

Boy And Girl Scout Philately



SOME SCOUT STAMPS AND COVERS. At the top left is a cacheted first day cover with the special postmark and the stamps issued by Jamaica for the first Caribbean Jamboree at Briggs Park Jamaica in 1952, top right are from the Philippines for the Silver Jubilee of Scouting in that nation. Center left is the Scout stamp issued by Austria for the large Scout gathering at Bad Ischl in 1951; center right is the United States Boy Scout stamp of 1950. Lower left the stamp, cachet and special postmark for the All Japan Boy Scout Jamboree; lower right the special cancellation and Scout stamp for the Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree at Greystanes, Australia issued by that country. Covers are from the collection of Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.

The Story Of Mafeking Cadets And Their Boer War Carrying Of Local Mails

Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.

The founder of the Boy Scouts, Robert Baden-Powell, was honored in 1900 by the Cape of Good Hope with two postage stamps. This was seven years before he had started his first experiments of "Scouting for Boys." During his young manhood in England he saw city boys had little opportunity to learn the nature study, camping and woodcraft which proved so valuable and interesting to him. Especially when he served in the army in the southernmost part of Africa, did he realize that grown men knew little of forests, insects, birds, edible berries and fruits, so that they could hardly survive against the forces of nature.

Baden-Powell must have loved boys, for even during the Boer War he organized boy messengers



to take over various duties that could release men for more dangerous tasks. During the siege of Mafeking, "B. P." with an army

of 1200 men held the town for 215 days being relieved on May 18, 1900. At this time the ingenuity of his men reflected the training he had given them in woodcraft, camping and hiking.

Because stamps were needed for the postal service within the town, one of his men, Captain Greener, engraved the image of Baden-Powell and it was reproduced by photography with a film negative on sensitized paper. Both stamps are the three pence value and appear in dark blue on blue paper, one 18 1/2 mm wide of which 6072 were printed, and the other 21 mm of which only 3036 were printed. They were issued on April 10, 1900.

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Scouts On Stamps Society Sponsors Current Edition; Organized In December 1951

Scouts on Stamps Society was organized in December 1951 by Harold D. Bearce of Kansas City, Mo., and Harry D. Thorsen Jr. of Winnetka, Ill. More than 150 members in 28 states and six foreign countries are now enjoying the monthly bulletin, "S. O. S." as well as correspondence and trading of Scout material.

The real spirit of brotherhood in Scouting seems to account for the great interest in this combined group of Scouters and philatelists. They have found that there are other specialists like themselves who have believed they were the only ones to have a "Scout" collection.

The collecting of stamps honoring Boy Scouts by the countries of the world, has been expanded to include covers, Scout cachets, slogan meters, seals, fund raising labels, and Girl Scout stamps. Any check list of Scout stamps is always out of date since SOS members are always discovering new material.

Since the founder of the Boy Scouts, Robert Baden Powell was honored on a stamp of the Cape of Good Hope in 1900 during the Mafeking siege, this is usually No. 1 in a Boy Scout topical collection. However, less than 10,000 copies are known to have been issued in two sizes and the stamps are now auction items.

When Siam needed funds for Scouts in 1920 they overprinted many of their old stamps. However, counterfeits exist, and only experts can really be sure of genuine copies.

During the organizing of Czechoslovakia after World War I, the Sea Scouts had the dangerous and thrilling task of performing the postal service for the newly-formed government. Their two stamps are listed by Zumstein as No. 1 and No. 2 of this country.

Since then, many countries continue to honor Scouting and the number of stamps seems to be increasing each year. Because of the same basic Scout Oath and Law, the movement has been a great "world peace" organization through their international Jamborees held every four years and their many national Jamboree encampments where the Scouts exchange camping ideas, swap handicraft and camp emblems and generally promote good will and understanding between Scouts of different colors, races and religions. Many cacheted covers have been issued for Jamborees.

After World War II, Scouts conducted postal services in the displaced persons camps in Europe. The Lithuanian, Ukraine, Estonian, Russian, and German Scouts all issued stamps, some showing their Scout badges, the receipts being used to maintain their postal service as well as Scouting in the D. P. camps. While these stamps will never be in standard postage catalogs, SOS includes detailed information of all known history, usage and collections.

If you are interested in membership in Scouts on Stamps Society write to Willard H. Boyles, secretary, Shelby, Ohio. Dues are only \$2.00 per year. (or \$5.00 if membership in American Topical Association is included.)

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Scouting Theme For N Z. Healths

Postmaster General Broadfoot of New Zealand has announced that the 1953 edition of the Health semi-postals will feature Scouting, Boy and Girl. The organization which has the girls is called Girl Guides.



The 1 1/2d plus 1/2d pictures three Girl Guides marching, the foremost carrying the unit's flag.

On the 2d plus 1d is pictured three Boy Scouts one tending a cooking fire and two in the background before a tent. The postal



administration states this is the first appearance for Boy Scouts in the design of Health stamps.

The first day of issue will be early in the fall.

In commenting on the selection of pictures for the stamps, PMG Broadfoot said, "It is appropriate that we feature Girl Guides this year for this year marks the 13th anniversary of the establishment of the movement in this country. In 1944 our Health stamps showed Queen Elizabeth, then Princess, in the uniform of the Sea Rangers and Princess Margaret in that of the Girl Guides."

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Women On Stamps

We always like the women, God bless them and often we think that they might make a lot less of a mess of the world than the men do if they had half a chance to do their bit.

We want to congratulate the women of the Philadelphia Women's Stamp Club. These ambitious ladies have just produced a set of album pages which depict "Women on Stamps". We all know that there have been some great and wonderful women pictured on the stamps of the world and we are glad to know that there has been in the past fifty years a great number of women who have become stamp collectors.

It has often been our thought the stamps were a remarkable field for study and use in any woman's club of any nature.

In club work, the best subject is one that can be shown before a club while a paper or talk is being presented. What better opportunity than by the use of stamps. Several pages neatly mounted together with a brief history of the stamps can and will hold the attention of any group, be they women or men.

Women who are club women no matter what kind of a club, can find plenty of topics in stamps and one of the best is the women of the world. There have been many great women and a great many of them are pictured on our postage stamps. It is true that our own country has not been too liberal in portraying the great women of America.

First of the women on our stamps was Queen Isabella of Spain, next was Martha Washington and then Pocahontas, the Indian maid who fell in love with Captain John Smith.

In 1922 our five dollar stamp portrayed "America" often said to have been modeled by the wife of Woodrow Wilson. Next was the stamp for Molly Pitcher, in name only and the one for the Red Cross Nurse, then the Arbor Day stamp said to be modeled by the children of Mr. Hall of our Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A picture of "Mother" from the painting of Whistler's Mother came in 1934. The next woman is Susan B. Anthony of suffrage fame. Then comes Virginia Dare and when we get into the Famous American Series of stamps we find several women in the series and in later issues they are given numerous spots on our stamps.

A story of the great women on our stamps would make a splendid paper for any women's club and now such a story can be easily prepared because the Philadelphia Women's Stamp Club has brought out a set of album pages of the women of the world on postage stamps.

Each page has space for the stamp at the top and is followed by a brief biographical story of the woman so honored. What better field for any woman collector than a set of these pages and the stamps to fill them.

Pages are the standard 11x8 1/2 inch size punched to fit the ring binder of the same size. A complete set of the pages will fill two binders and show spaces for two or three hundred stamps. The pages can be had for only \$3.50 plus 50c postage. Order from the president of the club, Mrs. S. F. Sharpless, 1714 Locust Street, Philadelphia 3, Penna.

Will Set A New Record

Up to the present time Queen Victoria of Great Britain has been the most pictured woman on postage stamps or in perhaps any other manner. Now another woman, Queen Elizabeth is to take her place on British stamps and the prospects are that she will live a long life and in the end will have been pictured many more times than Queen Victoria on the stamps of the British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations.

Special stamps for the Coronation will be issued by all of the British Colonies and Commonwealths and it will be much more simple to start a collection of Elizabethan stamps than it was of Victorian, when she was made Queen.

Today, you can buy a beautiful Coronation Album direct from Britain or you can buy the beautiful pages produced by the Washington Press, for these new stamps. It is indeed a credit to the dealers and publisher that sets of these stamps at a very moderate cost and such beautiful album pages can be had for these stamps almost as they are issued. Such things could not be done were it not for the complete cooperation of the Postal Authorities for the Crown Colonies and other nations involved and this alone gives evidence of the high standing of Philately with the governments of the world.

The cost is low for the Coronation stamps which will be the forerunner of many which will bear the portrait of Elizabeth. Get your order in early and see some of the fine album pages that have been prepared for these stamps.

A Flower Garden

If you are unaware of the great number of beautiful stamps that have been issued in the past year or two which picture flowers native to the country of issue, then you will be greatly surprised if you look into these stamps and see a representative group of them.

I do not know of any "Topical" that offers a more attractive field than Flowers on Stamps. Due to modern processes of printing and lithographing it is possible to reproduce in natural colors, the flowers of any country at very moderate cost, in fact the cost for these modern colorful stamps is below the cost of the steel engraved issues that have been ours here in America since the first stamp issues. Now however we get from foreign countries, most beautiful stamps and real pictures of their lovely flowers and plants.

An examination of any good stamp dealer's stock of stamps will soon convince anyone that the United States is very, very far behind in postage stamp production. What person wouldn't enjoy the sight of a few pages of the beautiful flower stamps of the world whereas few non-collectors could get enthused looking at some of the issues of the past many years from our own Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Surely we have the means to match anything produced abroad, let's have some colorful stamp issues to show our world neighbors that we too are human beings.

DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Will



"After he bought the 50c he said—'I'll just browse through your stock and find something to make it an even dollar.' That was seven years ago."

Stories Of Scout Stamps In Brochure

Probably the most complete treatment of the topic of "Scouts On Stamps" is to be found in the 32-page brochure by Harry D. Thorsen, Jr. titled "Boy Scout Stamps of the World."

It has what the active and curious collector needs most when putting them in his album, the story in back of the issue. Mr. Thorsen describes and pictures the stamps of the nineteen nations which have produced Scout stamps.

Included are the Mafeking Baden-Powell siege issue and how they came about, the Scout mail service of Czechoslovakia which lasted for nineteen days and the vexing overprints issued by Siam.

Also shown and described are some of the special postcards, postmarks and cacheted covers released throughout the world for Scout Jamborees and encampments. Cost of "Boy Scout Stamps of the World" is one dollar postpaid from Mr. Thorsen, 925 Elm St., Winnetka, Ill.

- 1928 STAMP PROGRAM
- May 25—Aviation 50th Anniversary, 6c Dayton, Ohio (50c per pane, 75 million).
- Japanese Treaty
- Bar Association
- FFA
- Gen. Patton
- Gadsden Purchase

- ISSUED TO DATE
- 1917—National Guard 3c, Washington, D. C. February 24.
- 1918—Ohio Sequel 2c, Chillicothe, Ohio, March 2.
- 1919—Washington Territorial 3c, Olympia, Wash., March 2.
- 1923—Louisiana Purchase, St. Louis, Mo., April 30.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors can send a reasonable number, each with a name and address, and enclosing a stuffer, to the c/o Postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for first day service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed to the covers.

Semipostal For Cancer Battle

Norway will assist in the raising of funds for the battle against cancer via a semipostal stamp to be released June 1. The denomination is 30 plus 10 ore, the total printing two million.



The design pictures the figure of a kneeling woman to be printed in red on a yellowish background. It was designed by Johannes Haukland after a sketch by artist Henrik Sorensen.

Emil Moestue A/S of Oslo will reduce the issue by photogravure sheets of 100 on unwatermarked paper and perforated 15.

While the Norwegian Postal Administration will not service first day covers it will be possible to purchase this stamp mint. There are 100 on in one front, and there is 7 kroner to one U. S. dollar. Payment can be made by money order or paper money (no coins).

Direct requests and payments to Postverket, Primestraet 10, Oslo, Norway.

More Opportunities For Slogan Fans

Slogan cancellations are to be placed in use at the following post offices. Collectors can obtain an impression of them on their prepared envelopes which have a 3c stamp, a name and address and contain a stuffer. Postal cards will also be serviced.

Massena, N. Y. will mark the 50th anniversary of powered flight to June 20.

Orion, Ill. will publicize its centennial from July 1 to December 31.

Mendota, Ill. is another town celebrating a centennial. Its slogan will be used to August 15.

Also announced by the Post Office Department is the continued use of the Ohio Sesquicentennial slogan at Columbus, Ohio to August 31, 1953.

The expected slogan in connection with the National Boy Scout Jamboree at the Irvine Ranch in California has been certified. It will be used at the Santa Ana, Calif. post office from July 17 to 23.

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A Scout Show Of Living Stamps

Willard H. Boyles

The area-wide Circus of the Johnny Appleseed Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was rapidly approaching, and Troop 3 of Shelby, Ohio was still debating whether they would be represented by acrobats, clowns, animals — or what? Something DIFFERENT was urged, but what would it be? It was finally settled on the theme of "Living Stamps," a demonstration of Scouts acting out the parts in pantomime of the characters shown on postage stamps, using subjects of both United States and foreign stamp designs.

A script was written showing the mail service touching the life of every scout, every member of his family, in fact, everybody. The job of Master of Ceremonies was assigned to the Assistant Scout Master, who was to read the script in a spot light, the light then being turned to the stamp itself. One stamp was shown at a time, between huge velvet curtains.

The Circus was scheduled for the Ashland High School Auditorium, which offered seating for a large crowd of Scout fans, and families of Scouts. Waiting in the hall for the program to begin was too much for one Scout who remarked that he had heard a lot of the "Scout movement," and hoped that some of it "would begin now!"

Large frames had been prepared by the Scouts of the Troop, made of wood strips in the same proportion as to length and width as the stamp to be shown, and covered with cardboard. Stamp designs were drawn on the cardboard, and painted in proper colors, leaving a cut-out space for the principal stamp character or subject. Once the project was under way, the Scouts were eager beavers in finishing the job.

One of the stamps selected was the U. S. 14c blue Indian head of 1922. The Scout wore the head-dress of an Indian Chief. His head appeared in the aperture made by cutting out the center of the design in the same position as that of the Chief on the original stamp. While this was to be pantomime, the Scout representing the Chief could not resist putting his hand to his mouth and withdrawing it to make successive war whoops which "brought down the house."

Another design was the U. S. Liberty Bell stamp of 1926. One of the Shelby merchants John R. King-boro, loaned the pioneer Wilson Family Dinner bell, which was used to call the first settlers of Shelby to their meals. This bell has a handle on it and a Scout showed the bell in the cutout space, and rang it to emulate the ringing of the original Liberty Bell to proclaim Liberty throughout the world. This too made a big hit.

A third stamp was a living Scout bugler blowing taps through the stamp frame, as shown on the Scout stamp of Turkey.

An incandescent lamp as depicted on the Edison stamp of the United States Electric Light Golden Jubilee Issue of 1929, flicked on and off, natural as life. A Scout athlete posed as the runner at the starting mark, as shown on the 3c value of the 10th International Olympic Games issue, of 1932 in Los Angeles; Representing the reverent side of Scouting was the praying General George Washington, on the Valley Forge Issue of 1928.

While there were a few others the climax was the Mother's Day stamp, illustrated by the Whistler painting of his mother. A Scout in dress, and lace cap (made from an old lace curtain), sat in the aperture and rocked as any mother of that day would have done. The Day but a short time away, created a beautiful atmosphere for the M. C.'s tribute to Scout mothers, well applauded by the audience.

Area officials stated afterward that "Living Stamps," an unexpected "dark horse" entry, had stolen the show.

The "act" or "stunt" or whatever one may want to call it, produced inquiries as to the details of production from as far away as Connecticut. It could be used for

stamp exhibits, stamp club meetings, school entertainments, junior stamp club and boys' club work; or any other type of meeting desiring something unique and different.

Special Exhibition For Medical Men

Physicians throughout the country are invited to enter stamps in the third Medical Stamp Exhibit sponsored by the Cleveland Health Museum and the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, July 11-27 at the Museum. Dr. A. B. Bruner of Cleveland is serving as consultant.

Acceptable categories include stamps concerned with medicine and surgery, medical schools and laboratories, medical congresses, U. S. commemorative medical portraits, public health, drugs, Red Cross, disaster and relief, cancer, tuberculosis, nurses, child welfare.

Entry blanks may be obtained up to June 15 from the Cleveland Health Museum, 8911 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 6.

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GIBRALTAR. A new definitive issue of fourteen values from 1/4d to one Pound for Gibraltar, has been ordered from the printers. Eight of these will be two colored and all will include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. Date of release to be announced later.

TRISTAN da CUNHA. A new issue for Tristan da Cunha has been ordered. There will be fourteen values from 1/4d to 10 shillings, and all will include a portrait of the Queen. This will be the first definitive issue for these islands as the present set of twelve are stamps of St. Helena with overprint.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA. The five stamps from 1/4d to one shilling, recently released to commemorate the Rhodes Centenary are large size, attractive, two colored stamps which should be popular with collectors. They will be on sale for a limited time only and will be withdrawn on August 29 or when stocks are exhausted, whichever is the earlier.

NYASALAND. The six pence Centenary Exhibition stamps for Nyasaland and Rhodesia will be released on May 30 when the exhibition will open and will be withdrawn on August 31 at the close of the exhibition, unless stocks are exhausted earlier.

CEYLON. The total number of the Colombo Plan exhibition set, sold are as follows:

5c — 14,756,084
15c — 851,094

This means that only 851,094 complete sets, mint or used can exist.

JAMAICA. Sales of the 1952 Scout Jamboree issue are:

2d — 2,864,153
6d — 809,723

Not many complete sets, mint or used, for this popular colony.

CORONATIONS. While the Elizabeth Coronation (Crown Colonies) stamps are on sale, the equivalent values of the current stamps of the 63 territories will NOT be withdrawn.

ELIZABETH II. It is announced that some values of stamps are on order with portrait changed. This implies a shortage of George VI stamps of these values. The list is as follows:

Gambia — 1/4d & 5d.
Nyassaland — 1d, 2d, & 3d.
St. Lucia — 1c
Seychelles — 2c

We can expect surprise releases of these items soon.

Sudan Readies Self Government Issue

The Postal Administration of Sudan has made an official public announcement that it will no longer produce special airmail stamps. The current series of airmail stamps will remain on sale until December 31, or until sold out, whichever is sooner.

As soon as this nation's new constitution becomes effective a set of stamps will be released to mark the event. They are now on hand and consist of denominations of 15 millimes, 3 and 5 piastres.

According to Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England Thomas de la Rue of London was the printing concern.

COMPETING

Of interest to all owners of stamps has been the events of the past few months. Here and there rises are being recorded in valuations which are particularly noticeable in buying ads.

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AAMS Convention At Dayton, Ohio

The American Air Mail Society has announced that its 30th anniversary convention will be held at Dayton, Ohio over the Decoration Day week-end, May 29 through 31.

The convention will include an exhibition of airport stamps and covers. All events will be held in the Dayton Biltmore Hotel, the Convention Headquarters.

The convention of the society this year is of particular importance and interest in that it is one of the many functions scheduled in connection with the nation-wide year long observance of the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight.

The Post Office Department has announced the release of the new 6c air mail stamp commemorating this event on the first day of the convention, May 29. The society will sponsor a special luncheon and ceremonies at noon on that date at which a number of distinguished personages from the Post Office Department, the aviation industry, and Armed Forces and the philatelic community will be in attendance.

The special American Air Mail Society Convention Postal Station will be established in the main lobby of the Dayton Biltmore Hotel and will have on sale a wide range of commemoratives of recent issue as well as the new air mail stamp. This station will be provided with specially inscribed postmarking devices.

Much of the convention theme and the activities in connection therewith for the full three day program, is built around the accomplishments of the Wrights. The traditional society banquet on Saturday night, May 30, an informal get-together and jamboree on Friday night, and special trips to points of interest in Dayton and vicinity will especially appeal to those attending.

The convention is open to all philatelists and others who may be interested. It is not necessary to be a member of the society in order to participate in any of the scheduled events. However, those plan-

ning to attend the special luncheon on May 29, should file their reservation with Geo. D. Kingdom, Tyler Block, Conneaut, Ohio, at once, as facilities are limited.

As is the custom of the Society it will offer a set of three covers mailed one each day from the special Convention Postal Station and bearing the special official postmark provided that station. Each cover will be attractively designed and cacheted. All will be franked with the new 6c airmail and the cover mailed on May 29 will, of course, be a first day cover of the new stamp.

If any special flight or service is authorized during this three day period and in connection with the activities at Dayton, the society will endeavor to mail at least one of the three covers by such special flight. The set of three covers may be had for 50c per set and may be ordered from John J. Smith, secretary, Ferndale and Emerson Sts., Philadelphia 11, Pa.

Chicagoans Offer Miniature Exhibition

The Chicago Group of the Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America will hold its first miniature exhibit on June 25, from 7 to 10 p.m., and June 27 from 1 to 8 p.m. at 225 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill.

A special souvenir sheet in its preparation and will be ready about June 10. The Fifth Independence commemorative stamp of Israel, officially postmarked on the day of issue will be mounted and tied to the sheet by a suitable IPPSA exhibit cachet.

The cost of this souvenir sheet will be 35c each, or three for \$1.00, do not request more than three per order. Send orders with coin or currency only to Dr. James H. Olshan, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 2, Ill.

Scout Stamp Check List

Harry Thorsen

(Note: All numbers are from the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalog unless indicated otherwise).

- Austria**—569.
 - Australia**—216 (also 1952 issue).
 - Cape of Good Hope**—178-180. *
 - Czechoslovakia** — 1-4 (Zumstein).*
 - Dutch Indies**—B30-31
 - France**—587, (also post card 1950, Scout archer).
 - Hungary**—481-485, 551-554, B85, B110 B132.**
 - Iran (Persia)**—937.
 - Jamaica**—150-151.
 - Japan**—467.
 - Liechtenstein**—B12-13.
 - Lithuania**—B47-50.
 - Netherlands**—206-208, B195-196.
 - Nicaragua**—718, C307 (also miniature sheets).
 - Philippines**—528-529, 528a-529a, Poland—334.
 - Romania**—B26-30, B31-36, B44-49, B50-54, B63-65.
 - Siam**—B12-30, (also post cards overprinted like stamps).*
 - Turkey**—809, RA105, RA143.
 - United States of America**—974, 995.
 - Private Posts (D.P. Camps after World War II)**—Estonia, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine.
 - * Counterfeits are known to exist.
 - ** Imperforate copies may be reprints under Russian rule.
- Liechtenstein expects to issue 3 Scout stamps in 1953.
Cacheted covers exist on most of the stamps since 1937.
There is no Scouting in Communist countries.

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All the while, the operation of his mail mill was in the hands of an efficient assistant postmaster, a grey-haired nice old lady who resigned and retired a few weeks ago. She knew the post office business from A to Z.

So, this postmaster looked things square in the fact, as he wanted to continue to draw those nice checks from our Uncle Sam. He got busy, took and passed the examination required, appointed HIMSELF as assistant postmaster—after which he very calmly resigned as postmaster.

If that don't make sense to you, it might when you know that the postmaster is appointed, and the assistant is a civil service employe.

1. Three of the five men shown in the Inventors set of the Famous Americans series had beards. Can you name them?

2. Another set of the FA's had four bearded men. Do you know which set, and which person didn't?

The Post Office Department has announced the statistics in connection with the first day of issue of the 3c Washington Territorial common at Olympia, Wash. March 2.

A total of 344,047 covers were cancelled — 811,900 stamps were sold.

A reader submitted an envelope for an opinion which should be of some interest generally. It bore the 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c and 3c denominations of the United Nations stamps cancelled and postmarked at a Minnesota post office.

There is only one place where such stamps are valid for postage and that is the United Nations, N. Y. post office in New York City. Now, our reader wants to know whether the cover with the UN stamps and the Minnesota cancellation are scarce and worth anything.

The answer is "NO".

Such pieces aren't even minor curiosities. They indicate that someone in a post office was negligent or obliging and exposing himself thereby to a severe reprimand. And the person who rigs up covers of this kind, whether they have UN, German, Japanese stamps or Christmas Seals in place of the required United States stamp or stamps, and deliberately places them in the mails, is guilty of attempt to defraud. And Uncle Sammy don't take kindly to such carryings on.

Forget such "cleverness." The day you try it, might find said Uncle Sam in a sour mood.

Charles J. McConegny of Utica, N. Y. has submitted a part sheet of the Ohio Sesqui centennial stamp of which has what he believes might be a variety. There is a star directly above the center part of the state map — on one of the stamps this star has a white spot within it.

In answer to the usual question, no, it is not a legitimate variety, but only faulty printing. Those who know about printing from engraved plates will understand this. Others might benefit from the following explanation.

The first thing to remember in the printing of engraved stamps is that the colored part of the design is printed from incised lines or areas beneath the polished flat surface of the printing plate. Ink is applied to the flat surface and the "little dug out places" All the ink on the smooth surface is wiped off, leaving only that in the incised lines or areas.

removed it pulls the ink right out with it in the form of the printed stamp design.

Sometimes, for one reason or another, the ink does not adhere properly to the paper, leaving a white area in a part of the design which should be solid in color. That's the reason for the white specks in the solid colors.

It is easy to tell an engraved stamp, especially many of the foreign. If you hold the surface of an engraved stamp at right angle to your eyes the ink appears as raised lines or areas, which is actually so. Also, many engraved stamps show depressed lines of the design on their backs which you can see are the colored areas on the front.

To avoid confusion with stamps produced by typography or letterpress, remember that these are produced from raised surfaces which have been inked. When these raised surfaces are pressed against the paper to leave their design (picture, lettering, etc.) they tend to depress the paper from the front to the back. The back of the stamp equivalent to the colored area of the front is raised. This is just the opposite of the engraved plate process.

The simple rule is then — look at the back of your stamp — depressed areas which are colored on the face — stamps from engraved plates — raised areas which are colored on the front are from letterpress or typographed processes.

Lithography, or photogravure, designs are printed from plates which have many tiny round dots making up their design. Easily checked with a magnifying glass. Most of you know that the pictures in your newspaper or magazine are made up of such dots — if you didn't look closely. In the photogravure, the dots are very much smaller — from a finer screen, is the technical term.

Lithographed stamps have no raised or depressed places, or dots. They just have a flat deposit of color on the paper and even have a flat look.

- 1. Morse, McCormick and Bell.
- 2. The Poets, James Whitcomb Riley.

Insurance Firm's Collectors Exhibit

Each year the Metro Stamp Club, composed of employees of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. throughout the United States prepares an exhibition which is set up in a prominent public place of the company's premises in New York City. These have always been popular with non-collectors, the exhibits for the main part being designed to attract recruits to the hobby.

This year's again will have a lot of attraction and it is hoped that men and women who collect stamps, or who would like to of the Metropolitan family contact Joseph P. Furey of the Group Disability Claim Division.

This show will be staged the entire first week in June.

MAFEKING CADETS
(Continued from page 1)

There is a story that this portrait on the British stamps displeased Queen Victoria, since only members of the royal family had been pictured on the colonial stamps.

Although the design had been made without Baden-Powell's knowledge, he realized that it might be misinterpreted, so that a new one was added showing his boy messenger on a bicycle for a 1 penny stamp value.

A group of boys had been organized as a Cadet Corps and was commanded by a youth known as Sergeant Major Goodyear, whose picture was used. This stamp also appears in blue ink on blue paper of which 9476 were printed.

Although the original "B. P." stamp was produced to amuse the garrison as a special one of their own for local mail only, the postal adhesive did get abroad, and for a time it was believed it might hinder the advancement of the young officer who had become a general. Some authorities question the biography from which this story was taken since the 1 penny stamp was issued only two days after the Baden-Powell stamps.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell organized his first troop of Boy Scouts in 1909 in England. Through his efforts Scouting be-

came internationally known and adopted for boys of nearly all countries. He died on January 8, 1941 at the age of 84.

Baden-Powell's own account of the "Mafeking Cadets" is presented herewith excerpted from his "Scouting For Boys." It reads: —

We had an example of how useful boys can be on active service when a corps of boys was formed in the defense of Mafeking, 1899-1900.

Mafeking was quite a small ordinary country town out on the open plains of South Africa.

Nobody ever thought of its being attacked by an enemy, any more than you would expect your town (or village) to be attacked — the thing was so improbable.

But it just shows you how you must be prepared for what is possible, not only what is probable in war; and so too, we ought to be prepared in Britain against being attacked by enemies; for though it may not be probable, it is quite possible as it was at Mafeking.

Well, when we found we were to be attacked at Mafeking, we told off our garrison to the points that they were to protect — some 700 trained men, police, and volunteers. And then we armed the townsmen, of whom there were some 300. Some of them were old frontiersmen, and quite equal to the occasion; but clerks, and others, had never seen a rifle before, and had never tried to learn to drill or to shoot, and so they were hopelessly at sea at first. It is not much fun to have to face an enemy who means to kill you, when you have never learned to shoot.

Altogether, then, we only had about a thousand men all told to defend the place, which contained 600 white women and children and about 7,000 natives, and was about five miles round.

Every man was of value, and as their numbers gradually got less, owing to men getting killed and wounded, the duties of fighting and keeping watch at night got harder for the rest. It was then that Lord Edward Cecil, the chief staff officer, got together the boys in the place and made them into a cadet corps, put them in uniform and drilled them; and a jolly smart and useful lot they were.

We had till then used a large number of men for carrying orders and messages and keeping look-out, and acting as orderlies, and so on. These duties were now handed over to the boy cadets, and the men were released to go and strengthen the firing-line.

And the cadets, under their sergeant-major, a boy named Good-year, did right good work, and well deserved the medals which they got at the end of the war. Many of them rode bicycles, and we were thus able to establish a post by which people could send letters to their friends in the different forts, or about the town, without going out under fire themselves; these letters which had on them a picture of a cadet bicycle orderly. (Also one of Baden-Powell)

I said to one of these boys on one occasion, when he came in through rather a heavy fire: "You will get hit one of these days riding about like that when shells are flying." And he replied: "I pedal so quick, sir, they'd never catch me." These boys didn't seem to mind the bullets one bit; they were always ready to carry out orders, though it meant risk to their life every time.

Would any of you do that? If an enemy were firing down this street, and I were to tell one of you to take a message across to a house on the other side, would you do it? I am sure you would. But probably you wouldn't like doing it.

But you want to prepare yourself for it beforehand. It's just like taking a header into cold water; a fellow who is accustomed to bathing thinks nothing of it; he has practised it over and over again, but ask a fellow to do it who has never practised it, and he will flunk it.

So, too, with a boy who has been accustomed to obey orders at once, whether there is risk about it or not; the moment you order him to do a thing on active service, no matter how great the danger is to him he does it, while another chap who has never cared to obey would object, and would then be despised as a coward even by his former friends.

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He inherited from his father a large claim against Charles II of England, and upon the king's refusal to pay, Penn petitioned the crown for land grants to a portion of New Jersey (now Pennsylvania) which petition was granted, supplying him with a place of refuge in fabled North America, home of the free.

He first visited his personal colony in 1682, where he drew up a masterly code of government for the settlers which stood the test of time for 200 years; also his famous treaty with the Indians which was never violated. Thereafter he went back to England, but returned to his colony a second time 1699-1701.

Back in England again, he died of apoplexy in 1718, after having bequeathed "his Pennsylvania" to four sons, with his widow acting as executrix — all by very remote control, seems to me.

Tourist Issue; Special Cancel

The Norwegian National Society of Travel, the Tourist Association, will benefit from funds derived from the sale of semi-postal stamps to be issued on the 18th of June. According to Thorsten Ingeloff of Karlstad, Sweden the designs of the three will be reminiscent of those released by Norway in 1930 picturing the North Cape and listed in the Scott Catalog as numbers B1 to B3 and B28 to B30.

Denominations and colors are to be 20 plus 10 ore light green; 30 plus 15 ore red; and 55 plus 25 ore blue.



Also according to Mr. Ingeloff, Sweden as a gesture of conciliation announced the first day postmark for the sports issue in the form of a football (soccerball), an illustration which is shown here-with.

Sweden's sports enthusiasts were wroth because this favorite national game was not included in the stamp designs.

Inaugural Cachet At International Falls

Effective on or about June 1, 1953, air mail service will be inaugurated at International Falls, Minn., on route A. M. 86.

Special cachet will be provided for International Falls, and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First-flight air-mail covers sent to the postmaster at International Falls must be prepaid at the appropriate air mail postage rate. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first-flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/4 by 2 1/4 inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

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No provision will be made for point-to-point covers. However at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

SOS Convention At Scout Jamboree July

Scouts on Stamps Society will hold their first national convention at the Third National Jamboree, Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. at Santa Ana, Calif.

An exhibit of rare Scout covers and Stamps will be under the direction of Glenwood F. Penslien, Jamboree Scoutmaster, Troop 4, Section 19.

All interested Scouts, leaders, and collectors are invited. Non-competitive exhibitions of Scout collections are welcome. They are to be sent to G. F. Penslien, 20 Walter Ave., Tonawanda, N.Y.

SOS president Harry Thorsen will discuss counterfeits of Scout stamps.



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CZECHOSLOVAKIA — According to Artia, Ltd., this country has issued four sets of stamps between April 29 and May 8. One value, a 3kcs., marked the International Bicycle Tour of Peace; five values marked May Day, (1, 1.50, 2, 3 and 8kcs.); "Construction and Socialism" were the themes on three stamps (1.50, 2 and 3kcs.) and the fourth, agriculture consists of two values, 1.50 and 7kcs.

ITALY—According to P. Ostrow, a single 25 lire, "Order of the Merit of Labor" stamp marked May Day.

JUGOSLAVIA — The election of Marshall Tito to the presidency of this country is to be commemorated by a single stamp issue. The Adriatic Rally of motorcycles and cars, from May 1 through May 10, has been marked by four stamps of the following denominations: 15d., 30d., 50d. and 70d.

NORTHERN RHODESIA—Featured on the Northern Rhodesia Rhodes Centenary issue will be Victoria Falls, which is twice as high as Niagara Falls and 1 1/2 times as wide. The five values, 1/2 pence, 1d., 2d., 4 1/2d., and 1 shilling will be released on May 30. All values will feature a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, a portrait of Cecil Rhodes who led the British South Africa Company when Rhodesia was assigned to it in 1889 and a view of Victoria Falls.

POLAND—A new postage due stamp of the Polish Eagle Scott type 1013, has been issued. The value is 1z and the color is red brown. This stamp is very similar to the 1931 series with numerous small printing differences. The main difference is the absence on the stamp of names of the printer and engraver.

SWEDEN—The Swedish Athletic Union, of which over 10 per cent of Sweden's total population are members, is to be honored by four "sports" stamps scheduled for May 27 release. This organization, founded May 31, 1903, comprises 10,000 local societies. According to Thorsten Ingeloff, the values and subjects will be: 10 ore green, ski jumper; 15 ore, brown, ice hockey player; 50 ore blue, woman weight thrower and a 140 ore, carmine, wrestling. Originally, a 20 ore value featuring canoeing was scheduled but was dropped as being unsuitable for printing.

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