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## UNION NOTES

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### Union Study Circle.

Twenty-eight individuals interested in the stamps of the Union, including Mr. G. N. Gilbert, of Westminster, who motored some six hundred miles to be present, attended the February meeting of the Union Study Circle. The main topic of discussion was the stamps of the Decimal Series, a description of which has already been given in our March Notes, but some other matters, considered at the meeting are recorded here as they may interest readers.

### Nomenclature of the Series.

As South Africa will be possessed of two issues of stamps bearing the Decimal Currency very shortly, discussion was directed at an appropriate nomenclature for these, in order to assist collectors now in the "writing up" of their collections.

It was suggested that **FIRST DECIMAL SERIES/SECOND DECIMAL SERIES** etc. may be a suitable terminology to use.

### How to Collect.

Discussion took place on the cataloguing of arrow and Cyl. No. items in blocks of four. It was pointed out that our stamps are now, in main part, bilingually printed and that in some instances a single marginal stamp or a pair is sufficient to contain the required Cyl. No. or Arrow denomination. Purchasing four stamps quadruples the initial cost, and alternately, it was inquired, would a single or a pair of stamps detract from the sale value of the specific item?

Opinion appeared to be that collectors are at liberty to collect as they wish. Alternatively, it was stressed that this axiom may be all very well for the experienced collector but what about the "beginner" who looks for guidance in assembling his collection. At a later stage in his career he may realise that he has made a greater outlay than he now considers necessary and having started his collection in that manner, feels he should continue so.

### "Confetti Spots."

It has been observed that some stamps, in mint and used condition, bear small circular white spots on their printed surface. Disregarding the effect of "gum splashes" which are generally in a streaky form, some members were of the opinion that these blemishes were caused by punched-out circular pieces of paper from the perforation holes of the sheet (confetti-like pieces of paper) escaping the suction-evacuation system of the printing process and settling on the surface of the paper upon which the image was about to be printed.

In this manner, these pieces of paper took up the printing ink, and on dropping off at a later date, left the circular white spots on the face of the stamp.

### "Remnant Arrows."

Attention was paid to the possible cause of the "Remnant Arrows" found on the left vertical margin of Pane A of the 1d., Cyl. No. 89A/B printing, and also on the right margin of Pane B of the 2½c, Cyl. Nos. 52A/B and 27A/B emission. It was further observed that the margins in question were not cut vertically, but at an angle, so that these margins are of unequal width at their top and bottom extremities. Both these printings are of the Double Die Format whereby sheets of 480 stamps were produced.

It was suggested that the left and right margins of the 480 format sheet were trimmed during the printing process by the incorporated cutting device, but that, after the completion of the printing process, the 480 format sheets were stacked and later divided into two adjoining 240 format sheets by a remote power guillotine.

If the guillotining-line were slightly out of true, this condition would account for the unequal division of adjoining arrows and margins—conditions which are not constant but found on some sheets only.

#### Interrupted Printing of the 2½c Issue.

Mr. Jack Burrell, of Krugersdorp, exhibited a sheet of the "Prime Ministers" 2½c stamps, wherein the two upper rows of stamps were partially printed, a condition pertaining to an interrupted printing of the sheet due to a temporary stoppage of the machine.

A very nice item, and a nice piece of work in obtaining the specimen in so short a period of four days after its initial issue!

#### Joined Paper.

Mr. Brey Vermaak, of Florida, tabled two delightful items of Joined Paper of the mono-coloured 1d. Post Card Series, Cat. No. PC 22a, Nos. 10 and 12.

The Join, of paper-makers origin, had been made by gluing a piece of brownish paper, 140 x 64 mm. wide, on each side of the card-web, and in this manner, the printing comprising the stamp and the inscription of the post card, was made on both the card and the paper forming the join.

As the printing had been carried out by a cylinder bearing 8 x 2 images, these two cards, having been neighbours in a horizontal position, shared the paper join.

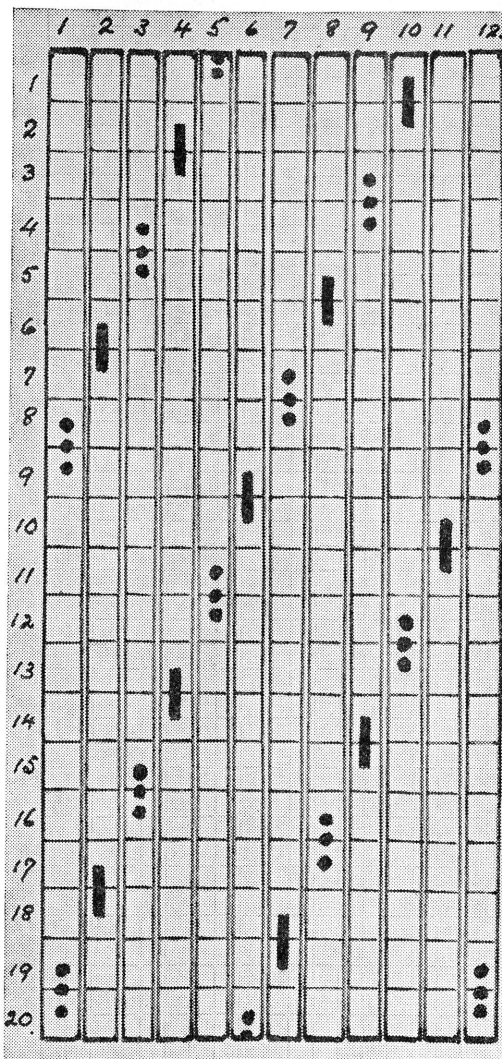
"Joined Papers" are desirable items—the wishful expectation of any collector fortunate enough to inspect the stock of a post office, and incidentally, Mr. Gilbert has written to say that on his return journey home and thence to a holiday at the coast, he acquired en route a Civilian Air Letter Form of the two-fold format, Cat. No. CAL Nos. 47/48, bearing a joined paper condition on its reverse portion.

This is indeed a find!

And Mr. J. H. Bruwer, of Krugersdorp, telephoned recently to say that he had got a joined paper item of the 6d. Festival Printing bearing a left marginal join which

encroaches on the adjoining row of stamps. This join is particularly interesting in that it is made with brownish paper.

Some folk have all the luck! But it is comforting to know that these items do exist legitimately outside the confines of the Government Printing Works, and that tomorrow may be the less fortunate's opportunity.



#### The Coil-Sheet Serial Numbers.

Commenting upon the view expressed at a Union Study Circle, as recorded in our January Notes, concerning the occurrence of Single Serial Numbers on the 1d. Animal Coil-Sheets, Mr. R. J. Lawrence, of London, suggests that, even with the most punctilious separation of the continuous web into regular sheets of 240 stamps, there will al-

ways happen an occasional "break" wherein only one serial number will appear in a sheet.

In support of this statement he submits the accompanying sketch wherein each column represents the numbered margin of twelve successive sheets, each margin carrying the customary five-figure black sheet-serial numbers twice opposite approximately two stamps, and the numbers being represented by dots and heavy short lines.

The "dotted" and the "heavy short line" pairs alternate to indicate where consecutive numbers appear instead of paired numbers, and, for convenience, the series has been started with serial numbers opposite rows 8 and 9, and 19 and 20, but any other position may have been chosen as well.

As the serial numbers advance two stamps with each successively printed sheet, it will be observed that there is a cycle of eleven sheets, and that one of these bears only one sheet-serial number.

Further, Mr. Lawrence points out that during the cycle all horizontal rows are paired together, i.e. 3 and 4, 4 and 5, 5 and 6 etc.; that sheets containing consecutive serial numbers are no scarcer than those with normal pairs, and that the make up of the eleven row cycle consists of four sheets of paired and four of consecutive numbers, two of one and a half numbers, and one single numbered.

### UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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This Exhibition is being held on 23 September to 1 October. Applications for frames have been so numerous that further premises are being looked for to hold a junior exhibition.

We have received some literature about it, including Entry Forms and can send to anyone seriously contemplating sending an exhibit.

### Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

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## AIR MAIL NOTES

(I. H. C. Godfrey)

### AEROGRAMMES—DECIMALIZATION

With the change over from £.s.d. to the new decimal currency of Rand/cents on 14th February, 1961, Aerogrammes of the Union, South West Africa and the Protectorates were either entirely reprinted or suitably surcharged for the revised postal rates of 5 cents (6d.) and 2½ cents (3d.) for overseas or Inland and African Postal Union use, respectively.

#### Union of South Africa.

**5 Cent Sheets:** Although the general format, colouring and printing of the Aerogrammes for overseas use closely follow the 1960 two-fold type (U.H/B Nos. CAL 47-48) the following characteristics are new:—

- (a) "5c" has been substituted for "6d." in the Lion stamp.
- (b) Arrows have been added to the inscriptions "To open cut here — Snyder oop" (and vice versa).
- (c) Dots, instead of dashes, indicate where the sheet should be folded.
- (d) There are now five lines for the address, instead of four.
- (e) The text on the reverse which used to read "**Additional postage stamps must be affixed to this form if it is addressed to certain destinations abroad. Ask at the post office counter.**" (and its Afrikaans equivalent) has been omitted.
- (f) There are four lines for the Sender's address, instead of three.
- (g) The gummed flaps are much wider—some 15 mm. as against 8 to 10 mm. The curved cutting at the upper left and lower right of the folding flaps has been retained.

Two pronounced colour varieties occur in both the "English first" and "Afrikaans first" issues: light gray and dark gray.

**Illuminated 5 cent "Greetings" Aerogramme:** The form, first placed on sale on 10th December, 1958, (U.H/B No. 41) has been surcharged "5c" in black (4 mm. high by 5 mm. wide) and is now sold at Post Offices for 6 cents. There is no change in the basic sheet, which is from old stock, and no surcharge varieties have so far been

seen, although its positioning varies considerably. The paper on which these Aerogrammes are printed is of a darker blue on one side than on the other and, consequently two slightly different shades are to be found depending on which surface the printing appears.

**2½ cent Inland Issue:** The 3d. Rhinoceros Aerogramme, originally placed on sale on 10th October, 1959, only with Afrikaans inscriptions first (U.H/B No. IAL 5) has been surcharged "2½c" in black. It seems that three, if not more, different slugs were used for the overprint and this results in distinct varieties, e.g.:—

	Width of Surchage	Height of Traction	Remarks
1.	8 mm.	6 mm.	Bar of "½" touches "C". Top of "½" in line with top of "2".
2.	8 mm.	5.5 mm.	"2" of "½" touches "C". Top of "½" below top of "2".
3.	8.5 mm.	6.5 mm.	Top of "½" above top of "2".

Research into the overprints on this Aerogramme will probably reveal other differences.

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#### South West Africa.

**5 Cent Aerogramme:** The first decimalized issue is practically the same as the Union 5 cent sheet and has all its characteristics excepting:—

- (a) The stamp design follows that of the new 5 cent adhesive, depicting a flamingo. Printed on white paper in dark blue the stamp is inscribed "Suidwes-Afrika . South West Africa. 5c".
- (b) On reverse: the warning "**An air letter should not contain any enclosure; if it does it will be surcharged or sent by surface mail**" and its Afrikaans equivalent has reverted to the original, abbreviated text "**If anything is enclosed, this letter will be sent by ordinary mail.**"

Only sheets with Afrikaans inscriptions first have made their appearance and, as in the case of the previous definitive issue of

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## "STAMPS OF SOUTH AFRICA"

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For the convenience of the users of the recently published handbook on the "Stamps of South Africa" the following inventory of stamps and postal stationery produced by the Government Printer during the last few months has been compiled to show the catalogue numbers under which these additional printings will be listed in the supplement that will appear in due course.

### AIR MAILS

#### CIVILIAN AIR LETTERS.

1961—February 14th. Advent of the decimal coinage system. Design similar in all respects to CAL 41, but with a surcharge of "5c" in black on the 6d. imprinted stamp.

CAL 49 5c on 6d. Blue. English inscription in centre on blue paper.

1961—February 14th. Two-fold air letter with imprinted 5c Lion stamp in dark blue on white background. Layout and design similar to CAL 47, but printed on dark grey paper and *without* the wording—in English and Afrikaans—to the effect that "Additional postage stamps must be affixed to this form if it is addressed to certain destinations abroad. Ask at the post office counter."

CAL 50 5c Dark blue. English inscription first.

CAL 51 5c Dark blue. As No. 50, but with Afrikaans inscription first.

#### INLAND AIR LETTERS.

1961—February 14th. Advent of decimal coinage system. Layout and colour similar in all respects to IAL 5, but with a surcharge of "2½c" in black on the 3d. imprinted Rhinoceros stamp.

IAL 6 2½c on 3d. Reddish-purple. English inscription at centre on grey-blue paper. Small type overprint.

IAL 7 2½c on 3d. Reddish-purple. English inscription at centre on grey-blue paper. Large type overprint.

1961—March 20th. Two-fold air letter with imprinted 2½c Rhinoceros stamp in reddish-purple on a white background. Layout of form, design and wording similar to overseas No. CAL 51, but all in reddish-purple printed on dark grey paper.

IAL 8 2½c Reddish-purple. Afrikaans inscription first.

### ANIMAL SERIES

#### ½d. GROUP II—ISSUE 2 ARMS WATERMARK.

123A ½d. Green. Warthog head. Cylinder No. 67. Issued December 1960.

#### 1d. GROUP III—ISSUE 7 ARMS WATERMARK.

124B 1d. Brick red. Black Wildebeest head. Cylinders Nos. 89B/19A. Issued October 1960.

This was the last ISSUE of the 1d. denomination. It was produced in sheets of 360 units which were subsequently divided into two panes, one consisting of 120 stamps (20 rows x 6)—Cylinder 89B—and the other of 240 stamps (20 rows x 12)—Cylinder 19A. Though featuring the head of a Black Wildebeest as before, there was a change in its basic design and this ISSUE has therefore been listed as belonging to a new Group—No. III.

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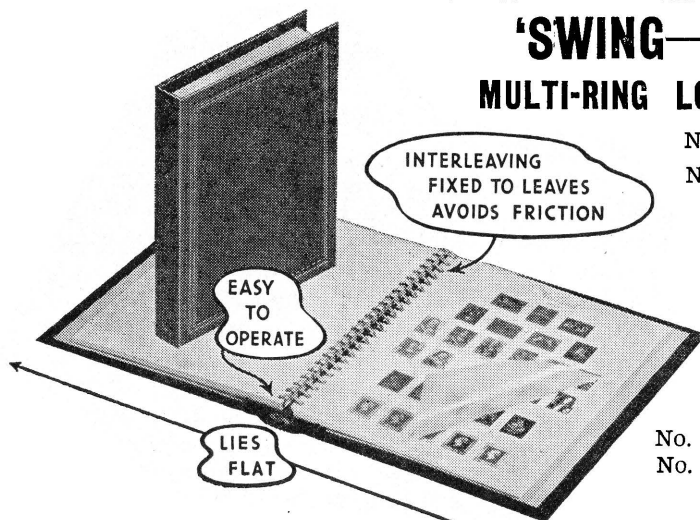
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**AIRMAIL NOTES . . . .**

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15 November, 1954, it seems unlikely that a companion sheet with the languages transposed will be printed.

**Note:** The new aerogramme may have been issued in two shades but only the dark gray has so far been seen.

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**Basutoland.**

**5 Cent Aerogramme:** The 6d. light blue overlaid sheet on white paper with stamp and texts in green and brown—three lined Enclosure Warning—has been surcharged "5c" with the same type as that used for the Union 'Greetings' issue.

The new Aerogrammes are normally watermarked "IMPERIAL / Gateway / AIR MAIL with either the Code letter "M" (1959 paper) or "O" (1960 paper), but are also known with the watermark entirely missing; the latter variety should prove to be a good item.

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**Bechuanaland.**

**5 Cent Aerogramme:** The 6d. blue gray overlaid sheet on white paper, with printing in violet and red, which was first issued on 1st December, 1958, has been surcharged "5c" in black with the same type as that used for the Union "Greetings" and Basutoland 5c sheets. The surcharged forms are watermarked "IMPERIAL / Gateway / AIR MAIL" with either the Code letter "K" or "L"—paper manufactured in 1957 and 1958 respectively.

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**Swaziland.**

**5 Cent Aerogramme:** The one and only definitive type of Air Letter issued for this territory, first put on sale on 2nd July, 1954, has been surcharged "5c" in black with the same type as used for other Protectorates. The basic sheet, which is UNWATERMARKED, has a red-violet stamp and black inscriptions on white paper with pale blue overlay.

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**Early Covers.**

Mr. W. L. Mayo recently acquired the Tristan collection of the late Charles Drewe. In this was the earliest known cover to Tristan, 10-12-94. It is described and illustrated in "Stamps" of 28 Jan. 1961.

The earliest from Tristan is only a fragment but is reasonably well authenticated as 1896.

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## THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF PALESTINE 1917—1948

By Dr. Wilfrid Kark

(Concluded from page 54 of March Issue)

### The Second Postage Due Set.

This set was issued on December 1st, 1924. It was typographed by Messrs. Thomas de la Rue & Co., London. Whereas the first set was unwatermarked, this was printed on paper with a multiple script CA watermark. The perforation was 14.

The plates were produced by the step and repeat process: two plates were made for each value, and it was the intention that these two plates should be identical, however, there are not only varieties common to both plates, but also some that appear on one plate only. The stamps were printed in two vertical panes of 10 x 10, divided by a row of gutters half the size of the stamps. The sheets were surrounded by a jubilee line and have a current number in the top margin.

The denominations issued were the same as for the first set plus a 5 piastre value.

### Third Postage Due Set.

The design was similar to that used in the 1924 issue, but, because of a change of currency, mils, instead of millimes, inscriptions appear. Printing was again by typography by Messrs. de la Rue & Co. Ltd.

The dates of issue were as follows:—

February 1st, 1928—perforation 14—1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 20 and 50 mils. values.

October, 1933—perforation 14—6 mils.

1945—perforation 14½ x 14—1 and 4 mils.

The sheets of 200 units were arranged in two vertical panes of 10 x 10 each separated by a row of intersecting gutters in the size of one row of stamps. A jubilee line in the colour of the stamps surrounds the sheets; there are plate numbers 1 above unit No. 9 and below No. 199. In the 8 mils. value, some sheets bear a current number over unit number 8.

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### TRUCIAL STATES

A new heading for your stamp album. The "Philatelic Magazine" reports an issue of stamps on January 7 to replace the former British stamps overprinted for use in the British Postal Agency at Dubai in the Persian Gulf. The seven values in "Naye paise" (new pies) feature palm trees, the four in rupees have a dhow.

There are some half-a-dozen small states, more or less under British protection, which come under the heading "Trucial States," but at present Dubai is the only one with a post office.

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## THE MERINO SHEEP IN SOUTH AFRICA

By Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.

The 4½d. stamp illustrated, (SG. 79) was issued in October 1953, the colours being slate-purple and yellow. The landscape is typical of the sheep farming districts of the country, whereas the Merino has a most interesting history.



After the invasion of Spain, in 711 A.D., by the Moors, who were famous breeders of sheep, the strain of woolled sheep in Spain was greatly improved and it was at this time that the name MERINO was first used for wool producing sheep.

For centuries after this Spain was the world's leading producer of wool and the government took all possible precautions to ensure that the industry remained in Spanish hands. For that reason the export of Merinos was prohibited by law; the only person being exempt from this legislation was the king.

Thus, despite the restrictions, the Merino gradually found its way into neighbouring states. Such fortunate countries were Holland, Germany, Sweden and France. Among his royal contemporaries, to whom the king of Spain presented these valued gifts, was the House of Orange.

The damp climate of the Netherlands was, however, not suitable for sheep and in 1789, Colonel Robert John Gordon, military commander of the Cape of Good Hope, received from Holland for experimental purposes, two Merino rams and six ewes. South Africa was therefore the first country outside Europe to obtain this breed of sheep.

Colonel Gordon decided to keep the breed pure and sent the sheep to the farm Groenkloof, some thirty-five miles from Cape Town. The small flock immediately adapted itself to the new surroundings, but in 1791 an official request was received for the return of the animals. Colonel Gordon was not anxious to comply with this demand and circumvented the instruction by returning the original number and keeping the offspring.

Shortly after the British Occupation of the Cape in 1795, Colonel Gordon died and his wife disposed of all his possessions, including the small Merino flock. Fortunately

the Merino was not lost to South Africa on Colonel Gordon's death, for in 1792 the three van Reeven brothers, farmers in the Cape, had obtained rams from him. These were crossed with selected Cape ewes and in a few years these cross-breeds became the progenitors of the present day Merino flocks.

By 1830 woolled sheep had become well established in the Western and South-western district of the Cape of Good Hope, while flocks were a familiar sight in the Eastern Province. This was due to the suitability of the latter territory for sheep and to the initiative shown by the 1820 Settlers, many of whom had been sheep farmers in their homeland.

In 1834, when the Merino had spread over the whole of the Cape of Good Hope, the Great Trek commenced and these sheep were then taken all over the Southern continent.

From 1891 Merino sheep of the American Vermont type were imported in large numbers and these were extremely popular until 1904. After that date Australian Merinos, particularly of the Wanganella breed, were found to be ideal for improving South African flocks and they were used for breeding until 1929, when the Australian government prohibited their export.

With these different types as a foundation, South African breeders succeeded in developing a typical Merino which today can compare with the world's best. This species, now numbering some 35 million, produces 85% of the Union's wool clip and can be found in every part of this country.

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On 1st February there was due for issue a 4c stamp portraying Horace Greely, renowned publisher and editor. This is one of the "Famous Americans" series. He is especially known for his admonition "Go West, young man, go West," at a time when the nation was expanding rapidly.

## PORTRAIT GALLERY

### XXIX

It must be admitted that the score of new acquisitions this time does not include many people of world-wide fame. It will be convenient to name them in catalogue order.

Five more portraits in the now familiar vertical format, to mark Czechoslovakian "Cultural Anniversaries," four of them new-comers: Viktorin Cornelius, historian; Hanna Kvapilova, actress; Oskar Nedbal and Otakar Ostrel, composers.

France gives us General Jean-Baptiste Eugène Estienne, 1866-1936, and the patriot Marc Sangnier. Estienne commanded artillery in the Vaux and Douaumont sectors in front of Verdun in 1915. He achieved rapid promotion, becoming General of Brigade the following year and Division before the War ended. He is appropriately accompanied on the stamp by a contemporary tank and plane.

East Germany provides the two most interesting characters this time, Hans Burgkmair the painter and Count von Gneisenau the soldier. These are illustrated.

Hans Burgkmair was born at Augsburg in 1473. He studied art under his father, Thomas Burgkmair, and Martin Schongauer, some say under the great Albrecht Dürer also. Certain it is that many of the 700 woodcuts ascribed to him show that breadth and freedom we associate with Dürer. He became a Member of the Painters' Guild of Strasbourg in 1490 and that of Augsburg in 1498. His most notable book is a series of 135 prints depicting the victories of the Emperor Maximilian I. There is also his **Turnierbuch**, produced between 1500

and 1509, containing 52 illustrations. In this his son Hans gave him valuable help. The Art Galleries of Munich and Vienna also contain examples of his outstanding work in fresco. He died at 58. The portrait shown is from a coin of 1518, and the stamp is one of a pair marking the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of the Dresden Art Collections, the other reproducing a spirited etching by Dürer, "The Dancing Peasants" 1514.

The other illustration is of August Wilhelm Anton, Count Neihardt von Gneisenau. East Germany has of recent days fallen into the unpleasant habit of issuing sets, one stamp of which is in very limited supply, but perhaps it is just as well that there are not too many of this particular gentleman, for he is of a very forbidding countenance, and seems to be suffering from some sort of skin eruption to boot! Still and on, as the Scots say, he was one of the greatest soldiers of his time. The story of his career can only be summarised in these columns. Born at Scholdau on October 27, 1760, after studying at Erfurt he joined the Austrian army at 18, and three years later entered the service of the Margrave of Baireuth-Anspach, in one of whose regiments he fought as a mercenary in the War of American Independence. In 1786 he joined the Prussian Army, served in Poland in 1793-4, and studied war for the next ten years. In 1806 he was fighting against Napoleon. After the Treaty of Tilsit, whereby Frederick William III lost most of his dominions, he joined General Gerhard von Scharnhorst in re-organising the Prussian Army. He served in the War of Liberation 1813-4, was staff-officer under Blücher at Ligny and Waterloo, made Governor of Berlin 1818, promoted to Field-Marshal 1825, and died on August 24, 1831. A great warlord doubtless, but, to judge by his portrait, a typical Prussian bully.

Next, two more of a growing array of 60-filler Hungarians, this time two scientists, Donat Banki and Abraham Geza Pattantus. Nor are they the last either, but these portraits have quality as well as quantity, so **cuncti adsint!**

Then, an Osebian poet (whatever that may be) from the Soviets, one Kosta Hetagurov, with a gentle, pastoral face, flanked by a delightful glimpse of mountain and valley, the scene of one of his best poems. How charming if the object that clings to his chest should prove to be a syrinx! But I think not.



Twelfthly, the Yugoslav airman Edward Rusijan, in a set of five that seems to be a regular welter of odd commemoratives. This, the only portrait, marks the 50th Anniversary of the First Flight in Yugoslavia.

And last, another eight Olympic athletes put out by the indefatigable Dominican Republic. Here they are, with their lands and skills: Gholam Takhti, Persia, light-weight wrestling; Mauru Furukawa, Japan, breast-stroke swimming; Mildred McDaniel, U.S.A., high jump; Terence Spinks, Great Britain, feather-weight boxing (here is a chance for the error-wallah, for he is spelt "Terrence" on the stamp); Carlo Pavesi, Italy, fencing; Pat McCormick, U.S.A., high-diving; Mithat Bayrack, Turkey, welter-weight wrestling; Ursula Happe, Germany, women's breast-stroke swimming. **Vive le sport!**

—W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS.

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## THE GERMAN SETTLERS STAMPS, 1958

By G. N. Gilbert

In the December issue of the South African Philatelist, 1958, there appeared notes on what was described as a "white band" effect in the German Settlers' stamps, particularly in the top part of the sheets.

It was later suggested that this might be due to depth of etching but I think I can convince readers that this slight lack of "register" in the top part of the sheet, in which the roof of the cottage etc. do not quite cover the unshaded portion of cylinder 17, i.e. the violet background, is entirely due to an obvious fault in making the multipositive—probably in the step and repeat part of the operations.

If one examines a sheet, it will be found that in the top part where the "white band" shows, the letters "Suid-Afrika" are quite appreciably below the top margin of the stamps, and the letters "South Africa" are almost touching the bottom margin.

In the bottom of the same sheet, you will find Suid-Afrika now nearly touching the top margin, while South Africa is a couple of millimetres up from the bottom edge.

Again, the words "Eeufees Duitse Setlaars" on the righthand part of the sheet in many cases are right up against the

lefthand margin, while on the left of the same sheet, these will be found considerably in from the edge.

It must be remembered that the waggon, cottage, and all the lettering are on the same cylinder, viz. Cyl. 74, the function of the other cylinder No. 17 being merely to provide the shaded background and the vestige of clouds.

This being so, it becomes apparent that there is something wrong with the size and the layout of the stamps, making it physically impossible to completely align the two cylinders.

If Cylinder 74 is adjusted up slightly to cover the "white band" on the top of the sheet, the lettering will be better centered vertically, and the white band will be covered, but what happens in the bottom of the sheet? Suid-Afrika will also move up and will then protrude into the top margin, and you will begin to see traces of a white space below the waggon wheel—which, in fact is the case in many sheets.

So I think there is no doubt whatever that this "white band" effect is entirely due to some slight error in the making of the multipositive and subsequently the cylinders.

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## SCANDINAVIA

The P.O.'s of Denmark, Norway and Sweden issued on February 24 a stamp with the same design for each of the three countries. This is to commemorate the 10-year centenary of the Scandinavian Air Lines System. This System is a syndicate grouping the three national aviation companies, in which the Governments hold 50 per cent of the shares.

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## FRANCE

New commemoratives are reported: —

February 18. A 0.20 NF for the centenary of the birth of the sculptor Aristide Maillol. It features one of his works which is in the court of the Perpignan town hall, called "Mediterranean." This is a young man seated, in deep thought and symbolises the serenity and strength of reason.

February 25. A 0.50 NF issued for the inauguration of new installations at the Airport of Paris.

## REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

### The Philatelic Press of Greece.

This is a listing of the Periodicals, Catalogues and Philatelic Studies published in Greece since about 1890. Compiled by the Hon. Secretary of the Hellenic Phil. Soc. and reprinted from "the Philatelic Literature Review," Passaic, N.J. U.S.A.

### The Cinderella Philatelist.

Number 1 publication of the Cinderella Stamp Club, a body recently formed of collectors interested in the somewhat neglected side-lines such as locals, fiscals, railway and telegraph stamps, bogus items and forgeries, Christmas seals, registration labels, etc., etc. There has been an upsurge of interest in many of these lines recently and the club in its first year of existence has already eighty-six members. Messrs. L. N. and M. Williams have been secured as editors and that alone vouches for its quality.

Subscription to the Club is 10/6 yearly and may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, D. W. Waters, 257 Pettits Lane North, Rise Park, Romford, Essex, England.

### Bolaffi's Roman States and Vatican City Catalogue, 1961.

This highly specialized catalogue is written in English, with prices in U.S.A. Currency. Published by the Philatelic Publishing Co., via A. Genovesi 2, Torino, Italy. Price \$1.25 (or 9/-) post free.

It is beautifully produced, is really highly specialised, and should certainly be in the hands of anyone seriously interested in these stamps.

### The Great Britain Philatelist. Vol 1, No. 1.

A new magazine to be published quarterly by Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London, SW.1. Free to subscribers for "The Philatelist and Postal Historian," 10/- per annum to others. With a batch of specialists on British philately and postal history, this little magazine is intended to provide a periodical dealing with British philately only.

### South African Post Office Guide.

The new edition of this most useful publication for collectors in South Africa is now on sale at all post offices. Price 30 cents. All postal rates and charges are shown in decimal currency.

### Voortrekker Monument Covers.

Two different pictorial covers, each 6" x 9" which were printed for the Voortrekker Centenary in 1938 and which bear the undermentioned Voortrekker stamps, may be had from the Secretary, Voortrekkermonument, P.O. Box 1575, Pretoria, at 10c (1/-) each. The stamps are cancelled with the Voortrekkermonument circular date stamp, which is 31.5 mm. in diameter and which bears the date 16 XII 49, as well as an illustration of the memorial. This date stamp is smaller and different from that in use at the post office at the monument today. The date is that on which the monument was inaugurated.

#### 1. First Voortrekker Issue 1933 and 1936. Voortrekker Monument Fund.

Semi-postal set of the following values in pairs:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d. Total number of stamps: 8.

#### 2. Second Voortrekker Issue 1938: Voortrekker Centenary Memorial Fund.

Semi-postal set of the following values in pairs:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d. Full postal set of the following values in pairs: 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

In order to facilitate the execution of orders, the number of stamps affixed to the particular cover required should be stated.

## SUB-ANTARCTIC MET. RELIEFS

South Africa has three Sub-Antarctic meteorological stations, on Marion Is., Gough Is., and Tristan da Cunha respectively.

The Royal Research Ship "Shackleton" has been chartered for two voyages to take the annual relief staffs for these three stations.

The first trip, to Marion Island, sailed on 14/3/61 and returned on 27/3/61.

For next Antarctic summer it is expected that South Africa will have its own vessel to go to the Queen Maud Land station on Antarctica and to the three places mentioned above. Between trips this vessel will be stationed above.

## AUSTRALIA

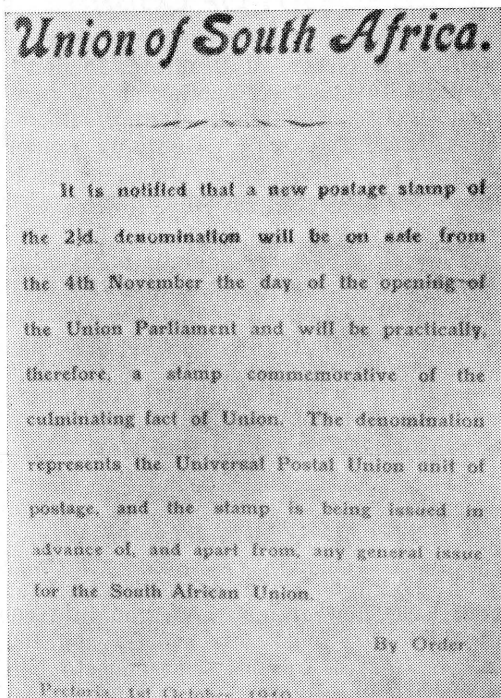
A new 1/- stamp is soon to replace the current Platypus. It is to be significant of the Colombo Plan, thus showing Australia's interest in the Asian nations of this group.

## F.D.C.'s OF EARLY UNIONS

Now that we have seen what will presumably be the last definitive issue of Union of South Africa stamps, the time seems appropriate to summarise the listings started some years ago of F.D.C.'s of the first stamps of the Union, the Georgians. This includes both No. 1 issued on 4 Nov. 1910 and the general series issued on 1 Sept. 1913.

Also it must be stated that the term "F.D.C." is inclusive of both First Day Covers and First Day Cancellations on either loose stamps or stamps on piece.

Before going on to the actual listing, however, a communication from Mr. B. L. Cairncross of George may be referred to. He sends the photograph, here reproduced, of a Notice printed in red sent to the Postmaster of Pacaltsdorp (near George) for display in his office. This was received on the interesting date 10-10-10 along with P.O. Circular No. 3, dealing with the issue of the 2½d. Commemorative stamp to be put on sale on 4th Nov. 1910.



Larger offices also received Commemorative Cards bearing actual stamps, some of which were overprinted "Specimen," others were not. These have been described and

illustrated in the "S.A.Ph." Vol. 34, 1958, pp. 30 and 78.

**Previously Published Records** in this magazine are to be found in: Vol. 31, 1955, pp. 82 and 136; Vol. 32, 1956, pp. 118 and 194; Vol. 33, 1957, p. 143; Vol. 35, 1959, p. 203; Vol. 36, 1960, p. 35. These records give, more or less completely, names of recorder and/or owner, place of cancellation, whether stamps were on cover, on piece or loose. We are satisfied, however, that all were genuine and we are counting as one item any stamp or stamps cancelled on the right date, whether on cover, on piece or loose. A pair of 2½d. Commemoratives cancelled 31 May, 1910, are not being counted as we are satisfied that the date cannot be right.

A piece of additional information, not hitherto published, is six covers in the possession of Mr. H. A. Hofman, each bearing a 2½d. Commemorative and cancelled at Worcester on 4 Nov., 1910. These were on view at Unipex, but some have since been sold.

We are indebted to the following individuals, from whom records have been received or made available to us for this census: Messrs. H. C. Adams (U.S.A.), R. D. Allen (England), T. B. Berry, B. L. Cairncross, J. H. H. Chamberlain, E. R. Fusslein, H. A. Hofman, J. C. G. Kupferman, the late S. G. Rich, C. O. Sayers and J. H. Smith.

### Union No. 1. Cancelled 4 Nov. 1910.

Records obtained of 12 on cover, 3 on piece or loose, and 7 of which details have not been submitted. A total of 22. To this must be added "numerous singles and even some first day blocks off cover" known in the U.S.A. and recorded by S. G. Rich.

### Definitive Georgian Issue Cancelled 1 Sept., 1913.

Records obtained of three on cover, one on piece and one unknown as to condition. A total of five.

This attempt at making a Census of these F.D.C.'s started after a letter sent us by Mr. S. G. Rich stating that after thirty years of hunting he had failed to locate a single specimen cancelled on 1st Sept., 1913, his earliest date being the 2nd.

We have not been able to get records of a great many, but at any a sufficiency to prove that this series of stamps was actually on issue, and was used, on the official date 1-9-13.

It is quite likely that more specimens exist of both series of F.D.C.'s and we are still open to receive records. We understand that in 1956 the editor of "The Springbok" suggested the compilation of a similar list. Has anything come of this?

—J.H.H.P.

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## POSTMARK CORNER

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### (1) Cape Barred Ovals with Boxed Numerals.

Herewith follow two lists, (a) from Cdr. F. W. Collins, Stoborough Croft, St. Cross, Winchester, England; (b) from Rex Reynolds, Grahamstown. They are either additions or amendments to Jurgens' original list as published in his well-known book p. 109. A few have actually been already noted since the book was published, in various numbers of the S.A. Philatelist either as Supplements by Jurgens himself or, later by the Editor, and by Mr. Reynolds. These supplementary lists may be found in the "S.A. Ph.," Vol. 22, 1946, p. 48; Vol. 27, 1951, pp. 104, 116; Vol. 32, 1956, p. 88, and p. 134.

- (a) 64, 77, 106, 126, 128, 183 (Coerney), 201, 207, 233 (Kabousi), 318, 353, 357, 547, 678, 801, 868, 941, 948, 960, 1051, 1083, 1094, 1112 (Kimberley Station), 1123, 1227, 1329, 1334, 1346, 1348.

Amendments to the list are:—

- 32—seen with thick bars.  
66—has a full stop after the figures.  
331—is Laurence Street, Port Elizabeth.  
428—is Campbell.  
458—was Haarlem in 1893, a cover dated 20/8/93 showing a perfect strike.
- (b) 249 (on loose stamp), 381 (Draghoender), 617 (Darlington), 831 (Longhope Siding), 938 (Mier—British Bechuanaland), 997 (Middelburg, Cape), 1063 (Bethesda Road. Probably Jurgens' record "Bettiesda Road" is an error); 1091 (on loose stamp), 1266 (Mission Siding), 1348 (on loose stamp).

Of the numbers in the two lists above, the following have actually already been recorded in one or other of the supplements mentioned: Nos. 126, 183 (Coerney), 201 (Bechuanaland), 233 (Kabusi), 1329 and 1348. Also 66 with a full stop (Willowmore).

It rather looks as if the time were approaching when it will be more useful to draw up one list of the barred oval postmarks with boxed numbers, which have NOT been recorded.

### (2) Germiston/Lug Air.

Germiston became the sorting place for all air mail going to or coming from Jan Smuts air port on 1 Sept., 1958. (See S.A. Ph., Vol. 34, 1958, p. 184). Mr. J. Robertson draws attention to the fact that the sorting depot has the only postmark in South Africa incorporating the word "Air". The mark is a double-circle one with "Germiston" at the top and "Lug/Air" at the bottom. The date is in one line across the centre, thus "27 JA A59".

(3) Mr. Sylvester L. Crozet of Germiston has submitted an impression of an apparently new rubber cachet for matter "posted out of course" and which has been set up in type by our printers.

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**POSTED OUT OF COURSE**

(4) Mr. E. Green, of Bradford, England, submits a 10 piastres Egyptian stamp cancelled in 1908, the mark reading "Caire-Douane/Colis/Drawback." Can any reader interpret just what this means? Perhaps it is purely a Customs mark, with no postal significance.

(5) Mr. J. G. Walker submits a Machine Postmark from Moorivier, dated 19-XI-58. There are two impressions of the circular place-date stamp, in one of which the place name is spelt correctly, but in the other the spelling is "MOORIVIER." There is no question of an "I" having dropped out; the word has obviously been set up that way.

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## TOO MANY NEW STAMPS

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The "Philatelic Magazine" estimates that about 5,000 new stamps appeared in 1960, but they have not been exactly counted yet. They are of opinion that collectors in general would welcome a large reduction of this figure, but there is little sign of this for 1961. The U.S.A. issued over 30 in 1960; it is suggested that one should be issued honouring collectors, who buy so many that never do postal use.

## INDEX LETTERS OF PORT ELIZABETH

This is an **Addendum** to the Code of Index letters used in the Port Elizabeth hand-stamps of 1898-1901, published in the February issue of this magazine, pp. 29-30.

It appears that the code used at Port Elizabeth was a modification of one introduced in Great Britain a few years before the publication of the directories to which my note refers. I quote from Alcock & Holland's "Postmarks of Great Britain and Ireland," p. 294, which should be read in conjunction with p. 16 of the Fifth Supplement to that work.

The 1895 report of the Postmaster General states: "A plan has been adopted during the past year for showing by alphabetical letters in the postmark the approximate hour at which a letter was posted. The first thirteen letters of the alphabet, omitting J, are used to indicate the hours one to twelve as shown on the dial of a clock, and a second letter is used to show the position of the minute hand. ★A and ★P show ante and post meridian respectively, M★A stands for midday, and M★P for midnight . . . The code is already in use at several offices and will be brought into use as opportunity offers."

The general code was not, however, in use for long, for from 1895 the time began to be expressed in plain figures.

The Port Elizabeth code appears to have been an imitation of this one, e.g. CF and EA in the list published in your February issue would doubtless have been CF★A and EM★A in the British code.

—DAVID ALLISON.

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### CANADA

We are indebted to the Canadian Trade Commissioner for particulars about the two following stamps:—

(1) A 5c issued on 8th February as a tribute to the great advance in the development of Canada's N.W. Territories.

(2) A 5c to be issued on 10th March, honouring the centennial of the birth of E. Pauline Johnson, famous Mohawk poetess. Although dedicated to her specifically, this stamp is intended also to honour many members of her race, who have of recent

years attained high positions in educational, health, social and industrial fields.

Two more commemoratives as likely during 1961; one in April featuring Arthur Meighen, a former Prime Minister, and one in June for the 10th Anniversary of the Colombo Plan.

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### ISRAEL

The present "Tribes" set of stamps is to be replaced soon by a new definitive series—the Zodiac stamps. There will be 12 values of 0.01 to 0.50, each one featuring one sign of the Zodiac, plus a thirteenth 1.00 with all twelve signs.

The overall cost of the lot is R1.30. Stamps and F.D.C.'s obtainable from the Philatelic Department of the Zionist Federation, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg. Postage additional.

The 6th English edition of the Official Catalogue of the Philatelic Services is now ready. Those who are **not** subscribers to the Philatelic Services may receive a copy against five international reply coupons; free to subscribers.

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### SWEDEN

The P.O. Section for Philately announces the release on 20th March of the three values 15, 20 and 30 ore with the King's portrait in a new design. They will be in coil (two sides perf.) and booklet (three sides perf.) form.

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### UNITED NATIONS

Five commemoratives and one regular stamp are foreshadowed for 1961.

13 February: 4c and 8c for the International Court of Justice.

6 April: 4c and 7c for the International Money Fund.

September: For the Economic Commission for Latin America.

October: For the Economic Commission for Africa.

December: For the UN Children's Fund.

The regular stamp of 30c denomination will appear in June to meet the need for Special Delivery and 1 oz. airmail postage to Europe.

## ISRAEL AIRMAILS

By J. H. Bruwer

I think it is only appropriate that I should start my Israel Airmail collection with a quotation from the Old Testament: "As birds flying, so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem, defending also He will deliver it, and passing over, He will preserve it." (Isaiah 31 verse 5). This prophecy was actually fulfilled during the First World War, when General Allenby advanced onto Jerusalem and was faced with the problem of delivering Jerusalem without using his artillery in bombing the Holy City. It is said that General Allenby went into his tent and prayed and asked for guidance, and it was then that he decided to send the two reconnaissance planes under his command to fly over the city. The enemy, who were Turks and Arabs, were very superstitious and when they saw the planes flying over the city they fled without firing a shot—they had never seen an aeroplane before.

At the end of the First World War, Great Britain found herself with the Royal Air Force squadrons in Egypt, Palestine and Iraq. It was decided at a conference in Cairo in March, 1921, to overcome the difficulty of travelling overland between Palestine and Iraq, by opening up a desert air service. The route lay from Heliopolis (the Cairo Airport), via Ismailia, Gaza, Jericho, Amman and Asrag (in Transjordan), El Jid, Rutbah Wells and Ramadi to Baghdad.

In 1927 Imperial Airways took over the route, extending it to Basra on the Persian Gulf.

When, in 1929, Imperial Airways was finally able to inaugurate the first through service from London to India, the route chosen was London - Athens - Alexandria - Gaza - Baghdad - Jask - Karachi. Palestine mails dated up to April 2 were put on at Gaza and were stamped with a two-line cachet "First Airmail Gaza to Karachi." On the return service, the mails were dated 11th April, and the cachet was altered to read 'Gaza to London.'

On 15th of January, 1930, Imperial Airways instituted an Airmail service from Greece to Palestine and Iraq. Another air service was opened in 1932 between Cyprus and Palestine.

On 1st July, 1934, the Egyptian Air Service (MISR) opened a service between Cairo, Haifa and Lydda. In the following year Cyprus was also included in the Egypt-Palestine network.

On August 22nd, 1936, an air disaster occurred on the route Haifa-Marseilles, the flying-boat "Scipio" was completely wrecked in a violent storm off Crete, with the loss of the lives of two passengers. This Imperial Airways plane was in the charge of Capt. A. S. Wilcockson, the senior pilot of the company.

During the Second World War, most of these air services were suspended.

In 1943, The South African Gifts and Comforts Fund issued airletter sheets to the troops, serving in the Middle East, and some of these airletter sheets were given to Jewish soldiers, with a cachet at the back in Hebrew and English "Best Wishes for a Happy and Victorious New Year and well over the Fast. New Year 5704".

At midnight on 15th May, 1948, the Jewish State of Israel was proclaimed, and there was no air link with the outer world from May 14th, 1948. Following the closing down of Lydda Airport on April 25th, 1948, all outgoing airmail services from Palestine were officially suspended, and all the Jewish staff had to leave the airport and Arab Legion troops, who were stationed nearby, moved into the airport. On May 21st, 1948, the Palestine Emergency Deliveries Inc. (P.E.D.I.) with the assistance of the Czechoslovakian Airline and chartered planes started an air service, the landing points being Tel Aviv and Haifa. Air France re-opened its regular services on June 11th, 1948. Lydda Airport was taken by the Israel Defence Force on July 6th, 1948.

On June 25th, 1950, the El Al inaugurated its air services between Lydda and New York and now has regular air services throughout the world.

Nine big Air-Companies are operating services to Israel. Their flights are covered by air-agreements between Israel and the countries of their origin, thereby granting El-Al reciprocal rights. The Israel Government, represented by its department of Civil Aviation, is a fully fledged member of the International Civil Aviation Organisation and takes part in the regular technical and non-technical meetings of that Organisation.

El-Al has disposed of its old-fashioned machines and is now operating with long-range turbo-prop equipment.

Israel has issued three Definitive Series of Airmail stamps. The First Airmail Issue, designed by O. Wallish, depicts various bird motifs taken from ancient Jewish Art of the period following the destruction of the Second Temple (2nd to 6th Centuries). The Second Airmail Issue, designed by G. Hamori, depicts different landscapes in Israel. Three values of the Third Airmail Issue have been issued. The designs, by Friedel Stern, depict three ancient cities in Israel. Further to the Definitive Airmail Issues, Israel also issues airletter sheets for overseas and inland use. The first airletter sheet was issued on 2nd July, 1950.

Apart from the El-Al air service to overseas countries, Israel also has a domestic airline, Arkia Airlines, its main route being Tel Aviv-Elath, thus connecting the North with the South and Arkia expects to operate its service to Elath 12 times per day.

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#### EXCHANGE WANTED

A member of the R.A.F. serving in Singapore wishes to exchange his extensive duplicates (mainly of Malaya) for Southern Africans. The address given is Mr. R. W. Milam, 12 Mornington Crescent, R.A.F. Sector, Singapore 28.

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#### NO MORE WATERLOWS

Various overseas journals report that Waterlow and Sons, printers of Stamps for fully a century, will print no more. Their stamp and banknote printing business has been taken over by Thomas de la Rue.

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#### THE "KILFOYLE" AUSTRALIANS

This collection of Australian Commonwealth stamps, which has won nine gold medals and other high awards, is being offered intact by Robson Lowe for £35,000. It is mounted and indexed in 130 volumes. Visitors to UNIPEX had an opportunity of seeing some of it on show there where it obtained one of the nine gold medals. If not sold by 1st May, it will be put up for public auction.

## THEMATIC AND TOPICAL COLLECTING

At the recent meeting of the Federation Executive the subject of a new Thematic Code was brought up. It should be mentioned that the two rival European bodies—F.I.P. (International Philatelic Federation) and F.I.P.C.O. (International Federation of Constructive Philatelic)—have settled their differences and produced a code for the judging of thematics.

The question will presumably arise as to whether or not the Federation should adopt the code for use at local exhibitions. Capt. Stern has translated it and copies are being supplied to all Societies with a request that they submit their views on this subject.

We will only say here that the Code seems in the main to be better than the old discarded one in that it brings thematically more into line with old established philately — "The stamp is the thing" — not mere writing up and illustrations. The only difficulty we have is the interpretation of Article 1, which divides collections into three groups, (a) Topical collections, (b) Thematic collections, (c) Motif-Educational collections.

Incidentally, on another aspect of Thematically, Capt. Stern has asked us to make it clear that although he is the regional Vice-President of the American Topical Association he does not carry stocks of their publications and cannot supply these, as he is not infrequently asked to do. These must be ordered directly from the Association. He can, however, on receipt of a 2½c stamp, provide readers of the S.A.Ph. with a list of all publications of the A.T.A. —(Ed.).

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#### PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Annual Meeting of Congress this year is being held in Blackpool, 6-9 June.

The Hon. Sec. of the Executive Committee is E. F. Hugen, 3 The Woodlands, London Road, Brighton 6, Sussex.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

### GERMISTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**February 15.** There was a good attendance at the Annual General Meeting.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: President: Mr. P. F. Retief; Vice-President: Mr. L. G. V. Mayne; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. A. M. Adams; Hon. Auctioneer: Mr. J. Stolk; Hon. Librarian and editor of the monthly NEWS LETTER: S. L. Crozet. Members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Adams, Eilers, Rix, Sperber and Van den Ham.

Dr. J. J. van Niekerk, Dr. Alec Kaplan, Mr. I. S. Burniston and Mr. S. J. Hagger were made Honorary Life Members of the Society for their contributions to philately over a lengthy period.

An interesting display of stamps of the British Protectorates was tabled by Dr. J. J. van Niekerk, the immediate Past-President, and this invoked a great deal of interest.

Lively bidding took place at the auction for a number of philatelic journals which had been presented to the Society by Mr. Leo Buchen, a member who resides in Johannesburg.

Mr. S. J. Hagger and Mr. S. L. Crozet were re-elected as representatives of the Society on the Executive Committee of the Federation of Philatelic Societies of Southern Africa. —S.L.C.

### COPPERBELT PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**December.** No ordinary meeting, instead a very enjoyable dinner, followed by dancing well into the small hours.

**January.** A large attendance for the first meeting of the Society's 25th anniversary year.

It was reported that two stamps were to be issued in May for the Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Congress to be held in N. and S. Rhodesia.

Mr. Caine showed several sheets of early Australians; Mrs. Bohme, F.D.C.'s from India, and Mrs. Shearby a neat collection of Canadians, all of these being entered for competition.

The **February** meeting was well supported and the new coinage issues of mint stamps and First Day Covers of South Africa and South West Africa were distributed.

Mr. Caine showed a small number of Queen Victoria covers and also some Postal Stationery with the famous Bishop Mark.

Mrs. Sharp entered a fine collection of well mounted First Day Covers, mostly from Africa, for competition, while Mr. N. P. Hartley also entered a collection of some

250 covers from all parts of the world, African and Israeli covers being very much in evidence.

Members are very active now with exchanges and approvals and the meetings do not appear to be long enough.

### EAST RAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**February 23.** At the Annual General Meeting the following members were elected to office: H. Behrendt, President; W. N. Sheffield, Vice-President; Miss H. Nochemowitz, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer; Messrs. J. Bogner (Snr.), C. Waner, S. Legator and J. D. A. F. Van Niekerk, Committee.

S. Legator, alternate J. D. A. F. Van Niekerk, elected as delegate to the Federation; J. D. A. F. Van Niekerk as Congress Delegate.

Mr. C. Waner was presented with the 1960 award of the Sam Legator Trophy for his collection of Israel.

Please note that the Hon. Secretary's address for all correspondence in connection with the Society is '55 Sarel Celliers Street, BOKSBURG NORTH. —H.N.

### ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN

**February 9.** This meeting was well attended to see two exhibits. The first was by Mr. E. J. Beunderman, 'Unions' and he showed a well set out collection. Mr. Beunderman has recently formed the Bellville Society, which may be an additional one to affiliate with Federation. This was followed by a selection of Great Britain from the collection of Mr. J. C. Bruce, which also showed care in mounting and included several fine items, especially in the early period. Both members have been "quiet" ones and it is good to see collections which one knows of but has never seen. In this way all members participate in the activities of the Society.

**February 23.** This was the Annual General Meeting and the following is the new committee elected for 1961-1962: President: Mr. A. G. Versino; Vice-President: Mr. R. F. Putzel; Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Joan Hall; Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Ian Hall; Hon. Exchange Superintendent: Mr. C. R. V. Solomon; Hon. Librarian: Mr. F. Wheeler; Committee Members: Messrs. R. F. Chapman, F. L. Archer, H. Savage, W. W. Combrink and (ex officio) Dr. P. L. Vautier.

The President in his report called on members to give their full support, both financially and also in regard to work, to the forthcoming National Exhibition, Jubilee, to be held at Cape Town during October, 1961, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Society. —M.F.S.

### THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

**February 13.** Capt. M. F. Stern showed the World issues of 1959/1960 which was of great interest to members, as these were only taken down at near ten o'clock. Many members made notes of various stamps required for their thematic collections. This may become a regular feature every year. Nearly 4,000 stamps were displayed, and did not include any varieties, being the straight issues.

**February 27.** Mr. H. J. de Wet made his second showing of Historic Covers. These are always of interest as they give the history of the Union postally and Mr. de Wet takes great pains to produce first day covers of interest, as well as in design.

—M.F.S.

### MASHONALAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**January Meeting.** Mr. Carter, in the chair, asked for a vote to decide which method of printing, recess or photogravure, was favoured by the Society, and the former won overwhelmingly. This was passed on via Mr. Waters to the Postmaster General who had asked all Societies in the Federation to give him their views.

Mr. King gave a wonderful display of his stamps of the Belgian Congo, the same collection which he has exhibited successfully in Johannesburg. Its range and completeness was remarkable.

The smaller than usual auction was followed by a quiz, conducted by Mr. Wimbush. How sadly these quizzes show up our lack of general knowledge was evidenced by the fact that the winner only scored 13 out of a possible 24!

**February Meeting.** Twenty-nine members and guests attended and unanimous satisfaction was expressed at the new premises and arrangements made by the Park Lane Hotel.

Mr. Denning gave his news bulletin after a brisk auction and a letter was read from the Midlands Society asking whether we intended to hold an Exhibition and Congress at Que Que this year, in which case the Midlands Society would help and support it. This matter was referred to the Committee to consider.

Mr. Trotter, under pressure, displayed his collection of Nyasaland and apologised for its incompleteness. The collection was well arranged and was interesting, and it was generally agreed that his reluctance to display it heavily underlined his modesty.

### FISH HOEK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**March 6.** The Annual General Meeting was held and the following officers elected for 1961: Mr. W. L. Warrenner, Chairman; Mr. E. R. Bouwer, Vice-Chairman and Hon. Secretary; Messrs. J. Wannerton, H. Cobern and A. Singels, Committee.

In his presidential address Mr. W. L. Warrenner remarked on the growth of the Society in the past eight years and stated that he was particularly pleased by the keen interest shown by the junior members.

—M.F.S.

### PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**February.** The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on the 21st and the following officers were elected: Mr. E. Baer, President; Mr. G. Bülbring, First Vice-President; Mr. J. F. Slabbert, Second Vice-President; Mr. A. F. W. Pavitt, Secretary; Mr. A. D. McDougall, Treasurer; Mr. R. A. Marshall, Exchange Superintendent; Mr. G. K. Forbes, Librarian; Mr. H. Collins, Auctioneer; Mr. G. Monaghan, Auditor.

The Gustav Bülbring Cup for the best exhibit during 1960 was awarded to Mr. H. L. Keefe for his exhibits of Union Stamps.

### O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**January 27.** Annual General Meeting. Honorary Life Membership was conferred on Mr. J. B. Levy (who is also a life-member of the East London Society and a foundation member, dating back to 1910).

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. J. P. G. Eksteen; Vice-President, Dr. van Zyl-Smit; Secretary, Mr. A. L. Meyburgh; Treasurer, Mr. J. Herbst; Exchange Superintendent, Mr. J. Herbst; Committee, Mr. C. A. van Ee, Mr. A. Bleedon, Mr. A. H. Scott, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. R. E. Roux; Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. Price.

After business "New Issues and Acquisitions" were shown by six members: Mr. G. H. van Rooyen, Photos of new S.W.A. Decimals; Dr. van Zyl-Smit, Union ½d. with Arms Watermark, also great Britain with Graphite and Phosphor lines; Mr. A. H. Scott, 3d. Prime Ministers on folded paper, also latest French; R. Jones, latest Israel issues; H. E. Roux, various recent British Commonwealth issues. This innovation of members showing anything new that had come their way, was much appreciated.

### PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**February 6.** Annual General Meeting. The honorary officials appointed for the coming year (1961) are: President, Mr. J. Weinstein; Vice-President, Dr. P. Hack; Secretary, Mr. R. N. Castignani; Exchange Superintendent, Mr. W. Impey; Treasurer, Mr. C. S. J. Gouws; Auctioneer, Mr. J. Kriste; Curator, Dr. T. B. Berry; Librarian, Miss J. Taylor; Correspondent, Mr. D. J. C. Reynders; Committee Members, Mr. F. Ferguson and Mr. J. Kriste; Delegates to the Federation, Dr. T. B. Berry, Mr. W. Weinstein and Mr. J. Kriste.

After the formal business of the evening and the election of office-bearers, Dr. T. B. Berry tabled a selection of the Society's collection. Dr. Berry showed the Third Definitives of the Union and the stamps used in the Interprovincial Period 1910, and carried on with a collection of the 1910 Commemoratives of the King's Head Series, which included many varieties, Plate numbers and various covers.

### PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL

**February.** The first meeting of the month was held on the 1st February. There were 37 members and their friends present. There were several items on the tables for auction and not many were left at the end. The business did not take too long. Before going on to the exhibits nominations were asked for Office Bearers for the ensuing year, these to go to ballot at the Annual General Meeting. There was no reading from the magazines owing to the indisposition of Mr. F. King. The exhibit of the evening was shown by Mr. A. Leslie Leon, and he had chosen Odds and Ends of Falkland Islands. There were not many album leaves but they were interesting. Before viewing this exhibit Mr. Leon spoke on each page, a talk that was most interesting. Mr. Milner-Palmer proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of those present.

For the informal evening there were 28 members present; this was held on the 15th February. There was a small auction.

The following statement is quoted verbatim from an annual report to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting:

"The Federation's magazine, **THE PHILATELIST** continues to be published, and from time to time has contained some very useful information on our own stamps. To those members interested in South African Stamps, they should subscribe to this magazine."

### PRETORIA RAILWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

**Annual General Meeting.** The meeting showed their confidence in the Society by re-electing the entire Committee with but one exception, as Dr. Goldberg was unable to take on the duties of Assistant Secretary and Scribe, so Mr. A. L. Grupel has once again been appointed to fill this breach. The Committee for this year is therefore as follows: President, Mr. E. Walker; Vice-President, Dr. J. Sherel; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Kriste; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Howie; Hon. Exchange Superintendent, Mr. J. A. Kriste; Hon. Exchange Treasurer, Mr. D. Brown; Hon. Librarian, Major P. M. J. McGregor; Hon. Stamp Superintendent, Mr. Z. J. van Eijk; Asst. Hon. Secretary and Scribe, Mr. A. L. Grupel; Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. R. N. Castignani; Delegates to Philatelic Federation: Messrs. J. P. Roux, E. Walker and W. Kriste.

### SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY (Johannesburg)

**January Meeting.** The highlight of the meeting was a display on 10 years of Israel Festivals exhibited by Syd Samuels. The collection was almost complete, well mounted and neatly written up. A number of interesting varieties were shown. The First Festivals abounded with errors in perforation and many imperforate items. Also on display was the complete strip showing the six plate block numbers. A paper was read in conjunction with the display.

### P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

At the Annual General Meeting in February there were the usual reports dealing with the various activities of the Society, and presentation of awards. It was also announced that Mr. Leo Buchen had been elected an Honorary Life Member of the Society for his long service in the interest both of the Society and of philately in general.

Then came the Address of the retiring President, Mr. Ernest Hunt. Naturally it dealt fairly fully with UNIPLEX which had been the Society's big effort for the year. He considered that it had been a success in every way and paid tribute to the many who had helped to make it such. But, of course he forget to mention himself and we shuddered to think what the Exhibition might have been without his four years of driving force, powerful, yet always genial.

It was very gratifying to hear that Unipex had proved a success financially as well as in other ways and had come through with quite a fair profit, in spite of the facts that there had been no governmental aid, beyond a blessing from the Festival Committee, and that there had been no charge for frame-space to exhibitors.

The office-bearers elected for 1961 were: President, Mr. B. Glassman; Vice-President, and also Treasurer, Mr. K. Lydall; Secretary, Mr. A. F. Almeida; Exchange Supts., Mr. S. Bos and W. Tilney; committee members, Messrs. J. Michelson, B. Joseph, W. Sheffield, J. von Varendorff, C. Cilliers and G. D. Williams.

The evening ended with a display by the retiring President of stamps of Liberia, old Italian States, and some forgeries. An outstanding item was the 3 Lira yellow of Tuscany. —A.F.A.

### KATANGA FORGERIES

Some former Belgian Congo stamps have been genuinely overprinted Katanga by the local postal authorities in Elizabethville, but there are already fakes on the market. Some of these have overprinted values in addition to the word "Katanga." They appear to have originated from the U.S.A.