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GERMAN SETTLERS' CENTENARY COMMEMORATIVE

Through the kindness of the Publicity Officer, G. P. O. Pretoria, we are able to illustrate the design of the 2d stamp to be issued on 1 July 1958 to commemorate the German Settlers' Centenary. The stamp will be on general issue in the Union for three months. The size and format are the same as for the current 6d stamp, but the colours have not been decided upon at the time of going to press.

PUBLICITY OFFICER, G.P.O. PRETORIA

As recently as our March issue, we bid a warm welcome to Mr J. H. Lillie, who had taken up the post of Publicity Officer. It is almost a case of "ave atque vale", for we must now bid him farewell on his departure to a new appointment in Durban, and welcome to the vacancy Mr M. T. O'Connor, who is no stranger to the Philatelic Ag-

ency, as he has been the Second in Command there for some time and is already well known to philatelists, who are assured of continuing to receive the customary help and friendly co-operation from him that they have had in the past.

RECENT PRINTINGS

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 31 October 1957 to 16 January 1958. For the previous list see our March 1958 issue.

THE ANIMAL SERIES POSTAGE STAMPS

$\frac{1}{2}$ d - Job No. 36364. On an order for 25,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 5,000 sheets was made on 9 January 1958, the total delivery to 14 January 1958 being 26,500 sheets. Same single die cylinder No. 84.

1d - Job No. 5413 contd. On an order for 2,000,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 9,000 sheets was made on 10 January 1957, the total delivery to 29 January 1957 being 208,002 sheets. Same double die cylinder No. 105. On the same Job No. but from old single die cylinder No. 3, 4,500 sheets were delivered on 29 January 1957, the total delivery to 26 February 1957 being 120,425 sheets.

On the same Job No. but from old single die cylinder No. 12, 25,500 sheets were delivered on 28 February 1957, the total delivery to 18 April 1957 being 312,857 sheets.

On the same Job No. but from a new single die cylinder No. 97, 9,500 sheets were delivered on 18 April 1957, the total delivery to date being 898,020 sheets.

2d - Job No. 12532 contd. On an order for 1,000,000 sheets of 240 stamps per sheet, 10,500 sheets were delivered on 4 July 1957, the total delivery to 1 August 1957

being 195,000 sheets. Same single die cylinder No. 56.

On the same Job No. but from a new double die cylinder No. 92, 9,500 sheets were delivered on 3 September 1957, the total delivery to 31 December 1957 being 298,172 sheets.

On the same Job No. but from the old double die cylinder No. 20, 14,500 sheets were delivered on 7 January 1958, the total delivery to date being 25,000 sheets.

3d - Job No. 17732 contd. On an order for 200,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 5,000 sheets was made on 1 October 1957, the total delivery to date being 107,198 sheets. Same cylinders, No. 16 Interior & No. 107 Exterior.

4d - Job No. 17734 contd. On an order for 140,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 41,700 sheets was made on 20 August 1957, the total delivery to date being 88,400 sheets. Same cylinders, No. 53 Interior & No. 93 Exterior.

6d - Job No. 17735. On an order for 150,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 10,000 sheets was made on 29 October 1957, the total delivery to date being 75,700 sheets. Same cylinders, No. 1 Interior & No. 121 Exterior.

1/- - Job No. 12905 contd. On an order for 150,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 4,500 sheets was made on 4 June 1957, the total delivery to date being 76,760 sheets. Same cylinders, No. 94 Interior & No. 104 Exterior.

1/3 - Job No. 17736 contd. On an order for 45,000 sheets of 120 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 13,000 sheets was made on 22 October 1957, the total delivery to 28 November 1957 being 56,300 sheets. Same cylinders, No. 106 Interior and No. 38 Exterior.

Air Letter Cards

6d - Job No. 17689 contd. On an order for 6,000,000 cards, an initial delivery of 100,800 cards was made on 29 August 1957, the total delivery to date being 1,814,400 cards. Chambon printing machine, and same cylinders.

Picture Post Cards

1½d - Job No. 12533 contd. On an order for 2,720,000 cards, an initial delivery of 2,720,000 cards, an initial delivery of 236,160 cards was made on 30 April 1957, the total delivery to date being 2,683,440 cards. Chambon printing machine and same cylinders.

Postage Due Stamps

4d - Job No. 36873. On an order for 15,000 sheets of 60 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 4,000 sheets was made on 16

January 1958. New Interior cylinder No. 75 and old Exterior cylinder No. 33.

1/- - Job No. 36884. On an order for 5,000 sheets of 60 stamps per sheet, an initial delivery of 5,800 sheets was made on 16 January 1958. New Interior cylinder No. 28 and old Exterior cylinder No. 33.

THE IMMELMAN ESSAYS

An article entitled "Stamps of the Union of South Africa" by Charles Hind appeared in the March 1920 issue of "The Union Philatelist" and contains the following excerpt from the Johannesburg "Star" of 18 January 1910:-

"Competitive designs are invited for a new series of postage stamps to be issued in connection with the Union of South Africa. The series will comprise eleven separate designs, one for each of the eleven denominations ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/- & 10/-. A premium of £10 is offered for the design selected as being the best for each of these denominations. All the designs sent in must be for an upright stamp such as are in use in the various provinces."

The entire response to this competition is not known, but two essays, the Mackay and the Immelman, are recorded in addition to the one which was ultimately selected for the Union's First Definitive Issue.

A set of six photographic reproductions of the reputed Immelman essays appears on page 16 of the Union Handbook, Volume I; but Mr Kachelhoffer, of Bloemfontein, has drawn our attention to the fact that these essays differ from those illustrated below and are commented upon in "Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal", August 31, 1911, as follows:- "Through the kindness of Mr C. P. Immelman, we are able to publish the designs which that gentleman submitted to the judges in the recent competition for stamps for the Union of South Africa...." Also, the 6d value was declared an accepted design.



Were there then two sets of Immelman Essays, or has one been incorrectly named? We should be glad to know the answer.

Determining Characteristics of the Control Blocks of the 1d Unhyphenated Rotogravure Plates I and II

The early printings of the 1d, Plates I & II, of the Unhyphenated Series, carry Control Letters in two positions on the right margin of the sheet, opposite horizontal rows 5 and 16. By means of these letters and the presence or absence of the Broken Mast flaw, a general determination of the respective printings may be made.

Difficulty is sometimes experienced in distinguishing specimens from the lower half of the sheet of the two B and E printings, and to overcome this, it is necessary to refer to certain cylinder flaws appearing on the stamps forming the control blocks. These characteristics are illustrated and tabulated hereunder:-

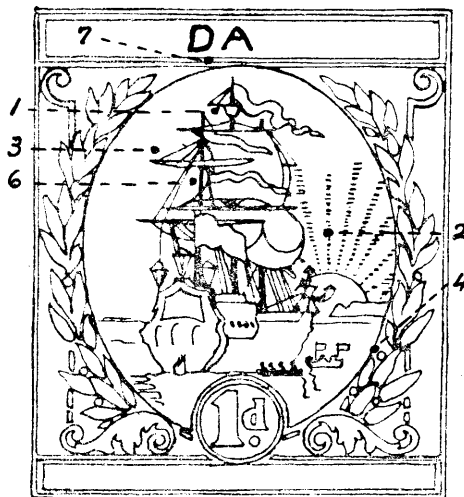


Plate No.	Control Letter	Cyl. Int.	Cyl. Ext.	Nos.	Flaw No.	Sheet Position	Eng. or Frame or Afrik.	Centre Cyl. Flaw	Description of Flaw
I	A, B	1	1	1	5/12	E	Frame	Red dot below top yardarm	
				2	6/12	A	Centre	Black dot in sun's second ray	
				3	16/12	A	Centre	Black dot above second yardarm	
				4	17/12	A	Centre	Small black dot on edge of right oval	
II	B,D,E Broken Masts	2	2	5	5/12	E	Centre	Broken Mast on 5/12	
				6	6/12	A	Frame	Red dot below second yardarm, near side of ship	
				7	16/12	A	Frame	Broken frame line below D of SUID	
I	E Mast Intact	1	2					NO BROKEN MAST on 5/12	
				2)					
				3)					
				4)				See above	
				6)					
				7)					

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DR ALEC KAPLAN

At the 1958 British Philatelic Congress one of the eminent collectors to be accorded the honour of appointment to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists will be Dr Alec Kaplan of Germiston. Dr Kaplan is already on the South African Roll and a biography from the philatelic angle was published in our July 1957 issue.

This honour will be acclaimed by his many South African friends and we add our own felicitations to theirs on this memorable occasion.

A Correction

The comment appearing in our March Notes concerning a further printing of the 5/- in the Animal Series should have read:- "The "staggered perforation", the first to be observed on the high value printings of the Animal Series, is also present."

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

My interest is solely in Union philately. I can offer covers, literature, definitives, commemoratives, postage dues, officials, varieties, catalogues, Many of my customers are literally miles from any other collector of Union philately and find my monthly list and services, a veritable life saver.

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CYLINDER NUMBERS ARE HERE AGAIN!

Through the kindness of the Publicity Officer, G. P. O. Pretoria, we are able to illustrate the first new printing to be released since the decision to reintroduce cylinder numbers. This is the 2d from the new cylinder 116, which prints two panes of stamps side by side, these being guillotined into separate panes before issue.

Collectors will notice that the cylinder number has now "moved around the corner" and carries the letter A or B to indicate to which pane it belongs. Pane A is the one on the right looking at the sheets from the delivery end of the machine. The previous distinction between panes by the use of single or double bars in the gutter has now been discontinued as redundant, and both panes have single bars.



SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY EXHIBITION

The opening of the new Zionist Centre in Johannesburg coincided with the State of Israel Tenth Anniversary celebrations, and to mark the double occasion a Philatelic Exhibition was staged by the Society of Israel Philately on 30 April 1958.

The Exhibition was formally opened by the Postmaster-General, Mr Botes, who said:-

At this, my first philatelic function since my appointment as Postmaster-General, I wish to express my appreciation at being asked to open this Exhibition and I would like especially to congratulate the State of Israel on its Tenth Anniversary. The rapidity with which Israel has pursued a course which leads to self-dependence is a lesson in unity to many others.

I also want to congratulate the Society of Israel Philately on the excellent exhibits displayed here. The Israeli stamps are indeed a credit to the designers, the printers and the Administration which issued them. Postage stamps in most countries today have become media whereby events, people, products and progress are brought to the notice of all who see such stamps. It is not, however, easy to avoid the danger of producing a stamp which resembles one issued by another country and Israel has been wise to draw so largely on the various aspects and symbolic representations of the past and present life of the nation and its 5,000 years of history.

Postal services in what is now Israel are nothing new for it is recorded by eminent historians that during the reign of King Naram-Sin about 2,500 B.C., that is 4,458 years ago a postal service was conducted between Canaan and Babylonia. Israel itself is no new state - there was a state of Israel founded in 953 B.C.

What is new is the Postal Administration of Israel, and here I would like to pay tribute to the remarkable growth of a sister administration and nine-year member of the Universal Postal Union and of the International Telecommunications Union. Not only have postal, telegraph and telephone services developed rapidly and efficiently but the Israeli Post Office uses as modern equipment as any other country. In Israel one finds a unique postal feature, namely, the lowest Post Office in the world - at Sedom on the Dead Sea - 1,285 feet below sea-level. It is, however, a place important in Israel's economy for from here are exported products of the Sea itself such as bromine, potash, &c.

There are particular links between Israel and South Africa. When the Voortrekkers reached the spot where Bethlehem in the Orange Free State now flourishes, some of them elected to settle there and they had recourse to the Bible for a place-name. The first word found was Bethlehem, which means House of Corn or Bread. How very prophetic this choice was! Today the Bethlehem district is the finest wheat area in

the Free State. Many other settlements in South Africa have been given Hebrew place-names: Middelburg in the Transvaal was originally Nazareth; there is Rehoboth in South West Africa; Bethal in the Transvaal; Mamre in the Western Cape; and many others.

In conclusion, I would like to congratulate this new Society on its progress. Philately can play a big part in promoting friendships and enlightening one country about another. It is an age of anxiety about atomic and other problems, an era of constant strain, and philately, followed in the right manner, not only broadens the outlook but soothes the mind. Most doctors tell us that the best form of relaxation is to change one's leisure occupation from the type of work which is one's daily task. It is not surprising that in the ranks of philatelists one finds so many doctors, all ready to take their own medicine in the form of philately.

The reason for its appeal is not difficult to find. It exercises the mind, can be indulged in at all sorts of odd times, requires no special machinery and, of particular interest to the housewife, it is clean and causes no tidying-up problems. It is a hobby which can be undertaken by personal touch with others or by post, by the energetic young person as well as by the invalid. There is, too, the constant hope that some day a valuable stamp will come into the collector's hands. A story is told of a well known man, who was waiting in a stamp dealer's shop while another customer was being attended to. When at last his turn came to be served he shewed the dealer a certain European stamp and asked how much the dealer would give him for it. The dealer examined it, looked

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satisfied, and offered him £5 which he accepted. He then quietly asked the dealer: "Do you know where I got it?" The dealer said he did not and was astounded when the collector told him that while waiting for attention he had looked at the dealer's stock book and found the stamp there, priced at 6d!

So for each of us there are hidden treasures, be they in Union, thematic or overseas collections, but the biggest treasure of all is the peace of a tranquil mind.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO COMMEMORATE KARAKUL INDUSTRY GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Golden Jubilee of the Karakul Industry is to be marked by a Festival held in Mariental, South West Africa, where a special date-stamp will be provided, bearing the dates of the festival, 12 to 14 June 1958. The South West Africa 4½d stamp features the karakul, or Persian Lamb.

No official commemorative cover will be provided, and as the arrangements laid down for the servicing of first day covers are somewhat unusual, they should be noted carefully.

Only one type of servicing will be available, namely the insertion of one mint 4½d stamp inside the cover and the affixing of one on the cover, which will receive the special cancellation. No other service will be provided and no pairs or blocks, or registered covers, or orders for the

used stamp only, will be entertained. Personal visitors to the Festival will also be refused registration or the cancellation of pairs or blocks with the special date-stamp.

Postal applications should enclose the desired covers, left unsealed, with a remittance of 9d per cover, and are to be addressed to The Postmaster (Karakul Festival), Mariental, South West Africa, to arrive not later than 10 June 1958. Remittances are to be made payable to the Postmaster, Mariental, and should be made by means of Union or British Postal Orders if these are available. Otherwise, two International Reply Coupons per cover may be sent. Remittances made in any other way will not be accepted, and no responsibility is accepted in respect of covers lost or damaged in transit.

SWAZILAND

During the period 1889-1896 Swaziland was a joint British-ZAR protectorate in which the ZAR held a concession of the postal rights and the postal officials all came from the ZAR. The stamps used were ZAR stamps of the 1885 issue overprinted "Swaziland."

Considering the circumstances of the postal administration, however, it is not surprising that some unoverprinted ZAR stamps were used instead of the proper "Swaziland" stamps. The following have been recorded (SG Nos):- 1d (176), 1d on 6d (197c), 2d (178), 2½d on 1/- (198 & 198d), 4d (181). Mr E. Hunt now adds to this list the 3d (180) used at Bremersdorp 28 July 1893.

J.H.H.P.

SWAZILAND METER POST

Thanks to Dr Fick of Goedgegan we have received a specimen of the recently introduced Meter Postmark. It is of the same pattern as used in Basutoland - see our illustration on page 166 of Volume 32, 1956. The particular specimen sent us was used at Bremersdorp: like the Basutoland mark it has a high number, 793, but we doubt if the series starts with No. 1.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA

1d Ship type, as SG 59, but o/pt in centre, mint block	12/6
ditto as SG 59b, but o/pt ¾ way up, ditto	12/6
ditto as above, but in arrow block	25/-
1d Ship roto, as SG 69, but o/pt at top, mint block	15/6
ditto as above, top left corner block	21/-

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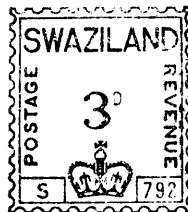
Willingly sent on approval for picking.

All Rotary values from 1½d up have been completely remade into new approval books, and selections are available, for inspection.

A. LICHTENSTEIN

(B.P.A.)

BOX 576 — BLOEMFONTEIN.



CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,
Verification of Bechuanaland Cancellation
No. 209

The late Adriaan Jurgens reported in his 1943 book on Cape cancellations, numeral No. 209, thin bar type, for MARIBOGO in British Bechuanaland. In his Bechuanaland book, published two years later, no mention is made of this cancellation or of this Office. It is not reported as an Office or numeral killer known to him (page 31).

In February 1958, Mr John J. Britt, Past President of the Collectors' Club in New York, showed me a British Bechuanaland postal card, the regular mail 1d card of 1893 issue made from Cape 1d card by imprinting thereon, with a ½d 1887 orange adhesive attached, addressed to Germany. This he gave to me when I said it was of interest.

The cancellation turns out to be this No. 209 killer, and struck on the front, at the South West corner, is the Town mark of Maribogo, date AU 25 95 with no key letter above the date. The Town mark has B. B. at the bottom.

The card is dated from Maribogo 25 Aug. 1895, sent by Math. Sonenberg, to Kaiserslautern, Bavaria. The affixed ½d stamp has the well known variety, last H of British with right leg short.

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After completing the report thus far, I discovered, in working up previously secured Bechuanaland covers into my collection when preparing to exhibit it, two more Maribogo 209 examples. Both are covers of 1895, from the firm of Wirsing Bros. of that town, merchants and proprietors of the Royal Mail coach line between Vryburg and Mafeking. Both are on their imprinted envelopes, addressed to the firm of Dallodf Schabbel & Co. in Port Elizabeth. One has the 2d and one the 4d of the 1891 British Bechuanaland 1891 issue on Britain as franking. Date of the 2d cover is March 14 1895; of the 4d cover March 25 1895. In both cases the stamp and Maribogo Town postmark appear on the front. Both also have Cape Western T.P.O. UP backstamps.

I deem it useful to put these pieces on record as actual verification of the use of Killer 209 at Maribogo during the period before British Bechuanaland was annexed to the Cape.

Stephen G. Rich

Dear Sir,

Union 1½d Air Mail to India - 1938

Mr D. M. Rawbone inquired in the December issue of the S. A. Philatelist about a

cover he has, posted to India on the 18th February 1938 and back-stamped Allahabad 1st March.

The cover in question was carried by the inaugural service of what was then known as the "All Up" mail to India.

As far back as 1934 the British Postal Authorities formulated plans to convey all first class mail between all parts of the Empire BY AIR without surcharge and without Air Mail labels. This stupendous undertaking was achieved in three stages and the Union joined in on the following dates:

THE EMPIRE AIR MAIL SCHEME

Stage 1 (Union's first despatch 1 July 1937) To & from Great Britain and all Empire Territories in Africa (excluding West Africa).

Stage 2 (Union's first despatch 18 February 1938) Empire Territories in Asia and North America.

Stage 3 (Union's first despatch 22 July 1938) British Australasia.

Mr Rawbone's cover was carried to India on the First Flight of Stage 2, which left Durban in a C class Empire Flying Boat of Imperial Airways and reached its destination Allahabad on 28 February 1938, the points of call being:-

Durban, Lourenco Marques, Inhambane, Beira Quelimane, Mocambique, Lindi, Dar es Salaam Mombasa, Kisumu, Kampala, Khartoum (and other places on the Nile) to Alexandria. From there the cover was flown by another Flying Boat via Baghdad, Karachi, and Gwalior to Allahabad. The plane then flew on to Burma, Siam and Malaya.

The Empire Air Mail Scheme was suspended on 7 September 1939 owing to the outbreak of War, and from that time the air postage rate was raised to 1/3 per half-ounce.

Full details of these "All Up" services are given in the South African Philatelist of July, August & November 1938, over the signature of the writer.

Yours faithfully,

I. H. C. Godfrey

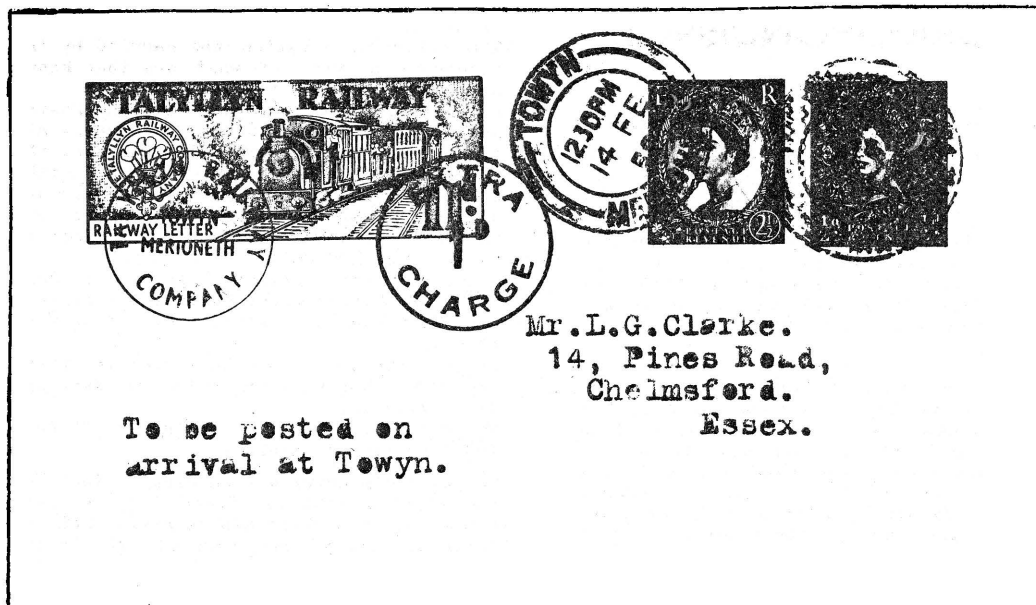
THE "STAMP QUEEN"

One of the new features at the recent British Stamp Exhibition, STAMPEX, was the appointment of a young schoolmistress, Miss Eve Murphy, as Britain's first "Stamp Queen". Judges have to be versatile these days!

SCOTTISH EAST GREENLAND EXPEDITION

An expedition under the auspices of several scientific bodies, under the leadership of Mr C. G. M. Slessor, is flying to East Greenland in the summer of 1958 to explore the almost unknown alpine region in east central Greenland between King Oscar's Fjord and Nordvest Fjord.

A limited mail will be posted at Mestersvig. Covers, which will be franked with Greenland stamps, will be serviced by Captain K. Jahr, 2 Priory Avenue, Lincluden, Dumfries, Scotland, at 4/- each, but orders must reach him before 20 June 1958.



THE TALYLLYN RAILWAY

In Great Britain, a letter can be sent by rail for a charge of one shilling, provided stamps for normal postage are also affixed. It can be addressed to a person, care of the railway parcels office, or can be transferred to the post at its destination; and if a letter is sent by a fast train there can be a considerable saving of time, compared with a letter forwarded by the usual postal service.

For many years the Postmaster General permitted the issue of special Railway Letter stamps by the Railway Companies for this service, and they were widely collected, but the practice fell into abeyance and since about 1930 parcels stamps have been used on rail letters.

In 1949, when the railways of Great Britain were nationalized and became known as "British Railways", a few small lines were left out because they were not considered suitable for co-ordination. Some were town services and others were in such a state that the Government had no wish to take over something apparently derelict.

Among the latter was a small railway in North Wales, seven miles long, which had been built in 1865 for the conveyance of slate from the quarries to the coast. Gradually the demand for slates waned, the quarries closed, and the traffic dwindled. It still functioned as a passenger line and as the years went by its rolling stock became a feature that attracted tourists because it was so old and quaint. But it did not pay, and in 1949 both engines and track were on their last legs, when a soc-

iety of railway enthusiasts formed the Talyllyn Preservation Society. By their donations and by their voluntary work they have saved this line and brought it to life again. Members all over the world have contributed funds and many have spent their holidays working on the line. Lawyers, doctors and men in many walks of life have taken their coats off and worked together on the tracks and rolling stock. Now the line is in good condition and last year, for the first time in many years, it has shewn a profit. More rolling stock has been added by purchase from other derelict railways and its varied collection makes it a living museum, which attracts more and more tourists each year, who come for the experience of seeing the railway and visiting the beautiful scenery it passes through. These visitors send home many souvenir postcards which can be posted on the trains and so the Talyllyn Railway decided, in 1957, to issue railway letter stamps. The permission of the Postmaster-General was obtained, and these are the only railway letter stamps in use in Great Britain at the present time. There was only one denomination but to make them attractive they were printed in miniature sheets of six, each stamp having a different design, shewing the engines and trains in black, with a red or green background. They are rouletted and have a face value of 11d each.

There are two types of sheet, alternating the red and green backgrounds to the six designs, so that each design is available with either background, making twelve varieties altogether. This has caused some criticism from stamp collectors, though

the original intention was quite innocent and simply to offer members of the society attractive sales material.

They had not been in use long before British postal rates were increased and with them the charge for railway letters which went up to 1/-. The Talyllyn Railway had a newly printed stock of stamps on hand and solved the problem by collecting an additional 1d on all letters posted with the 1d stamps and hand-stamping them "Extra 1d" inside a circle. This handstamp was brought into use in September 1957 and was used throughout the winter; but it is rather a cumbersome process and no doubt when the 1958 tourist season starts the stamps will have to be overprinted or a new issue made.

Whilst these stamps cannot claim catalogue status as Governmental postage stamps, the stamps are valid Railway Letter stamps and more than just a curiosity to collectors of these issues.

A HELPFUL OFFER

Mr D. M. Rawbone, P.O. Box 29, Franschoek is willing to lend out any of the following books to members of any Society affiliated to Federation. Postage must be prepaid by the borrower.

The Stamps of Great Britain, Part II by J. B. Seymour (R.P.S.L. publication) (deals with Victorian issues to 1865)
The Japanese Occupation Stamps of Burma by Col. L. G. Roberts & E. A. Smythies
The One Anna & Two Anna Postage Stamps of India, with plates, 1854-5. by L. E. Dawson

A List of Post Cancellations of Early British Stamps giving Towns and their numbers (MS copy from a handbook)
We are glad to publish particulars of this very friendly gesture by Mr Rawbone.

SOME FANTASTIC AUCTION PRICES

The recent Caspary and Caroline Prentice Cromwell sales at Harmer's New York have resulted in some colossal prices. A few of the more remarkable are as follows:-

Hawaii 2c & 5c Missionary stamps on cover	\$25,000	
Belgium two panes of the 1850 10c & 20c	\$48,000	
B.C.A. 1907 2d & 4d		\$1,600
E.A. & Uganda 1912-18 Rs500		\$2,200
Kenya & Uganda 1922-7 £50		\$1,000
	£75	\$1,700
	£100	\$1,600
Natal 1902-3	£20	\$7,500
Straits Settlements 1908-11 \$500		\$4,500

The appraiser for the Caspary Estate has stated "the exceptional prices did not stop European collectors and dealers from obtaining much of the material offered. Unless American collectors readjust their sights for quality material, before too long most of it will have left these shores".

EIRE

Eire is entering the international air field with the first flight, on 28 April, of the Irish Airline Airlinte Eireann from Dublin via Shannon Airport to New York. The mail carried on this occasion will receive a special cachet embodying a sham-rock design.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS

J. H. HARVEY PIRIE, M.D., R.D.P.

Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1878; his people, of Huguenot origin, had been farming there for some 250 years. Educated at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen and then at Edinburgh University, where he graduated in Science and Medicine; later post-graduate studies in London and Berlin.

Soon after graduating in Medicine he went to the Antarctic as medical officer and geologist to the Scottish National Antarctic Expedition, spending two summers and a winter there. The "Scotia" was frozen up at the South Orkneys during the winter, and he did extensive sledge journeys round the group mapping and geologising. He saw the Argentine Government take over the meteorological station started by the expedition and witnessed the setting up of the first Post Office ashore in the Antarctic. One of the Argentinos came down as a fully accredited and outfitted postmaster but the subject of this Note was unfortunately not particularly interested in Philately then. Had he been so, he might have acquired more first day covers which are so eagerly sought after nowadays.

On his return to Edinburgh, after writing up his geological work he started private medical practice and also obtained various part-time appointments in Pathology and Bacteriology. This laboratory side of Medicine always appealed to him more than clinical practice and in 1913 he accepted an appointment in Nairobi as Pathologist to the East African Government. Owing to the acute shortage of Medical Officers on the outbreak of War in 1914 he had to go on active service in the field for nearly three years. During this time an interest in Army Postmarks, Censor Marks and other aspects of War Philately was born in him.

At the end of World War I he came to Johannesburg to join the staff of the South African Institute for Medical Research, where he worked until his retirement in 1941. During the whole course of World War II he was President of the Medical Association of South Africa and as such acted as Liaison Officer between the Medical Profession and the S.A.M.C. He was also Representative for South Africa of the International Red Cross, a post which brought him frequently into contact with Prisoners of War from East and North Africa. He is still actively interested in the S.A. Red Cross Society.

The remainder of this Note, dealing more particularly with Dr. Pirie's philatelic record, is given in his own words:-
"I collected stamps as a schoolboy but dropped it until about 1923 when I was

severely infected by the philatelic microbe and I have never been free of symptoms since then, although they have varied in character as the years have rolled by.

"Beginning as a general collector of more or less the whole of Africa, my sphere of interest gradually contracted and, moreover, I began to find that collecting according to catalogue bored me to distraction. I suppose it was the same trait coming out in my hobby as was present in my official work - I took very little interest in routine and had to be like the Athenians of old, always chasing after something new, although nowadays we dignify this with the name of Research.

"From time to time I found myself tackling the following aspects of philately:- Anglo-Boer War (Army postmarks, Censor marks, etc.), Travelling Post Offices, World War I and World War II Philately of South and East Africa, Paquebot and other Maritime Postal Markings, Numeral Postmarks, Stamps and Postal History of Swaziland and of the New Republic. The only subject I took up which went far beyond the borders of Southern Africa, was the Posts of Antarctica. In all of these there was scope for research and Catalogues or Check Lists, call them what you will, had to be drawn up by myself and largely from my own material.

"I have never been a collector of the "lone wolf" type but have always enjoyed sharing the pleasures of my hobby with fellow collectors. I joined the Johannesburg United Philatelic Society soon after re-starting collecting and have been a consistent supporter of organised philately ever since. I have had the honour of being President of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg and am now an Honorary Life Member. I am also a member of the Pretoria Philatelic Society and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. More recently the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa graciously appointed me its Honorary Life President.

"In March 1934 I took over the Honorary Editorship of the South African Philatelist from A. E. Basden. This was my first return to journalism since having been on the staff of the Edinburgh University magazine, The Student. But I have long suffered from Juvenal's Cacoethes Scribendi (an inveterate itch for writing) and have inflicted on my fellows some 60 philatelic articles and booklets, mostly written single-handedly, but some in collaboration with others. In addition I have been responsible for about 50 medical articles and 10 dealing with Antarctic matters other than philatelic.

"The year 1948 was my Annus Mirabilis. In it, firstly, the Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa elected me to their Roll of Honour, and secondly, the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain

put me on their world-wide Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. This latter honour, as I wrote at the time, I regarded as a tribute to South African philatelists in general. My personal writings no doubt helped in the Congress choice, but the high standard of the South African Philatelist probably played an even larger role and for that I had to thank the contributors to it over my period of editorship."

FLOREAT RES PHILATELICAE!

REVIEWS

The "Emblems" of Victoria, by J. R. W. Purves. Published by the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria, P.O. Box 222, G.P.O., Melbourne, Australia, price £2:12:6 stg.

It is no secret that the distinguished author has been responsible for the recent extensive rewriting of the Victoria list in the Gibbons Catalogue, and it is fitting that this labour of love should be contemporaneous with such a well executed book on one of the less favoured, but evidently most interesting, of the Victorian issues.

It incidentally reveals that material of this type, although still to a large extent humbly priced in the Catalogue, is really elusive, for even the author with his unrivalled opportunities confesses that it has not been easy to find some of the items he required for this specialized study.

The earlier chapters follow the history of the issue from its beginning with Calvert, the scandal which led to the work passing to Robinson, who was later to become the official Stamp Printer to the Government, and the rest of the printings to 1863.

The author then embarks on a detailed study of the printings and their plate varieties, concluding with a brief note on the known essays and proofs and an appendix containing the Contract Documents.

It is altogether a very fine work which can be commended to any philatelist on the look out for a new and (so far) little trampled field of inquiry.

The "J.L." Simplified Variety Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth II Postage Stamps. Published by John Lister Ltd, 186 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W.C.2, price 5/-.

This is an interesting new departure. The ordinary catalogue, even when highly specialized, handles varieties as off-shoots of the main issue. This work concerns itself exclusively with varieties.

The author has apparently not yet read our own Handbook, Volume II, or he would have found a lot more to say about South African issues than the four items listed (the 1/- Van Riebeeck "no shadow", Hope's "broken

knee", short U on the 4½d Hippo, and the Pretorius "cut while shaving") but he has the grace to admit in advance that there must be many items he has not noticed and asks for particulars for inclusion in any later editions.

Not only is the work well illustrated, an essential requirement for such a work, but for a further 2/- the reader can acquire a separate set of all the drawings, which can be cut out and incorporated in the write-up of his collection - a real boon to those whose own drawing is weak to helpless!

The Artist is W. F. Gow, and he deserves a special word of commendation for a very fine job of work.

FRANCIS J. FIELD PUBLICATIONS

This 12 page booklet lists the various "Aero Field" handbooks and other publications issued by this firm.

Brief details, with a number of illustrations, are given of over 60 titles ranging from general works on countries or other air mail groups to priced check lists or advanced historical studies. There are also a number of shorter pamphlets and studies dealing with special flights and other limited subjects.

A Review 1956-1957.

Robson Lowe, 50 Pall Mall, London S.W.1.

This annual summary of the doings of this firm maintains its usual attractiveness. The greater part of it, of course, deals with the auction sales held in London and in Bournemouth; these may be general, specialized or specifically Postal History. There are numerous illustrations featuring many of the outstanding items which came under the hammer at these sales. These dealt with £216,670 worth of stamps; this realization being 102.63 per cent of the estimated valuation, an interesting indication of greater activity among buyers and improvement in current market prices.

It is noteworthy that the British Empire market shewed a considerably smaller turnover than in the previous season: specialized Foreign sales on the other hand rose quite a bit while Postal History sales rose spectacularly.

Other activities dealt with are Private Treaty sales, Insurance, Valuations, Writing up Collections, Exchange Clubs and Publications. In connexion with the last mentioned we must refer to the firm's taking over of "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" coincident with the merging of the old firm of P. L. Pemberton & Son into the organization. We note with pleasure that it is hoped to publish during the coming year Volume IV (Australasia) of the Encyclopaedia of Empire Postage Stamps and if, as appears to be the case, Volume II (Africa) is now out of print, we hope (this is just a hint) that we can soon welcome a new edition of this too.

Checklist of Artists, edited by Kay Ziegler. Price £2 from Beatrice Berner, 200 East 36 Street, Apt. 8-H, New York 16. (with a supplement incorporated in "Fine Arts Philatelist Volume 4 No. 1 - Jan-Feb 1958 issue")

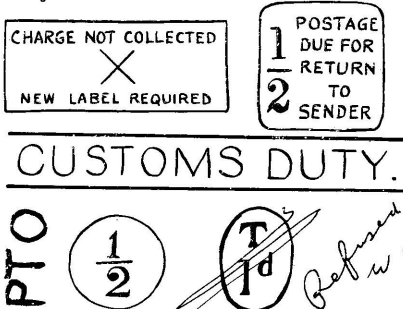
This very extensive catalogue is an attempt to identify the artist for all cases where a picture has been reproduced on a stamp, portraits included, a monumental task which, even with the supplement, is still rather incomplete, particularly in the British Empire issues. For example, we entertain some doubts whether all the Queen Victoria portraits attributed to von Angeli are in fact taken from his portrait but if they are, why omit the same ones which occur on British East Africa SG 65-79 and 92-99; and, for that matter, on Southern Rhodesia SG 60 also? The Chalon heads of Bahamas and Prince Edward Island are likewise left in oblivion - what a lovely thematic collection, all the Chalon heads!

We prefer the correct spelling of Cradock (Charles Cornwallis Mitchell) and wonder why Sir Bertram Mackennal and George W. Eve are not even mentioned: they did good work.

POSTAGE DUE

by Gordon Ward M.D.

The handstamps illustrated are all from one cover. The story they tell, so far as I can decipher it, is set out below, and may perhaps form a sort of supplement to the excellent articles by Mr Lydall and my colleague Dr Pirie which were recently published in the South African Philatelist (last year).



1. A printed circular advertising a patent medicine, enclosed in an open envelope with a 1/2d meter mark, was posted at Newcastle upon Tyne, England, addressed to Durban, on 28 July 1928.
2. On arrival at Durban it was noted that the duty on printed matter had not been paid. It was therefore handstamped CUSTOMS DUTY and passed to the appropriate department or officer who added a 1d Tax mark, and also a 1d Postage Due adhesive which was cancelled on 25 August 1928.
3. The letter was very naturally refused by the doctor to whom it was addressed and enfaced to this effect by the postman who used red ink and added his undecipherable

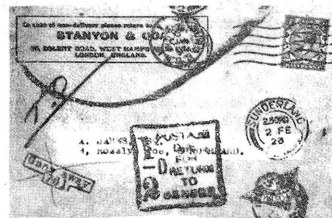
initials and the figure "28" - possibly the day of the month, in error for the 27th.

4. The cover now returned to the Durban Post Office and was backstamped 27 August 1928. It was observed that the letter would have to be returned to the sender and it was further handstamped with a large bilingual "Return to sender" handstamp which is not illustrated. The Postage Due stamp had also to be obliterated with the regulation CHARGE NOT COLLECTED/NEW LABEL REQUIRED and the old "T 1d" mark was cancelled with blue chalk. This "New label required" instruction was inaccurate as a label in this case meant another postage due stamp. This could only have been a South African stamp which would of course have had no significance at Newcastle upon Tyne. This was not all. The return of an undelivered letter should be paid for and there was still that matter of the 1/2d Customs duty.

5. Having no more room on the front of the envelope, the Durban P. O. produced a very homely "PTO" stamp - a postal marking until now unknown to me. Nor had the office any stamp for calling attention to unpaid duties so it contented itself with the 1/2d POSTAGE DUE FOR RETURN TO SENDER mark, and the printed paper duty was abandoned.

6. The circular having returned to England was marked "1/2" in a circle, presumably in the hope of recovering the 1/2d return postage, and there the story ends.

(Note: As the Editorial Board did not feel certain about Dr Ward's allocation of the boxed 1/2d POSTAGE DUE FOR RETURN TO SENDER mark to Durban, an inquiry was put to the G. P. O. Publicity Section, Pretoria. They replied "No record of any such mark can be found in the Department; had such a mark been in use in 1928, it would almost certainly have been worded in both official languages, not in English only.")



That a similar mark is a standard British mark is evident from the attached illustration, which we uplift, with due acknowledgements, from a recent Robson Lowe Sale Catalogue.)

SOCIETY NEWS

O. F. S. & BASUTOLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

February. Mr Meyburgh displayed "Miniature Sheets of the World", a remarkable exhibit amongst which must be mentioned the Japanese sheets and the 1957 Liechtenstein

Scout sheets. Mr Kachelhoffer then displayed Unions: highlights were the Mackay and Immelman essays and a specialized show of the 5/- denomination.

The Society also participated in the Hobbies Fair in Bloemfontein with a varied display covering everything from pre-stamp covers to the latest QEII issues.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

10 March. Mrs H. M. Scott shewed the Netherlands Child Welfare stamps and "Birds on Stamps", the latter a repeat exhibit by special request. Professor W. S. Mackie shewed for the first time his "Chess on Stamps" and a most amusing collection "Handsome Stamps - and some not so handsome", presented with fine Irish humour.

24 March. At the Annual General Meeting the following office-bearers were elected:

W. G. Combrink, President
 F. L. Archer, Vice-President
 Miss R. Eisenberg, Hon. Secretary
 A. Simson, Hon. Treasurer
 R. F. Chapman, Hon. Librarian
 Captain M. F. Stern, Magazine Editor
 T. M. Jakobsen, Hon. Exch. Supt.
 Mrs H. Jeidel, F. Sinnott & G. Petroulis, Committee Members
 The retiring President, Captain M. F. Stern, then gave a talk on "Setting up a Thematic collection", illustrated from his own collections of "Architecture on stamps and "Flags on Stamps". M.F.S.

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 H. E. Williams, Hon. Treasurer
 J. Sparkman, J. Hoal and J. Clarkson, Exchange Superintendents
 J. Gedye and Miss B. Wilson, Magazine Circulation Superintendents
 W. J. Gillespie, Hon. Auctioneer
 C. P. Durkin, J. Paviour, J. P. Shingler & F. Drusinsky, Committee Members

The retiring President, Mr H. Harper, gave a display of New Zealand, followed by an exhibit by Mr Paviour, winner of the President's Cup for the second year running.

February. Mr C. H. Thornton, over a lifetime of collecting, has got together varieties and errors of many countries, which he made up into an exhibit called "Bits & Pieces". Written up with his well known dry humour these made a memorable evening.

March. Mr T. A. Harper, a still active Foundation Member of the Society, displayed a selection of the Revenue Stamps of the Union and also the precursors of the four Provinces, including the issues of the Republican era. J.P.S.

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CAPE TOWN

13 March. Miss A. Archer displayed the stamps of Greece, all issues, revealing at the same time her own intense interest in Greek history and appreciation of superb condition in stamps. Mr K. Cameron exhibited Natal, a small but fine collection in which full justice is done to the Chalon head issues, the most handsome of Victorian stamps.

27 March. Mr B. Green displayed British Empire Commemoratives, including many of the rarer issues and the latest Ghana issue to bring it up to the minute. Captain M. F. Stern exhibited "The History and Development of Ethiopian and Eritrean Air Mails", an outstanding collection complete from December 1929 to 1957 with all the important flight covers.

FISH HOEK PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3 March. Mr F. L. Archer displayed his Collection of Vatican City.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

18 March. A discussion was held on "Stamps as a source of Government Revenue", followed by a display of China. M.F.S.

GERMISTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

19 March. The Rev. W. Loxley Chamings, on this, his first visit to the Society, gave a very interesting talk and display, which was followed by Mr Alan Deverell's New Zealand and Mr L. J. Picton's India.

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PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

18 February. At the Annual General Meeting the following office-bearers were elected:

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 A. J. Fisher, Exchange Superintendent
 G. Bülbbring, Press Correspondent
 D. Berg (Immediate Past President) &
 Dr J. W. Harris, Committee Members
 G. Monaghan, Honorary Auditor

Mr H. S. Exley, who joined the Society in 1921, was elected an Honorary Life Member.

4 March. An evening specially devoted to Juniors, during which Mr R. A. Brown of Grahamstown paid us a visit and displayed two collections: the first consisted mainly of African stamps associated with the stamps of countries with historical ties. Thus Portuguese stamps of the great explorers were connected with the territories they discovered, Angola &c; the second was France, in groups according to their historical, cultural, technical, industrial and similar relationships. After the judging of Junior collections, Mr Pearson exhibited models of writing up from his collections and Mr Fisher displayed "Flags on stamps".

18 March. Mr H. W. Vleghert exhibited his "Netherlands", an attractive straight collection of all issues.

The Committee announced the introduction of a scheme whereby six members, chosen by lot, are to be presented with a year's free subscription to the South African Philatelist. (We hope they will all keep it up on expiry. - Ed.) This is a practical contribution to helping to enlarge the circulation.

1 April. Boy Scout Evening, with the Scout Master and many Boy Scouts as visitors, to whom Major M. L. N. Gunnings displayed his collection of Boy Scout stamps, with many interesting covers, letters, photographs & badges. Mr D. Roth, a visitor from Cape Town, also joined us for the evening.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3 March. A visit from the Philatelic Society of the Western Rand, who presented five exhibits. Mr Bruwer opened with "Die Ou Testament", a thematic presentation, and a specialized display of the War Effort issues of the Union. Mr Burrell followed with his specialized Union Air Mails, and Mr Kylander with his old and modern India. Finally Mr Brandt shewed his thematic collection "Athletics".

17 March. The evening started with a discussion on the causes of rust on stamps, & how to avoid it, led by Mr Slater-Kinghorn and Dr Reisener, with a contribution from Mr Wright. Then Dr Keller shewed the Groszky Overprints of Poland and Dr Reisener displayed various booklets presented to Delegates at the UPU Conference in Ottawa.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF JOHANNESBURG

11 March. A visit from the Pretoria Philatelic Society is always an event, and the team led by Mr Slater-Kinghorn once again put on a memorable display. Mr E. C. Wright had picked out a volume containing St Helena St Vincent and Sarawak and it seems that a lucky dip anywhere in Mr Wright's volumes cannot fail to bring up treasures of delight. Then Mr R. N. Castignani put up a rather different show with his "Nudes on Stamps", a thematic collection of great merit, and Mr H. Broerse displayed the Dutch Child Welfare stamps. Miss J. R. Taylor followed with Vatican City and Dr T. B. Berry exhibited the Union Postal Stationery, an excellent and highly specialized collection. Finally Mr J. J. Coombe-Martin put up what he said were the "scrapings of the barrel", but what a lovely barrel! The Belgium 20c imperf. and with T.P.O. cancellation, first proofs of Netherlands in blocks, Cape Triangulars, Penny Blacks, S.W.A. Pounds in blocks, and the O.R.C. "IOSTAGE" 4d on cover, are just some of the highlights.

24 March. Mr W. N. Sheffield held the floor with his "Conception, Birth & Growth of the Union Roto van Riebeeck's Ship Penny" right through from the original typographed job to the Darmstadt Trials and the eventual issues. This show was a real tour de force and is to be shewn to a number of societies later during Mr Sheffield's tour of the Union.

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GERMISTON, 6 - 9 Oct. 1958

The Exhibition Committee is pleased to announce that the following gentlemen have kindly consented to act on the Jury.

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 Mr L. J. Picton
 Mr W. N. Sheffield
 Mr S. J. Vermaak

Entry Forms will be circulated to all Societies next month.

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