

New Stamp Tribute To Scouts

Barbados Trio Commemorates Golden Anniversary Of Scout Work In West Indies Colony

A special issue of three postage stamps, 4c, 12c and \$1.20, was issued by the Government of Barbados March 9 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Barbados Boy Scouts Assn. The design common to all three values includes the Annigoni portrait of the Queen with the St. Edward's Crown and depicts the Boy Scouts' emblem on a map of Barbados.

The stamps were recess engraved by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. on C.A. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper in vertical format, size 40.5 x 31mm. The colors are 4c black and orange, 12c blue and sepia, and \$1.20 carmine and bronze green.



Origin—Available records show that the first step towards the introduction of the Boy Scout Movement into Barbados was the result of a visit which the founder of the movement, Lord Baden Powell, paid to the island in 1911 while on a winter cruise.

It appears that this fortuitous event led the Rev. F. Fitz-Patrick then acting Vicar of St. Paul's Church, to bring the movement to the notice of the Rev. Dr. H. A. Dalton, then headmaster of Harrison College.

Dr. Dalton convened a meeting at Harrison College on April 21, 1911 for the purpose of considering the advisability of introducing the movement in the secondary schools of the island.

At that meeting, it was decided to make an effort to start the movement in the "second grade" secondary schools, as Dr. Dalton and his school staff did not consider it a suitable school activity for Harrison College.

The headmaster of the Lodge School, the other "first grade" secondary boys' school, subsequently supported the opinion expressed by Dr. Dalton and the Harrison College staff.

At a second meeting, (April 28) Dr. Dalton made a definite suggestion that Scouting should be started at the Combermere School. The headmaster, G. B. R. Burton, agreed to the suggestion on the condition that a proper Boy Scout Assn. be formed and a suitable Scoutmaster

obtained to lead the activity. First Troop—Accordingly, a Scout Troop was formed at the Combermere School, and H. E. Arrindell and C. W. Springer were appointed respectively as scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster of the troop.

However, Mr. Arrindell, who was already in charge of the school Cadet Corps, found it impossible to cope with the two activities. Consequently, Mr. Springer undertook the duties of scoutmaster and thereby became the island's first active scoutmaster.

Association formed—On March 9, 1912, the Boy Scouts Assn. was formed and the Combermere School Scout Troop was given official recognition. The scoutmasters then were Messrs. Springer and V. A. Southwell, with H. T. Mayers and H. T. Trimmingham as assistant scoutmasters.

At a meeting on April 19, 1912, the following were appointed: patron, Sir Leslie Probyn; president, Maj. J. A. Burdon; secretary, G. B. Burton; and treasurer, L. F. S. Bowen.

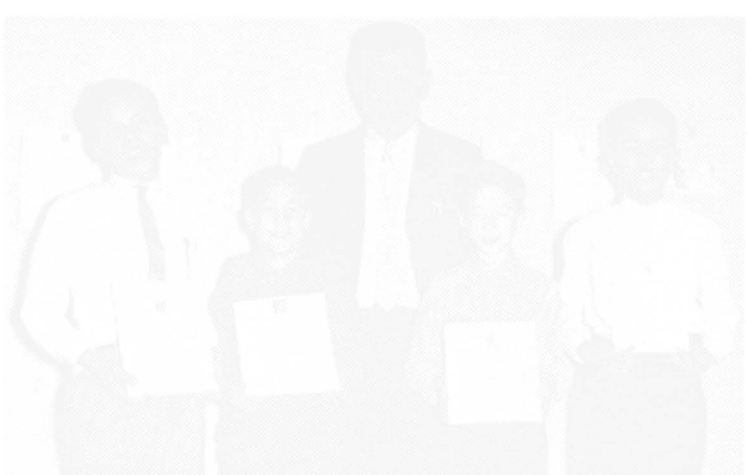
Expansion to Primary Schools—The first official attempt to extend the Scout movement beyond the confines of the "second grade" secondary schools was made in 1926. Then the Board of Education drew the attention of the Public Elementary School Teachers to the value of the movement as an informal educational agency.

There had been, however a few intermittent attempts to form troops at individual elementary schools, notably at St. Bartholomew's (1915) and at Wesley Hall (1920).

But it was not until 1934 that, chiefly due to the enthusiasm of the late W. H. Carter, District Inspector of Schools, the movement was generally accepted by the elementary schools as a worthwhile extra-curricular activity.

Administration—During the period 1912-1934, the Scout movement was administered centrally as a single District. In 1934 a new constitution was drawn up and provision made for the administration of the movement as a branch of the Imperial Boy Scouts Assn.

At the same time, the island was



WINNERS AT ST. MICHAEL'S Junior Stamp Club show held recently in Brooklyn were (from the left) Albert Hochhausen, Jr., Joseph Follipello, William Hoppe, and Heintzde Valez. Behind them, center, is Albert Hochhausen, Sr. who sponsors the youngsters. His address is 377 49th St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y. Started in October, the group now boasts 33 members.

Country Store And Philatelic Links With Past Kept Alive By Upstate New Jersey Merchant

When Alfred Robbins and his son Victor bought the country store in Middleville, N. J. from Oscar Andress in 1902, they ordered optimistically. As a result, Victor and his son Donald, the present owner, can rummage in the stockroom and come up with such bygone items as celluloid collars and whalebone corsets (\$1.25 for the everyday muslin variety in the old days—not for sale now).

So wrote Mildred P. Hughes in her nostalgic story in a recent issue of the Newton, N. J. "Herald" concerning a small community far up in the northern corner of that state.

Not thinking especially of things philatelic, Miss Hughes did not mean the fact that Grandfather Robbins had not bought equally heavily of, say, the 1902 series 5c or 4c imperforate stamps when they appeared a few years later.

Or, for that matter, what if the owner of the proper day—the store was built in 1837—had stashed away a few sheets of the 5c and the 1847's, to "throw in" with the odds and ends for present owner Donald Robbins to find on one of his inventory sessions?

But let Miss Hughes continue her description of this rare remaining example of what was the civic center of every community prior to the days of the telephone, radio, TV, and paved highways—the general store:

Today the Robbins General Store

houses the Middleville post office and serves Middleville and Swartswood Lake residents. It sports such fascinating emblems as the most modern of pointed toe sneakers right beside babies' size 4 high-buttoned brown leather shoes.

Some of the wares, unlike the whaleboned garments and old-fashioned shoes, are useful today.

Kerosene lamps of all kinds—including hanging chandeliers—come in handy in a lake area where electric power is not always reliable and old-fashioned pickle crocks are still used by farm wives. Wash boards are a modern item to Donald Robbins. He says, "We have to re-order them quite often."

Brown stoneware pitchers and beanpots, while not of the 1802 vintage

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