to have travelled. Very little is known about these early adventurers.

The stamps have been printed by De La Rue in the lithographic process on CA Block paper and they are being released on 18th August.

Sales Figures

Br. Solomon Islands: 3rd South Pacific Games.

3 cents: 80,175; 8 cents: 45,097; 14 cents: 36,679; 45 cents: 34,788; F.D.C.: 3,153; S/Sheet: 18,521.

Botswana: World Scout Conference.

3 cents: 355,321; 15 cents: 46,322; 25 cents: 46,214; F.D.C.: 3,999.

GILBERT/ELLICE ISLANDS

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In 1870, the Reverend S. J. Whitmee of the London Missionary Society, carried Christianity northwards, and placed Samoan pastors on the islands of Arorae, Beru, Onotoa and Tamana, in the Southern Gilberts. A special issue of 4 stamps, to commemorate this centenary, are to be placed on sale on 1st September, 1970. There are four denominations, 2c, 10c, 25c and 35c of which the details are:

2 cents: A map showing the atolls of Arorae, Beru, Onotoa and Tamana.

10 cents: A reproduction of the LMS 3—masted barque, John Williams III on which the Rev. S. J. Whitmee travelled, during his visit to the Southern Gilberts in 1870.

25 cents: A portrait of the Rev. S. J. Whitmee, reproduced from a photograph supplied by the Congregational Councils for World Missions, London.

35 cents: A reproduction of the LMS Vessels, John Williams VII currently being used by the Society throughout the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. The John Williams VII is 94 feet Wooden motor Yacht of 185 gross registered tons.

First day Covers are to be available, and these bear a reproduction of the Bible showing the text, in the Gilbertese language, of St. John Chapter 14, verse 6.

GIBRALTAR EUROPA POINT

It was in the course of one of his mighty labours that Hercules, with one wrench of his powerful arm, tore a cleft in the mountains and allowed the waters of the Sea to flow into Oceanus; and ever since, the rocks on either side of the Strait of Gibraltar have borne the name of Hercules' Pillars.

The lighthouse marking the northern Pillar stands on Europa Point at the tip of the Gibraltar promontory, the southernmost end

of Europe. From here there is a panoramic view across the Strait to Africa; Ceuta lies opposite with Tangier to the westward and between them rises Apes' Hill (or Mount Abyla) the southern Pillar of Hercules which with (Calpe) Gibraltar held ward and watch over the Strait in classical times.

A light shining from the Point was a boon to sailors long before the lighthouse was built, for on this site stood the Shrine of Our Lady of Europa, a shrine venerated and saluted by all passing vessels, and before which lights were kept burning by day and night.

Europa Point with its modern lighthouse is still guide and guard at the entrance to the Mediterranean—the Sea of ancient days.

Technical Details

Release date: 8th June, 1970. Designer: F. Ryman, Printer: Joh. Enschede en Zonen. Process: Photogravure.

SWAZILAND NINTH COMMONWEALTH GAMES 1970

Next to the Olympics, there is nothing which fires the enthusiasm of athlete and spectator alike within the Commonwealth, as the Commonwealth Games. Every fourth year an increasing number of great athletes meet to compete in a spirit of friendly rivalry unmatched by any other sporting event, throughout the world. This year the Games are held in Edinburgh between the 16th and 25th July and to mark the event Swaziland is issuing a set of four commemorative stamps.

The events to be decided at the Games comprise Athletics, Badminton, Fencing, Swimming and Diving, Boxing, Cycling, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Bowls. To accommodate the Games a vast new stadium complex has been built to ensure that the athletes can train, compete and relax in the best possible conditions and that the maximum number of people can watch in the greatest comfort. In fact, everything points to the Games being the best ever.

These stamps will be on display at a Crown Agents' Stamp Exhibition to be held in Edinburgh at the Scottish Commonwealth Institute between the 21st July and 1st August.

Release date: 16th July, 1970. Designer: L. D. Curtis. Printer: Format International Security Printers Ltd. Process: Lithography.

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PHILYMPIA 1970



Stamps for Philympia

PENNY BLACK FOR FIVEPENCE

The most famous postage stamp in the world—the Penny Black—is one of three special stamps which provide themes for a set being issued by the Post Office on September 18th to mark the opening of Philympia, the international philatelic exhibition in London. Designed by David Gentleman the stamps are valued at 5d, 9d and 1s. 6d.

The 5d is in three colours—black, grey, and brown—and features the 1840 1d black, the world's first adhesive postage stamp, and bears the corner letters P and L for Philympia, London. The original Penny Black was recess printed by Perkins Bacon and Company.

The 9d, in black, grey, green and a yellow tint, shows the 1s. green of 1847, first embossed stamp issued in Britain. The die for the 1s. green was engraved at the Royal Mint by William Wyon and the stamps were produced by Somerset House on Dickinson paper with silk threads.

Four colours—black, grey, carmine and a blue tint—are used for the 1s.6d value which reproduces the 4d carmine of 1855—the first British surface-printed issue. The 4d carmine was originally printed by Thomas de la Rue and Company.

All the stamps are in vertical format, phosphor treated and approximately double size. They will be issued 120 to a sheet. Produced by photogravure they were printed by Harrison and Sonts Ltd. Perforation is 15 x 14.

In choosing the designs the Post Office had the assistance of the Stamp Advisory Committee.

The artist, David Gentleman, has designed many postage stamps for the British Post Office. His most recent were the 5d and 9d values in the British Rural Architecture series earlier this year.

Born in 1930 in London he studied at the Royal College of Art, where he stayed to teach for two years. Since then he has undertaken a wide range of work as an illustrator and designer. Married, he still lives in London. He was awarded the Reginald M. Phillips gold medal for stamp design in 1969.

CROWN AGENTS AT PHILYMPIA 1970

It is probably true to say that at this moment there are more people in the United Kingdom philatelic world engaged on various aspects of Philympia planning than has been the case with any previous exhibition held in this country. If sheer enthusiasm and number of helpers matter for anything, then this is certain to be a very memorable occasion.

We at the Crown Agents are responsible for a row of stands which is being built en suite to form one end of the first floor at the Empire Hall, Olympia. In the centre of the row is the Crown Agents' own stand on which will be shown not only the current and modern issues of stamps of the many postal administrations for whom the Crown Agents act, and which are shown at all Crown Agents displays, but a selection from the Crown Agents Philatelic Archives, the existence and content of which have been a major intriguing and unanswered question amongst collectors for years.

When it is remembered that the Crown Agents have been concerned with ordering and distributing postage stamps since as long ago as 1848, and, magpie-like, have been hoarding proofs, designs, essays et al. ever since, the richness of the treasure will be apparent. When this situation is coupled with the fact that never, prior to Philympia, has there been a purposeful attempt to sift and show any part of the accumulation to collectors, and that by its very nature material such as this is not likely to be in private hands, the display is going to be of special interest to many people. Just what we will have on display will be announced next month.

On the Crown Agents' stand also, and as a counter-balance to the serious matters, will be an animated display showing in a light-hearted way how postage stamps are printed.

Flanking the Crown Agents' stand will be stands for the postal administrations of Gibraltar, Malta, Jersey, Guernsey, United Nations, Papua and New Guinea, and East Africa Posts and Telecommunications Organisation and here, too, modern stamps will be leavened with older material assembled from our Archives. Again, we will reveal more details next month.

TRICOLOUR HANDSTAMPS FOR PHILYMPIA

Hundreds of man hours by Post Office researchers, British ink manufacturers and stamp makers have gone into producing multicolour handstamps for mail posted at Philympia, the international stamp exhibition which opens at Olympia, London, on September 18.

Knottiest problem has been the development of suitably lightfast inks, on which work has been carried out under the strangest conditions.

Stephens Inks were commissioned to produce suitable light-fast inks, but since their laboratories at Drayton Park, Highbury, had been destroyed in a fire in May, the research staff under Mr. J. Daniels, the group chief chemist, had to carry on their work on make-shift benches and a couple of canteen tables they managed to "borrow" from the staff restaurant.

For the Post Office, testing of the samples was carried out in Post Office laboratories under Dr. J. C. Harrison, Principal Scientific Officer by Mr. Aubrey Walker, who is responsible for testing all the inks used by the Post Office. Mr. Walker described the work done by Stephens Inks as "brilliant".

A different handstamp will be used for each of the eight days Philympia will run. All have been designed by Mr. R. A. G. Lee, Chairman of the Royal Philatelic Society and a member of the Post Office Stamp Advisory Committee.

The handstamps themselves, that fit into the separate compartments on the inking pads, have been made by H. Savage Ltd., of Clerkenwell, under the direction of Mr. W. P. Philips. The pads, too, are important developments, with three sections each holding a different coloured ink with no danger of overspill.

The handstamps will have three colours, and will be a combination of red or green or blue with black.

Collectors unable to visit Philympia will be able to send letters for re-posting to the District Postmaster, Paddington, London W.2., marked "Philympia Handstamps" on the outer cover.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH SETS

	\$ c			\$ c
ANTIGUA Dickens	1.26		DOMINICA Statehood o/p	6.45
Harbour	1.07		Tourist	1.18
Phosphate	.66		Gandhi	1.04
Cartifta	.54		I.L.O.	1.05
Parliament	.58		Carifta	.90
20c o/p	.16		Olympics	1.41
ANGUILLA Flowers	.81		1970 Defins	8.13
\$2.50 Defin.	.91	F.U.	1968 National Day	.89
Salt Industry	1.60		EAST AFRICA I.L.O.	.83
1st Anniv. Independence	.75	u.	1966 Commonwealth Games	.88
Ditto short set	6.30		Satellite	1.11
ASCENSION IS. Fish	.97		Community	.85
I.H.R.	.72		Relics	.75
BAHAMAS Parliament	.53		FALKLAND IS. Defence	.70
Air	.38		1967 Xmas	.76
I.H.R.	1.43		GAMBIA Postal Cent.	.53
Tourist 1967	1.02		Air Service	.48
Coins	1.65		GIBRALTAR Parliament	.45
Tourist	.63	u.	Europa Point	.39
BOTSWANA Development	1.23		New Constitution	1.03
B.I.O.T. Atolls	.54	u.	Tourist 1967	1.10
BR. HONDURAS Defins.	6.50		I.H.R.	.40
Population	.53		Elliott	.58
Orchids	.65		1967 Xmas	1.09
Orchids of Belize	.50		IRELAND I.H.R.	.44
BERMUDA 1968 Constitution	.84		Gandhi	1.32
I.H.R.	.85		Defins to \$3	.48
Defins o/p	9.45		GUYANA 1966 Local o/p (3v)	.93
1970 Defins. Flowers	9.42		Gandhi	2.94
BARBADOS Met. Day	.53		Defins	2.00
1st Anniv. Indep.	.75		short set mint	.19
I.H.R.	.53		short set used	6.28
Horse Racing	.74		HONG KONG 1968 New Year	.58
\$5 Fish Defin.	3.05		1970 New Year U.	.63
I.L.O.	.25	u.	IRELAND I.H.R.	.40
United Nations	.67		Canadian Cent.	.41
4c o/p	.5		Fenians	.21
Defins 1970	8.09		Swift	.28
Defins s.s.	.88		I.L.O.	.28
CANADA Flight	.20		INDIA various commems. u. each	.32
Osler	.08		JAMAICA Letter Post	.27
CEYLON W.H.O.	.12		Easter	.06
10 R Defin	2.18		Sangster	.20
Buddist Conf.	.03		LESOTHO Car Rally	.63
Colombo Airport	.20		1st Defins	.24
Human Rights	.56		Moshoeshoe	1.09
CYPRUS Europa	.63		MALAWI 1970 Games	1.80
				.62
				1.04

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS



NEW STAMPS TO SHOW NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Four stamps highlighting important aspects of Australian national development will be issued at all post offices on 31st August, 1970.

The values and subjects are:

7c: Snowy Mountains Scheme; 8c: Ord River Scheme; 9c: Bauxite to Aluminium; 10c: Oil and Natural Gas.

The stamps of the series have a common format; in each, the left-hand panel shows the development of the natural resource, and the right-hand panel shows utilisation or finished products. Three Melbourne artists prepared the designs.

The 7c Snowy Mountains Scheme stamp was designed by Mr. Les Mason. It shows mountains, forests and one of the many dams of the system. At right a power pylon symbolises the electricity derived from the Scheme.

The 8c Ord River Scheme stamp was designed by Mr. Robert Ingpen, and shows the diversion dam at Kununurra, W.A., with a pattern representing the irrigation channels and the cultivated farms. Superimposed is a cotton plant in flower, and at right is a matured cotton boll.

Mr. Ingpen also designed the 9c Bauxite to Aluminium stamp. This shows bauxite being handled, with a conveyor linking the raw material

with one familiar example of the finished product—an aluminium window frame.

The 10c Oil and Natural Gas stamp was designed by Mr. Brian Sadgrove, who has shown an offshore drilling rig with black pipelines representing the refining and distribution of oil and natural gas.

All four stamps are 37.5 mm x 25 mm (including perforations) and were printed in four-colour photogravure by the Note Printing Branch, Reserve Bank of Australia, Melbourne, in sheets of 100. They will replace the current Barrier Reef stamps in the same values, but the latter will continue on sale concurrently until stocks are exhausted.

Special official first day covers will be available, at 78c each, from an increased number of philatelic sales centres which will be advertised in the press. Fully serviced covers, at 42c each, will be available from the same points, for a week from the date of issue. The stamps will also be included in a special souvenir pack, priced at 34c, which will be available at all official post offices.

POSTAGE STAMP FOR DAIRY CONGRESS

A stamp will be issued in October to mark the XVIIIth International Dairy Congress to be held in Sydney.

SPECIAL POSTMARKER

FOR ANESTHESIOLOGY CONGRESS

A temporary post office will be established at the Canberra Theatre Complex from 19th to 22nd September, 1970, for the convenience of delegates to the III Asian and Australasian Congress of Anesthesiology.

The congress is the first international meeting in anaesthetics ever to be held in this country. A special postmarker will be provided at the temporary post office.

Overseas collectors should forward fully addressed but unstamped envelopes to the Philatelic Bureau, 12th Floor, 374 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 3000, with a remittance to cover the costs of the stamps to be affixed and the service charges (for affixing not more than four stamps, 3c per cover; for affixing five or more stamps, 6c per cover). These orders must reach the Bureau by 14th September, 1970.

POSTMARKER FOR GIRL GUIDES' CAMP

A special postmarked will be used at a temporary post office provided for the Windsor Girl Guide Muster from 22nd to 29th August, 1970.

The postmarker design will be similar to those used previously at State Girl Guide Camps in New South Wales.

Overseas collectors should forward fully addressed but unstamped envelopes to the Philatelic Bureau, 12th Floor, 374 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 3000, with a remittance to cover the costs of the stamps to be affixed and the service charges (for affixing not more than four stamps, 3c per cover; for affixing five or more stamps, 6c per cover). These orders must reach the Bureau by 17th August, 1970.

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Jersey

BATTLE OF FLOWERS

The Jersey Battle of Flowers originated in 1902 as part of the local festivities organised to celebrate the Coronation of Their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. It continued to be staged annually until the outbreak of the First World War and was revived in 1928 to continue until the Second World War. The year 1951 saw its revival, since when it has continued from strength to strength until now it ranks as one of the most important floral occasions of its kind in the world. In times past, the parade ended with the exhibits being torn to pieces in a "flower battle" but now they are preserved and paraded for examination and admiration at leisure.

The subjects depicted in this stamp issue had their inspiration in prize winning entries in the 1969 Battle of Flowers.



4d. A Tribute to Enid Blyton.

This exhibit which was entered by the Parish of Grouville won the Prix d'Honneur and was inspired as a tribute to the well-known author of children's books who died in March 1969. Planning of the float started in January 1969 and its actual construction began in April. It was 48 feet long and consisted of no less than half a million blooms of carnations, chrysanthemums, asters and marigolds together with statice, haretails and pampas grass. The front of the exhibit carried "Noddy's car" which rotated, in the centre was "Big Ears' Mushroom House" and in the rear, "Toyland" itself. Children portraying characters from Miss Blyton's books rode on the float.



5d. Rags to Riches.

Entered by the Parish of St. Clement, this exhibit won the Prix d'Excellence. It was 49 feet long, 13 feet wide and 17 feet high, cost £550 to build and took six months to plan and seven weeks to construct. The clock at the top which was so constructed that it revolved was covered with some 420,000 pieces of statice. The rest of the exhibit took up 85,000 asters and marigolds plus haretails and pampas grass. The theme of the exhibit was that of Cinderella who was herself positioned at the front. The cloak worn by her flowed out for the whole length of the exhibit and was composed entirely of flower material.



1/6d. Gourmet's Delight.

This exhibit was devised by the Jersey Chamber of Commerce and depicts the gastronomic delights which are to be found in profusion in Jersey. The main feature was a cornucopia from which poured strawberries, grapes etc., much use being made of dahlias which had had their petals removed, and in the front was a large lobster created in flowers. Here again, the exhibit was a large one measuring 41 feet in length, 10 feet in width and 11 feet 9 inches in height. Over 120,000 blooms were used consisting of asters, calendulas, carnations, statice, dahlias and chrysanthemums and of these, 9,000 carnations went into the making of the lobster alone. The float took five months to plan and three weeks to construct.



1/9. We're the Greatest.

This exhibit won the individual trophy along with two other awards and was the work of Miss F. Bechlet who has exhibited at the Battle of Flowers for 39 years. The float consisted entirely of wild flowers built into 15 ostriches and three trees with parakeets perching in them, the base consisting of heather dotted with sea holly. It was 38 feet long and 8 feet wide. The ostriches' bodies were covered in haretails arranged in bunches of 20 of which there were about 900 to each bird in addition to some 3,500 individual heads of haretails glued onto the neck, legs and feet. On the actual exhibit, the haretails were dyed black for the bodies, white for the wings and tails, pink for the legs, feet and necks and tangerine for the beaks. Marram grass was used to portray a patch of sand in which one ostrich had its head buried. The trees consisted of actual branches covered with small haretails to represent leafless trees in winter. The exhibit took no less than 1,100 hours to construct. The title was chosen because the ostrich is regarded as being the largest and swiftest on land of all birds.

Technical Details

Release Date: 28th July, 1970.
Designer: Miss J. Toombs of Oxhey, Watford, Hertfordshire, England. Printer: Courvoisier, La Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland. Process: Photogravure. Watermark: Nil. Pane: 50. Size: 29 mm. vertical x 48 mm horizontal. Values: 4d, 5d, 1/6d, 1/9d.

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UNITED STATES - EISENHOWER

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount has made public the design of a postage stamp that honours President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The stamp, in sheet, coil and booklet forms will be issued with first day ceremonies in Washington, D.C., at a presently undetermined day in August.

This is a regular 6 cent stamp that augments the Eisenhower commemorative stamp issued last October. Only 145 million commemorative were printed: regular stamps — which are workhorse stamps—are printed by the billions.

"General Eisenhower was one of the truly great Americans of our time and of all time," Mr. Blount said. "His life was proof that the fundamental power of the American people lies not only in their potential for greatness, but in their capacity for goodness. It is appropriate that we should honour his memory in this way."

Dwight David Eisenhower was born October 14, 1890, in Denison, Texas, spent his boyhood in Abilene,



Kansas, and won appointment to West Point in 1911.

During World War I he served as a temporary lieutenant colonel.

World War II brought him a generalship and soon the command of Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe, where he directed the mightiest armada ever assembled in the crucial invasion of France.

At the end of the war, after a brief tenure as President of Columbia University, he was recalled in 1950 to head NATO.

General Eisenhower retired in 1952 and was nominated for the Presidency on the first ballot of the Republican convention. He won that campaign handily, as he did the second one in 1956.

Dwight D. Eisenhower devoted his life to public service and set an example for all Americans. He died March 28, 1969, and is buried in Abilene, Kansas.

The Eisenhower stamp was designed by Robert Geissman of New York City and is based on a Defence Department photograph. It is a vertical stamp, printed in blue, of Eisenhower in civilian garb. Across the bottom of a white panel, in blue sans serif capitals is "Eisenhower USA." Inset, lower right, in white, is "6c". Production will be on the Cottrell press.

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"ANZAAS" SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

On 19th August, 1970, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Port Moresby, will issue a set of stamps to mark the occasion of the 42nd Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science to be held at Port Moresby between 17-21st August, 1970. It is the first time that the Association has conducted its Congress on these shores and some 1,500 members are expected to attend the five day gathering.

Scientific discovery follows in the wake of geographical exploration and the part played by four intrepid men of science who studied or visited these islands in the latter part of 19th Century is the theme used for this special stamp issue.

Printed in four and five colour photogravure by Helio Courvoisier of Switzerland from designs by internationally known minuscule artist, David Gentleman, this set will be released in denominations of 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c respectively.



Scientist, traveller and explorer, NICOLAUS NICOLAEVITCH DE MIKLOUHO-MACLAY was born in Borovichj, Russia, on 5th July, 1846.

Because of poor health his education was completed in Germany where he studied philosophy and jurisprudence at Heidelberg, medicine at Leipzig and later natural science and comparative anatomy at Jena under Ernst Haeckel. During 1866-67, he accompanied Haeckel on an expedition to the Canary Isles and on his return, when only 22, published his first scientific paper.

In 1870, he left Kronstadt in the Russian warship "Vitiáz" for a scientific tour of the South American Coasts and the Pacific Isles and landed at Astrolabe Bay, New

Guinea in September, 1871. With only a Scandinavian and Polynesian Assistant, he remained there until 1872.

During his first stay of fifteen months in this area, Miklouho-Maclay's unique ability of using the principle of "seeing through the eyes of the people with whom he had to deal" and his nochalant and calm exterior in the face of constant danger gained him forever the friendship and trust of the primitive peoples of this region of New Guinea.

Although he remained close to his hut calmly going about his work during the first few months of this sojourn, he was, without warning, constantly showered with native arrows which fell dangerously around him, but did not harm. For this well disciplined and acutely sensitive man "realised that he was in a strange land and that he was the stranger . . . and the important thing, in order to win their full confidence, was to avoid breaching their custom and code".

This ordeal by arrows continued until the natives, "having tired of these 'mock attacks'" began to come with presents of coconuts and sweet potatoes for which he gave in exchange roast meat and strips of calico".

His canny ability to deal with the natives in a manner they understood enabled him to venture further afield and visit the many villages along this coast in search of material on its people, flora and fauna without ever resorting to the use of firearms.

Because of this trust and confidence placed in him he was able, during the years between 1874-77, to carry out two more extensive journeys in the Triton Bay area in north-west New Guinea and again along the Maclay Coast.

As a result of these three explorations and a ten day visit to Astrolabe Bay in 1880 he wrote and published two works in German—the former concerning an anthropological study and the latter, an ethnological study of the native tribes living eastward of Astrolabe Bay, as well as many scientific papers and reports on the welfare of the



people, and botanical and zoological data in the other regions visited.

The 10c stamp shows one of the foremost exponents in the development of modern social anthropology, BRONISLAW KASPAR MALINOWSKI who was born in Cracow, Poland, on April 7, 1884.

His interest in Sir James Frazier's "The Golden Bough" led him to study this branch of Science at the University of Cracow and there he received his Ph.D. in 1908. He later studied at Leipzig University and the London School of Economics, where he successively became Lecturer, Reader, and from 1927-42 held the Chair as first Professor of Social Anthropology.

In 1914, whilst in Australia attending the British Association's Congress for the Advancement of Science as guest of the Commonwealth Government, the outbreak of World War I occurred. Because of his Austrian-Polish nationality he was in danger of being interned, however it was arranged by the authorities that he should be permitted to spend the war years in the then British Protectorate of Papua.

During the next four years (1914-18) he was able to study Melanesian society at close hand, firstly in the Trobriand Islands and later in North West Melanesia. As a result, his approach to field work began to break away from the accepted formula of obtaining information by the secondhand means of questioning "informants" for "he preferred to watch the everyday life of the people for himself". This unique innovation in field research was embodied in the first of his great works the "Argonauts of the Western Pacific" which was published in 1922.

As a detailed study of the Trobriand Islanders it not only became a recognised classic in the history of social anthropology, but paved the way for the implementation of revolutionary methods in field research. In it his functionalist approach to Melanesian history, whereby "primitive man" became "a vital living creature" and his society "an organic unity of which every part had its function" gained for him a world wide reputation as a pioneer of modern anthropology.

Successive books on Melanesian society, including his last great published work "Coral Gardens and their Magic", again implemented these concepts, but were more related to specific aspects and theoretical problems associated with their remarkable culture.

From 1939, until his untimely death at New Haven, Connecticut, on May 16, 1942, Professor Malinowski was visiting Professor of Anthropology at Yale University.



COUNT TOMMASO SALVADORI was perhaps the most outstanding ornithologist of his time. Born at Port San Giorgio on 30th September, 1835, he was the son of an Italian Count and an aristocratic English mother.

After completing his medical studies and compulsory military service, he fought as one of Garibaldi's volunteers in the Battle of S. Maria di Capua before joining the staff of the Zoological Institute at the University of Turin in 1886. At that time he was already a well known scholar in Zoological Science, having collaborated with Orazio Antinori two years earlier on the "Catalogue of Birds of Sardinia", which had been published by the Italian Society of Natural Science, Milan.

Of the many works written solely, or in collaboration with other ornithologists by this prolific writer, his greatest contributions to this branch of science are embodied in the following three masterpieces—"Cata-

logue of the Birds of Italy"; "Catalogue of the Birds of Borneo" and finally "Ornithology of Papua and Mollucas"—the most comprehensive and basically still one of the best texts yet produced on this region.

Salvadori named more than 100 species and forms of New Guinea and Australasian birds. It is interesting to note that many of his names still stand, almost a century later, evidence of the care taken and his surprisingly "modern" attitude to the subject.

Among the many forms he named are cassowaries, brush turkeys, quails, pigeons, waders, herons, ducks, hawks, owls, parrots, cuckoos, kingfishers and, of course, many songbirds. His generic names for endemic forms of the D'Albertis Pigeon, Plumfaced Parrot, Tiger Bi Bern are but a few of the many still in use, whilst he is responsible for the naming of such diverse endemic species as the New Guinea Spine-tailed Swift and the Harpy Eagle.

Besides this, Salvadori worked on the extensive collections of many well known contemporary ornithologists including D'Albertis, the early New Guinea explorer, in honour of whom he named several fine birds. He also co-operated with him in the naming of several species as well as coining the generic name of Doria's Goshawk.



FRIEDRICH RICHARD RUDOLPH SCHLECHTER was born in Berlin on October 16, 1872. There seems to have been no doubt regarding the profession he should follow. At an early age he was serving his apprenticeship as a horticulturalist and, when nineteen years old, he commenced the first of his botanical explorations which were to take him first to Africa in 1891 and later to Sumatra, Java, Celebes, Borneo, New Guinea, the Bismark Archipelago and Australia.

From 1891 to 1910, he was continually in foreign lands amassing

collections of botanical specimens and acquiring a knowledge of orchids in their native countries.

During the above period he made two extensive expeditions to New Guinea both of which were financed by the Kolonial-Wirtschaftliche Komitee, Berlin, in search of gutta-percha and other rubber yielding plants. It was whilst on his second visit in 1907-1909 that he collected approximately 1,350 species of orchids of which he later recognised 1,102 as being new to science. One such species "Dendrobium conanthum" Schlechter was portrayed on the 30c stamp in our Flora and Fauna Conservation stamp issue released in August, 1969.

At the same time, Schlechter was busy with the publication of the results of his indefatigable research. Beginning in 1893, his published contributions to systematic botany appeared annually for the remainder of his life. More than 300 papers came from his hand between 1893-1925.

Schlechter's writings in "Orchis", and his "Die Orchideen" represent substantial contributions to horticulture. Indeed, "Die Orchideen", of which two editions have been issued, is one of the most useful books ever produced for the benefit of orchid fanciers.

SPELLING ERROR ST. KITTS-NEVIS- ANGUILLA

Definitive Issue (Released 2nd
February, 1970)

The 15 cents denomination of this issue which shows a "Piece of Eight" was originally printed with an error in the spelling of one of the words appearing on the coin. This error was not apparent until the art-work for the stamp was placed on exhibition in the King's Library of the British Museum where it came under the close scrutiny of the experts of the Coins and Medals Department who pointed out that the word "Hispanianum" on the depiction of the coin should have read "Hispaniarum". This error arose due to the fact that this particular word was not very clear on the photograph of the coin used by the artist for reference purposes.

This 15 cents denomination is now about to be reprinted and, prior to printing being commenced, the plates will be amended to incorporate the correct spelling.

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: Sept. 2: Moths and Butterflies. 1c and 2c.

PITCAIRN ISLAND

1970: September: Fish.

NIUE ISLAND

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

1970: October Airport Opening set.

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. 3c and 35c.

1970: Oct. 19: Christmas.

NEW HEBRIDES

1970: Christmas.

1970: July 20: "Call to Arms".

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ISSUE

A special Christmas issue, consisting of 3 stamps, is scheduled for release on 3rd October, 1970. These stamps are of 2c, 10c and 35c denominations.

2 cents: Shows an island child, with halo, lying on a pandanus mat. This design was based on a sketch submitted, in open competition by Mr. Terry Collins, a teacher at the King George V Secondary School, Tarawa.

10 cents: This denomination shows the Sanctuary of the newly built Tarawa Cathedral. This design was based on a sketch by Miss Audrey Burroughs, the wife of the Colony's Postal Superintendent.

35 cents: A representation of 3 Gilbertese sailing canoes in formation sailing across the lagoon at dawn, conveying the unmistakable theme, "I saw three ships come sailing by" This design is based on a sketch, submitted in open competition by Mrs. Caroline Barnett, the wife of Captain Barnett, (the representative of the China Navigation Co., at the Colony's Merchant Marine Training School).

Supplies of the special aerogramme forms, which were on sale last year, bearing a design of the 1969 2 cents Christmas stamp, are available, priced 10c, unstamped. A first day cover for the Christmas issue will be available.

Second for Br. Solomons Christmas Stamp

"IL COLLEZIONISTA" COMPETITION

The Italian stamp magazine, "Il Collezionista" recently ran a competition amongst its readers to determine the most attractive stamp issued in 1969.

The number of stamps issued throughout the world last year was very high and it was gratifying to see that the 8 cents value of the British Solomon Islands Christmas Issue gained second place in the competition.

First place was awarded to the Upper Volta stamp which reproduced the J. L. David painting of Napoleon crossing the Alps and third place to the French stamp in the Art series showing Philippe Le Bon.

The results of this competition seem to indicate that the themes of Art and Christmas remain as popular with collectors as ever.

Comment on Tongan Economy

The following paragraph from the New Zealand Herald may be of interest: "Tonga earns about £125,000 from the sale of postage stamps — it was the first country to issue gold stamps and this makes up roughly 10 per cent of all Government income. Whether the country will continue to earn as much from stamps is difficult to say. Too many issues could ruin the trade and too few would result in a smaller return."

—Pacific Stamp Journal.

AIRPORT SET FOR NIUE

After the crab issue due on the 19th of this month the next issue will be a special one to commemorate the opening of the airport. Date of issue is expected during October.

This issue will be the second in a series of special stamp issues which the Niue Post Office will release twice each year.

NEW ZEALAND 1970 HEALTH ISSUE



Soccer and Netball

The sporting theme is continued in the designs of the 1970 Health stamps which will be placed on sale on Wednesday, 5th August.

The denominations are 3½c (2½c postage plus 1c health) and 4c (3c postage plus 1c health). The 3½c stamp features girls playing netball and the 4c features boys playing soccer. Miniature sheets comprising six stamps of each design will again be available in the two values.

The King George the Fifth Memorial Children's Health Camp Federation is again providing a souvenir cover which will be on sale at most stores and stationers at a cost of 3c. This cover will also be used by the Post Office for its unaddressed first day cover service. Orders for these covers, which will be date stamped at the Philatelic Bureau, Wellington, and mailed to clients in an outer envelope may be lodged at any post office or at the Philatelic Bureau Wellington, from 6th July until 4th August.

Special date stamps will be in use on the first day of issue at each of the six Health Camp Post Offices. These camps are situated at Maunu (Whangarei), Pakuranga (Auckland), Gisborne (Gisborne), Otaki (Wellington), Glenelg (Christchurch) and Roxburgh (Dunedin). Clients wishing to have envelopes cancelled with the special date stamps should forward their addressed envelopes under cover to reach the Chief Postmaster at the offices shown in parenthesis by 30th July. The outside cover or wrapping should be clearly marked "covers for cancellation at Health Camp Post Office". A remittance to cover the cost of the stamps required plus a servic-



ing fee of 2c for each envelope should be forwarded with each order.

The Health Stamp campaign will continue for two months and the stamps will be withdrawn from sale at all Post Offices on 7th October. They will, however, remain on sale at the Philatelic Sales Sections, Chief Post Office, Auckland, and Christchurch, and the Philatelic Bureau, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, until 31st March, 1971, unless stocks are exhausted earlier.

1970 Definitive Stamps Issue

It is now announced that the second release of the 1970 Definitive stamps will be placed on sale at all Post Offices on 2nd September 1970. The release consists of the three butterfly and three moth stamps with denominations of ½c, 1c, 2c, 2½c, 3c and 4c.



CHRISTMAS SALES A RECORD

Sales figures for recent issues:—

Armed Services:

4c—2,220,934 stamps
10c—1,578,308 stamps
28c—994,223 stamps.

Maori Bible:

8,881,501 stamps.

1968 Christmas:

26,793,086 stamps.

1968 Health:

Large sheets:

3½c—2,637,055 stamps
4c—2,732,176 stamps.

Miniature sheets:

3½c—747,314 stamps
4c—952,958 stamps.

Universal Suffrage:

12,304,250 stamps.

Human Rights:

2,292,893 stamps.

International Labour Organisation:

1,626,201 stamps.

25th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS

The special issue to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the UNITED NATIONS, came on sale on 26th June, 1970. An attractive first day cover, on which was reproduced the U.N. emblem, was specially designed for this issue.

The ½c, 1c, and 2c stamps featuring New Zealand butterflies were designed by Miss E. Hunter, Wellington, and the 2½c, 3c, and 4c depicting New Zealand moths by Miss E. Mayo, Christchurch.

All the stamps were printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons Ltd., London.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NEWS

July Releases

1st July 1970.

Singapore. 10th Anniversary of People's Association. 15, 50 and 75 cents.

2nd July, 1970.

Montserrat. Definitive Issue. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 50 cents, \$1, \$2.50 and \$5.

4th July, 1970.

Zambia. Preventive Medicine. 3, 15, and 25 ngwees.

6th July, 1970.

Bermuda. Definitive Issue. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 24, 30, 36, 60 cents \$1.20 and \$2.40.

Botswana. Centenary of the Death of Charles Dickens. 3, 7, 15, 25 cents and Souvenir Sheet.

8th July, 1970.

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

13th July, 1970.

East Africa. Commonwealth Games. 30, 70 cents, Shs1/50 and Shs 2/50.

16th July, 1970.

The Gambia. Commonwealth Games. 1d, 1/- and 5/-.

Swaziland. Commonwealth Games. 3, 7½, 12½ and 25 cents.

20th July, 1970.

New Hebrides. The Rally to General De Gaulle. 60 gold centimes, 1.05 gold francs.

22nd July, 1970.

Norfolk Island. Definitive (Part). 1, 7, 10 and 25 cents.

27th July, 1970.

Western Samoa. Airmail Definitive Stamps. 3, 7, 20 and 30 sene.

28th July, 1970.

Jersey. Battle of Flowers. 4d, 5d, 1/6 and 1/9.

February, 1971. **Malawi.** 3 Definitive Overprinted. 30th September, 1970. **St. Helena.** February, 1971. **St. Kitts.** 15 cents corrected. 1970. **South Georgia.** Decimal Values Overprinted. 14th February, 1971. **Tristan da Cunha.** Decimal Values Overprinted. 14th February, 1971. **Turks and Caicos Islands.** (New Value Tablets). 1st February, 1971.

Commemorative Issues

Antigua. Christmas 1970. 1st October, 1970. Military Uniforms. 1st December, 1970. **Ascension.** Royal Naval Crests. 7th September, 1970. **Barbados.** Flowers of Barbados. 24th August, 1970. Christmas 1970. 1970. **Bermuda.** 350th Anniversary Parliament. 1st October, 1970. **Botswana.** 25th Anniversary of the United Nations. 24th October, 1970. Christmas 1970. 3rd November, 1970. **British Honduras.** Hardwood. 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.** Christmas 1970. 8th 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 Dissava. 26th November, 1970. **Cyprus.** European Conservation Year. 3rd August, 1970. **East Africa.** 25th Anniversary of United Nations. 24th October, 1970. Conversion to Metric System. 4th January, 1971. **Falkland Islands.** "Great Britain" Steamship. October, 1970. **The Gambia.** Republic Issue. 2nd November, 1970. **Gibraltar.** Military Uniforms. 10th August, 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. **Lesotho.** Tourism. September, 1970. **Birds.** 1st December, 1970. **Malawi.** Moths. 2nd September, 1970. Christmas 1970. 4th November, 1970. **Malaysia.** 25th Anniversary of U.N. 24th October, 1970. 50th Anniversary of I.L.O. 1970. Muda Irrigation Scheme. 1970. **Malta.** 25th

Anniversary of U.N. 1970. **Mauritius.** Port Louis—Old and New. 17th August, 1970. **Montserrat.** Girl Guides Golden Jubilee. December, 1970. **Irish Settlers.** 1970. **Tourism.** Sept./Oct., 1970. **New Hebrides.** Christmas 1970. 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.** 2nd November, 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. 16th November, 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.** National Day. 9th August, 1970. Festival of Sports. 23rd August, 1970. **Shipping.** 1st November, 1970. **Tristan da Cunha.** Crawfish. 1st November, 1970. **Turks and Caicos Islands.** Centenary of British Red Cross. 4th August, 1970. **Zambia.** Non Aligned Conference. 6th September, 1970.

CAYMAN ISLANDS STAMP DESIGNS

Readers will be interested to learn that many of the designs produced for Cayman Islands stamps originate from photographs supplied by Mr. Bernard St. Aubyn, a resident of Grand Cayman, who has also assisted the Government of Cayman Islands with research into the subjects concerned. Mr. St. Aubyn's photographs form the basis of the designs of the International Human Rights Year stamps and most of those of the latest definitive series.

NEW PRINTINGS

New Printings On Order

Antigua. 5, 10 and 25 cents.
British Solomon Islands. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12 cents.
Brunei: 6, 12, 50 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$5.
Ceylon. 10 cents.
Fiji. 2 and 50 cents and \$1.
The Gambia. 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 6d and 1/-.
St. Kitts. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50 and 60 cents, \$1, \$2.50 and \$5.
Singapore. \$10.
Zambia. 2, 8, 50 ngwees and K.1.

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Anguilla. 1970. **Antigua.** 19th August, 1970. **Ascension Island.** 15th February, 1971. **British Antarctic Territory.** Decimal Values Overprinted. February, 1971. **British Indian Ocean Territory.** 1970. **Brunei.** 1970. **Cayman Islands.** (New Value Tablets). 8th September, 1970. **Falkland Islands.** Decimal Values Overprinted. February, 1971. **The Gambia.** 1971. **Gibraltar.** February, 1971. **Guernsey.** Decimal Values, 1970/71. **Jamaica.** Decimal Overprints. 1970. **Jersey.** Decimal Values. 1970/71. **Malawi.** 15th

SOCIETY NEWS

THEMATICS AT DUNEDIN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

At the June meeting of the Dunedin Philatelic Society five members displayed thematic collections and philatelic miscellany.

Mrs. Y. Benson began by showing some pages devoted to opera, native instruments, percussion instruments and sacred music from her large collection of stamps depicting music.

Polish stamps containing themes such as cats, dogs, birds and flowers were exhibited by Mr. Patrick who went on to discuss a display of some of his "odds and ends" which included issues from early German states and towns, stamps of varying shapes and sizes, to one which seemed to be perfect in design.

The lack of sports designs especially on New Zealand stamps was discussed by Mr. M. North who recalled the small number of such stamps issued both here and abroad. Among sports well represented on stamps are motor racing and horse racing, some examples of which were shown.

Mr. Hart, with a fine display of a variety of covers, two pieces of leather which passed through the postal system sixty years ago, and a menu from a Philatelic Society Dinner, indicated how interesting such miscellany can be.

Finally, with a cover dated 1815, a leaf bearing a postmarked stamp and address, and a perfect engraved stamp, Mr. Tanner brought to a successful conclusion a programme which was enthusiastically received by a large audience.

LADIES ACTIVE IN ROTORUA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Ladies have taken a large part in the beginning of our new year's programme. A large display of over 30 sheets were shown by Mrs. Boyd on several different subjects and on "My Favourite Page" night six lady members came forward and gave a display of their sheets. It is very pleasing to see our female members coming forward and showing interest in the Society.

Another successful night took place on the 23rd June when we entertained 12 Boy Scouts from Putaruru. Ladies came to the fore again with their supper and refreshments. A special evening's enter-

tainment was given for the Scouts. The night was very successful and a large attendance by our own members rose the numbers to 32. Several members took part in the programme and the evening ended with a large supper bought and arranged by the ladies.

May a special thanks be given to the ladies of our Society for the excellent work they have done in providing suppers.

CORRECTION

LIST OF SOCIETIES WAIKATO PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Secretary: Mr. D. H. Cameron.
Meetings are held in the Whiti-
iora Bowling Pavilion (north end
Victoria Street) first and third Wed-
nesday of each month at 7.45 p.m.
(Dec.: 1st Wednesday only and
January: 3rd Wednesday only.)

SOUTHLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Inc.)

Present Secretary: Mr. W. Vos-
sen.

N.Z. JUNIOR STAMP CLUB NEWS

A small gathering of club members met our chairman in Christchurch on 13th June. Interest was shown in holding another stamp camp in Christchurch again.

Our information service has been swamped with problems. We have now cleared the backlog so if you want to know something, drop us a line.

Out of the 64 members who have asked Rob to call on them he has seen 26 of them in the last two months. He hopes to get to see most of the rest before the end of the year.

The winner of "Philatelic" competition is Bruce Roscoe of Christchurch, with 208 words. Second place went to Caroline Davis with consolations going to Lyn Jagger, Keith McEwan and Trevor Barnard. There was a record number of entries for this competition.

Entries are now coming in for the "Postmarks" competition. Final closing date is August 8th.

Our July birthday winner was Shirley Dow of Rotorua, and in August, Rachel McMillan of Te Awamutu. Happy Birthday to you both.

PHILATELIC THOUGHTS

Murray G. Wing

The local Sunday newspaper featured a children's colouring competition in connection with the recent nation wide stamp week. The popularity of stamps and matters philatelic can no doubt be gauged from the ten thousand or so entries received from all over the country. This leads me to the thought that New Zealand authorities could well emulate the Japanese and other far sighted postal administrations by the annual issue of a special stamp for Philatelic Week. The Japanese issued their first Philatelic Week stamp in 1948. This was of 5 yen denomination and is currently catalogued mint at 3,000 yen or \$N.Z. 7.50. This 1949 stamp was of 8 yen denomination and is catalogued mint at 5,000 yen or \$N.Z. 12.00 approx. When Mr. James McKay was in New Zealand recently to launch the new International Encyclopaedia of Stamps he criticised the standard of some New Zealand stamp designs. I think that he was trying to make the point that some of our designers tend to cram too much detail into their work. He commended the designs of Czechoslovakia and Japan. Expo 70 is evidently very popular and New Zealand's image there is greatly enhanced. I have had several requests from Japanese correspondents for postcards of "your Mt. Fuji" (Mt. Egmont). They seem to do pretty well with their letters in English. One is busy trying to get me going on Japanese. Several recent letters from Japan have had one or two stamps peeled off. I am wondering where this happened. This reminds me that my Chinese correspondents always register their mail whereas the Japanese never seem to (or maybe they are unable to do so). This could highlight a subtle difference in the national characteristics of the two races.

I was most impressed with this year's Philatelic Convention at Palmerston North. Whilst there I learned of the proposal to hold a Junior National Philatelic Exhibition in Palmerston North in 1971 in conjunction with the Palmerston North Centenary. I have told my daughter Adrienne about it and already she cannot wait to get her entry ready. I am hoping that son John will show a similar interest.

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SOCIETY NOTES

TAURANGA STAMP CLUB 1970/1 OFFICERS

The Annual General Meeting of the Tauranga Stamp Club was held on the 6th July at Bethlehem at which there were 21 members present.

The President reported on the programme for the year and mentioned how the membership had increased over the past year from about 40 up to 54. He also said that the programme this year provided some variation in speakers etc., but more ideas were needed to provide continual interest for our increased attendances.

The Society's competition had to be dropped this year but the highlights of the year was our members being placed in six classes out of eight and was judged the most improved club. The members were: Mr. Shanks, a 1st, two 2nds, and one 3rd; Mr. Baker, a 2nd; and Mrs. Clough, a 3rd.

Also the members had much enjoyment in their trip to Whakatane in February and helping out with the programme.

The following members were elected into office for the 1970/71 year.

Patron: Mr. K. J. McNaught; President: Mr. W. E. Osborne; Vice-President: Mr. K. G. Baker; Secretary: Mr. G. F. Jans, Treasurer: Mr. G. F. Janes; Sales Supt.: Mr. D. Green; Hon. Auditor: Mr. A. V. Allo; Committee: Mrs. M. Douglas, Mr. A. C. Shanks, Mr. P. D. Pollard, Mr. J. T. Jackson.

HAWKE'S BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Miniature Stamp Exhibition

The July meeting of the Hawke's Bay Philatelic Society was held on the first of the month, and by way of a change a miniature Exhibition was held, a maximum of five sheets could be entered under any of the following headings, catering for all tastes.

New Zealand Pre Decimal: 2 entries.

New Zealand Decimal: 2 entries.
Study of One Stamp: 2 entries.
Any Foreign Country: 11 entries.
Thematic Collections: 9 entries.
Postal History and Covers: 6 entries.

A total of 32 entries in the various classes.

The judging was done by Mrs. P. H. Ulyatt and G. M. van Zanten while the sale by tender was in progress.

Supper was served and after that the names of the winners in each section were announced, and a small presentation was made to each of them. Comments on the entries were made after that.

It was particularly pleasing to see a recently elected member, who only has collected for a short period, take the prize in the Thematic section. The meeting was attended by over fifty members and guests.

NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR SOUTH AUCKLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Annual General meeting of the South Auckland Philatelic Society was held in the St. Martin's Presbyterian Church Hall, St. George St., Papatoetoe. Mr. Gardner, the President, opened the meeting and welcomed one new Junior member. Committee members elected were as follows:—

President: Mr. R. Gardner; Vice Presidents: Mr. J. van Noordt, Mrs. M. Scott and Mr. H. A. Pivott; Secretary: Mr. B. Gibson; Treasurer: Mrs. Pelger; Circuit Superintendent: Mr. H. McArdle; Librarian: Mrs. E. A. Eustace; Publicity Officer: Mrs. J. Mackay; Quiz and Competitions Convenor: Mr. H. J. Crawford; Tea Convenor: Mrs. Scott; Junior Committee members: Andrew Smith and John Gordon.

Auditors: Mr. H. J. Crawford and Mr. J. van Noordt.

The election of officers was followed by the presentation of a cup to Mrs. M. Scott. Mrs. Scott won the cup for being the overall winner of the continuing monthly quiz. The cup was presented by Mr. R. Gardner and it was generously donated to the club by Mr. J. van Noordt. A stamp auction followed the presentation, which was once again very ably conducted by Mr. R. Gardner. The evening concluded with an excellent supper being served. The club library and trading table were again in business. We would welcome new members for our stamp circuit, either buying or selling members anywhere in New Zealand. Anyone interested please write to our Circuit Superintendent, Mr. H. McArdle, 11 Freyberg Avenue, Papatoetoe, Auckland.

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of every month at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a

member please get in touch with the Secretary, Mr. B. H. Gibson, 10 Morris Avenue, Papatoetoe, Auckland, telephone, Pop 87-395.

WELLINGTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Inc.)

U. V. LAMP DEMONSTRATION

The programme at the June meeting of the Wellington Philatelic Society was in the capable hands of Messrs. Brian Lawton and Ross Dalby of Tiki Stamp Service. First of all Brian showed us a representative sample from his comprehensive collection of Antarctic covers. He had examples of these stamps on cover issued by such countries as Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Belgium, USSR, Japan, USA etc. Also displayed were ship covers with special cachets from U.S. Operation Deep Freeze.

The second part of the programme featured a demonstration by Ross and Brian of the use of the various types of ultra violet lamps in philately. There were Australian stamps with helicon in the ink, helicon in the paper, New Zealand on chalky paper, German and other European issues. One which stood out under the lamp was a Soviet stamp with a red star alone gleaming in the darkness. Finally Brian showed us the recent Cook Island issues on "security" paper. He pointed out that with some of these stamps with a wide white selvage it was possible to see the security markings with the naked eye. With the aid of the lamp we could see some with the markings inverted as well as normal. A brief discussion followed which touched on the various intermediate grades of chalky paper on which the 4d N.Z. Puarangi was printed about 1966. He mentioned how easy it was to check for the real 4d chalky with the ultra violet lamp but mentioned how the undersigned relied solely on the visual check of the paper and the printing with 100 per cent success when checked later by Messrs. Lawton and Dalby with their lamp. A short sale of stamps brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

M. G. WING,
Hon. Secretary.

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NEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA



SIR OLIVER MOWAT

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

The Canada Post Office will honour Sir Oliver Mowat, one of the Fathers of Confederation, with the issue August 12th of a six cent commemorative stamps marking the 150th anniversary of his birth at Kingston in 1820.

As a delegate from Upper Canada, Sir Oliver Mowat was one of the thirty-three Fathers of Confederation who attended the Quebec Conference of 1864 to discuss the feasibility of a political union of British North America.

He began his career as a lawyer in Upper Canada in 1841. Entering politics in 1857, he was elected as a Liberal member to the Legislative Assembly of Canada. There he served as provincial secretary in the Brown-Dorion administration of 1858 and as postmaster general in the Macdonald-Dorion government of 1863-1864 and in the Great Coalition of 1864. In November of that year, he was raised to the bench as vice-chancellor of Upper Canada.

In 1872 Mowat succeeded Edward Blake as leader of the Liberal Party and became Premier and Attorney-General of Ontario. He held this office for twenty-four years until his appointment in 1896 to the Senate where he became the government leader. The following year, Mowat retired to accept the appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, a position which he held until his death in 1903.

The Sir Oliver Mowat issue was designed by Ernst Roch of Montreal, P.Q. The stamp measures 40 mm by 24 mm and its colours are black and two shades of red. Thirty-four million stamps are being printed by the British American Bank Note Company Limited of Ottawa using two colour gravure for the red and one colour steel for the black.

CANADA TEN STAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas drawings by twelve children from across Canada will grace Canada's 1970 Christmas stamps, Minister of Communications Eric Kierans has announced.

The Christmas commemorative stamps will be issued in four denominations this year. In addition to the annual 5c and 6c Christmas stamps, used primarily on domestic letters and cards, 10c and 15c stamps will be issued for use on parcels and international air mails.

The two lower-value stamps will be produced in medium size format (24 x 30 mm), as in past Christmas issues. Five designs will be alternated over each sheet of stamps on both the 5c and 6c values. The smaller-volume 10c and 15c stamps will carry one design each, and will be produced in large size format (24 x 40 mm).

The five cent stamps will reproduce drawings by Lisa Wilson, age 8, of Kamloops, B.C.; Donna Niskala, age 9, of Macrorie, Sask.; Anthony Martin, age 5, of Marius, Man.; Dwayne Durham, age 7, of Fort Erie, Ont.; and Manon Lecompte, age 9, of Laprairie, P.Q. On the six-cent stamps will appear drawings by Jean Pomperleau, age 8, of St. Paul, Alta; Janet McKinney, age 8, of St. John, N.B.; Nancy Whatley, age 10, of Armdale, N.S.; Joseph McMillan, P.E.I.; and Eugene Battacharya, age 7, of St. John's, Nfld. The ten cent stamp will carry a drawing by Corrine Fortier, age 10, of St. Leon, Man., and the fifteen cent stamp one by Janis Dojcek, age 10, of Flin Flon, Man.

A total of about 50,000 drawings were submitted by children 12 and under to the Post Office Department's "Christmas Canada" stamp design project, conducted in co-operation with provincial Departments of Education and art galleries in each province. The greatest number of drawings were received from the province of Quebec, while New Brunswick was the province with the heaviest per capita contribution. The final selection was made by the Department's Design Advisory Committee.

For their drawings the children were asked to portray the theme "What Christmas Means to Me".

Traditional Christmas images, such as nativity scenes, Christmas trees, and Santa Claus were most prevalent, while snowmen and outdoor winter scenes ran a popular second. Many drawings reflected the contemporary imaginations of their young authors with jet-propelled Santas, astronauts celebrating a lunar Christmas, or symbolic designs representing universal brotherhood. About 500 of the drawings will be seen in itinerant exhibits that will tour the country in the fall.

In order to reproduce the original drawings as closely as possible, the stamps are being produced by the four-colour lithography process. They go on sale in early October to meet the Christmas demand.



WILDLIFE CONSERVATION UNITED STATES

The 6 cent stamp will be issued with first day ceremonies at Custer, South Dakota on July 20. Custer State Park contains the largest buffalo herd in the country.

Reproduced on the stamp is a buffalo, more accurately known as the American bison, a wildlife creature that ranks second only to the eagle as a national symbol.

In announcing the stamp design, Postmaster General Mr. Blount said: "Indeed this would be a desolate world in the absence of wildlife, for these bring man in tune with Nature. I hope that issuance of this stamp will remind all Americans of the continuing need for protecting from extinction our birds and beasts and fish."

When the first European settlers arrived in America, an estimated 200 million buffalos roamed the continent. Today there are some 30,000, and these are found in national parks, zoos and on stock farms.

The Wildlife Conservation stamp was designed by Robert Lougheed, of Newton, Connecticut.

BERMUDA - FLOWERS

NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE 1970

1 cent. SPATHIPHYLLUM SPP., "Araceae".

There are nearly thirty species of this plant, mostly found in the American tropics. Two or three species are frequently grown as ornamental plants in warm greenhouses.

2 cents. BOTTLEBRUSH, Myrta- ceae, "Callistemon spp.".

There are about 25 species of shrubs or small trees which are planted for ornament in warm countries and sometimes in greenhouses. It was originally introduced from Australia. (Callistemon is Greek for beauty and stamen.) The flowers, as the popular name indicates, resemble a bottlebrush. When the flowers have died, the core of this "brush" is covered with little decorative seed cases, which remain long after the seeds have been scattered. The twig they encircle keeps on growing beyond them as if it were the twisted wire handle of a real brush protruding in the wrong direction.

3 cents. OLEANDER, Apocy- naceae, "Nerium oleander".

This shrub is a native of the Orient and was introduced to Bermuda about 1790, where it has become naturalised. The large shrubs bloom freely from April to August producing masses of bloom in shades of pink, white, yellow and red. It is one of the most beautiful floral features in Bermuda. The Egyptians knew and prized the Oleander in their gardens hundreds of years ago.

4 cents. BERMUDIANA, Irida- ceae, "Sisyrinchium irodes".

This pretty little member of the Iris family is a native of Bermuda. It grows abundantly in dry sunny places and flowers freely throughout the spring months. The oldest known specimen of this *Sisyrinchium* is one collected by J. Dickenson about 1699 and preserved in the British Museum of Natural History.

5 cents. PIONSETTIA, Euphor- biaceae, "Euphorbia pulcherrima".

This plant is a native of Tropical Mexico and Central America. The Poinsettia reaches a height of ten feet and commences to bloom in November. It is now recognised as the flower of Christmas, being freely used for Christmas decorations. The actual flower of the Poinsettia is insignificant; the colourful parts are the red bracts or leaves which surround its flower.

6 cents. HIBISCUS, Malvaceae, "Hibiscus rosa sinensis vars.".

The cultivated forms of this shrub are known all over the tropics, some are even found with variegated leaves. This fast growing shrub, generously furnished with glossy leaves and a wide range of showy flowers, was introduced to the western world from Southern Asia more than a century ago. The trademark of the Hibiscus group is the curious columnlike group of central stamens.

9 cents. CEREUS, Cactaceae, "Hylocereus Undatus".

This cactus is popularly known as the night blooming Cereus, because the beautiful white flowers open at night and fade as the sun rises. It is a native of Mexico but has become naturalised in various parts of the world.

10 cents. BOUGAINVILLEA, Nyctaginaceae, "Bougainvillea spp.".

The Bougainvillea originally came from Brazil and is a climbing shrub so vigorous that frequent pruning is needed to keep it within reasonable bounds. The plant gained its popular name soon after Louis de Bougainville, the first Frenchman to cross the Pacific Ocean, returned from an expedition to the South Seas in 1768 in search of possible new colonies for France. While his ship was taking on supplies in Rio de Janeiro, his young botanist protégé went plant hunting on shore and eventually returned with the specimens of Bougainvillea.

12 cents. JACARANDA, Bignon- iaceae, "Jacaranda ovalifolia".

A very elegant tree on account of both its leaves and flowers. It is a native of Tropical America and was introduced to Bermuda in the late 19th Century. The tree reaches a height of 40 feet and bears, in the early summer, a profusion of mauve or bluish purple bell shaped flowers. The blossoms appear in great profusion and in falling make a blue covering on the ground.

15 cents. PASSION FLOWER, Passifloraceae, "Passiflora spp.".

Most members of this family are climbing plants with tendrils. The name was given in allusion to incidents connected with Our Lord's Passion. The stigmas are supposed to represent nails, the corona a crown of thorns, the ten petals the apostles who saw the crucifixion, the coiling tendrils with which the vine grasps its support could be the scourges, and the finger-like leaves the many hands of the persecutors.

18 cents. CORALITA, Polygon- aceae, "Antigonon leptopus".

This plant is a rampant perennial climber having a particular preference for tree branches. It blooms brilliantly for 4-5 months every summer, with pretty pink or white flowers and heart shaped pointed leaves. The fruit is a triangular nut in a persistent winged perianth. It is also known by the names Coral Vine, Mountain Rose and Love's Chain.

24 cents. MORNING GLORY, Convolvulaceae, "Ipomoea".

These, the finest of the Morning Glories, are products of the hybridizing genius of the Japanese. The variety "Heavenly Blue" is one of the most popular varieties. The flower featured on this stamp is undoubtedly *Ipomoea Nil*.

30 cents. TECOMA, Bignonia- ceae, "Pandranca ricasoliana".

36 cents. ANGEL'S TRUMPET, Solanaceae, "Datura suaveolens".

This tree-like shrub is a native of Brazil. It grows 10-15 feet high, the leaves are 6-12" long and the white flowers 9-12" in length.

60 cents. PLUMBAGO, Plum- bago Capensis, "Plumbaginaceae".

The flowers of this plant appear in spikes. The corolla has a very long tube, and the calyx which is tubular has sticky glandular hairs. The plants are bushy or climbers.

\$1.20 BIRD OF PARADISE, Musaceae, "Strelitzia reginae".

This plant's incredible blossoms defy adequate description. The lower part is somewhat boat shaped, while the rest suggests a cross between the mythical flying phoenix and a collection of unruly feathers. The whole assemblage may be almost 10" long and half as high. The plant has no true central stem, merely a number of stiff, foot long leaves growing on a few stalks and topped with blooms.

\$2.40 CHALICE CUP, Solan- aceae, "Solandra longiflora".

This shrub, a native of Mexico, is a strong, branching, climbing plant which produces masses of ochre-yellow flowers 9" long, in the late summer.

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50th ANNIVERSARY FIRST CROSSING COOK STRAIT BY AIR

The re-enactment of the first air crossing of Cook Strait will take place in August in a light aircraft, 50 years after the original flight.

Cook Strait was crossed for the first time by aircraft on August 25th, 1920.

The 50th anniversary re-enactment flight will carry a few mail bags containing only 35,000 commemorative airmail letters.

The special limited commemorative airmail has been organised by the Air Mail Society of New Zealand in association with the 50th Anniversary Committee.

The Director General of the New Zealand Post Office has informed the Air Mail Society of New Zealand that facilities have been arranged for two commemorative Cook Strait airmails.

They are:—

25th August 1970: Special air mail from Christchurch to Wellington. Covers will receive special pictorial cancellation suitably inscribed. Mail will be backstamped at Wellington on arrival.

28th August 1970: Special air mail from Wellington Blenheim. Mail will be handstamped with a different special pictorial cancellation.

The special commemorative envelopes will be printed in a different colour combination suitably routed.

Official commemorative covers have been issued by the Air Mail Society of New Zealand for sale to the public throughout New Zealand at 12c per pair.

Any profits from the sale of the envelopes will be used to further research into New Zealand Air Mail history. (The Society has already published two books and is preparing another.)

The Air Mail Society says that persons wishing to service their own covers for inclusion in the special 50th Anniversary Cook Strait Air mails should ensure that their stamped addressed envelopes are forwarded under cover to reach the Chief Postmaster, Christchurch, by August 24th, 1970, for the northbound mail and the Chief Postmaster, Wellington, by August 27, 1970, for south-bound mail. Pack-



ages or envelopes containing covers which are forwarded to the Chief Post Office should be enfaced "Covers for Cook Strait Flight".

The postage payable on each item is the inland airmail rate of 4 cents a half-ounce.

The small aircraft carrying the 50th anniversary airmails, a Canterbury Aero Club Piper P.A. 28 Cherokee, will only be able to carry 35,000 covers and once these are sold no more will be printed.

This could automatically, by the severe limitation of commemorative airmail letters, cause the value of the special covers to increase within a few years.

Just as the original airmail aircraft to fly across Cook Strait landed at Kaikoura and Blenheim before touching down at Trentham, the re-enactment aircraft will do the same.

The pilot of the first airmail flight across Cook Strait, Captain Euan Dickson of the Canterbury Aviation Co., Sockburn, is still fit and well today.

Arrangements have been made for Captain and Mrs. Dickson to come to Christchurch from Auckland, where Captain Dickson will

assist with the loading of "the 50th Anniversary Airmail" on the morning of August 25th at Sockburn (now Wigram) aerodrome.

The pilot on the northbound flight will be the Canterbury Aero Club's Chief Pilot, Mr. C. J. Collings.

The plane will leave Christchurch (Wigram) at 9 a.m. and arrive at Kaikoura at 9.05 a.m., departing Kaikoura 10.20 a.m. and arriving at Blenheim at 10.45 a.m. The party will have lunch at Blenheim and depart at 2.15 p.m., arriving at Trentham at 3 p.m. where Capt. Dickson will take part in the Official Ceremony and reception at Trentham Racecourse where the original flight terminated in 1920.

A dozen copies of the "Lyttelton Times" were carried in the aircraft, addressed to members of the Cabinet, the Mayor of Wellington and the editors of the three Wellington daily newspapers.

It was the first occasion on which a Christchurch newspaper had appeared in Wellington on the day of publication.

The flight was mentioned in the House of Representatives, then in session. Within half an hour of the Avro's arrival, a Member asked the Prime Minister if the rumour was correct that Captain Dickson had landed from the South Island.

Asked what was the most striking feature of the journey, Captain Dickson said "Over Wellington we could see people gathering on the ends of the wharves and coming out of Parliament House.

Mr. Hewlett said: "My thoughts constantly turned on the reliability of the engines when I saw fifteen miles of water before and behind.

"This was the danger zone, the midway crossing of the strait".

Captain Dickson's name is commemorated in Dickson's Crescent, Sockburn.

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GAMBIA

The smallest and most northerly of the countries of the British Commonwealth in Africa, The Gambia consists of a stretch of land along both banks of the Gambia River inland from the Atlantic Ocean. The country has a total area of 4,461 square miles, including some 358 square miles of estuarine water. The narrow seaboard of The Gambia is entirely surrounded by the territory of the Republic of Senegal. Formerly The Gambia consisted of two political units; the colony of The Gambia, with an area of 69 square miles, was situated at the mouth of the river, while the protectorate of The Gambia consisted of a strip of land extending ten kilometres (about six miles) on either side of the river, inland to a depth of 200 miles in a direct line, or about 250 miles along the river.

Gambia River

The country derives its character and value from the river which is navigable throughout The Gambia and beyond. Much of the land in the vicinity of the river is swamp-land, while beyond the country is largely bush. The coastal region is reasonably flat but inland the banks of the river are surrounded by undulating hills. Hippopotami are found in the upper part of the river and crocodiles abound in the creeks. Apart from these the fauna of The Gambia consists of a few maneless lions, some elephant, leopards and bush-cows and several types of antelope and monkeys. The forests of the interior are rich in bird-life, the most frequent species being bush-fowl, bustards, guinea fowl, quail, pigeon and sand-grouse. Mahogany and rosewood are found, though not in large numbers, while the rubber-vine and oil palm are also comparatively scarce. The cassava and indigo plants are cultivated. The principal agricultural product is groundnuts; groundnut oil and groundnut cake are exported and account for the bulk of The Gambia's revenue from abroad, Britain and Japan being the largest customers. Rice and millet are also grown, mainly for domestic consumption.

The climate of The Gambia during the dry season (December to May) is considered fairly healthy for Europeans, the mean temperature at Bathurst, the capital, being 77 degrees Fahrenheit. Inland, however, the temperature varies considerably, from 50 degrees to over 100 degrees, in the morning and afternoon respectively. The

rainfall varies from 35 to 65 inches annually, most of it occurring between July and October.

The population of The Gambia is about 343,000 (1967 estimate), of whom more than 40 per cent are Mandingoes, while Fulas and Woloffs account for about 13 and 12 per cent respectively, and Jolas and Sarahulis and others comprise the remainder. Approximately four-fifths of the population are Moslems, the remaining being mostly Christian.

Discovery

The Portuguese, venturing down the west coast of Africa, discovered The Gambia river in 1447 and by the beginning of the sixteenth century were trading in the lower reaches of the river. Their main interest lay in a supply of slaves for shipment to Brazil but various expeditions to the interior were made in search of gold. Slaves from Bambara and gold from Banbouk were brought downstream in considerable quantities. It was on the initiative of a certain Portuguese resident in England that Queen Elizabeth, in 1588, granted a patent to "certain merchants of Exeter and others of the west parts and of London for a trade to the river of Senega (sic) and Gambia in Guinea". Nothing came of this project, however, and it was not until 1618, when King James I granted a charter to "the company of Adventurers of London trading into Africa", that colonisation was attempted. This Company, formed on the initiative of Sir Robert Rich (later Earl of Warwick, tried to open up trade with Timbuktoo which was then rumoured to be rich in gold. This venture ended in disaster, after Portuguese and half-castes seized the company's ship "Catherine" and murdered its crew.

Dutchmen and Courlanders tried to establish trading settlements along the Gambia river but in March 1661 they were ousted by the Company of Adventurers, the Courlanders having built a fort on James Island some 40 miles upstream from the Coast about 1652. From then onwards the lower reaches of the Gambia river were held by the British. During the eighteenth century Britain and France competed for control of the river trade but it was not until the Treaty of Versailles in 1763 that Britain's rights on the river were acknowledged by France. The small district of Albreda was assigned to the French while, in return, Britain was allowed to trade at Portendic much further north of Senegal river. This arrangement lasted till 1857 when Britain and France exchanged these territories and from

then onwards the lower Gambia became exclusively British. Between 1783 and 1885 various pieces of land were purchased from the local chiefs and constituted the colony of The Gambia. Prior to 1843 this area formed a dependency of Sierra Leone but in that year became a separate Crown Colony. Between 1866 and 1888 The Gambia formed part of the so-called "West African Settlements" but since the latter year has been a separate entity.

Opposition

Between 1870 and 1876 negotiations opened between Britain and France to take over the British territories on the Gambia river in exchange for various French enclaves in other parts of British West Africa, but due to strong local opposition backed by public opinion in Britain nothing came of these proposals. France continued, however, to advance towards the river and when the boundaries were eventually settled in 1889, it was all that Britain could do to secure the ten-kilometre strip on either bank, as far inland as the town of Yarbata, at the limit of the navigability of the Gambia from the sea.

In 1904 Yarbata was ceded to France, to provide Senegal with an outlet to the ocean via the Gambia river. No use was made of this privilege (however, and The Gambia was merely deprived of access to the interior. Apart from occasional outbreaks of trouble from slave traders in the 1890's and the Holy Wars of Jihad led by Maba, Foday Silla and Foday Kabba which disrupted the Mandinka states for nearly half a century, the development of The Gambia has been peaceful.

Postal System

There was no postal system in The Gambia until about 1855 when correspondence was sent by coastal vessel to Freetown in Sierra Leone, with the necessary cash to pay postage. Even as late as 1875 letters were being forwarded via French territory by local merchants, who applied their firm's cachet and used French colonial stamps which were subsequently postmarked in Senegal. A post office was established at Bathurst in 1860 but nine years elapsed before adhesive stamps were introduced. Letters from the period 1860-69 are recorded with hand-struck markings, either paid hand-stamps inscribed BATHURST-GAMBIA with PAID and the date in the centre or GAMBIA-PAID, or circular date-stamps with the name of the territory across the centre.

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BEGINNERS FORUM

By Gerald Lawson.

How to identify Watermarks

Today an ever increasing number of countries are producing stamps without watermarks. Whether this trend is advantageous or not to the average collector is a debatable question. However, as these impressions in stamp paper were primarily introduced as a means of making forgery more difficult, they served to identify one stamp otherwise identical from another. Although most illustrations of watermarks show them as seen from the front of the stamp, the watermark is best seen by looking at the back of the stamp.

In order to identify the actual watermark any stamps bears, several methods are available. Sometimes, merely by holding the stamp to the light the watermark will become apparent, due to the fact that the watermark itself allows more light to pass through the paper and appears to be more or less illuminated. Another way is simply to place the stamp face downwards upon a black or dark surface and the watermark probably will show up fairly distinctly. If the watermark is still invisible, a sure means is to place the stamp face downwards in a watermark detector tray (obtainable from any reliable stamp dealer) and apply a few drops of benzine. As soon as this soaks into the stamp, the watermark if any, will then show up quite clearly. The benzine quickly evaporates without damage to the stamp. If you should use this method, remember benzine is a highly inflammable fluid, so be careful to keep any naked flame at a safe distance from your work. Battery operated watermark detectors are also available but the methods as outlined will be found to serve the purpose adequately.

There are several kinds of watermarks. Briefly, the "single" type refers to one which occurs only once on each stamp, whilst the "multiple" means there will be several watermarks (or parts of watermarks) on each stamp. Another kind is known as the "sheet watermark" where one large watermark is spread over the whole sheet so that only a small portion of the complete watermark occurs on a single stamp. Pattern watermarks can be found on stamps of Bavaria and Germany, where a pattern of wavy lines or diamond mesh ap-

pears over the entire stamp sheet. Watermarks may be found normal, inverted, reversed and sideways.

The study of watermarks taking the whole world into account can be very interesting. Some countries use watermarks which bear a close association with the country. For example, South Africa uses a spring-bok head, Malta a Maltese Cross, Tonga a tortoise and Jamaica a pineapple. If you become really interested in watermarks all the various types are clearly shown in any good catalogue, where you can delve to your hearts delight.

NEXT MONTH—How to recognise papers.

C.T.O. Stamps

Dear Sir,

I was interested in the discussions concerning C.T.O. in your March issue, particularly the letter from "Old Timer".

I would like to point out that 95% of postally used stamps can be identified quite easily, these present no difficulty to the average collector, it is the other 5% which the collector is concerned with. Even this 5% presents no problem to me, "if in doubt, cast it out".

The majority of countries which C.T.O. stamps in sheets are well known, mainly the East European countries, with the exception of a few countries such as Hungary, Mongolia, etc., the gum is left on the stamps. Some countries stamps are C.T.O. at the printers and gum is not applied, but even without gum a C.T.O. stamp can be identified. Experience is the best help, but here are a few guides to C.T.O. stamps without gum:—

1. The postmark is usually of the capital city.
2. It is usually across the corner.
3. The ink is more shiny and gives the impression of printing.
4. The postmark does not show through clearly at the back of the stamp.

Poland has a bad habit of using postmarks from different towns.

The biggest threat is not this type of C.T.O. stamp, usually sold to dealers at a large discount, but the increasing number of so called "respectable" Commonwealth countries selling C.T.O. stamps at face value. But of course even these can easily be identified.

It is up to collectors to kill this practice by simply refusing to have such stamps in their collections. I manages to find a market—I would often wonder how this "wallpaper have thought collectors were much more sensible than they appear to be.

Yours faithfully,

R. Brunt.

New Booklet

"New Zealand Postage Stamps Used Overseas." R. M. Startup. 16 pages, 10½", mimeographed, printed and published by the Postal History Society of New Zealand on the occasion of the 1970 Philatelic Convention. Copies available from the Society, P.O. Box 1605, Auckland, New Zealand, for 25 cents (Australasia), 2s 6d (sterling), 30 cents (US) posted.

Though many stamp collectors are very careful to distinguish between mint and used stamps in their collections, and like to get fine used stamps wherever possible, only a small proportion pay attention to the actual cancellations on used stamps.

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THE SUN ON NEW ZEALAND STAMPS

I am writing these notes to you on the shortest day of the year. It is cold and possibly there have been frosts inland. But where I live less than 2 miles from the sea we do not get much frost. Mount Egmont, which I can see through my kitchen window, looks simply grand with its delightful coat of snow. I did not see sunrise this morning but as I was thinking of what to say to you this month my thoughts did turn to the lovely day before me. Cold and crisp with warm sunshine. And stamps? Pictures of stars are on many New Zealand stamps. Moon? I cannot think of any. The sun? Two stamps come to mind—health issues of 1933 and 1935.

The late Mr. W. J. H. Haase, writing on health stamps in "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", tells us of the 1933 Health. "The intention was to convey the idea of a "pathway to Health!" The winding path leads over the sandhills on to one of the many beautiful and numerous beaches that are to be found on the coast of New Zealand. In the background the sun was intended to be piercing the fleecy clouds in the early morning heralding a glorious summer day."

The 1935 stamp—I am not too sure about this stamp but I was told at the time that the small circular patch at the foot of the stamp represents the sun and the white stripes the rays of the sun. However this may be, the stamp does show a beach picture on a sunny day. As I looked at these two stamps my thoughts turned to the great Polynesian hero, Maui and his adventure with the sun. Would you like to hear it again?

In the first copy of this magazine—over 2 years ago—I told you the story of how Maui fished up the North Island of New Zealand—how it became dry land—"the Fish of Maui". This month we shall have a look at Maui and his struggle with the sun-god.

Maui and the Sun-God

In those far off days the sun did not rise at the same time every day; sometimes he was late and sometimes he was early. (Reminds me of small girls and boys when Mum says it's time to get up.) In his journey across the sky sometimes he would hurry and sometimes he would waste his time, again like children on their way to school. These peculiar habits of



his were a nuisance to everybody. The men could not plan their work in the forests and at sea. The women too had trouble in planning their daily work. Maui had given some thought to the matter and at last he decided to do something about it. He was a rather lazy chap but when he made up his mind to do something he really got going and saw the job properly done and completed. He made a great net—of the strong New Zealand flax (perhaps you could see how many stamps have flax on

JUNIOR PAGE

by Simon Sam

Stamp Talks by Simon Sam can be heard on Radio 2ZP on Sunday mornings, 12th and 26th, at 9.05 a.m.

Trapped

One morning he took some of his young friends with him and hid in the water near the place where the sun rose. All was quiet as the sun came up slowly over the edge of the world and then—as Maui gave the signal the net was thrown and the sun was trapped! And what a struggle he made! But the net held firm and although Maui's friends were really frightened they held on grimly. At last the sun gave in and said to Maui, "Well now what do you want? What's this all about? Don't you know I must be about my daily journey across the sky?"

"Yes. Oh yes," said Maui, "I know all that and that is the reason why we have done this to you. Once upon a time you played the game fairly but for quite a while you have been playing tricks on us in your journey; sometimes hurrying and scampering so that the days are far too short and at other times travelling as slowly almost as a

snail. This is not good enough and I shall not let you go until you promise that from now on you will travel in a more respectful manner as you did in other days!"

The sun struggled but the ropes held and at last he gave his promise.

Get up early some morning and see for yourself how the sun rises slowly, gently. He remembers the net of Maui and every morning as he comes up he is watchful just in case Maui is back again.

These old old stories of Maori days are delightful and we have to thank Sir George Grey for recording some of them for our enjoyment today.

BIRTHDAYS

If you are interested in stamp anniversaries here are a few for the month of August.

1st—1867: Thames was declared a goldfield—special postmark used 1967.

3rd—1822: Henry Williams arrived in N.Z.—24d Centennial 1940.

4th—1914: War with Germany—war stamp 1915; Victory 1919.

—1852—our oldest newspaper—Taranaki Herald.

8th—1908: First through train Wellington-Auckland — Railways stamps 1963.

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