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Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 9th May 1963 to 8th August 1963. For the previous list see our August, 1963, number.

Postage Stamps.

½c—Job No. 32982.56 contd. A total of 71,400 sheets delivered. Same Cyls., Nos. 104 and 66 Int., 45 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

1c—Job No. 23986.49 contd. A total of 1,875,563 sheets delivered by 17th July, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. S 11 Int., S 7 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

2c—Job No. 41287.79. On an order for 75,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 8,200 sheets was made on the 30th July, 1963, the total delivery to date being 17,000 sheets. Cyls. No. 91 Int., 86 Ext. Cyl. No. 91 used was wrongly etched as 16.

2½c—Job No. 21008.27 contd. A total of 681,848 sheets delivered to date, same Cyls., Nos. 12 Int., 11 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

Same Job No. On an order for 1,500,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 7,199 sheets was made on the 3rd July, 1962, the total delivery to the 11th December, 1962, being 775,385 sheets. Same Cyls., Nos. 3 Int., 5 Ext.

2½c Red Cross—Job No. 39398.08. On an order for 500,000 sheets of 100 stamps per

sheet, a delivery of 26,200 sheets was made on the 23rd July, 1963, the total delivery being 99,200 sheets. New Cyls., No. 42, 82 Int., 89 Ext. New original master negatives, new multipositives double width, printed and register punched on M/C 840 and perforated on Grover m/c. Harrison coated paper used for first time, RSA watermark. Cyl. No. 82 damaged.

Same Job No. and requisition. A delivery of 34,900 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet was made on the 30th July, 1963, the total delivery being 281,310 sheets. Cyl. Nos. 42, 99 Int., 89 Ext. New black cylinder No. 99 made from the original multipositive and run completed.

3c—Job No. 35855.27 contd. A total of 120,100 sheets delivered to date. Same Cyls., Nos. S 35 Int., S 8 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

5c—Job No. 32984.58 contd. A total of 98,900 sheets delivered to date. Same Cyls., Nos. 31 Int., S 1 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

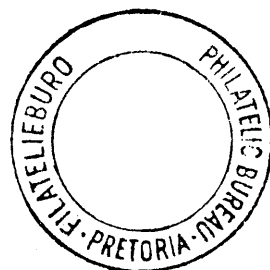
7½c—Job No. 27367.97 contd. A total of 135,083 sheets delivered on 14th May, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. S 20 Int., S 21 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

10c—Job No. 38333.54. On an order for 120,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 32,700 sheets was made on the 25th June, 1963, the total delivery to date being 32,700 sheets. New Cyls., S 1 Int., 121 Ext. New multipositives made, double width, from original master negatives. Printed and register punched on m/c 840. Grover perforator.

12½c—Job No. 30828.23 contd. A total delivery of 38,200 sheets made on the 11th June, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. 106, 118 Int., 30 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.



REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



A Philatelic Bureau exists in the Post Office in Pretoria to meet the special needs of stamp dealers and philatelists. Only stamps of the Republic of South Africa currently in use are on sale.

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12½c Red Cross—Job No. 39398.08. On an order for 15,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 5,800 sheets was made on the 26th July, 1963, the total delivery to the 30th July, 1963, being 17,700 sheets. New Cyls., Nos. 7 Int., 82 Ext., New original master negatives and multipositives double width. Printed and perforated on Goebel 830. RSA watermarked paper.

20c—Job No. 35979.23 contd. A total delivery of 28,400 sheets made to date. Same Cyls., Nos. 27, 60 Int., 6 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

R1—Job No. 38351.72. On an order for 4,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 4,662 sheets was made on the 18th June, 1963. Same Cyls., Nos. 12,117 Int., 1 Ext.

Air Letter Cards.

2½c—Job No. 36802.38 contd. A total delivery of 446,100 cards made to date. Same Cyls. and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

5c—Job No. 36801.37 contd. A total delivery of 1,872,500 cards made to date. Same Cyls. and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

Roll Stamps.

½c—Job No. 32427.06 contd. A total delivery of 8,840 rolls made to date. Same Cyls., Nos. 108, 11 Int., 94 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

1c—Job No. 32428.07 contd. A total delivery of 8,255 rolls made to date. Same Cyls., Nos. 58 Int., 102 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

Picture Post Cards.

1½c—Job No. 36803.39 contd. A total delivery of 1,100,000 cards made to date. Same Cyls., Nos. Z 17 Int., Z 14 Ext., and printing factors as stated in our August Notes.

New Catalogue.

At its Durban Congress, the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa authorised the South African Stamp Study Circle to prepare a catalogue dealing with the hitherto uncatalogued issues of the interim period between the Golden Jubilee and the Republican catalogues. The consideration of amendments, omissions, and values relevant to the previous publications will also be dealt with, and Dr. H. J. Raubenheimer, 434 City Centre, Pretorius Street, Pretoria,

South Africa, will be glad to receive observations in writing pertaining to these aspects for possible inclusion.

The publication will be made by Federation in due course, and meanwhile we extend our sincere good wishes to those concerned upon a successful effort.

New Printing of the 1c Denomination.

A new issue of the 1c value, closely resembling its predecessor in design, sheet format and printing characteristics, made its appearance early in September, 1963, and comprises two panes, A and B, in vertical format with probably Pane B positioned on the left of Pane A, according to the custom of the Government Printer in naming them thus.

The printing was made on the Goebel 830 machine, on RSA watermarked paper from new screened cylinders which were prepared from the previously used Multipositives. The perforation, 15 x 14 gauge, was conducted by a multiple row appliance.

The vertical sheet format comprises 20 rows x 10 (200) stamps. Red single line broken bars, with a central gap, occupy the top and bottom margins which are perforated through while the side ones are imperforate. Pre-manufactured red arrows are placed centrally on the four margins of each sheet.

Four figure red sheet numbers appear twice on the right margin of Pane B only, opposite Rows 8 and 9, and 19 and 20. The cylinder numbers, accompanied by the pane designation letter, are inscribed on the bottom margin of each sheet below stamps 9 and 10 of Row 20 in their respective colours: Pane B, S 33 B red, S 13 B olive grey; Pane A, S 33 A red, S 13 olive grey.

The following are some of the varieties present:

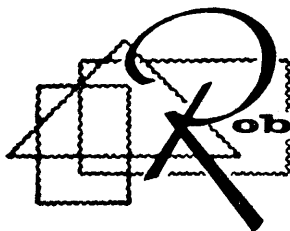
Multipositive Flaws common to Cylinders S11/S7 and S33/S13 printings.

Rows: PANE B.

- 11-7. Two horizontal red dots left of apex of flower stems. These appear as a horizontal line in 11/7 printing.
- 12-7. Red dot below U of SUID.
- 20-10. Red dot to right of RB of KAFFIR-BOOM and a grey dot in gutter left of 'BLOM.

PANE A.

- 16-2. "D" for "B" of REPUBLIC.
- 16-3. Red dot under D of SUID.



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Cylinder Flaws. PANE A.

- 1-2. Red dot in top gutter, above S of SOUTH.
- 1-3. Red dot in top margin, above EP of REPUBLIC.
- 1-4. Tiny grey dot above C of 1c.
- 1-5. Red dot to right of M of BLOM.
- 2-4. Tiny red dot below first A of AFRICA.
- 3-8. Three prominent grey smudges between flower heads, below first A of AFRICA.
- 4-10. Large grey dot below first A of AFRICA.
- 5-10. Red dot in bowl of flower stems.
- 7-9. Tiny red dot above C of 1c.
- 8-9. Tiny red dot above C of 1c.
- 8-10. Series of red dots across lower portion of flowers and stamp.
- 9-10. Red dot in gutter opposite O of 'BLOM.
- 10-10. Red dot in gutter left of FE of KAF-FER.
- 11-10. Red dot in left gutter, left of M of 'BLOM.
- 13-6. Red dot below lower petals of the two flowers.
- 13-8. Tiny red dot in bowl of flower stems.
- 17-4. Prominent white dot below first A of AFRICA.

PANE B.

- 2-7. Red dot in right gutter.
- 3-1. Tiny red dot below O of SOUTH.
- 3-2. Two small grey smudges between flower-heads.
- 5-3. Tiny red dot below R of AFRICA, left of right flower-head.
- 5-5. Red dot between flower-heads, below first A of AFRICA.
- 7-6. Tiny red smudge between stems of flowers.
- 8-10. Tiny red dot in bottom gutter, below B of REPUBLIEK.
- 15-1. Prominent red dot right of E of REVENUE.
- 15-7. Tiny red dot in bowl of flower-stems.
- 15-8. Tiny red dot in gutter, below I of SUID.
- 16-8. Tiny red dot left of R of REVENUE.
- 17-7. Short red line in gutter, below first A of AFRIKA.
- 18-1. Grey dot below F of AFRICA.
- 18-6. Grey smudge below first A of AFRI-CA.
- 18-7. Prominent row of red dots below figure of value.
- 18-10. Tiny red dot left of right flower, below FR of AFRICA.
- 20-7. Tiny red dot above S of SUID, also tiny red dot midway in right margin.

Reversed R.S.A. Watermark.

Occasional sheets of the 2½c value, printed from both the 42, 82, 89 and 42, 99, 89, Panes A and B, cylinder combinations of the Red Cross Issue, have been found among post office stocks with the RSA watermark reversed.

This condition may be observed by viewing the sheet of stamps from the gummed side when the watermark will appear in its normal pattern.

Pending the receipt of an official statement, we would suggest that the condition is the result of some "paper sections" which are joined together to form the composite reel, being gummed on the "wrong" side. In this manner the web of paper contained both normal and reversed watermarks when being fed through the printing machine.

It will be interesting to find the reversed RSA watermark on other issues and values. May be!

Old Post Office Tree.

The Postmaster General announced that on the 20th December, 1963, special facilities will be introduced for posting unregistered letters and postcards at the Old Post Office Tree at Mossel Bay and for the postmarking thereof with a date-stamp, illustrated, on which a representation of the historical old milkwood tree has been engraved.

Persons who wish to have souvenir or first-day covers date-stamped should send their own addressed envelopes, to which sufficient postage stamps have been affixed, to the Postmaster, Mossel Bay, before the 20th December, 1963.

An article pertaining to the old Post Office Tree appears elsewhere in this number.

Offsets.

At a recent meeting of the South African Stamp Study Circle, very fair "offsets" of the 3c Republican Issue were exhibited. They were produced by means of a domestic hot iron, and the object in showing them was to illustrate their possible manufacture and to issue a word of warning the collectors of these items.

SOUTH GEORGIA

A new definitive issue of fifteen values (½d to £1) is announced as having been issued on 17-VII-63.

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE WORLD'S AIRMAIL STAMPS AND POSTS

By CAPT. M. F. STERN

(Concluded from p. 192 of October issue)

To mark the first 1933 return flight of the Graf Zeppelin from South America to Germany, Paraguay issued a special set of airmail stamps, the low values showing the airship leaving the shores of South America and inscription "Por Graf Zeppelin" and date "1963." The two high values show the airship in flight over the ocean en route from South America to Europe and inscribed "Graf Zeppelin—1933."

On May 15, 1933, the first Railway Air-Mail took place in England on the Cardiff-Plymouth service. A special stamp was issued by the Great Western Railway in connection with this Rail-Air service. This is in oblong format showing a monoplane, with value 3d. to right and below in one line "G.W.R. AIR MAIL." Stamps received serial numbers at top left. These stamps were first used on May 15, the pilot being Capt. Dismore. There are the following covers: Cardiff-Teignmouth (30); Cardiff-Torquay (30); Cardiff-Plymouth (30); Plymouth-Cardiff (35); Plymouth-Newport (35); Torquay-Cardiff (45); Cardiff-Plymouth-Cardiff (Round trip) (25).

On June 3, 1933, Cirenaica issued two stamps for the Italian formation flight from Rome to Chicago under General Balbo. These in value 19.75L. and 44.75L., show seven seaplanes flying in formation against the heavens in which two constellations are depicted. These stamps also became withdrawn when the seaplanes left.

In July, 1933, a set of five stamps, 20c, 40c, 60c, 1L., and 2L., was issued by Lithuania in connection with the attempt of the Lithuanian aviators, Darius and Girenas to fly from New York to Lithuania, these being 500 stamps each value of the imperf. set issued December 1, 1932, overprinted in black in two lines: "Darius Girenas—New-York—1933—Kaunnas." These were issued by the Lithuanian Consul in New York for use on covers carried by the aviators. They crashed when almost reaching their destination, when the attempt was made to land in darkness, the machine crashing into tops of trees and the pilots being killed.

On October 2, 1933, the U.S.A. issued a special stamp, value 50c., for mail picked up by the Graf Zeppelin from Miami, Chicago, and Akron for Germany, the occasion being the visit of the airship to the World Fair held at Chicago. The stamp shows the Zeppelin at centre with the Federal Building of the Chicago Exposition at left and the hangar at Friedrichshafen at right.

In October in England West Country Air Service was marked by the issue of a 3d. stamp issued by Provincial Airways Ltd., for the service from London to Plymouth via Southampton which was inaugurated on November 25/26, 1933. At the top of the stamp is a biplane in flight and the bottom section is divided into three parts showing from left to right, Houses of Parliament, London, a liner leaving harbour and Plymouth-Hoe. There were three printings, each of 2,500.

Last of selected items is a set of stamps issued in Russia during November, 1933, to commemorate the successful ascent into the stratosphere by the Soviet scientific airmen, Prokowjeff, Birnbaum and Gudunow, in the stratostat "U.S.S.R.", the set consisting of three stamps, values 5k., 10k., and 20k. The stamps show the balloon ascending above Moscow industrial buildings, the Kremlin Wall, and the Radio stations. The inscription reads: "19 Kilometres—September 30." This beat the previous record held by Professor Picard by 3 kilometres.

The writer has attempted to give an overall picture of the airmail stamps and airposts of the world, which is by no means complete—this would entail several books. It is hoped, however, that this brief survey will serve to give some of the highlights in this absorbing section of philately and assist those who are setting out to mount items which they have found which fits into their particular country collection, and add interest by covers to the stamps.

The writer wishes to acknowledge thanks to the following sources for information: David Field Ltd., London; Francis Field Ltd., Sutton Coldfield; Maggs Bros. Ltd., London; and various other sources, in addition to his own research. At a later date it is hoped to give a fuller picture of the airmail flights in Africa in a series of articles, as many crossings of the South Atlantic have been omitted, as well as such items as the Belgian Congo, West African flights and many others for the period 1910 to 1935.

THE POST OFFICE TREE AT MOSSSEL BAY

By SYLVESTER L. CROZET, Assoc. S.P.H.

In the XV Century Portugal, anxious to obtain possession of the extensive trade in silks, linen and particularly spices, from the East, sought an alternate sea route to India. These luxuries were brought by Arab traders in ships to the Red Sea and then transported overland to Egypt and Europe. For many years Portuguese navigators had sailed southwards along the West coast of Africa in an endeavour to reach India and, by 1486 had succeeded in proceeding as far south as the Kunene River and Cape Cross; the latter being situated some 800 miles north of the Cape of Good Hope. Early in 1487 Bartholomew Diaz rounded the Cape of Good Hope and put in at what is now known as Mossel Bay. Here he encountered a group of Hottentot herdsmen from whom he attempted to barter cattle. They, however, took fright and fled at the approach of the white men. Ten years later, in 1497, when King Manuel ascended the Portuguese throne, Vasco da Gama with a fleet of four ships put in at the same watering place as did Diaz. He found the Hottentots friendly, and he was able to obtain some sheep from them in exchange for various items from the ships' stores. From then onwards this bay, as yet un-named, was frequently visited by Portuguese ships. Some chroniclers, however, have recorded that it was at times referred to as the "Bay of Herdsmen." The present name of Mossel Bay originated in 1602, when Paulus van Caerden, an official of the Dutch East India Company, called there and gave it this new name on account of the large number of mussel beds which he discovered. On 7 July, 1501, another Portuguese navigator, Joao da Nova, in command of four ships en route to India, put in at the bay and gave it the name of Aquida de Sao Bras, or the watering place of Saint Bras.

On his arrival, Joao da Nova found a written message which had been placed in an old shoe and left hanging to a tree. This message was alleged to have been written by Pero de Taide, a captain in the fleet of Pedro Alvares Cabral, which had sailed from the Tagus to India on 5th March, 1501. De Taide was separated from the other ships by a violent storm and took shelter in the Bay of Saint Bras. Although it is accepted that the message was attached to a tree, there

is no conclusive evidence of this, and in some records it is stated that the letter was left in a boot. No information has been ascertained about any precautions taken to preserve the material, on which the letter was written, from the elements. Unfortunately the letter which Joado da Nova found at Mossel Bay in 1501 no longer exists, nor is there any contemporary copy of it. Reference, however, is made to it in the chronicle of Joao de Barros entitled "Da Asia," which was first published in 1951. This work contains a description of the departure of Joao da Nova from the Tagus in March 1501, and his arrival at the watering place of Saint Bras.

An extract from the journal describing this follows. It has been very kindly translated from the Portuguese by Dr. Eric Axelson.

" . . . and on July 7 they went to anchor in the watering place of S. Bras, which is beyond the Cape of Good Hope, where Pero de Taide had been when separated from Pedro Alvares Cabral in the storm that came upon them in that locality. Pero de Taide wrote and left a letter placed in a shoe at the watering place, in which he said what had happened to him until then, and the reason for it. He also advised all captains who should go to India of what Pedro Alvares Cabral had done there, and that in Mombasa they would find letters of his in the possession of one Antonio Fernandes. Joao da Nova and the other captains, with the things they had found in this letter proceeded with new spirit. Before this they had no information of India other than that which Vasco da Gama had brought back and the navigation of those parts was not known before lighting upon this letter and they had so far proceeded blindly on this voyage. After taking in water and trading cattle with some negroes whom they encountered there, they spread sail on their way to Mocambique which they reached at the beginning of August."

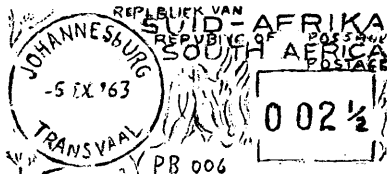
The tree in which De Taide's letter was supposed to have been left, is botanically known as "Sideroxylon Inerme L." The common English name is White Milkwood and in Afrikaans Melkhout, Wit Melkhout and sometimes Jakkalsbessie. The name is derived from the white milk-like juice which is found in all parts of the plant. The tree is evergreen and rarely exceeds 25 feet in height. It is found along the East coast of Southern Africa from Zanzibar as far south

as the Cape Peninsula. Generally it is somewhat shrubby in appearance, the trunk forking near the ground without forming a clean bole.

At the time of writing the dimensions of the tree were as follows: Height 22 feet; Spread 56 feet in diameter; Thickness of trunk at base four feet. As it is evident that this tree was prominent when Joao da Nova landed on the beach in 1501, it is safe to assume that it is now approximately 480 years old. Unlike some of the old oak trees in the Cape Peninsula, which have had arborial cementation for split trunks, the Post Office Tree shows no signs of such deterioration despite its great age.

On September 30, 1938 this tree was proclaimed an Historical Monument.

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MOBILE P.O. No. 3

REGISTRATION MARKS

This Mobile P.O. started operating in Port Elizabeth on 2nd September, 1948. There has been a series of changes in the method of marking Registered letters posted in those P.D.'s, which have not so far been recorded.

(1) When the original temporary canceller was in use in 1940-41 there was a temporary registration mark; this consisted of an unboxed mark, in purple from a rubber stamp "MOB. P.O. 3 P.E." with an "R" just under the "M." This mark was 25 mm. long, the lettering being 3 mm. high.

(2) The next variety, in chronological order, has the standard type postmark of 6.XII.43, a standard type printed registration label with a large "R" at the left, whilst at the right is "Port Elizabeth 25" and a printed number 1870.

(3) A mark just brought to light by Mr. S. L. Crozet. This is on a cover with a postmark of 15.X47. There is a standard type of registration label printed in blue with the large "R" at the left, whilst at the right is "Port Elizabeth 8," with the printed number 0500.

But in addition under the blue registration label is a box in purple from a rubber stamp, measuring 64 x 9 mm. In the box is MOBILE 3 P.E. in 2½ mm. high type.

(4) On a cover with postmark dated probably 7.XII.54 (the year is rather uncertain). There is no printed blue registration label, but a boxed mark in purple from a rubber stamp, measuring 55 x 25 mm. Arranged inside in a manner similar to the printed blue registration labels, is a large "R" at the left; at the right, in two lines is "MOB. P.K./P.O. 3/PORT ELIZABETH," below which is "No. 289," the actual number in black manuscript.

PLATING "JIPEX" SHEETS

Mr. K. A. Wald has an article in "Stamps" of 24 August on the plating of JIPEX sheets. He lists the advertisements which differentiate the 21 panes of both the ½d. and the 1d. values, also the various flaws. He comments on the difficulty of finding all the varieties, saying it took him over a year contacting dealers in U.S.A., England, and South Africa. The panes are not unduly expensive, but finding all of them is not so easy.

HISTORICAL MONUMENTS ON OUR POSTAGE STAMPS

The Commission for the Preservation of Natural and Historical Monuments, Relics and Antiques, more generally known as "The Historical Monuments Commission," has recently published a most intriguing map. On this, which is excellently printed in three colours, are indicated the localities of the historical monuments of South Africa.

A number of these monuments have been depicted on postage stamps and, for the information of philatelists, details of these, which have so appeared, are given in the schedule below.

Copies of this map are obtainable from the "Historical Monuments Commission," 302 Colonial Orphan Chambers, 41 Parliament Street, Cape Town, at a cost of 10 cents each.

RAILWAY PARCEL STAMPS



This illustration should have accompanied the note about these stamps which appeared in our October issue.

SCHEDULE

Monument:	Date Proclaimed	U.H.B. No.	R.H.B. No.	S.G. No.	Remarks
The Castle, Cape Town	6.4.1936	—	209	206	
Groot Constantia, Cape Peninsula ...	6.4.1936	53	205	64b 202	
Baobab Trees, on farms in Northern Transvaal	19.6.1936	—	207	204	
Church of the Vow, (Voortrekker Museum) Pietermaritzburg	27.4.1937	54 139	—	50 167	
Original Diaz Cross, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg	6.5.1939		—	75	South West Africa.
Huguenot Museum (Die ou Pastorie) Paarl	18.10.1940	75	—	82	
Table Mountain, Cape Town	8.2.1957	32 113 148	— — 212	69 39 138 183 209	Cape of G.H.

—S. L. CROZET.

CYPRUS COMMEMORATIVES

(a) 21 August, 3 stamps (3, 20 and 150 mils) for the 50 anniversary of the Boy Scouts in Cyprus.

(b) 9 September, 10 and 100 mils for the Red Cross Centenary.

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By Capt. L. SIMENHOFF, E.D., B.A., F.R.P.S.L., R.D.P. (S.A.)

(Continued from page 133 of the October issue).

Second Column: Postmark: "Occ. No.": type number of the mark; year of use, when known; colour, if other than black; diametrical measurements, if mark is circular.
Third Column: REMARKS on the office, etc.

MARIENTAL PTtMO 1921-23	Occ. 91	21	1915	Seal 27 mm.	Mails via Gibeon, but via Keetmanshoop 1918-19. Type 9 cachet appears to have been applied at all three offices. Edwardian stamps (pre-union), obtained from Walvis Bay, were used here during 1916.
MARIENTAL RAIL PTA 1916-20	Occ. 92	9	1916-23	27 mm.	
MARIENTAL POLICE 1918-20	Occ. 93	5	1915	No. 31 Blue.	
MIER (CAPE) PTA 1917-20 PTtA 1921-23	Occ. 94	-	1917-	Metal die 25 mm.	
NAKOB (RAIL) (NAKOP) PTA 1916-20	Occ. 95	23	1917-18	25 mm.	On Union border from Upington. Mails via Keetmanshoop to 1918, thereafter via Kalkfontein South.
POTA 1921-22 PTtA 1923	Occ. 96	10		28 mm.	Occ. 96. Stop in date at top.
NAMUTONI PTA 1916-17	Occ. 97	22	1916-17 1917-21	28 mm. Violet blue-blk.	Northern outpost on eastern extremity of Etosha Pan. Mails to 1919 via Windhuk, thereafter via Tsumeb.
PTtA 1918 PA 1919 PTtA 1920-21					Office closed in Oct., 1921. Cachet worn from mid-1917.
NARUBIS PTA 1916-19 PTtA 1921-23	Occ. 98	22		27 mm. Violet.	Mails via Keetmanshoop. During 1920 Govt. work only. Re-opened in Oct., 1921.

NEUHEUSIS PTtA 1916-23	Occ. 99	M/S.	1916		Mails via Windhuk/hoek.
	Occ. 100	22	1917-	28 mm.	Occ. 99: Manuscript "Post Neuheusis"—P and N 5 mm. high. Used on Registereds. Windhuk receiving cachet in addition.
	Occ. 101	8	1918-	27 mm.	Occ. 100: Clear impression.
OKAHANDJA PTtA 1916-17 PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 102	5	1915	F.P.O. No. 44. Blue.	Occupied 10 May, 1915. Mails via Windhuk.
	Occ. 103 Occ. 103a	26 Oval	1916-23 1921	31/21 mm. double ovals.	Occ. 103a. "S.W.A.R." in top, date centre, "OKAHANDJA" bottom.
OKANJANDE PTtA 1916	Occ. 104	26	1916	31/21 mm.	District Omaruru. 1917-20 Govt. work only. Occ. 104: Rare. After July 9, 1915, it was an internment camp for officers only of the active troops. The South African Mounted Riflemen were in charge until 1916, when the internment camp was moved to Swakopmund, on account of operations of the Ovambuland Field Force against Chief Mandume.
	OKANJANDE RAIL PTtA 1916-17	Occ. 105	24	1916-	Bluish.
OKASISE RAIL PTA 1916-17 PTtA 1918-23	Occ. 106	21	1916-	Seal. Violet	Between Karibib and Okahandja. Mails via Windhuk to 1919 and via Okahandja from 1920.
	Occ. 107 Occ. 108	24 28a	1917	29 mm. Metal die. 28/17 mm.	Occ. 108. Maltese cross in lower black band.
OKAUKWEJO/ OKAUKUEYO PTtA 1916-20	Occ. 109	22	1916-	Bluish-grey. 25 mm.	Situated on S.W. extremity of Etosha Pan. Mails via Windhuk to 1919, via Outjo in 1920.
	OKAMBAHE PA 1921 POA 1921-23	Occ. 110	22	27 mm.	Mails via Omaruru.
OKASEWA PTA 1921 PA 1921-23	Occ. 111	22	28 mm.	Mails via Windhoek.	
	OMARURU PTA 1916-17 PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 112	5	1916	F.P.O. 50
Occ. 113		19	1918-23	28 mm.	Occ. 113. Appears to have been applied to Registereds and Postage Dues.
	Occ. 114	26	1916-23	31/21 mm.	
	Occ. 115	Oval	1921	{ Double ovals. Outer: 33/27 mm. }	Occ. 115. "S.W.A.R." top band, "OMARURU 1089" lower band. Date inner space.

(To be continued).

PIETERSBURG

TWO UNLISTED MAJOR VARIETIES

It is not often that unlisted major varieties come to be recorded, but Dr. G. Perazzo features two in the Aug.-Sept. issue of the London Philatelist.

Gibbons give quite a lengthy list of varieties in their catalogue, p. 765; one which they do not mention is the 6d. with PENNY under the numeral instead of PENCE, but this is illustrated by Curle and Basden as stamp No. 3 on the plate facing p. 60 in their book.

Dr. Perazzo illustrates this same error on the 2d. and 4d. values. The stamps are both gummed and initialled by the controller and their genuineness has been certified by the R.P.S.L.

Both stamps are remarkably free from other minor varieties, as were so common in the first printing.

INSTANBUL '63

South African exhibitors made quite a show at this recent International Exhibition. Here is a list of awards obtained:—

Silver:

L. Feinstein. The birth, growth and development of South Africa, illustrated by its postal history.

L. Abrams. German S.W.A. and S.W.A. Alec Kaplan. Interim issues of Palestine-Israel, 1948, and French Colonies, general.

J. M. Weinstein. Cancellations of Holy Land and Postmarks of Aden, pre-1940.

Silver Bronze:

Leo Buchen. Highly specialised collection of Israel.

B. Glassman. Mozambique and Mozambique Company.

J. Michelson. Latvia.

Bronze:

Aubrey Miller. Postal History of Sinai.

Diploma:

Mrs. M. A. Bergman. Children on stamps.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH ISLANDS

The R.S.A. en route for Gough Is. (see below) is to call at Tristan to take the Administrator to Gough where he will preside over the enquiry into the late leader's death. His presence is considered necessary because Gough Island is a dependency of Tristan da Cunha.

Gough Is. It is with great regret that we have to report the death by misadventure of Mr. J. Smalberger, who was the leader of the South African meteorological party on the island.

Apparently he had set out to walk from the new base to the old one across hilly country, rough going but not in itself dangerous. It came on to heavy rain and snow, and it was not until the fourth search party was sent out, six days after he had failed to return that his body was found a few hundred yards off the route he had taken. It is presumed he died of exposure and exhaustion; there were no signs of any injury.

The R.S.A. left for Gough Island on 1st October with a replacement as the party of six left is not normally due for relief till about May 1964 and one of those has an injured leg acquired on the search parties.

ANGOLA

We are indebted to Mr. K. W. Kuhne of P.O. Box 26, Abercorn, N. Rhodesia for an Angola stamp of E2.50 released (at Luanda) on 17 June for the meeting of the Council of the International Red Locust Control Service. He understands that this is the first time that a locust has been featured on a stamp. The red locust (*Nomadacris septemfasciata*) has invaded S. Africa from time to time from its usual breeding grounds in Tanganyika, N. Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

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NYASALAND PHILATELIC BUREAU

Mr. R. H. A. Farquharson writes us from Box 659, Blantyre, that he has been granted a sole franchise for Official First Day Covers for the forthcoming new postage stamp issues. He sends us the information, too late to appear in our September issue, that a provisional issue will be made on 1st October, when the postal services of the Federation will revert to territorial control.

The first issue will be a Provisional one of

Nyasaland Revenue stamps overprinted for postal use—Ten values, ½d. to £1. This will be replaced by a definitive set as soon as it can be printed. The official F.D.C.'s will bear the Nyasaland Coat-of-Arms.

The Crown Agents will be handling supplies of stamps for these issues to dealers as in the past; but the services of the Bureau are offered to anyone wanting not only F.D.C.'s, but corner blocks, imprint blocks, etc.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF POSTAL SERVICES IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA

[By LEO BUCHEN]

(Summary of paper read, accompanying displays, at recent meetings of the Germiston and Johannesburg Philatelic Societies).

Ancient civilisation was known to have existed on the East Coast of Africa particularly along the coastal stretch of what was later to become known as German East Africa. After being visited in turn by Vasco da Gama, Arabs, Speke and Burton, and Livingstone in 1868, European powers commenced to take interest in this part of the Dark Continent, which culminated in the scramble for East Africa in 1885 when the Imperial German Government granted a Charter to the German Colonization Society which had been founded in the previous year.

In 1886 the Treaty between Great Britain, Germany and the Sultan of Zanzibar, which defined their respective areas in the interior and the northern coastal stretch of East Africa known as Wituland. Here Germany actually operated a post office at Lamu from 22 November, 1888, to 31 March, 1891.

During 1890 Germany took over the administration of the territory from the German Colonization Society which became known as Deutsch-Ost-Afrika; German East Africa. The first post offices were opened at Dar-Es-Salaam and Bagamoyo on 4 October 1890, and at some time or other no less than 58 post offices were functioning. Here it should be mentioned that a German postal agency was in operation for less than a year in Zanzibar, from 27 August, 1890, until 31 July, 1891, and, covers bearing this postmark are difficult to obtain today.

The postal cancellers followed the pattern of German colonial postmarks and this applied to railway cancellers, which as usual, were oval in shape. The Usambara line cancellers showed train numbers 1 to 6 whereas the Midlands line employed 16 obliterations which, however, did not bear consecutive numbers. In addition there was one canceller without a train number.

At first postage stamps of Germany were used and by their postmarks they became known as "Vorläufer" or forerunners. During July, 1893, German stamps bearing

horizontal overprints of their values in East African currency were introduced. In 1896 this was changed to diagonal overprints showing the name of the colony and the values. These remained in use until 30 September, 1901, although the new definite "ship type" issue, depicting the Imperial yacht "Hohenzollern" became available during January, 1901, bearing the values in pesas and rupees. On 1 April, 1905, the currency was changed to heller and between 1905 and 1916 all postage stamps appeared on "lozenge" watermarked paper after having been previously printed on unwatermarked paper.

The outbreak of World War I created great difficulties for the colony from a postal point of view. Apart from a small supply of German stamps with the Germania design, carried by the cruiser "Koenigsberg," no new supplies could be expected. As can be realised, stamps from this source, bearing East African postmarks are extremely rare.

Faced with a growing shortage of stamps, the postal authorities decreed during May 1915, that postage for parcels and large quantities of printed matter should be paid in cash. Suitable rubber stamps accompanied by the normal canceller recorded the amount so collected, but on 20 December, 1915, the Director of Posts at Morogoro notified the public that as from 1 January, 1916, post offices at Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanga, Moshi, Morogoro, Tabora, Kigoma and Muanza would discontinue selling stamps and that postage for all mail matter would have to be paid in cash. Rubber stamps on all postal articles indicating the amount were proof that the required postage had been collected.

In addition it was announced on 8 January, 1916, that envelopes in multiples of 10 could be pre-franked at the post offices at Morogoro, Tanga and Dar-Es-Salaam for use anywhere within the colony and these emergency frankings form an interesting part of the postal history of German East Africa.

Apart from the larger post offices which had cancellers with days, months and years on rollers, the other offices found there were no slugs for the years 1915 and 1916, which were then cut locally. These local appendages were crude affairs and are easily distinguished from those produced in Germany. On 15 March, 1916, the steamer "Marie" arrived, having successfully evaded the blockade and, apart from some war

material, also brought badly needed supplies of stamps and the slugs for the cancelling instruments.

The arrival of this ship put an end to the issue of postage stamps which had in the interim been ordered from the printing works of the mission station Wuga, near Wilhelmstal. The design of the three values of 2½, 7½ heller and 1 rupee is quite simple and the quantities printed respectively were 100,000, 300,000 and 10,000 copies. They were buried on a farm near Morogoro during 1916 and, with British permission, unearthed in 1921 and taken to Germany. Due to lack of suitable protection 9,919 copies of the 2½ heller, 18,910 of the 7½ heller and 470 of the 1 rupee only survived, and are therefore rare, particularly when in fair condition, as the paper is now very brittle.

The mail of the German forces was handled by all post offices thus acting as field post offices. Early in 1916, however, the German troops established three field post offices in the sparsely populated south-eastern corner of the colony, which were equipped with special cancellers, bearing the inscription "Feldpoststation Deutsch Ostafrika" with distinctive Nos. 1 to 3. They operated from the middle of May, 1916, until October 1917. Field post cards and covers bearing these postmarks are scarce.

After the outbreak of World War I in 1914 a Field post office was established at Taveta which was in operation from 1 October, 1914, until 31 July, 1915, although the area remained occupied to March, 1916.

BLACK BLOTS

The April issue of the "American Philatelist" lists only two countries. (a) East Germany Anti-Malaria stamps as the 50 pf value was purposely limited, thus creating a false shortage of one value of the three-stamp set. (b) Additional stamps of the Haiti issue for the Seattle World Fair have been overprinted a second time. This second series, with a face value of about 80 cents, has the Opt. in dark red, instead of black as in the first series and it is horizontal instead of vertical. This is just creating unnecessary varieties to gouge money out of collectors.

In the June issue four more countries received blots, three of them being regretably connected with Red Cross issues.

Afghanistan had an 8 stamp issue—too long, with a limited time of sale and an oddity intentionally included; Ghana had an excessively extended issue plus a souvenir sheet oddity with all values; Switzerland had a set of perforate stamps plus an imperf. sheet of four 50c stamps (a face value of 2fr) which was sold at 3fr and they naively said these could be cut up and used separately.

Albania's 12 stamp Olympic set had 6 perf. and 6 imperf. stamps plus similar souvenir sheets of which dealers had to buy a specified number to earn the right to purchase rational quantities of the imperf. stamps.

A review of the first year of this War on Speculative Issues reveals that stamps from 30 different countries have been black-blotted. Nine countries had three or more issues blotted during the year, led by East Germany with 12, Hungary 10 and Haiti 9. Thirteen countries had only one issue blotted.

In the July issue there are five culprits—well known offenders. Afghanistan surcharged its set of 11 Anti-Malarials with "15 Ps" but had it on sale for one day only.

Czechoslovakia issued a three Kes sheet as a supplement to its space exploration set, without mentioning it in its postal announcement.

East German continued its practice of creating a shortage of one value in its latest set of three Gymnastic and sports stamps.

Liberia issued a five by three inch sheet as an oddity in 3-stamp set of outer space stamps.

Togo belatedly issued a large imperf sheet as belonging to its "stamp on stamps" set.

The August issue of the "American Philatelist" has several of the regular offenders.

(1) East Germany issued two stamps in June for the 75th anniversary of the "Worker's Song." The 25 pfg. value is in limited numbers—the old game of creating a false shortage.

(2) Hungary has a limited shortage of imperf. sheets in her set of large sheets of Soviet space travellers.

(3) Paraguay continues issuing bales of philatelic trash—A 14-stamp set of "Freedom from Hunger" stamps, 7 perf., 7 imperf. plus 2 souvenir sheets.

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SOCIETY NEWS

THE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDY CIRCLE

September meeting. Three members were congratulated following on the Durban Congress; Dr. Berry, awarded the Lea Cup for his work on the Republican Catalogue; Mr. Weinstein, elected President of Federation; Mr. Vermaak, elected Secretary of Federation and Business Manager of the "Philatelist."

Comprehensive reports were presented on two important new Issues, both of them on the long awaited R.S.A. watermark paper. The first, the Red Cross Commemoratives, the 2½c value of which made its debut in manner strange. After about 99,000 sheets (of the half million ordered) had been printed, one of its cylinders, No. 82, was damaged and was discarded. In quick time another, No. 99, replaced it. Then to everyone's surprise it turned out that a number of sheets had been printed on paper with a reversed watermark. How come? Quite simple, the roll, or rolls had been gummed on the wrong side, turned round, rolled hence the funny watermark. N.B.: place no credence upon the belief that the two features were cause and effect. To complete the picture, these odd stamps were not issued in bulk or in groups, but were spread out among the normal ones, a few sheets in each packet of 100.

The RSA paper was used for the first time on the definitives, the 1c and this appeared a day or so before this meeting. From new cylinders S33 S13—the "S" incidently means "Solid"—it is a pretty stamp, lighter and clearer than the S11 and S7.

Congress has asked the Circle to publish a Catalogue to cover the Issues during the interim period between the Golden Jubilee and the Republican Catalogues. This includes the important Decimal Series. Members are busy on this now and will welcome any hitherto unrecorded information of that period.

Among the items of interest shown was the "missing Cross" of the 12½c Red Cross stamp, an astonishing item; other stamps, blurred and streaky zylol effect, perforations guillotined from adjacent sheets, "home-made" "offsets"—with an iron—, to stress caution in purchasing "offsets."

The bourse showed again the great demand for good items, by the prices they reach. "Fantastic" is the word that has been used in this regard in some of the cases, "and we wonder if they will be maintained!"

—H.J.R.

P.S. OF THE WESTERN RAND

September Meeting. Congratulations to Mr. I. Godfrey on having his name placed on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, an honour we know he richly deserves.

Two collections were exhibited:

(a) Mr. E. Sharpe put up his collection of the issues in connection with the World Health Organisation's "Campaign Against Malaria." Only stamps depicting a recognisable mosquito are included in this collection. Quite amusing were some of the symbolic gestures used to indicate victory over the humble mosquito—from the school-masterly type who favoured the red-pencil cross so evident in many a school-boy's exercise books, through strangling, lynching, stabbing, hammering, spraying, to the Robin Hood who favoured transfixing this mortal enemy with an archer's arrow. An interesting collection, which was greatly enjoyed.

(b) Mr. O. Kylander exhibited his collection of the commemoratives of Pakistan. Included in the collection were a number of issues which did double duty as both commemorative and definitive issues. Of some interest was the world's first cricket stamp—until recently the only major sport not featured on stamps due to British conservatism of designs. Somehow this stamp (the whole set, for that matter) seemed to smack of a trade gimmick as it featured not a game of cricket but a bat, ball and set of stumps made in Pakistan! The collection contains some handsome stamps, and it too proved to be an interesting and enjoyable exhibit.

—R.W.B.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

August 5: The usual quiz was held, and was won by Prof. A. Sloan. Then Mr. D. Shaw showed selections from his general collection, namely stamps of Hungary, Bulgaria and Switzerland, which was enjoyed by those present.

August 28: Only the Hon. Secretary and the exhibitor of the evening, Capt. M. F. Stern, who was to show his "Maps and Exploration on Stamps," were present and the meeting was called off.

—M.F.S.

FISH HOEK P.S.

August 7: The exhibitor was Mr. W. G. Combrink who showed his well-known and fine collection of Yugoslavia. This was accompanied by a most enlightening talk. His style of layout is impeccable and unique. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

—M.F.S.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

August Meeting. Mrs. Jeidel showed items from her collection of Judaica, up to 1948. Mention is made of a few special items: (a) Cover franked with German Morocco stamps from Fez-Mellah. (b) Cover from Breslau with a stamp specially issued for the Jewish New Year 5658 (1897). (c) Small sheets of stamps issued in the town of Luboml, in the Ukraine, after the fall of the Imperial Russian Government. They were inscribed in Russian, Polish and Hebrew but did not come into postal use.

ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

8 August. The first half of the evening was devoted to five Research Study Exhibits. These were exceedingly interesting, but space does not permit of more than mention of the subjects and names of the exhibitors. Belgian Congo—Mrs. H. Jeidel; Poland—Dr. Keller; Yugoslavia—Mr. Combrink; Roumania—Mr. Roth; Germany (Cologne series)—Mr. Putzel.

In the second half Dr. Keller presented "Exploration into Space."

22 August. (1) Dr. Gottschalk gave an interesting talk and exhibit of Sudan, covering the period 1867 to 1898. (2) Mr. G. Bübring of Port Elizabeth showed part of his collection of Austria; part of his talk thereon is given in full in the September Newsletter and this will be continued in subsequent issues.

PRETORIA P.S.

3 September. Certificate of Merit competition: Two entries: (a) Dr. Schlieben "Flora of Africa". (b) Master John Schiff "U.P.U." The judges gave Dr. Schlieben the prize.

Two non-competitive exhibits were shown: Mr. C. J. Gouws, United Arab Republic, and Dr. P. Hack, Falkland Islands and St. Helena.

GERMISTON P.S.

September Meeting. An excellent attendance. Three collections were shown:

(1) Mr. B. Eilers showed his collection Danzig, which included several rarities.

(2) The South African "Volkspele" issue of March, 1962, which was designed by Mr. Kobus Esterhuizen, was tabled by Mrs. C. F. De Kock. In her display this member included original drawings by this artist, as well as varieties in the printing of this stamp. This collection created a great deal of interest among collectors of the commemorative issues of the Republic of South Africa.

(3) Collectors of the postage stamps of Australia missed a unique opportunity of viewing one of the most outstanding collections of this country ever seen in Germiston. The member responsible for this was Mr. E. Sequira who recently joined the society. Dating from the first issues of 1913, until today, this was a most complete collection of the Australian continent. Besides the usual issues the owner had also obtained blocks of four, mint and used, with the printer's imprint and these included several such high values as £2, a denomination fetching high prices these days.

CAPE SOCIETY OF PALESTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

August Meeting. Well attended. The main subject was the Interim period in the Palestine-Israel philatelic history; covers and stamps (many locally issued) were shown by four exhibitors, with talks on them. Those contributing were Dr. Gottschalk Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Jeidel and Mr. Galloon.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

August Meeting. After Mr. Scott had given impressions of his recent trip overseas, from a philatelic standpoint, and new Issues and Acquisitions had been tabled, three collections which had been sent up by Capt M. F. Stern from Cape town, were shown. They were (a) Selections from his History of Architecture; (b) Flags on Stamps, (c) Maps and Exploration, dealing mainly with Africa, but also with Russian Antarctic expeditions.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Scott seems to have been most struck with the Paris Sunday afternoon open air stamp market.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTE-VERENIGING

Op Vrydag 5 Sept. het 'n kleinerige opkoms 'n puik uitstalling deur lid B. Seelig gesien. Sy versameling van Japanse miniatuurvelle is regtig 'n pragstuk en saam met sy uitstalling van Franse Ceres en Napoleon klassiekstukke, sowel as Franse lugposseëls, is so veel belangstelling gewek dat bewonderaars eintlik vergeet het dat die oorlosie nie saam vertoef nie.

Lid Seelig was doerie dae al met Frankryk doenig en gevolglik kan hy spog met goedjies wat die jonger garde nie maklik aan die hande kan kry nie. Ons wens hom hartlik geluk en sê baie dankie vir 'n opwindende aand se seëlgenot.

Lid Lambert het maar mooitjies die smag wat hy met sy vasvra gekoester het met hom moes terug neem want die uitstalling het hom nie tyd gegun nie. Hy hou dus sy wedstryd oor vir ons vergadering van Vrydag 4 Oktober.

ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

August Meeting. After the auction the following exhibits were shown.

(1) Mr. Lazarus—Red Cross stamps from all parts.

(2) Mr. Couzens showed Ghana and Tonga "Golds." There was much discussion on the merits and demerits of the latter.

A list was given of stamps in the Society's collection which were considered unnecessary and which were to be put up to auction.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

August 12: A large number turned out to see Miss G. Hoffmann's prize-winning collection "Fish on Stamps." This was really outstanding, well set-out and very nearly complete as regards the stamps available, only a very few very rare items being missing. Miss Hoffmann gave a talk in which she outlined the work entailed in getting the information and setting-out of such a collection.

August 26: The Club was indeed fortunate in seeing Mr. W. G. Combrink's collection "Proofs and Essays" before this leaves the country. This consisted of the original pencil sketch of the Leopard design of Nyasaland, the Turkish proofs of 1926, the Argentine die proofs and later posthumous proofs, and finally the more than interesting progress proofs of Bosnia. Mr. Combrink gave a very fine talk on the subject, especially on progress proofs. Owing to requests, Miss G. Hoffmann again showed her "Fish on Stamps." The Club had the largest gathering for some time—there were no less than 15 visitors together with a fine turn-out of members. —M.F.S.

MASHONALAND

August Meeting. A well attended meeting, but only two members had brought anything for display, so it was decided to cancel this part of the meeting in view of the large amount of material for auction. This went off well.

BLACK BLOTS

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(4) Ghana has added an imperf. souvenir sheet to the 4-stamp Red Cross set issued in May.

(5) Tonga's large gold foil stamps have been given a big Q, pending further news of the on-sale time and the distribution methods used abroad.

The September issue continues with mainly the same offenders.

Afghanistan's Red Cross issue has an oddity included in the shape of an imperforate airmail sheet.

East Germany 3-stamp set for Motorcycle Races has a limited printing of the lowest value, 10 pf.

Hungary's transport set has 14 perf. and 14 imperf. values.

Nigeria has twice included oddities with its issues (a) two triangular stamps as a sheet in its regular Scout issue, (b) a miniature sheet with its Red Cross issue.

TONGA GOLD

This set of 15 stamps, circular reproductions of the first gold coinage of Polynesia, is causing many headaches.

(1) Some are worrying—How much actual gold is in the gold-leaf on which the stamps are printed? We do not think they need worry—the chances are that in the long run the stamps will be worth more than the coins they represent.

(2) Dealers are wondering how many stamps they will receive—This is a genuine cause of headache, as the stocks seem to be very low, and, the dies having been destroyed, there is no possibility of reprints.

(3) Collectors are wondering how to mount the stamps in their albums, and can get no satisfactory replies.

Meanwhile we proffer the old advice "Buy at best."

DEFINITIONS

Mr. B. Joseph, of Robemark Philatelists, has sent us the following "Thoughts for the Month" which he came across in an old New Zealand philatelic magazine of 1949.

A Stamp Collector is a man who enjoys his hobby but loses money when he sells.

A Philatelist is a man who knows so much more than a professional that he not only enjoys his hobby but makes a profit when he sells.

A Stamp Dealer is one who makes sufficient profit out of the stamp collectors to recompense him for the losses he makes on his transactions with the philatelists.

SO CALLED "EUROPA" STAMPS FROM GREEK ISLANDS

An announcement appeared in various philatelic papers that "Europa" stamps had been issued on three insignificant Greek islands, Arcondi, Oxia and Dragonera, on 28th January. The inscriptions on them were partly in Greek, partly in English.

The Greek Post Office has published an official note stating that the issue was private and unlawful and will not be accepted for use at any post office in Greece.

REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Commonwealth Catalogue—King George VI Stamps. 1964-5 Edition, published by The Commonwealth Stamp Coy., 7 Leather Lane, Liverpool.

This 10th Edition is evidence of the popularity of these stamps, with the prices steadily rising. There are various little details given, which are not to be found in all catalogues— e.g. quantities printed, sheet positions of listed varieties, etc.

The Postmarks of Bloemfontein—Sections II and III, by A. G. M. Batten, privately printed.

This highly detailed study is a continuation of the work reviewed in our June issue, p. 113, dealing with the Republican period 1868-1900.

Section II is termed "The Occupation Period," dating, for philatelic purposes, from 13th March to 1st November, 1900. On the latter date the first O.R.C. cancellers were introduced in Bloemfontein. There was not a great deal of material available for this Section and additions would be welcomed.

For Section III, the Orange River Colony period, the G.P.O. in London allowed some reproductions to be made from the Date Stamp Impressions Books in their Archives, particularly of the double circle cancellers.

Eight pages in the booklet deal with Section II, whereas there are thirty devoted to the wealth of material handled in Section III.

Stanley Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

This has gone all gay with the September number appearing with half the covers occupied by bright four-coloured reproductions of stamps. It has been enlarged from 32 to 36 pages and re-designed typographically to make reading easier. Quite incidentally, of course, the price has gone up from 9d. to 1/-.

Great Britain.

A **Specialised Catalogue** is to be published soon by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons. Vol. 1—Queen Victoria, is announced for 21 October, 192 pages, hundreds of illustrations, price 35/-.

Shanahans.

It is long since we have heard anything from Dublin about this firm.

It is now announced by the liquidator of Shanahan Stamps Auctions, Ltd. that they have authorised Robson Lowe, Ltd. to sell the stock, and they have stated that the auctioning of them will probably be spread over two years.

WANTS, OFFERS & EXCHANGE

FINE USED WANTED: Middle East Countries, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine.—W. Lambert, P.O. Box 1138, Johannesburg.

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PAGES: Rapkin pages special prices. 50 Black pages with inner leaves R1-75 (was £1); 50 Black pages, no inner leaves, R1-00 (was 14/6); 50 White with inner leaves, R1-00 (was 14/6); 50 White, no inner leaves 75c (was 11/-).—S. BERGMAN, 25 Linton Road, Mill Park, Port Elizabeth.

!!!! MORE collections being broken up! Cape Postal History; Sicily; Luxemburg.—DOUGLAS ROTH, Mona Crescent, Newlands, Cape.

ZULULAND/BANGKOK: Anything and everything required urgently — for cash! —M. M. WOOD, P.O. Box 687, Johannesburg.

POSTAL STATIONERY FOR SALE.—Largest portion from Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Bavaria, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy. Write to E. BAER, P.O. Box 4004, Port Elizabeth.

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PAKISTAN: Local Overprints Wanted, other than those listed by Gibbons. Single items, bulk, pieces or covers.—J. G. WALKER, 71(a) Innes Road, Durban.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

Hon. Associate Editor: Dr. T. B. BERRY,
Box 31, Bryanston, Transvaal

The 3c Denomination.

A reprinting of the 3c value from previously used cylinders, Nos. S 8 / S 35, on unwatermarked paper has made its appearance at Post Offices. The four-figure red sheet numbers are now recorded opposite rows 7 and 8, and 18 and 19, the other printing characteristics remaining unaltered.

Special Cancellations.

Interested collectors may be pleased to learn that "Special Cancellations" may be obtained by sending a stamped, self addressed envelope to the following respective addresses. These are for:

"Table Mountain," Postmaster, Cape Town.

"Big Hole," Postmaster, Kimberley.

"Hertzog Tower," Postmaster, Johannesburg.

"Cango Caves," Postmaster, Knysna.

"Voortrekker Monument," Philatelic Bureau, Pretoria.

"Old Post Office Tree," Postmaster, Mossel Bay. (20th December, 1963).

There are also fifteen Mobile Post Offices operating in the Republic at the present time, and although no mail matter may be posted from these offices, their particular cancellations may be obtained through the courtesy of the Publicity Officer, Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Pretoria, by submitting stamped, self-addressed envelopes to this officer.

STAMP THEFT

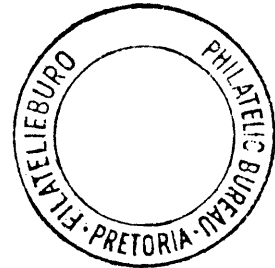
We regret to report that the flat occupied by Mr. A. G. Versino of Cape Town was broken into on the 20th November and amongst other articles five volumes of his specialised collection of Great Britain were stolen.

The five albums are bright red Rapkin Multi-Ring Loose Leaf ones, and they contain, as far as it has been possible to determine at this stage, some pre-adhesive covers, some Q.V. stamps on cover and off cover, a quantity of Q.V. line engraved, Q.V. surface printed up to £ values, Edward VII and George V, the two latter are thought to include a considerable quantity of controls.

The sheets are extensively written up in black Indian Ink, each sheet heading similarly on white paper mounted on black, and the stamps are also mounted on a piece of white paper superimposed on black.



REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA
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A Philatelic Bureau exists in the Post Office in Pretoria to meet the special needs of stamp dealers and philatelists. Only stamps of the Republic of South Africa currently in use are on sale.

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'n Filatelieburo bestaan in die poskantoor in Pretoria om in die spesiale behoeftes van seëlhandelaars en filateliste te voorsien. Slegs seëls van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika tans in gebruik word te koop aangebied.

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OLD POST OFFICE TREE MOSSEL BAY

As a result of representations made by the Chamber of Commerce through the Mossel Bay Town Council, the Postmaster-General has agreed to the provision of a special date stamp to commemorate the old Post Office Tree at Mossel Bay which was used as the first post office in Southern Africa.

A letter posted by the Portuguese navigator, Pedro d'Ataide, in 1501 was found in an old shoe hanging from the tree, which has now been declared an historical monument.

The letter was later found by another Portuguese navigator, Joao da Nova.

The Postmaster-General has provided a posting box which will be included in a stone structure in the form of a Portuguese shoe of that period.

All letters posted at the Post Office Tree will be date stamped with a special design of the tree.



The Portuguese Ambassador has been asked to open the post box on December 20 and to post greetings to the President of Portugal, the President of South Africa and other dignitaries all over the world.

A first-day cover is being issued which will contain a publicity brochure of Mossel Bay—it will be of interest to philatelists all over the world.

Provision for the issue of 5,000 first-day covers is being made.

KENYA

The Kenya "Uhuru 1963" issue of 14 values (5c to 20/-) is illustrated in the November Crown Agents Bulletin. It is to be issued on Independence Day.

STOP PRESS

THE TRANSKEI 2½c COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

The Postmaster-General has announced that a special postage stamp of 2½c will be issued on the 11th December, 1963, on the occasion of the first meeting of the Transkei Legislative Assembly.

On the stamp will be depicted a drawing of the old Bunya building in Umtata as it is being converted to be able to meet the needs of the new body.

A Commemorative Date-stamp has been authorised, and persons who wish to have first-day covers date-stamped should send their own addressed envelopes, accompanied by a sufficient payment, not in cheque form, to cover the postage, to the Postmaster, Umtata, before the 11th December, 1963.

Further details will appear in our next number.

SPECIAL TREATMENT OF PHILATELIC MAIL

A letter received from the Postmaster-General informed the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa that arrangements have been made to provide special receptacles in which mail can be deposited for special attention, in the public lobbies of the main post offices in the following centres: Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth, East London, Kimberley, Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Durban, and Cape Town.

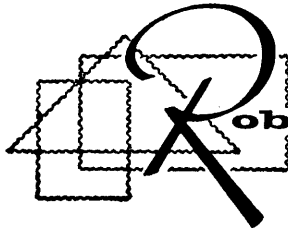
It is trusted that the receptacles will be available early during November, 1963, and that philatelists throughout the country will benefit by this arrangement.

THE 2½c DENOMINATION PRINTED ON RSA WATERMARKED PAPER

A printing of the 2½c value, from Cylinders No. 12/11 has been made on RSA watermarked paper. Only panes C and D have been found thus far.

EXCHANGE WANTED

On page 209 of our November issue a gentleman in Ghana was mentioned as wishing exchange but his name and address were omitted. He is Mr. J. W. Wood, Adisadel College, Box 83, Cape Coast, Ghana.



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THE "OCCUPATIONAL" POSTMARKS OF THE MANDATED TERRITORY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA

By Capt. L. SIMENHOFF, E.D., B.A., F.R.P.S.L., R.D.P. (S.A.)

(Continued from page 212 of the November issue).

Second Column: Postmark: "Occ. No.": type number of the mark; year of use, when known; colour, if other than black; diametrical measurements, if mark is circular.

Third Column: REMARKS on the office, etc.

OMITARA PTtA 1920-21 POTtA 1921-23	Occ. 116	22		25 mm. (3 stars ?)	Govt. work prior to 1920. Mails via Windhuk/hoek.
ONDONGA PA 1916-23	Occ. 117	22		Violet 25 mm. later bluish	Situated in the north in the heart of Ovambuland. Mails via Windhuk 1916-19, via Tsumeb 1920-23.
ORUMBUNGA/ ORUMBONGA PA 1921-23	Occ. 118	?		?	Mails via Windhoek. No postmark known.
OTAVI RAIL PTA 1916	Occ. 119	T.P.O.		Bahnpost	Old German railway post- mark used unaltered. Mails via Windhuk.
OTAVI PTtMO 1917-23	Occ. 120	5	1916	Blue.	Mails via Windhuk.
	Occ. 121	26	1916-23	F.P.O. 61 31/21 mm.	
OTAVIFONTEIN PTA 1916-17	Occ. 122	1	1st-5th July 1915	Wander- stempel.	Mails via Windhuk.
	Occ. 123	5	1916	Blue F.P.O. 59.	Govt. work during May 1920.
PTtA 1918-20	Occ. 124	25		Metal Die. 27 mm.	Occ. 123. Manuscript Name inserted in top compart- ment
OTJISAZ(A)U PA 1921	Occ. 125	9	1921	27 mm.	Mails via Okahandja.
OTJIVERO POTtA 1921-23	Occ. 126	22	1921	Violet 28 mm.	Mails via Windhoek.
OTJIWARONGO PTtA 1916-17	Occ. 127	5		F.P.O.	Mails via Windhuk/hoek.
	Occ. 128	5		Blk-blue. 57	Occ. 128. Otjiwarongo in type set lettering.
PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 129	36		31/21 mm.	
OUTJO PTtA 1916-17	Occ. 130	21	1916	Seal (official)	Mails via Windhuk.
	Occ. 131	Line		Block capitals and date	Occ. 131. Provisional "OUT- JO" 30 mm. long, letters 6 mm. high.
PTtMO 1918-23	Occ. 132	12	1916	27 mm.	
	Occ. 133	12a		27 mm.	Occ. 133. OUTJO larger capitals.
POMONO PTtMO 1918	Occ. 134	?	1918		Mails via Luderitzbucht. Af- ter 1918 Govt. work only. No postmark known.

(To be continued).

TRISTAN DA CUNHA AND GOUGH IS.

The R.S.A. returned from a trip to Tristan and Gough Is. on 25th October. This had been made for two reasons: (1) To take the Administrator of Tristan to Gough Is. to hold an enquiry into the death of Mr. Smalberger, the O.C. of the S.A. Met. staff on the island. His presence was necessary because Gough is administratively a dependency of Tristan. The finding was that death was due to exposure, but it will probably never be known what prompted him to leave the base unaccompanied, against standing instructions and in unsuitable clothing for the prevailing weather. (2) The other reason for the trip was to take another leader for the Met. party.

Whether mail was brought from Gough Island has not been ascertained, but there was mail from Tristan, including:

(a) Covers taken there by the U.S.S. Spiegel Grove and landed there by helicopter as mentioned in our July issue, page 140. This bore the Tristan postmark of 2 May '63 and must have been lying there till the R.S.A. called. It has a special cachet in three lines reading "USS SPIEGEL GROVE (LSD-32)/C/o Fleet Post Office/New York, N.Y."

(b) Ordinary mail, with covers for marking which had been taken there by the "Tristania" about the end of August. They had the provisional stamps cancelled with the Tristan postmark of 12 Sep '63.

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Now well on its way to Tristan is the "Bornholm" with 198 islanders on board, who have chosen to be repatriated. They are reported to be laden with plastic flowers to brighten up their homes, as so few pretty flowers grow on the island.

It may be taking the "Freedom from Hunger" and the "Red Cross Centenary" stamps which were scheduled for issue on 2nd September, but were held up by shipping difficulties.

It will certainly be bringing the official souvenir covers which have been arranged for by the Crown Agents. These are being sold in England with stamps affixed and it is hoped, some will arrive here in due course.

On 29th October it was reported in the press that the small coaster "Zeehann" was loading stores and provisions at Walvis Bay for Tristan. There was no mention of mail being carried.

AEROPHILA 63

Successful South African exhibitors at this International Aerophilatelic Exhibition held on Brussels 1-8 September were:—

Capt. M. F. Stern. Prix d'Honneur Sieger Medal (Silver Gilt) for "History and Development of the Airmails of South Africa and S.W.A."

Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey: Silver award for Aerogrammes.

OBITUARY

It is with deep regret that we learn from the Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society of the death of their old member—**G. K. Forbes.** He was a real "Grand old man." As a member of our Roll of Honour a biography (largely autobiographical) was published, with photograph of him, in our issue of Dec., 1958, p. 189.

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We also regret to learn of the death of **C. P. Rang,** for sixteen years Editor of Gibbon's Stamp Monthly.

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It was announced at the meeting of the Federation Executive Committee on the 15th November that **Dr. Alec Kaplan** of Germiston was seriously ill.

We regret to report that two days later we heard that he had died.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Kaplan.

A biography of him, as being on our Roll of Honour, was published in the S.A. Philatelist in July, 1957, p. 103.

THE ROMANCE OF STAMP COLLECTING

A TRIP TO THE ANTIPODES

By J. CREEWEL

My wife and I went over to Australia and New Zealand, the latter being the prime objective, taking in also New Caledonia (it was just unfortunate that time and facility did not permit of a visit to the New Hebrides too—only a weekly air service from Fiji) and Mauritius.

With a bit of prompting, it may be recalled that way back in 1936, there arrived at the P.S. of Johannesburg, a letter from New Zealand, from a (then) young girl who was seeking a philatelic friend in South Africa, and that I took it up. We have been corresponding ever since, and over the years, all the magazines, etc., which she sent to me (apart from stamps) had built up a very strong yearning to see that country. It is a truly wonderful place, and for once I think it can truthfully be said that no amount of publicity can do it justice, and that nothing we have seen in pictures, films, etc., has over-rated its beauty and charm to any degree at all.

We travelled across by ship, calling at Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, and after Wellington, finally left the ship at Auckland, where Margaret lives. We had allotted five weeks for our stay in New Zealand, but spent seven there, and so had to cut down on our stay in Australia. Then we flew for a week-end to Noumea (New Cal.), then by air to Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, the Cocos, Mauritius and back to Johannesburg.

I knew that Margaret was a cripple, thought it was the result of an accident in childhood—actually it was polio—and it was for that reason that she had taken up stamp collecting. She insisted that we stay with them whilst we were in Auckland—it was two weeks in all, a week on arrival and a week before we left. Such charming people, she and her father (who is 84 and sprightly as a chicken), but that epitomizes all the New Zealanders we met—their hospitality was unbounded and unforgettable. While I went armed with all sorts of philatelic fare and offerings, there was so much else to talk about and to see (she drives a car for all her handicap) that it was perhaps not so strange that we only managed one short "session" on the day before we finally left New Zealand.

But to turn back to the philatelic side of the story—I also went armed with the names and addresses of all the representatives of the R.P.S. London, in both Australia and New Zealand. In Australia, with the exception of Mr. Purves in Melbourne, they were all off our "beaten track" and it was not possible to see any of them. Time being short, as mentioned, in Australia, I did not see many of the dealers, nor even Mr. Purves—my mother has relatives in Melbourne who had mapped our programme even before we arrived, and completely monopolised our time in that City, and by the same token, had to forego the pleasure of contacting the local societies.

In New Zealand, the position was different. The R.P.S. representative there is a Mr. Collins, who lives in Christchurch. He describes himself as unique amongst R.P.S. representatives in that he is a dealer, not a collector, but because he has been associated with the ROYAL for over forty years, he is still their accredited ambassador. He now spends most of his time in writing, and the recognised "work" on the stamps of New Zealand has been compiled by him—four massive volumes, with a fifth in the course of preparation. I spent a most interesting morning in his company, and there met a Dr. Turner-Jennings, immediate past-President of the Christchurch Society, with whom we spent a very entertaining couple of hours in the afternoon.

Every city in New Zealand, and nearly all the smaller towns, is publicity conscious, and the visitor can load himself up with masses of brochures, etc. In all of them, wherever a Philatelic Society exists, prominence is given to the details of date and place of meeting, names and addresses and phone numbers of the Chairman and Secretary. There are some 28 Societies throughout the country, but the only one that I was able to visit was in Auckland. On our return visit to Christchurch, I found the meeting would take place the evening after our departure, but because we were already a couple of days behind schedule, we could not stay over. When in Wellington on our way back to Auckland, I found the meeting had taken place just before we arrived.

In Auckland, the Society meets twice a month—the meeting I attended was their "informal" meeting and sales night, but nevertheless, the programme includes a display, and a most unusual one it was. It was given by one of the local dealers, entitled "What a dealer does in his spare time"—

this one collects cigarette cards, and gave a wonderful display; whilst it embraced almost the entire world, as far as cigarette cards go, it was most noticeable that South African cards were almost non-existent in his collection. Like everywhere else in New Zealand, my reception at the meeting was wonderful, and I was asked to make a short address on our activities in Southern Africa.

In the auction I picked up a couple of Rhodesian items, not because I wanted them, but more so for sentiment. By our standards the prices were ridiculous—low—and on the other hand, on the same basis, local material also went for ridiculous prices—high.

As mentioned, I had taken with me a selection of material from South Africa, the Protectorates and the Federation, hoping, in view of the currency restrictions, to be able to exchange it for New Zealand or other items from that part of the world. None of the dealers showed any interest at all; their racks and even the walls of their premises were plastered, there is no other word, with Australia, New Zealand and the Islands (Pacific), but they all, without any qualification, said there was no interest at all in anything outside of that field. So, philatelically speaking, our visit to the Antipodes was not an outstanding success.

The only other event of note was a visit to the Canterbury Museum, arranged by Mr. Collins, where I had a personally conducted tour through the Philatelic Section, under the guidance of the Curator, Mr. S. Dacre. Strangely enough, this collection, which has been bequeathed by various public-spirited citizens, does not feature New Zealand as might have been expected, to any great degree, but contains amongst others, some very fine material of Great Britain and Australia, especially Australian flown covers of the Kingsford-Smith epoch.

REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, Part One.

(British Commonwealth), 1964 Edition.
Price 25/- net.

This increases in size, there being now 864 pages, about 50 more than the previous edition. There are several new countries, and former members are still included.

The demand for "classics" is steadily increasing and with this a rise in prices. This is most marked in Britain itself, in the British North American and West Indian groups; and coming nearer home, Madagascar Consular Mail and Transvaal. In the Madagascar large "labels" there are very few priced under £3 each and some run up to £25; in Transvaal the 1 Penny on 6d. Queen's heads have jumped considerably and the K.E. error 1d. with cabled anchor watermark has risen from £50 to £75.

Griqualand West has been rewritten and there are some price rises.

British Aerogrammes.

Capt. M. F. Stern reports that on 1st August the British Post Office issued in London only, two aerogrammes, each with a different view printed inside, the one showing the Houses of Parliament and the other, the Tower of London—all in full colour. These aerogrammes are on sale experimentally at 10d. each.

First day aerogrammes arrived in Cape Town August 5. Those showing the Houses of Parliament, were posted at the House of Commons Post Office S.W.1.

The Postmark of Bloemfontein, Sections II and III, by A. G. M. Batten.

These Sections deal respectively with the Occupation (13 March to 1 November 1900) and the Colonial (1 Nov. 1900, to 30 May, 1910) periods. They follow on the Republican Period (1868-1900) which was reviewed in our June issue, p. 113.

The written descriptions of the cancellations are throughout quite excellent, but some of the photographic reproductions are really quite useless for identification purposes. We have been given to understand by the writer that more use of drawings will be made when he goes on to the postmarks of other towns.

This is good to know, because the series as a whole is a grand addition to O.F.S. Philately.

It may be noted that although No. 1 in the horizontally barred oval series is included in the republican section, there is no mention of the 4-figure boxed numerals in vertical barred ovals, some five of which are known on newspaper wrappers of the Bloemfontein "Friend" and so can practically certainly have Bloemfontein located as their place of usage. (See S.A. Ph. 1962, p. 160).

Jubilee of "Stamp Collecting."

On 20th Sept., 1913, there was launched by Douglas Armstrong and Richard Dalwick the first **independent** British weekly philatelic newspaper. They are both still active philatelists, even if not quite so active as 50 years ago. We congratulate the present editor, Mr. K. Chapman, on the special Jubilee number which is full of interesting matter, some dealing with the past, some with the present. Not the least interesting article is one by D. B. Armstrong, the founder-editor.

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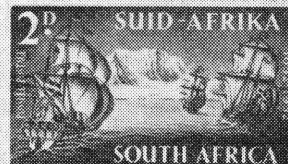
WHERE WAS "FAIRVIEW"?

In our August issue Mr. A. Leslie Leon raised the question as to the whereabouts of Fairview. This P.O.A. was known to have used No. 10 canceller, but its location was unknown. He has apparently discovered where it was, for he now writes:—

I am now able to answer the query I put to you, which was published in the August number. FAIR VIEW was a Postal Agency to the west of Spion Kop and north-west of Springfield, near Colenso. This information was obtained from a book dealing with Buller's Campaign in Natal, which contained a detailed map of the area in question.

**TABLE MOUNTAIN
GUARDIAN OF THE MOTHER CITY**

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



Cape Town snuggles on the slopes of the majestic Table Mountain, which rises to a height of 3,549 feet above the blue waters of Table Bay—the tavern of the seas.

The top of the grandiose creation is well-nigh horizontal and is nearly two miles in length. At a distance the face of the pile appears to be unbroken, but in actuality a deep gorge—Platteklip—separates the huge mass from its summit to the base. On either side and in front of the mountain are two lesser peaks. That on the left being known as Devil's Peak, which rises to a height of 3,000 feet, while Lion's Head, on the right, is 1,000 feet lower.

The face of the mountain is scored by a number of waterways which discharge tremendous torrents of water into the Bay after rain has fallen. One of these streams which had its source in the Platteklip Gorge was the source of water supply to the old town until almost the close of the nineteenth century. Today the water supply of the city is still obtained from the summit of Table Mountain but here modern reservoirs and filtration plants have been established.

The first white man to climb to the top of the mountain was a Portuguese seaman, Antonia da Silva, in the year 1503. After many months at sea this eminence was the most outstanding landmark he had seen and he made the ascent in order to determine his bearings.

In 1928 an aerial ropeway was erected; the Lower Cableway Station of which was situated about half-way up the mountain side. From a specific point of vantage on the summit, where the rock face is sheer for nearly 400 feet, both the Indian and Atlantic oceans may be seen.

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Generally the structure of the mountain is a species of hard, white limestone. Gold and silver have been found on Lion's Head and tin on Devil's Peak, but only in very small quantities which would be uneconomic to work.

On Table Mountain are to be found no less than 2,622 different types of flora, an extraordinary number for such a comparatively confined area.

This mountain is the cradle of South African mountaineers and the famous Mountain Club was founded in 1891. Among its many eminent members was the late Jan Christiaan Smuts, who unveiled the Club War Memorial on February 25, 1923.

The famous "table cloth" which frequently covers the flat top of the berg is caused by currents of wind bringing up masses of cloud from the south and these are left hanging on the top of the mountain, with a blue sky above.

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In November, 1911, the City Council of Cape Town completed the construction of a pier having its entrance at the foot of Adlerley Street and which projected for a distance of 1,000 feet into Table Bay. At the sea end, the pier terminated in a tower which contained a warning light for shipping. This innovation was opened by Sir Frederick de Waal, Administrator of the Cape Colony, in 1915.

For more than a quarter of a century this pier was a favourite promenade for the public but, with the enormous and far reaching scheme of the reclamation of the foreshore, its life was doomed. In 1938, as the old order gave place to new, the pier was demolished.

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The first occasion on which Table Mountain was depicted philatelically was in 1900, when a 1d. carmine stamp was issued to commemorate the introduction of penny postage in the colony.

The mountain again appeared on the 10/- value of 1926, which also showed the pier in the Bay. In 1929 the design of the 4d. Air Post stamp included this famous landmark as did the 2d. issue of the Van Riebeeck Tercentenary issue of 1952. This motive has been a most popular item with stamp designers for it was used on the Railway Centenary issue of 1960 and on the 50 cent value of the current issue of the Republic.

CAPE NUMERAL POSTMARKS

Ten new records have been sent in.

Mr. J. B. Levy, Bloemfontein, reports No. 527, a very clear strike on cover, with the place-date stamp of Patriots Klip in 1904. This was a Postal Agency, but it is no longer in operation.

Mr. C. Rosenberg records nine numbers, but all are on loose Cape stamps save one, so can only be recorded as "Used in Cape." The one exception is a 4-figure number—1113, on cover from Piquetberg.

The other numbers, all clear strikes, are 57, 256, 278, 358, 432, 549, 655 and 842.

No. 57 was just reported on an O.R.C. stamp. (See S.A. Ph., July, '63, p. 128); this occurrence was probably earlier usage.

No. 278 was previously reported on an O.R.C. stamp, but this is thought to be interprovincial usage in the Cape.

Mr. D. Allison reports No. 493 on a loose 1d. Cape stamp.

NYASALAND AND N. RHODESIA

With the approaching end of the Rhodesia-Nyasaland Federation, two territories have already arranged for independent postal services, according to the Crown Agents October Bulletin.

Nyasaland has arranged for a provisional set of 11 values, ½d. to £1, of their revenue stamps to be overprinted Postage, and to be put on sale in 1st November. A definitive set is expected to be ready on 1st January.

Northern Rhodesia is to have a definitive set of 14 values, ½d. to £1. Date of release November 1st. The design, common to all, has a portrait of H.M. the Queen and the N. Rhodesian Coat of Arms.

Mr. R. H. A. Farquharson wrote us from P.O. Box 659, Blantyre, that he has been granted a sole franchise for Official First Day Covers for the forthcoming new postage stamp issues, but this arrived too late to appear in an earlier issue.

The Crown Agents will be handling supplies of stamps for dealers, but Mr. Farquharson's "Philatelic Bureau" services are offered wanting, not only F.D.C.'s, but also corner blocks, imprint blocks, etc.

COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS

Referring to the first issue of stamps for these islands in our May issue (on the South African-Australian air route), we now have particulars about them. There are six of them featuring scenes on the islands, the denominations being 3d, 5d, 8d, 1/-, 2/- and 2/3 in Australian currency. Administration was taken over from Singapore by Australia in 1955.

Later. We have to thank Qantas Airways for an F.D.C., beautifully produced, with a 2/3d stamp.

The postmark is a single-line circle of 31 mm. diameter, with "Cocos (Keeling) Islands" round the top and "Aust" at the bottom.

In the centre, in three lines is:
"Indian/2 11 JE 63 2/Ocean."

The significance of the large figures "2" before and after the date was not obvious, but enquiry of Qantas Airways elicited the information that they had seen one mark with large figures "1" instead of "2". The explanation would therefore seem to be that more than one cancelling stamp was used for the F.D.C.'s and that each was numbered.

The Cocos stamp can be used in Australia just as can those of Australian Antarctica. The reason for this is constitutional; neither have their own administration, unlike various Australian territories, but are governed from Australia.

AUSTRALIA

Christmas Island is to have a definitive set of ten stamps to replace the provisionals issued in 1958 when the island was transferred to Australian administration. The stamps range from 1c to \$1 expressed in Malayan currency. (These prices in Australian currency run from 1d. to 3/-).

This island is in the Indian Ocean, S.W. of Java and is a valuable source of phosphate rock. Do not confuse it with another of the same name in the Fanning group in the Pacific.

New issues. On 9 October a new green 5d. portraying H.M. the Queen, using the portrait employed for the Royal Visit stamp.

Also the first of a series showing early

navigators in Australian waters. This will depict Abel Tasman, who discovered Tasmania and New Zealand in 1642.

UNITED NATIONS

The third commemorative stamp for 1963 was issued on 1 October. It is a 25c for the first anniversary of the U.N. executive in the territory formerly known as West New Guinea, now known as West Irian by the Indonesian administrators.

The 4th issue, 5c and 11c stamps, were due on Nov. 4. They feature the U.N. Assembly Hall in New York.

The 5th and last commems. for the year are due on 10 December. Also 5c and 11c stamp, they honour the Declaration of Human Rights.

FRANCE

The Ministry of Posts announces the following new issues:—

(1) 2 Sept. A 0.30F stamp honouring the World Championships of Water-Skiing.

(2) 14 Sept. Two "Europa" stamps of 0.25 and 0.50F denominations. The designs enclose the letters C, E, P. T.

(3) 12 Nov. A 0.85F is a reproduction of "Les Mariés de la Tour Eiffel."

(4) 12 Nov. A 0.95F reproducing "Leo Marchands de Fourrures" in the Chartres Cathedral.

JAPAN

(1) On 1st September 5 and 10 yen stamps, being the seventh in the National Park Series.

(2) On 9th September a 10 yen commem. in honour of the International Scientific Radio Union.

"BLACK BLOTS"

In the August issue of the "American Philatelist" four old offenders reappear:

E. Germany. A limited issue of the 25 pf. in the 2-stamp Workers Song pair.

In the Red Cross set of Ghana mentioned above in the June issue the series was delayed in appearing, but it was found there were eight perf. and 8 imperf.

Hungary. Two large souvenir sheets of U.S.S.R. astronauts, with a limited issue of one of them.

Paraguay. 14 stamps, half perf. and half imperf., also 2 souvenir sheets in a Freedom from Hunger set.

ITALIAN REMAINDERS

It will be remembered that some time back we used to announce sales of these official remainders. It is now announced by the Minister of Posts that sales by tender of these stamps is stopped. Apparently they were boycotted by the Italian stamp trade or such offers as were made were ridiculously low.

CANADA

The Canadian Trade Commissioner informs us that a 5c stamp in the explorer series was to be issued on 29th July in honour of Sir Martin Frobisher, one of the earliest searches for a Northwest Passage, in 1576. He did not actually make many geographical discoveries, and received his knighthood for his services against the Spanish Armada. The stamp will show a portrait and an outline of a sailing ship silhouetted against an iceberg.

We have to thank the Canadian P.M.G. for a Day of Issue (2 V-63) cover bearing the 2c and 3c Q.E. stamps which complete the series began in October last year.

The symbol on the 2c is a tree and that on the 3c a fish, those represent two of Canada's large industries.

We are also indebted to P.M.G. for an F.D.C. with a \$1 stamp designed to stimulate the country's International Export Trade.

Our only comment would be that we hope their export trade will be better paying than by setting a \$1 stamp to do the work which a 1c stamp could have done! Nevertheless we were pleased to set this valuable stamp.

On 25 September there was a 5c commemorating the Bi-Centennial of the start of a postal service between Quebec and Montreal. We have to thank the P.M.G. for an F.D.C. with this stamp.

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

The August issue deals mainly with the Red Cross and tells the story of how the organisation started and how it has grown and enlarged its scope. In September its centenary is being celebrated and it will be honoured philatelically by about ninety countries.

GREAT BRITAIN

It seems probable that Shakespeare may be honoured philatelically next year. The 400th anniversary occurs then and a special Festival is to be held at Stratford-on-Avon.

It is understood that several artists have already been invited to submit designs.

Centenary of 1st International Conference of Postal Administrations. We have to thank "Stamp Collecting" for a commemorative cover produced jointly by the British Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Traders Association.

ETHIOPIA

A set of 5 stamps was issued on 11th September in honour of the 10th anniversary of the Federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia. Ranging from 3c to 60c in value, they feature various buildings in Assab and Massawa, the capital and the port of Eritrea.

On 2nd November there was due a set of 7 stamps honouring Ethiopia's famous men and women, ranging from 7 B.C. to 1508 A.D. This is announced as the first of an annual series of such stamps.

RHODESIA & NYASALAND

We understand that a World's Round Table Conference is to be held in Salisbury later this year and that some 500 delegates are expected.

This will make it the largest ever International Conference to be held there.

We hear that the Federal Government is being urged to issue a special set of stamps for the occasion.

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SOCIETY NEWS

ROYAL P.S. OF RHODESIA

September meeting. Two exhibits were shown: (1) Mr. Carter—Falkland Islands, about which he gave a very interesting talk about their historical and geographical background. (2) Mr. Howes showed part of his collection of Great Britain.

At an auction some unwanted parts of the Society's collection were disposed of, fetching a sum of nearly £12, which will come in useful for filling up some blanks.

MASHONALAND P.S.

September 11. Mr. G. D. Trotter gave a fine display of Zanzibar stamps and postal stationery, to a large meeting.

The show given at the recent Hobbies Exhibition was reported on as having been very successful and so many of those seeing it were juniors who seemed anxious to join up that we are seriously considering the formation of a Junior Section.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

August 6. A display of the stamps of Greece by Mr. Raftopoulos. The main part dealt with issues up to 1940; he showed the first Olympic Games set of 1896 and then the 1906 set on the 10th anniversary. Also shown were the two sets of the Youth Movement stamps.

Among the moderns were the King and Queen series of 1960, also the Scout stamps. The 1863-1963 showed the five Kings, the particular point being that King Constantine was depicted with three sons, all of whom reigned.

The display ended with a few sheets of Cretan stamps.

August 20. The display was a Thematic one—"Animals," by Mr. C. M. Zartz. After some years of general collecting he specialised on South Africa; a sheet of Chinese animal started him on animals in general and he thought he would soon go on to birds or fish. He has made a good start and has a wide field.

September 24. At very short notice the Society had to give up their meeting place in Barclays Bank Buildings, and move to the S.A. Mutual Building. This proved to be the finest meeting place they had had for twenty years, but it has necessitated moving their two-monthly meetings from the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

This meeting was Ladies' Night but only one member, Miss S. McSparran, brought an exhibit. It made up in quality for the lack of others, as her growing collection of Rhodesians gave viewers a great measure of joy and food for discussion.

The meeting of the **8th October**, was the second Junior Evening of the year and was held at our new venue in the S.A. Mutual Recreation Room in Main Street; there was a good attendance including a number of visitors.

While the Juniors' stamp collections were being judged, Mr. B. H. Bothma showed us the decimal overprints on sterling issues of the three Protectorates, including his famous Basutoland 2½c with the inverted surcharge. Next we saw some fine examples of Great Britain 1d. Blacks and 2d. Blues belonging to Mr. H. L. Keefe, which were followed by a few of Mr. E. Baer's Cape Triangulars.

There was a pause for refreshments after which prizes were presented to the 12 and over section and the under 12 section. Mr. E. Baer then showed us some of the German stamps which had been used in the Colonies before the latter had issued their own stamps. We also saw some of the stamps printed in German East Africa, when it was besieged during the First World War. Finally Mr. D. Berg put down four sheets from his thematic collections of Horses and Dogs.

October 22. Before commencing the meeting the President announced with deep regret the passing of our old friend, Mr. G. K. Forbes. Mr. Forbes was one of our oldest members and was President of the Society from 1934 to 1949 and again in 1952. He was placed on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists at the Bloemfontein Congress held in June, 1951.

The display was by Mr. E. Nagel who showed us the stamps of France for the period 1930 to 1960. Before putting down his stamps, Mr. Nagel gave a most interesting, illuminating and erudite talk. It is not often we have such a talk before a display. The collection was a complete set of the unused stamps of the period and their condition and presentation were immaculate. French stamps of this time give a good idea of the history of the country and seem to have concentrated on the achievements of French composers, statesmen and generals. The display was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

ROYAL P.S. OF CAPE TOWN

September 12. The "All Members" evening at which six exhibits were shown. We can only record in the briefest manner the names of the exhibitors and their subjects, but that is sufficient to demonstrate the variety. Prof. Slavan, Western Germany; Dr. Keller, Butterflies; Mr. Pillans, Covers;

Mr. Heggart, Orange Free State; Miss Hoffman, British Colonials; Mr. Putzel, German Occupational stamps.

September 26: "Western Province Get Together." There were seven Visiting Societies, with about 65 members and visitors present. The visitors produced about 30 exhibits, thus far outstripping the evening of the 12th. We may just refer to one problem raised—the "D.P. 3d." mark and its origin. Various meanings were suggested, but the only agreement was that it referred to Bulk Postage." One exhibitor, showing "Women on Stamps," made the shortest speech on record as describing an exhibit "I like collecting ladies."

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

September 10. "German East Africa," by Leo Buchen. After a short introductory paper, the exhibitor described the early pioneer routes followed in the opening up of the country. The first world war period was very well covered, including even the unissued stamps prepared at a mission station, which were recovered after the war was over.

Mr. C. H. Cilliers shewed a collection of "Space" stamps which he said was a topical rather than a thematic collection (it is hoped that readers all understand the subtle distinction). The stamps were in chronological order of launchings.

September 23. Three exhibits. (1) Mr. Schwab, a fine lot of mint Australia and New Zealand. (2) Mrs. Massman of Marienthal, S.W.A., showed (although unable to be present in person) a thematic collection "Water." A wide subject, but one to which she did ample justice. (3) Mr. I. A. Miller showed New Year stamps of Israel, which came appropriately at the time of the Jewish New Year. A fine exhibit, even if it did rather look as if it were aimed at collectors.

EAST RAND P.S.

September Meeting. An exceptionally good attendance with a number of visitors. Messrs. H. Coxen, E. Conte and B. M. Hildebrand were duly elected as members and welcomed to the Society. Congratulations was extended to Mr. L. Feinstein for receiving the Silver Award at the Durban Congress for his display S.A. Past and Present History. Exhibits were shown by Messrs. E. Sequeira—New Zealand; F. Kellner—Australia; and K. M. Robertson—New Zealand Health. An auction sale took place which was quite successful."

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

September 9. Dr. A. Keller showed his "Fauna of Europe." This fine collection showed all animal and insect life in Europe and a full coverage. In addition it was pleasantly and well set out, showing full knowledge of the subject. The members really enjoyed seeing same.

September 23. Mr. R. Steinbauer showed a comprehensive selection of "Cyprus." Notwithstanding cold and wet weather there was a bumper attendance. He showed all adhesives up-to-date as well as philatelic material covering postal history and services unique to Cyprus, postal stationery, forgeries, airmail covers, World War I and II covers, Jewish Concentration covers (many of which were new to those collecting Israel), ship post and railway post, and for good measure rural postal service cancellations. Mr. Stenbauer gave an excellent talk on same.

Mr. R. Jeidel brought down from Congress an interesting and at same time amusing showing of Off-set Lithographic Printing, showing all operations and possible varieties, and followed by reading an excellent paper on the subject which was prepared by Mr. J. Michelson. Members appreciated his sending same, and showed great interest. —M.F.S.

GERMISTON P.S.

September meeting. A large attendance with three excellent exhibits displayed.

(1) Mr. B. Eilers tabled his collection of Danzig, which included several rare items.

(2) The South African "Volkspele" issue of March, 1962, which was designed by Mr. Kobus Esterhuizen, was displayed by Mrs. C. F. De Kock. In her collection this member included original drawings by the artist, as well as printing varieties.

(3) Collectors of Australia missed a unique opportunity of viewing one of the most outstanding collections of this country. Besides the usual issues, the owner, Mr. E. Sequira, included blocks of four, mint and used, of several of the £2 denominations, which are fetching high prices to-day.

October 16. Another large meeting. Three unusual collections were displayed.

(1) Mr. E. Sequira tabled a collection of covers which bore cancellations from the last Australian Commonwealth Games. These cancels depicted individual sports, which were held during the Games, in various parts of the Continent.

(2) A collection of first flight covers, carried by various airlines, flying to or from South Africa, were displayed by Mr. N. S. Hesselbarth. There were, for instance, the first cover flown by South African Airways to Perth via the Cocos Islands, and more recently first flight covers by Lufthansa from Germany.

(3) Henry van den Ham exhibited his unique collection of postage stamps and covers depicting "World Conquest of Space." This interesting collection contained items from the U.S.S.R. as well as from the West. Sputniks, Luniks and space rockets as well as items showing pictures of cosmonauts were all included. Errors in the dates of the landings shown on the stamps were also shown.

This collection created a great deal of interest on account of its unusual theme, although the collector was unable to include some of European states as important information in regard to various flights could not be obtained from behind the Iron Curtain.

CAPE SOCIETY OF PALISTINE-ISRAEL PHILATELY

September meeting. The main subject of the meeting was "Jews on Stamps;" the two exhibitors and readers of notes were Mr. Beinart and Mrs. Jeidel. There were differences of opinion expressed as to just who should be included in the category. Mrs. Jeidel limited her display to portraits of men who had devoted their lives to the cause of resettlement of the people on the land of their fathers.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING (JOHANNESBURG)

Oktober. Twee puik uistallings deur lid dr. W. P. van der Merwe Vrydagaand, 4 deser, het die handjievol getroue lede wat die vergadering bygewoon het in vervoering gehad. Eerstens was Dokter se inskrywing om die Veka-wisselbeker aan die beurt, t.w. sy versameling gebruikte seëls van Duitsland (1872-1936). Die versameling is na die orde van Michel saamgestel en daarvolgens op 'n nippertjie na volledig. Sonder om na besondere stukke te wys kan u verstaan dat die versameling ook met etlike baie skaars en duur seëls spog.

Dokter se teenstaander om aan die eindwedstryd in Maart 1964 teen Pretoria en Paarl deel te neem, is lid J. M. Hattingh wie se inskrywing (V.S.A.-gedenkseëls), met ons byeenkoms van 7 Februarie 1964 onder die vergrootglas sal kom.

Die tweede uitstalling (een wat baie moeilik geklop gaan word), was dr. van der Merwe se versameling van Nederland (vaste-reekse—gebruik) wat vir die AFV-Eretokenning in aanmerking kom. 'n Eersteklas versameling waarmee Dokter geluk gewens moet word.

Nou eers 'n programverandering—as gevolg van 'n misverstand besoek ons Germiston nie meer op 16 deser nie, maar wel Woensdag 11 Desember. Middelerwyse kuier hulle by ons met ons Desember-byeenkoms. Intussen verwag ons lede van die Wesrandse

vereniging aanstaande maand (Vrydag, 1 November) en dié wat hulle met besoek ontmoet het, weet dat daar 'n seëlfes soos min sal wees.

'n Hartlike welkom word langs hierdie weg uitgereik aan die applikante wat so pas lidmaatskap toegestaan is, naamlik mnr. en mev. T. Weys en mnr. G. Kruger.

Graag maak ons bekend dat die volgende vier versamelaars om lidmaatskap aansoek gedoen het: mnr. B. J. de Klerk, Barkley-Oos (hy versamel verteenwoordigend); mnr. D. Coort, 19e Straat 25, Parkhurst (Nederland); mnr. H. H. Schut, Uitenhage (Unie, Republiek, Nederland en een-en-ander); en mnr. A. P. van de Wiele, Tiende Straat 95, Linden (Switserland, Denemarke en Australië).

November. 'n Mooi verteenwoordigende groepie Wesranders met drie oulike vertonings het ons met ons formele byeenkoms van Vrydag, 1 deser te beurt geval.

Aan die voerpunt was mnr. Jakobus met 'n puik versameling van die Unie-koppelttekenreekse, so na aan kompleet as maar kan kom, fraaiings uitgesluit; klaarbyklik 'n student van die Bruwer-skool en 'n waardige vaandeldraer van sy vereniging.

Mnr. Sharpe het gewys hoe daar op die muskiet jag gemaak word (malaria-bestryding); 'n geleentheidsuitgawe wat baie belangstelling uitgelok het en wat baie tot die aand se genot bygedra het.

Ten slotte het mnr. Kylander sy versameling gedenkseëls van Pakistan vertoon. Dit is 'n kleinerige groepie dog netjies versorg en interessant.

Die besoekers van die Wesrand het dus vir 'n goeie verskeidenheid gesorg en ons is hulle daarvoor dank verskuldig.

Onthou dat ons aanstaande maand weer besoek kry (Vrydag 6 Desember), dié keer van lede van die Germiston Philatelic Society.

Die veiling was dié keer minder geslaag, seker omdat die aangebode goedjies nie in die smaak geval het nie.

Vier nuwe lede is tot ons geledere gevoeg. Hulle is mnr. D. Coort, B. J. de Klerk, H. Schut en A. P. van der Wiele. Ons vertrou dat hulle lidmaatskap hulle veel vreugde en baie kennis sal besorg.

'n Verdere aansoek is ontvang, en wel van mnr. W. de Vries van Derde Straat 45, Northmead, Benoni (hy versamel Nederland en gebiede).

BELLVILLE P.S.

July 10: At the Society's A.G.M. the following were the principal office-bearers elected for the ensuing year: Mr. E. J. Beunderman, President; Mr. H. W. H. Lee, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary; Mr. H. J. Krulder, Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Douglas Roth, of the C.T. "Royal" showed "Reprints."

September 26. The Society was represented by Messrs. Brunderman, Kurtz, Lee and Swanepoel at the "At Home" night organized by the C.T. Royal Philatelic Society.

October 9. Dr. Paul Keller, fresh from his honours overseas, came as guest exhibitor. He showed his thematic collection of "Fauna and Flora of Europe," followed by a beautiful collection of Rocket, Space and Sputnik Issues from 1957. This proved to be all exceptionally interesting and instructive evening. —H.W.H.L.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

September meeting. Particularly well attended. New issues and acquisitions were tabled by Dr. van Zyl Smit and Messrs. H. E. Roux, A. H. Scott, and Potgieter (of Pretoria). Two exhibits were shown:

(1) A 2½d. collection, covering all stamps of that value from various parts of the world; included being stamps of that value but in a different currency. This was shown by Dr. K. Freund and proved very popular.

(2) Dr. Brüning showed a series of covers from East Germany, which was a colourful display and tastefully displayed.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

August meeting. We were pleased to see a display of Judaica by Mrs. Jeidel of the Cape Society of Palestine Israel Philately. This display was well mounted and annotated and although most interesting was not strictly Judaica, excepting for a few sheets, as we know and believe it should be. It is obvious from the paper which accompanied the exhibit that Mrs. Jeidel herself seemed to hold a similar opinion. Nevertheless we thank Mrs. Jeidel for this exhibit and look forward to seeing some of her medal winning collections in the near future.

September meeting. Mr. I. A. Miller exhibited Sixteen Years of Israel Festival Stamps and will try to give a fair and true evaluation. An almost complete collection, well written up but spoilt by overcrowding the sheets—something he should know better. The constructive criticism offered will enable better mounting when this collection is rewritten.

EAST LONDON P.S.

October meeting. The Thematic Cup was competed for, when three entries were received. The judges were fully and happily employed ascertaining which of these entries was the finest, and their final decision was that Mr. John W. Hodgson's "British Royal Visits" just piped the post. The other

entries were Mrs. A. Douglas's "Ships" and Mrs. P. Schanknecht's "Aesop's Fables." The usual programme added to the interest of the evening. —J.W.H.

PRETORIA P.S.

October 7. A visit from the Johannesburg Society when their President, Mr. K. Lydall, brought over a contingent. Three exhibits were shown (a) Swaziland, by Dr. Harvey Pirie, preceded by a short paper; (b) Mr. J. Frankland showed specimens of "Specimens," also reading notes thereon; (c) Mr. B. Glassman exhibited Israel Airmails.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

October meeting. Two members led interesting discussions. Mr. Eric Walker quoted, as examples, the Postage Dues 1d., 2d. and the 6d. values not being given their own catalogue numbers although printed from different Exterior Cylinders. He maintained, and it was agreed, that a new printing from a new cylinder deserved its own catalogue number. This will apply to these values in the new "interim" catalogue now being prepared.

Mr. Benhardi, in endeavouring to reconstruct the sheet of the 12½c Red Cross stamps with the Cross missing, came to the conclusion that the missing Cross was due to an interrupted printing, as the previously viewed specimen could have led to the opinion that it could have been due to a paper intrusion. Much press publicity had been given to this surprising stamp, and instances were given of the public's reactions; apparently you could just order a couple, and if the postmaster did not oblige he would be reported!

Items of interest. A number of items were shown: doctor blade lifts, effects of the two-row perforator, ink splashes and a fine example of a fold over paper with perforations of the 2½c Red Cross.

Stamp prices. A short report of a recent stamp sale was presented. The Decimal Series was not in great demand, ascribed by some as due to lack of knowledge of them, there being no catalogue of them. This Series, with its short life, should eventually become a good one, particularly after they have been catalogued. Other interesting features were the 2½c Y4 Y1 cylinder blocks realising R1.30 to R1.60 each, and the disputed 10c "emerald green" between 30 and 50 times face.

Covering mint sheets. A member mentioned a satisfactory plastic sheeting .036" thick and 47" wide at 39c per yard. Supplier's name on request.

"Interim" catalogue, Decimal catalogue. Work is proceeding on these, and the chairman of the Catalogue Committee, Dr. Rau-

benheimer, asked for any information which members feel should be included, mentioning in particular, authenticated information on the inverted watermarked 3d. Prime Ministers. This catalogue will deal with all the stamps printed after the Golden Jubilee Catalogue and up to the Republican Catalogue. Corrections and additions to the Golden Jubilee Catalogue will also be undertaken, so information will be welcomed.

—H.J.R.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

October 2. This was the Annual General Meeting when the following were elected: President, Prof. A. W. Sloan; Chairman, P. Hotz; Hon. Sec./Treas., Miss Gwen Shrire; Add Member, Dr. A. Keller; Hon. Librarian, Mr. M. Kort. This was followed by a fine showing by Mr. D. Allison of general collections of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

—M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

October 14: This was an evening which members really enjoyed. A very full number attended as well as many visitors. This was the symposium: "What to collect in Thematics" by Mr. W. G. Combrink; "How to lay out Thematic Sheets" by Capt. M. F. Stern; "Writing up Thematic Sheets" by Mr. Ken. Cameron. There was a very interesting discussion after the papers were read. The Symposium will be fully reported in the November/December issue of the Thematic Magazine.

October 28: The ever-popular All Members' Evening and the following were shown: "Liechtenstein" by Mr. R. Jeidel—modern issues, cancellations and Swiss and Austrian stamps used on covers at Liechtenstein post offices, all well set out; "Switzerland" by Mr. C. Mummery—pages from his collection relating to Helvetia issues 1854-1909, including colour trials and essays—a wonderful showing; "Story of South Africa" by Mr. R. Botha—a very interesting 9 pages which won a Cup at the Middlesex competition on S.A.; "Personalities" and "Flowers on Stamps" by Miss G. Hoffman—the first expertly set out and written up, and the second a blaze of colour being the setting out as yet not written up which members are looking forward to; "Miniature Sheets" by Dr. P. L. Vautier—chiefly recent sheets of Turkey, North and South Korea, mainly Men and Women in Space. This was a filling of the boards and enjoyed by a large number of members and visitors. —M.F.S.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

September meeting. On account of the Durban Congress the meeting was postponed

until the 3rd Wednesday, but this was an unfortunate choice as it fell in the period of the Jewish New Year celebrations and the attendance suffered. The meeting was terminated after the draw for the Country Members Raffle had been made.

The Society was honoured in that Mr. J. M. Weinstein was elected President of the Philatelic Federation for the ensuing year.

October Meeting. No entries received for the Thematic Competition, but two exhibits were shown. John Kriste tabled a portion of his Eire collection, and Eric Walker showed a selection of his Union stamps, including air letter cards on active service and some choice coil items.

ANTARCTICA

This is the season for expeditions and reliefs to be starting off.

The composition of the S.A.N.A.E. relief party has been announced, but the date of its departure has not, so far, been given more exactly than the latter part of December.

This season Belgium, after two years of giving up its station, is coming back into the field. Two new nations are going to participate—Germany and Switzerland. The former has not operated in Antarctica for many years and the latter never before. In both cases the expeditions are being privately organised with the limited objectives of detailed exploration of certain unvisited mountainous areas.

Trans-Antarctic Flight.

The recent trans-Antarctic flight, non-stop, of two U.S. Navy Hercules planes from Cape Town to McMurdo Sound, a distance of about 4,900 miles, has been well publicised. Some mail was carried, and thanks to Mr. Allan Crawford a cover was received on 4th November, which had made the trip.

It is an official Naval envelope, endorsed "By Air Mail/Cape Town to McMurdo;" it is franked with an 11c U.S. stamp and is cancelled with a machine-canceller reading "U.S. Navy Oct, 1963" in a circle, with "U.S. Navy / Operation / Deep Freeze" between heavy bars, actually over the stamp. On the back of the cover is the cachet of the D. F. Malan Airport, Weather Office (Cape Town).

GAMBIA

On Nov. 4th the small colony of Gambia was due for the issue of a new set of pictorials featuring birds, thirteen of them, values ranging from ½d. to £1.

ISRAEL

The Ministry of Posts announces the following forthcoming issues:—

(1) A 0.12 stamp commemorating the centenary of the first Hebrew newspaper, printed in Jerusalem in 1863.

(2) Three additional airmail stamps depicting birds of Israel. The denominations are IL 0.30, 0.40, and 0.45.

(3) Three commemoratives for the Jewish New Year 5724 of denominations 0.08, 0.30, 0.55.

(4) A 0.37 commemorative honouring the "Year of the Pioneers" 80 years of agricultural settlements.

(5) A 3IL airmail stamp, featuring a white-tailed eagle.

SWEDEN

Three commemoratives (25c, 35 and 200 öre were issued on September 16 for the 300th anniversary of the National Board of Health.

Two stamps, 20 and 50 öre are due on 25 October. They will feature Hammarby, the country home of Linnæus, the famous botanist. It now belongs to the University of Uppsala.

Also two stamps of the same values featuring Swedish monuments.

U.S.A.

Five more commems. have been announced to complete the 1963 programme. All are 5c stamps.

(1) For the centenary of City Mail Delivery. It features an 1863 letter carrier walking in the rain with an umbrella and flanked by a small boy and dog. This is the first bit of whimsical humour in 116 years of stamp production.

(2) Cordell Hull, Secretary of State under Franklin Roosevelt.

(3) Sam Houston, hero of Texan independence.

(4) John Muir, one of America's finest naturalists, specially associated with the Yosemite National Park. Later it was stated that this stamp was postponed to February, 1964, to keep a Red Cross commem. within the programme.

(5) J. J. Audobon. His book on the Birds of America is still regarded as THE basic bird book.

REPUBLIC CATALOGUE

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If you have not already got this excellent work of reference, order now as only a limited number is available and it would not be reprinted.

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FINE USED WANTED: Middle East Countries, Iraq, Jordan, Palestine.—W. Lambert, P.O. Box 1138, Johannesburg.

MONTHLY BARGAIN LIST FREE. — Send name and address to SCHMITZ, P.O. Box 134, Rondebosch, Cape.

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ANYTHING PHILATELIC: Accumulations, collections, lots — wanted for immediate cash or we give mint Thematics (Space, Sport, Fauna, Flora, etc.); also British Empire in exchange. Write or send for valuation to THEMATIC SERVICE, P.O. Box 109, Industria, Johannesburg.

SCOUTING! Wanted, 2 covers each with postmarks of 1936 East London Scout Camp and 1948 Jamborally, Underberg.—Editor, South African Philatelist.

TRANSVAAL 1885 £5 used, bargain R1.—Sydney's Stamp Service, P.O. Box 5046, Benoni South.

!!!!!! COLLECTIONS BEING BROKEN UP! St. Helena, Sierra Leone, Antigua.—Douglas Roth, Mona Crescent, Newlands, Cape.

ZULULAND/BANGKOK. — Anything and everything required urgently—for cash!—M. M. Wood, P.O. Box 687, Johannesburg.

WANTED FOR CASH.—World War II Active Service and Airmail letter sheets, used and unused, of South Africa, South West Africa, Protectorates and Southern Rhodesia.—J. M. Weinstein, P.O. Box 419, Pretoria.

IF YOU ARE SELLING Union and Republic mint postal stationery, please see me first.—S. J. Vermaak, P.O. Box 4566, Johannesburg.

PAKISTAN: Local Overprints Wanted, other than those listed by Gibbons. Single items, bulk, pieces or covers.—J. G. WALKER, 71(a) Innes Road, Durban.