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More Unusual Post Card Varieties.

The pictorial post card bearing only half of a penny imprinted stamp, and illustrated in our July 1952 issue, has brought forward three more examples of post card printing flaws, this time from Mr. A. H. de Villiers of Kimberley. We illustrate them below.

The top one (depicting "The Falls — Waterval Boven") shows the stamp partly cut away at the bottom. The second (Hermanus—Cape) has the left outer frame practically missing and the third shows the picture of Commissioner Street, Johannesburg with the bottom part of the photograph and the inscription missing.

Mr. de Villiers states that all three were found on different occasions at Kimberley.

Further to the above, Mr. S. J. Vermaak of Johannesburg has written to say that he knows of the existence of the following post card varieties.

Cards without imprinted stamps.

- PC41b Chuniespoort—Chuniespoort.
- PC41b Goudmyn—Gold Mine, Johannesburg.
- PC41d Hermanus, Cape—Kaap.
- PC41d Yachting — Cape — Seilspoor — Kaap.
- PC41d The Falls—Die Valle, Waterval Boven.

PC41d Kruger National Park—Nasionale Krugerwildtuin.

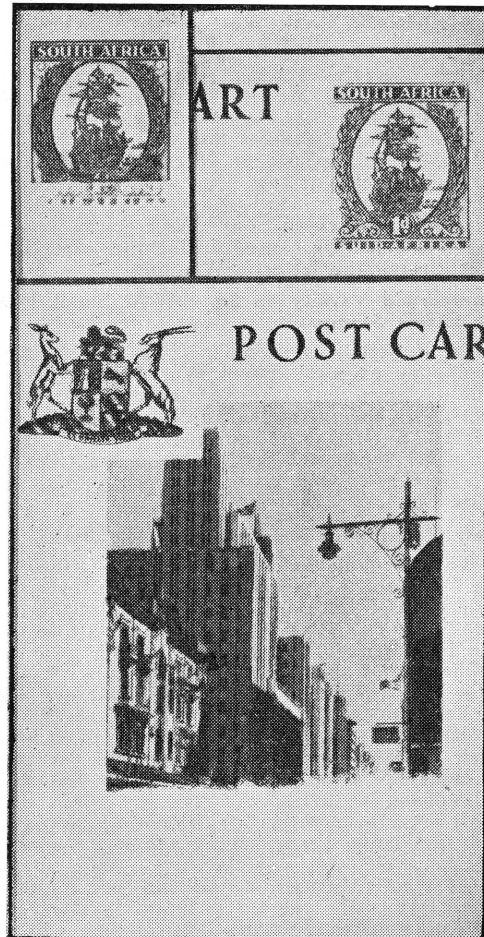
Card with stamp heavily inked—very smudgy.

PC41a Wilge River—Wilgerivier Harrismith.

Uncommon Line Flaws on 4½d. Van Riebeeck Stamps.

A variety not previously recorded has turned up on the stamps of the first and second rows of a sheet of the 4½d. Van Riebeeck series which Mr. B. Glassman of Johannesburg recently purchased at a post office.

It is in the form of a blue line running horizontally through the letters of the place name SOUTH AFRICA in each of the top row of stamps, and a similar, though darker blue line running horizontally through the letters of SUID-AFRIKA in each of the copies in the second row.



A Merry Xmas to all
and
Good Hunting in 1953

"S.A. Philatelist"

In both cases the lines are single, thin, clear markings easily discernable with the naked eye and lying parallel to the top and bottom frame lines of the design respectively. They are evident across the full width of each stamp, but are only faintly visible in the perforation gutters of the top row and break off at each gutter of the second row. They do not show up to any marked degree in the left, centre or right side margins of the sheet, and are unusual in the fact that they do not appear to have been caused by the action of the "doctor blade" during the printing process.

It would be of interest to learn if anything of a similar nature has been observed on other copies of this denomination. The sheet serial number in the above instance was 5259.

Van Riebeeck South West Africa Variety.

A variety on one of the 4½d. Van Riebeeck stamps overprinted S.W.A. has been drawn to our attention by Mr. R. Jaacks of Windhoek. He reports that it is constant in the position of Row 2/No. 14, and takes the form of a number of small black specks on Van Riebeeck's chin: Mr. Jaacks calls it the "Unshaved chin" variety.

It only appears on South West Africa copies and was evidently caused during the process of overprinting the letters SWA.

Unrecorded Variety on 2d. S.W.A. Small War Effort Stamp.

Mr. R. Jaacks of Windhoek has shown us a used copy of a 2d. Small War Effort ("Bantam") stamp with the "S" of the overprint "SWA" in the distinct form of a figure "8".

It is an Afrikaans inscribed item printed in the same shade as that known in the HANDBOOK/CATALOGUE of Union Stamps as Slate-violet. (Cyls. 6931/2).

New Printing of the Small 2d. Pictorial.

We understand from the Publicity Officer of the Philatelic Agency, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Pretoria, that a new printing of the small 2d. pictorial stamp appeared on sale during the first week of November.

The stamps have been printed from new cylinders No. 30 Interior and No. 18 Exterior, and a check-up on any small flaws that appear will probably show if the multipositive employed for their preparation is the same as that used for cylinders Nos. 6927 Interior and 50 Exterior. (Handbook No. 47E).

Mr. A. Lichtenstein of Bloemfontein notes that the language setting of the new printing has been changed and the first stamp on the sheet is now inscribed in Afrikaans instead of in English.

Further particulars of these stamps will be found in the HANDBOOK/CATALOGUE Supplement No. 6 published on the centre pages of this magazine.

New 6d. Air Letter Card.

The Publicity Officer of the Philatelic Agency, Pretoria, has also advised us of the issue, during November, of a new 6d. Air Letter Card, the address panel of which has been redrawn.

An illustration and particulars appear in the accompanying Supplement No. 6.

Two New Commemorative Issues for 1953.

The following Bulletin has been received from the Philatelic Agency, Publicity Department, G.P.O., Pretoria:

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS. CORONATION STAMPS.

The Postmaster-General announces that a special postage stamp to commemorate the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be placed on sale at all post offices in the Union for a period of approximately three months as from the 2nd June, 1953. The value of the stamps will be 2d.

CENTENARY OF POSTAGE STAMPS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

In commemoration of the Centenary of the issue of postage stamps in South Africa a special series of postage stamps of the denominations of 1d. and 4d. will be placed on sale as from the 1st September, 1953, for a period of approximately three months at all post offices in the Union.

Details of the designs and colours of the proposed stamps are not yet available but further announcements in this connection will be made in due course.

Orders for these stamps should not be placed until further details are announced.

"Tuberculosis" Error on Christmas Seal Booklet Covers.

Mrs. C. Jacot-Guillarmod of Mamathes, Basutoland, has written to say that reading Dr. K. Freund's article on "The Union Christmas Seals" in our November issue reminded her that though the marginal error of **Tuberculosis** had been corrected on the seals she finds that the mistake still exists on the booklet covers.

Our correspondent first drew attention to this error in our January 1949 "Notes", when it was present on the slogans which at that time were being printed on the margins of the sheets of Christmas Seals, and it is interesting to learn now that it is still in existence on the booklet covers.

Incidentally, Mrs. Jacot-Guillarmod points out that in our title to the illustration of the "Tuberculosis" error on page 210 of the November issue we, or our printers, have also erred by spelling the "error" incorrectly!

Light on the Union Bisects.

Arising from the notes and illustrated examples of Union Bisects, published in our September 1952 issue, we have received the following interesting letter from Mr. Stephen G. Rich of Verona, New Jersey, U.S.A., which undoubtedly throws quite a lot of light on the subject of postally used "Bisects".

"Major Milligan's comments and pictures of Union Bisects, on page 158 of the S.A. Phil. of Sept. 1952 (received here only last night) deserve some extension because the matter of those various bisects is far less complex than would appear on the surface."

"In Lobdell's monograph 'The De La Rue Georgians of South Africa,' 1944, this matter is treated fairly fully; pages 65 and 66 contain the information. As I was one of those in

the group that created practically all the Durban bisects, and Mr. Norman Welsford was the sender of some of those shown in the picture of my material on page 65 of Lobdell, I may claim to know what it was all about and how done."

"Let us be clear: all known bisects were deliberately done by philatelic people, at this time. There were no known cases of postmasters allowing bisects in default of official orders. It is probable that the ones from Davel, Tvl, had co-operation of a philatelic-minded postmaster or postal clerk."

"But in Durban, we merely took care to mail at rush hours, so that the bisect would normally not be noticed. Usually this resulted in delivery without extra charge. However, I have one item, sent to me, on which 1d. postage due was assessed, postmarked on with the usual "T 1d." mark, and paid with a 1d. due stamp (for which I paid the penny, of course)."

"No 'emergency conditions' were involved at Durban in 1920 anyway. We could get all the halfpenny stamps we needed. It was strictly philatelic horseplay. We knew it was wholly unauthorised, wholly outside the regulations — but we banked on the idea that most of the postal officials wouldn't know the difference. They didn't."

"We were not working 'in the first few days' after the 1½d. rate went into effect. We didn't even think of the idea of trying it till a month later; and we quit only when we had as many covers as we wanted. We could have kept right on for weeks."

King's Head with "O.H.M.S." Overprint.

Mr. P. J. van der Merwe of Hartebeesfontein, Western Transvaal, has a used copy of a 2½d. King's Head stamp bearing the letters:

O N
H M
S

set out in the manner shown.

This is the first we have seen of this type of overprint on a Union stamp and there is no information of its ever having been used for official purposes.

Van Riebeeck 1/- Toned Paper Variety.

A letter received from Mr. L. H. Twiss of Solihull, England, states that he has a single 1/- Van Riebeeck mint stamp which has every appearance of having been printed on toned paper.

He received it from a friend in Johannesburg and the tones of both paper and gum are the same as those found on copies of the 1d. SATISE toned paper variety.

No other reports have, so far, come to hand regarding this paper variety in the 1/- denomination.

Recent Changes in Machine and Handstamp Cancellations.

We have received the following notes on Union postmarks from Mr. David Allison of Mowbray, Cape.

"Since my last note, there have been a number of changes in Union machines.

Paarl (Huguenot), Stellenbosch, and Pietersburg have introduced datestamps showing the

place name in a 'curved rectangle' at top, the date across the centre as usual, but no circle (except for the 'curved rectangle') is visible, though a fair amount of black ink appears within the datestamp. These must **not** be confused with a couple of recent datestamps (Johannesburg, and Pietersburg again), showing part of an inner circle.

Montagu used IV on one date stamp and IIII on the other this year, in April.

Witbank presents a problem. Instead of the five wavy lines it is now using a slogan with two rows of lettering between horizontal lines. Unfortunately the cylinder is so worn (or dirty) that the rows of lettering appear as solid black rectangles. What the slogan is I really don't know — it might be a cylinder transferred from some other office. Perhaps some earlier specimens than mine are legible, and some kind reader might be able to enlighten me. My own guess — nothing more — is that the road safety cylinder previously used at Bloemfontein (or, less likely, Johannesburg) has been transferred. Can anybody confirm or disprove this?

There are a number of other changes; the above are the most outstanding that I have seen.

The small single-circle (temporary) type handstamp has appeared from several offices recently with the top inner line blank and the middle inner line giving day and month. This is perfectly usual, of course, but the way in which the year is given is noteworthy — "19" in the bottom inner line and "52" round the bottom of the handstamp. This seems a funny way to split the year up, and at least five offices — Concordia, Kinross, Lady Gray, Staemines and Wellington Stn. show this. I have not seen this feature at all on handstamps dated before June this year, although a note in the 'S.A.P.' for February 1936, mentions the handstamp of the Scout Camp E.L. office as having the date NOON 15 JA 19 in the middle (whether in 3 lines is not stated and XXXVI round the bottom. Whether this was a single-circle I don't know — it sounds as if it could be. None of my specimens have half the year in Roman Figures, though one of my Lady Gray specimens (the only one thus spelt) has the date given (blank)/V VIII/19/52. The spelling Gray was used on 2 VIII and II.VIII."

The Elusive Broken "C" on the "Officials" — Retouched.

Dr. T. B. Berry of Bryanston, Transvaal, reports that further to his article on "The Elusive Broken C" in our August 1952 issue, the 6d. "Official" recently made its appearance with the broken "C" retouched.

The item occurs in the position of Row 13/2 on the sheets printed from Cylinders Nos. 6930/6 and the retouched "C" is similar to that illustrated in the article as present on the stamp of Row 13/2 of the 1d. denomination printed from Cylinders Nos. 6925/36.

(A portion of foregoing Notes had to be held over from the November issue on account of lack of space.—Ed. S.A.P.)

STUDY YOUR COUNTRY'S STAMPS

The POSTMARKS of ZULULAND

By

W. NEWLANDS.

(Paper read at the Philatelic Congress, Cape Town, in March, 1952, and given a Congress Award.)

Before dealing with the various types of postmarks used in Zululand I propose to list the known Post Offices and Agencies. Only such offices as are listed in Official Guides and Reports or are supported by actual dated marks and covers are included. Thus although the list is reasonably complete I do not exclude the possibility of there having been other Agencies in existence for short periods.

The British Possession of Zululand as established in 1887 is virtually the same area as that listed as Zululand in the Union Year Book. The only difference is that the area of Amatongaland which was annexed in 1897 was added to the Ingwavuma District in 1898. The area of Zulu-

land is 10,425 square miles and Zululand was incorporated in Natal as from 30th December, 1897. The stamps of Zululand were first issued in 1888 and after incorporation were withdrawn from sale on 30th June, 1898. After that date the postal history becomes part of the postal history of Natal and as such falls outside the scope of this paper.

It has been stated that a Post Office was established in Eshowe as early as 1876 but I am far from convinced that it was a Post Office transacting business. The absence of covers seems to confirm this view especially as the first postmark so far recorded comes from Entonjaneni in 1888 just after the issue of stamps.

ZULULAND POST OFFICES ETC. IN 1897.

Name	Grade	Where Listed	Remarks.
1. Eshowe	P.O.(M). T.	Z. & N.	— Only listed in Natal Telegraph Report.
2. Eshowe Camp	T.	N. (T).	—
3. Hlabisa	P.O.A.	Z. & N.	—
4. Ingwavuma	?	N.	—
5. Inyoni	P.O.	Z. & N.	—
6. Lower Umfolosi	P.O.A.	Z. & N.	—
7. Maputa	?	N.	In Amatongaland.
8. Melmoth	P.O.(M). T.	Z. & N.	—
9. Ndwandwe	P.O.A.	Z.	Name in 1898 was Nongoma.
10. Nkhandhla	P.O.	Z. & N.	Magistracy established in 1881.
11. Nondweni	P.O.(M). T.	Z. & N.	—
12. Nongoma	P.O. T.	N.	See also Ndwandwe.
13. Nqutu	P.O.(M). T.	Z. & N.	Listed in Z.A.R. Guide as: Nqutu (Rorke's Drift).
14. Qudeni	?	N.	Formerly Ntingwe (?).
15. Ubombo	P.O.A. T.	Z. & N.	Listed by Z.A.R. as: Abombo.
16. Ulundi	P.O.	Z. & N.	Listed in Natal report as Ulundi (Zululand) to prevent confusion with Ulundi in Natal, a P.O. in the Weenen Area.
17. Umlalazi	?	N.	Report of 1898 (Natal) states Umlalazi closed and office of O'Banjani opened in same vicinity.
18. O'Banjani	?	N.	

OFFICES NOT IN OFFICIAL LIST BUT KNOWN TO EXIST FROM COVERS, ETC.

19. Entonjaneni	?	—	See Notes.
20. Lower Tugela	?	—	Listed as a Natal P.O. in years before Incorporation.
21. Rorke's Drift	?	—	Listed as Natal P.O. for many years before Incorporation.

NEW OFFICES OPENED IN 1898.

22. Upper Umhlatuze	?	N. (1898) (Between Nkandhla and Melmoth)	Also spelt "Upper Umhlatuzi."
23. Waterval	?	N. (1898) (Between Nkandhla and Nondweni)	—

Thus until definite proof is forthcoming in the form of covers franked from Eshowe I am not recording this office as being open before 1888.

The list given herewith has been compiled from the following official sources:—

1. Natal P.M.G.'s reports for 1897 and 1898. In the 1898 Natal report the P.M.G. states that at the time of incorporation there were in existence 15 offices and agencies in Zululand, but does not list these separately. However by comparing with the 1897 report I was able to list the 15 offices. The 1898 report further lists the opening of 2 Zululand offices and the closing of one office and the closing of one office and the substituting therefor of another office in the same neighbourhood. (All marked N in the listing).

2. Z.A.R. Postal Guides for 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898. These guides give a list of 11 offices stating the office grades as well. (Marked Z in listing).

3. In the 1898 Natal P.M.G.'s report (Telegraph section) there is a list of offices in Zululand that provided telegraphic facilities. (Marked T. in listing).

Certain offices also provided postal order facilities and these offices are classified as P.O. (M) as against P.O. for ordinary Post Office and P.O.A. for an Agency.

Of the above 24 Post Offices (counting Ntingwe as the 24th) I have never heard of postmarks from the following for the period 1888/98:—

Eshowe Camp, Inyoni, Maputa, Ndwandwene, Umlalazi, O'Banjeni, Ntingwe (I have a mark that might be this office), Upper Umhlatuzi or Waterval.

There is thus plenty of scope left for the Zululand enthusiast to search for and record these and possibly other unrecorded postmarks.

The following notes are furnished in connection with certain offices:—

1. **Nongoma:** This was originally known as Ndwandwe so named after the Ndwandwe tribe. Later the office and district's name was changed to Nongoma. This was the name of Chief Zwide's principal kraal which was sited near the present township of Nongoma.

2. **Emtonjaneni:** For a long time I could not understand why this office was fairly well known for the years 1888 to 1891 only. Today there does not appear to be an office of this name, although the name of the district of which Melmoth is the Magistrate's seat is EMTONJANENI. I have now ascertained that Emtonjaneni (Little Spring) was the fountain from which Dingaan obtained his drinking water and is not far from the site of his principal kraal Mgungundhlovu. In 1879 Fort Emtonjaneni was built near Boucher's store near this spring and overlooking the main road to Mahlabatini.

3. **Lower Tugela & Rorke's Drift:** These are Natal post offices and were in operation many years before Zululand issued stamps. I cannot agree with the theory put forward that there were also Zululand Post Offices with the same name just on the opposite side of the Natal-Zululand Boundary in each case. (Tugela River for Lower Tugela and Buffalo River for Rorke's Drift). My suggestion to cover the use of

these post office names on Zululand stamps is that this arose out of the Natal-Zululand postal convention of 1888 which provided that all letters from places in each country addressed to the other be prepaid by the stamps of the country of origin and that the whole postage on mail sent via Natal to Overseas destinations be credited to the Natal Administration. As most of the Zululand post would pass through these two points I suggest that both post offices had their ordinary cancellers as well as cancellers with the name Zululand replacing that of Natal for use only on Zululand mail received. Mr. Paul A. Dorn of Los Angeles, Calif. states that the Lower Tugela (Zululand) Post Office was in Mr. Weber's store on the Zululand side of the Tugela and that of Rorke's Drift in Fort Northampton on the Zululand side of the Buffalo River. As the Natal P.M.G.'s Report of 1898 does not list these two offices as being in existence or as having been closed I feel that the existence of these offices is not proven. There is a possibility that the offices he refers to did not transact ordinary postal business, but simply acted as cancelling and checking offices for mail handed over to and received from the Natal Administration. To further complicate the issue note must be made of the existence of faked Zululand 'errors' all with faked 'Rorke's Drift' postmarks. To prove the existence of post offices on the Zululand side of the border I feel it will be necessary to produce covers having **both** the Natal and Zululand postmarks for Rorke's Drift or Lower Tugela. So far all covers I have seen or heard of have one or the other of the postmarks if they bear this postmark.

(To be continued.)

PHILIPPINES.

The Bureau of Posts announce the issue on 19 August of two semi-postals, 5 plus 1c. and 6 plus 2c. as "Fruit Tree Memorials. Each will bear a portrait of Senora Quezon (who was the wife of the late President); she had devoted her life to charity and social welfare work.

Also, on 23 October of two stamps 5c. and 6c. on the occasion of the 4th meeting of the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council. These feature a fish, with a map of the area of the member nations of the Council as a background.

On 16 November, three stamps, 5c., 6c. and 30c. honouring the Pan-Asian Philatelic Exhibition.

S.G. 43b.

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Third stamp — Top half frame missing.

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180, Mr. S. J. Vermaak reports the following:

Type 4. June, 1952. As Type 3 but the 4 obliterate-
rating bars measure 29 mm. x 7 mm. as against
former 29 mm. x 8mm. Deep royal blue in colour.

Type 5. Sept., 1952. As type 4 but colour royal
blue, not deep.

Type 6. Oct., 1952. Four obliterating bars of
unequal length, 30.5, 29, 29 and 29.5mm. respect-
ively, ends not in alignment. Depth of the 4
bars is 8mm. Deep blue in colour.

Mr. Vermaak ends up with the plea "Could
not someone ask the Government Printer to
take over the job of the overprinting of these
forms?"

BRITISH MUSEUM'S STAMPS.

The best known collection is of course that
presented by Mr. T. K. Tapling in 1891. There
have been additions since then, the most im-
portant being that presented in 1946 by Mrs.
K. Cunningham, of the collection of British Af-
rican stamps formed by her father Dr. Edward
Mosely.

A summary of the scope of this collection is
given by Mr. H. R. Holmes, Curator of the
Museum's Stamps, in the "British Museum
Quarterly" of Jan., 1951. He describes it as a
whole "as not so all-embracing as Tapling's, it is
nevertheless, for the countries it covers, not only
supplementary but also complimentary" as it
carries on from 1890, where Tapling's stops,
to 1935. A few of the outstanding items in it
are:

Cape Die Proofs of the 1d., 6d. and 1/- triangu-
lars. One of the seven known copies of the
4d. black triangular, 67 "Woodblocks", in-
cluding 2 of each of the errors of colour.

Mauritius. No "Post Office" issues but a fine
range of the Post Paid printings.

Niger Coast. A very fine lot of Proofs of the
1893 issue.

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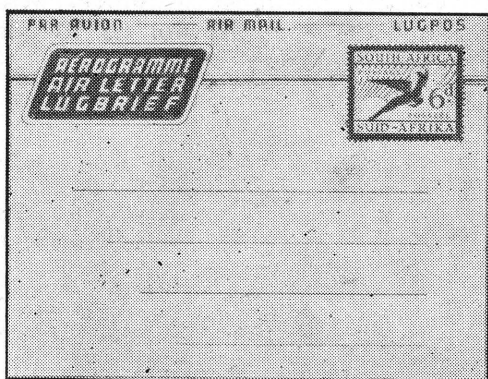
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HANDBOOK – CATALOGUE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

SUPPLEMENT No. 5.

Editors:

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SECTION 5.
**AIR MAILS
AIR LETTER CARDS AND SHEETS.**


1952 (November). Design changed and the clouds, birds, mountains and sea bordering the address panel of the previous issue now omitted. Inscribed "PAR AVION — AIR MAIL — LUGPOS" in one line and "AEROGRAMME — AIR LETTER — LUGBRIEF" in three lines in panel at left of card. Stamp depicts the "Flying Springbok" of South African Airways as before, but drawn on a new background and with the position of POSTAGE and POSSEEL changed. 3-fold; 5 x 3½ in.

Cat. No.		Pairs	Mint	Used
PAL 41.	6d. Blue—greenish white paper	—	—	—

SECTION 9.
**THE ROTOGRAVURE PRINTINGS
HYPHENATED.**

2d. UNION BUILDINGS, PRETORIA.
GROUP 5— PLATE X.

Fifth Hyphenated Issue. Format — 21½ x 17¼ mm.

Design and size the same as PLATE IX, but language setting changed and first stamp on sheet now in Afrikaans instead of English. Position of the cylinder numbers imprinted on the sheet also changed from the right hand end of the bottom margin to the left hand end and now under stamps 1 and 2 of the 12th row.

Printed as before in sheets of 240 (12 rows x 20) from cross-lined screened cylinders, with four marginal arrows in the same colour as the frames and similar in appearance to those of PLATE IX.



Watermark sideways, facing left; perforated 14 x 15 and four-figure red serial numbers printed twice on the bottom margin — all as before.

Cross-lined screened cylinders.

Interior 30 and Exterior 18.

Issued November 1952.

Cat. No.		Pairs	Mint	Used
PLATE X.				
47F.	2d. Slate-blue and plum	—	—	—
CONTROLS.				
	Ca. Block of four with cylinder numbers "30" and "18" on attached margin	—	—	—
	Cb. Marginal arrow	—	—	—

SECTION 27.**OFFICIALS.**

Cat. No.		Pairs	Mint	Used
O23	1d. Varieties—Page 264.			
	Designate the variety "OFFICIAL" by the letters "Va". Delete the entire line of "Vc" and amend the variety "Vb" to read "Shifted overprint".			
	Under the illustration on the left amend the title to read:— "O34/V. Double Overprint."			
	Under the illustration on the right amend the title to read:— "O23/Vb. Shifted Overprint."			
O24	2d. Plate number—Page 264.			
	Instead of "Plate 1" alter to read "Plate 1/B".			
O27	1/- Basic number—Page 265.			
	Alter the basic number to read "42".			
O40	3d. Basic number—Page 266.			
	Amend the basic number by changing the letter "c" to a capital to read "36C" and alter "Plate 2" to read "Plate IIb".			

O52 ½d. Plate and Cylinder Numbers

—Page 267.

Insert "Plate 6" in the descriptive matter and correct the cylinder numbers to read 6934/26.

O62 ½d. Plate and Cylinder Numbers

Page 269.

Delete from the descriptive matter "Cyl. 60/21 as No. 52" and insert "Cyl. 25/7019, Plate 10".

O64. 1½d. Cylinder numbers—Page 269.

Correct the cylinder numbers to read "15/62"; not 62/15.

O69 ½d. Plate Number—Page 270.

Delete the following part of the descriptive matter, "as before. 18½ x 22½", and insert "Plate 12".

O77 ½d. Plate Number—Page 271.

Insert "Plate 12" in descriptive matter.

O82 6d. Price correction—Page 272.

Amend price of pairs to read 3 0 3 0

O87 ½d. Plate Number—Page 272.

Insert "Plate 12" in descriptive matter.

O100 1½d. Basic number—Page 275.

Amend the basic number to read "46E", and add "Plate 10" to the descriptive matter.

O100a 1½d. Basic number—Page 275.

Amend the basic number to read "46E" and add "Plate 10" to the descriptive matter.

SECTION 30:**ADHESIVE PARCEL LABELS.**

Add the following to the list of post offices using adhesive parcel labels—Page 314.

Arcadia (Pretoria).
Brakpan.
George.
Motortown, Johannesburg.
Rissik Street, Johannesburg.
Uitenhage.
Vryburg.

NOTE. The Pietermaritzburg, Longmarket Street post office label shows only the town name "Pietermaritzburg".

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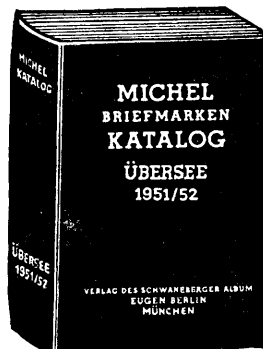
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REVIEWS

Catalogue 'Thiaude' of the Stamps of France and the French Union. H. Thiaude, 24 Rue du Quatre-Septembre, Paris (2e.). Price 160 Francs.

This catalogue, 37th edition, includes the stamps of France, French Colonies, Andorra, Monaco, Sarre, Syria and Lebanon.

Numerous prices have been modified since the last edition, reflecting the rulings of the French philatelic market.

The older stamps of the French Colonies seem particularly on the up-grade.

The catalogue is well printed and there is much information not readily obtainable in general catalogues. It is, in fact, a fairly highly specialised catalogue of the stamps in the field covered by it.

British Air Mails 1946-1951, by N. C. Baldwin. Francis J. Field, Ltd., Sutton Coldfield, England. Price 7/6 nett.

This is an illustrated and priced supplement to the publishers 'British Air Mails 1784-1946', which is still available. It brings the 712 items listed in the latter, up to 833, so that there have obviously been quite extensive developments in the past five years.

Every phase of air mails is covered, local services, overseas services, helicopter flights, air letter forms, changes in postal rates, etc., etc.

Colour Guide. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London W.C.2. Price 5/- nett, postage 2d.

This new colour guide shows seventy-five colours most useful in stamp description. It has been produced in consultation with the British Colour Council's Dictionary of Colour, and printed by the same printers as that work. It may be taken therefore that the naming comes from a wider field than stamps only; this is perhaps where it is not going to appeal at once to all collectors, as some of the names given to some colours are definitely not those which most collectors are accustomed to use. It is a very difficult subject in which to achieve unanimity, but if the publishers consistently make the chart the standard for their catalogues a good step forward may be taken in this direction.

It should be noted that the matching must be done with **solid** portions of colour in the stamp. Instructions for use go with the chart.

Wrona-Deutschland. Special Catalogue. Obtainable at 7/- nett from the Waltham Stamp Co., 163 Sumatra Road, London, N.W.6.

This pocket sized catalogue of all German stamps has some 700 illustrations, detailed listings of booklets, joint pairs and combinations, although it does not generally deal with varieties. Early States, Colonies, and War Occupation issues are included.

Postage Stamps and Postal History of Tibet. By H. D. S. Haverbeck. Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th Street, New York 16, N.Y. Price 1.50 dollars post paid.

This appeared originally as a series of articles in the Collectors Club Philatelist and is now reprinted in booklet form, 50 pages with the same number of illustrations.

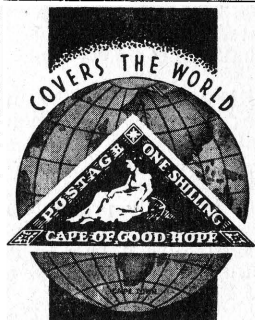
It can properly be described as a Tibet Handbook, for after a brief description of its geography and history, it deals with the expeditions which had their own posts and the Indian and Chinese Post Offices in Tibet. Then we come to the Tibetan postal service and stamps, from 1912 onwards. A fascinating book to read and one, of course, indispensable if you want seriously to know about Tibetan stamps and posts.

EARLIEST CATALOGUES AND MAGAZINES.

Messrs. L. N. and M. Williams have a very interesting article in the Sept. 'Stamp Magazine' dealing with the beginnings of what is now that vast subject, philatelic literature.

In 1861 appeared **Timbres-Poste**, by Oscar Berger-Levrault. It was merely a list of the stamps known to the writer, handwritten and reproduced by lithography. This was followed later in the same year by A. Potiquet's **Catalogue des Timbres-poste Créés dans les divers Etats du Globe**, a more ambitious effort. Others, by various French and Belgian writers followed in quick succession.

The first purely philatelic journal to be published anywhere in the world was the **Monthly Advertiser** in Dec. 1882. A good deal of the text was written by E. L. Pemberton. The first British catalogue was F. W. Booty's **Aids to Stamp Collectors**, which appeared in April, 1862; in August of the same year the **Stamp Collector's Guide**, the world's first illustrated stamp catalogue.



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O.V.S. POSTMARKS.

Mr. P. Smits writes:—

It is very pleasing to find that articles in our S.A. Philatelist on the less popular countries are being commented on by overseas readers. I refer particularly to Mr. A. Cecil Fenn's comments in the September issue on my article on the O.V.S. Numeral Postmarks.

In answer to Mr. Fenn I would advise that besides the numbers 1, 20 and upwards, No. 8 is also known in the 11 bar type numeral canceller but although quite common has not yet been placed.

Information which I now have indicates that the 16-bar numeral cancellers were in use from 1873 (or earlier) till the end of the Republican period; which is probably the reason that the 11-bar numerals up to No. 19 (except Nos. 1 and 8) were not put into service when received in 1882.

As was stated in my article the imprints of all 11-bar numerals 1 to 60 inclusive may be seen in the Treasurer General's Ledger T.G. 480 in the Bloemfontein Archives.

With regard to the Numeral 35, I am very definite in stating that this has so far only been seen in a 6-bar type. This item is in the W. Newlands collection which recently won a "Gold Award" at the Cape Town exhibition. The mark is very clear but it is crude and probably from a locally made canceller produced to fill a loss.

I am surprised at Mr. Fenn stating that the 11-bar grid letter "X" belongs to Vrede as this was long ago recorded as being used at Bloemfontein. Perhaps he will be so good as to send it for your examination and comment.

Concerning the use of the numeral and letter grids being used on "T.F." overprinted stamps I do not think there is any special significance as I have several of both. It is bound to occur when Post Offices and Telegraph Offices are combined. There is also no evidence that the letter grids were for newspaper postage only.

Mr. A. Cecil Fenn writes further:—

In your August issue headed "O.V.S. Numeral Postmarks" you state that as regards the postmarks with letters "all letters have now been reported except 'Q' and 'V'."

I wish to record that I have the "Q". This is quite distinct from the "O", it is much narrower and has a tail coming from the bottom of the oval which is 4mm. long. The "O" is fatter by ½mm. It is cancelled in Black.

I should also like to mention the "R". The one that is usually seen is in red and is narrow 3½mm. I also have others which are in black and are 4mm. that is of the same font as the other letters.

I have also come across an interesting cover. This has a 1d. purple "VRI" 2nd or 3rd printing, cancelled in black with numeral 18. On the face is the squared octagon postmark of Ficksburg, O.V.S. 16 JUL 00, and has the cachet in manuscript "Censored and some initials". On the reverse side is the sender's rubber dated stamp from Gabriel Myers, Ficksburg, O.F.S. (Note O.F.S. and not O.V.S. as datestamp). It is also backstamped with c.d.s. Grahamstown C.G.H. (which is the town to which the cover is ad-

ressed) dated H. JY 1900. This would appear to add another numeral to the "Located List".

Perhaps some other collector of this interesting Colony can add further to the list.

In conclusion I would add that here in England a Study Circle is being formed in the interest of all collectors large and small of "Orange Free State". If any one is interested and would communicate with me I should be pleased to send them further details.

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RHODESIAS.

The latest number of the Journal of the Rhodesian study circle is, as usual, crammed as full of meat as an egg.

The Hon. Editor, Mr. W. G. Nodder reports having obtained what he presumes to be a recently discovered copy of the famous **Gubulawayo-Bechuanaland** postmark. He says only seven copies are said to exist and wonders if this is an eighth specimen. He would like to know where the seven copies repose. Can any reader oblige? We understand two are in Mr. A. V. Jacob's collection.

A number of A.P.O. marks and Censor marks of World War II are recorded from the Rhodesias and Nyasaland, several of them not previously known.

There are numerous recordings of new post-offices and their marks, also stamp varieties of the three territories.

Mr. C. Calitz of Mossel Bay has submitted a 1½d. of the 1940 issue of S. Rhodesia on which the top half of the large "1" of the right hand "1½d." is almost obliterated by a white smudge so that the value in that tablet looks almost but not quite, like 1/12d.

In connection with S. Rhodesian Meter Marks Mr. W. G. Nodder writes that they were mentioned in his Journals of Sept., 1949 and Dec., 1949, also illustrated in March, 1950. The earliest recorded date is 5-VIII-49 but as the serial number of this is 1092 it is highly probable it was in use several months earlier. The lettering UR has been seen followed by a 2 (for Salisbury) and 3 and 4 (for Bulawayo). It is not yet known just what "UR" signifies.

An interesting point is whether the machine perforates the label when it prints or whether the paper is already perforated; Mr. Nodder inclines to the first view, but it is not certain,

CARE OF STAMPS

By

C. H. THORNTON.

In many parts of the tropical and sub-tropical world where the atmosphere is highly charged with moisture, stamps are very liable to be attacked by a fungoid growth which shows in the form of "rust spots" or foxing. The spots do a great deal of damage to stamps as we, along the Eastern Coast line of South Africa, well know to our cost. Either the poor quality of the paper used for certain stamps or perhaps paper containing some chemical impurities may be responsible for the attack which also occurs in the leaves of albums unless of very high grade paper.

Some years ago a Mr. Lovejoy of the Natal Philatelic Society did a great research work investigating the possibility of removing the spots from stamps with a preparation called Milton and other similar chemicals.

This had a certain degree of success with some stamps of fast colours, but in fugitive colours and especially with mint stamps, one was liable to do more damage than good — the remedy proving worse than the disease.

In any case stamps treated with these nostrums are detected immediately, and condemned, by the experts, so it is unwise to try this doctoring of one's treasures.

Prevention always better than cure.

But how to prevent? We can't very well extract the moisture from all the air in our houses or even in all the rooms. **No!**

But I suppose most people keep their albums in a cupboard or box and with a modicum of care that box or cupboard can be made fairly airtight by adjusting the lid or door.

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Editions Inter-nationales of 47 Rue St.-Andr des-Arts, Paris VIe, announce the issue in the series 'Encyclop die pittoresque', of a volume on Religious Art in Philately. It is not a catalogue of all such stamps but some 1,200 are enumerated and 400 described. There are 35 illustrations in colour and 25 in black. Price Fr. 675 net.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly. Congratulations to our contemporary on reaching (on 20th September last) their No. 1,500. The founder and first editor, Mr. Percy C. Bishop contributes a short birthday message to the number.

Papermakers' Watermarks. Messrs. H. R. Harmer Ltd. had a curious, and probably unique, type of scale in 17 November. This was a collection of stamps belonging to Mr. R. W. T. Lees-Jones, consisting entirely of stamps with watermarks of the papermakers.

Junior Philatelic Society. This society, the largest of its kind in the British Empire, had a loss on last year's working, but the Council is not dismayed. They have plans which they hope will soon put matters right, without either reducing benefits or increasing the annual subscription. They hope even to acquire a permanent building to house the society and thus much increase its usefulness. The Society was founded over 50 years ago and, despite its name, is by no means a society of juveniles, far from it indeed. Membership includes the monthly journal 'The Stamp Lover' free. An immediate aim is an increase in membership and any one interested is invited to write to F. A. Pester, 44 Fleet Street, London E.C.4., for particulars.

Spanish Catalogues. We have received from "Filatelica Hevia" of Mayor, 13, Madrid, two 1953 catalogues, well illustrated, priced and nicely got-up. One is of the stamps of Spain, all issues; the other the stamps of the Colonies and ex-colonies of Spain.

The Dairy Industry for Thematelists. Messrs. David Michael & Co. of 3743-63 D. Street, Philadelphia 24, Pa. had an exhibit at a recent Dairy Industries Exposition held in Chicago of a large number of stamps connected in one way or another with dairying. They have sent us a folder and descriptive matter which we have sent to our Cape Town contemporary "The Thematic Magazine."

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THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMP.

Scarcely has the claim of Austria to have had a stamp earlier than the Penny Black died down, that a new claimant has arisen, this time from Holland.

The October number of the "Ned. Maandblat van Philatelie" announces the discovery of a cover sent from Amsterdam to Leiden on 28 Nov., 1817 with what looks like an adhesive stamp on it.

A couple of query marks is put after the statement, however, so we will await further reports before accepting or rejecting this claim.

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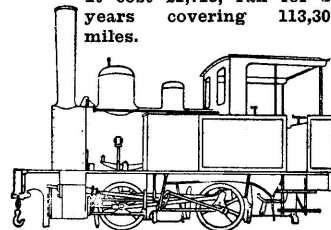
THE RAILWAYS OF THE TRANSVAAL



THE STORY OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRANSPORT.

President Kruger was the driving force behind the Z.A.S.M. line from Pretoria to the Portuguese Border at Komatipoort, completed on November 18th, 1894.

This old locomotive, now at Pretoria Station, ran on the Johannesburg-Boksburg line in the nineties. It cost £1,715, ran for 14 years covering 113,309 miles.



Transvaal railway history begins with the establishment of the Netherlands South African Railway Company — N.Z.A.S.M. — which held a concession from President Kruger to build a line from Pretoria to Lourenco Marques, an independent outlet which the President hoped to see finished before the Natal and Cape railways offered the competitive resources of Durban and Cape Town. The story of the building of the Delagoa Bay railway is one of drama and romance: the cold diary of dates as the line was slowly completed during the years 1891-1894 gives no idea of the struggles and frustrations that faced everyone connected with the enterprise. However, the line was finally completed, the last bolt being driven in by the President himself at Wilgerivier on November 2nd, 1894.

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SOCIETY NEWS

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF JOHANNESBURG.

27. Oct. Commander C. E. D. Enoch showed a fine collection of the stamps of Siam.

Commander Enoch read a paper on the exhibit pointing out rarities, and giving a history of the issues. The exhibit included re-entries, all varieties of surcharges, including many rarities, varieties of type, different plates, double surcharges and other errors, including a used stamp with the surcharge on the gummed side.

All issues to 1899 were shown. The first issues were well represented.

Some forgeries were shown to indicate the differences from genuine stamps. Mint and used stamps were shown in great profusion. There were numerous pairs and blocks showing different varieties set-tenant. The so-called "Korat" issue was included in the exhibit. There were also proofs.

Mr. Lilley and Mr. Economides spoke on the exhibit.

11 Nov. The East Rand and Springs Societies were due to pay us a visit this evening, but were prevented from coming by a heavy storm. The President, Mr. Sheffield, suspecting that this might happen, provided a very nice exhibit of the Commemorative issues of the Union.

24th Nov. Mr. Giessendammer showed a portion of his collection of the stamps of Switzerland. Although not so very full in the earlier issues it was practically complete in the later ones, and these beautiful stamps were most tastefully displayed on black mounts. The exhibit ended up with a fine set of the miniature sheets and altogether it was much appreciated.

JEWISH GUILD PHILATELIC SECTION.

On the 30th October 1952 the Roodepoort Stamp Club were visitors to the Section and provided some fine exhibits.

Master David Crock, a young collector, showed some fine Great Britain from the earliest to the most recent issues. Most were in used condition including some fine 1d. black and some fine specimens of the embossed issue.

Mr. Henderson showed Northern and Southern Rhodesia. These were complete except for some varieties. The South Rhodesian 1½d. perf. 12 and 1/- perf. 14 were both present.

Mr. Yelland showed Union Booklets and coils in a practically complete collection. There were numerous varieties joined together. The advertisement and Jipex panes were shown plated.

Mr. Sharpe showed Sudan mostly in mint condition and this showed the earliest to the modern issues.

Mr. Vermaak, the President of the Club, showed Air Letter Cards from the Union forces in Korea. All the different types were shown as well as the different post-office marks.

Mr. J. Burrell showed "odds and ends". These consisted of varieties of comparatively common stamps such as the 1d. New Zealand Universal Postage issue and the Great Britain Silver Jubilee issue. There were also the not so common 3d. Australia King George VI in the different dies in mint condition.

Mr. I. Isaacs spoke on the exhibits pointing out how all had been beautifully written up and presented.

ROODEPOORT STAMP CLUB.

The October meeting of the Club was held on Thursday the 16th, in the Parish Hall, Amelia St., Roodepoort.

The exhibit for the evening was tabled by Mr. Yelland, consisting of Union Booklets and Coils. This display was certainly outstanding, and must have taken a considerable time to compile, mount, and write up. Mr. Vermaak on behalf of the Club, thanked Mr. Yelland.

Quite a number of our members spent a very enjoyable evening as the guests of the Johannesburg Philatelic Society at their 300th meeting, and through the medium of the South African Philatelist, we wish to express our gratitude and thanks for the achievement gained in our hobby. J.K.

ORANGE FREE STATE AND BASUTOLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The September meeting had a programme full of variety. There was the "Half-hour of Swopping", followed by a few quick minutes of the unavoidable formal business. An auction sale and a sweepstake kept up the spirits. Mr. J. Lewis presented the "Philatelic News of the month", on which Mr. J. B. Levy commented in appreciation. Dr. Freund was in charge of "New issues", and he gave a brief talk and specially prepared display on the recent Olympic Games, tabling a number of colourful sports sets which have been issued in connection with the Helsinki Games. A Quiz arranged by Mr. A. H. Scott, presented the task to recognize a number of stamps of which only small parts of the design were visible. The quiz was won by Mr. J. Hodgson, Mr. M. Sacks and Master L. Sackstein. Mr. J. Lewis gave the main display of the evening, which consisted in a highly specialised presentation of the Union Van Riebeeck issue, with all its varieties and printing flaws. At the conclusion of the evening, Mr. A. G. Denne exhibited small, representative collections of five British Colonies (Barbados, Bermuda, Cyprus, Jamaica and Brit. Solomon Islands), which were offered for sale.

On a Saturday afternoon, also in September, the Society held its annual Junior Stamp Competition. The Exhibition, which was held at the Technical College, was well organized and attracted a good number of Bloemfontein scholars. The children had a great time with free refreshments and free stamp gifts. The number of collections handed in for competition was however not as large as in former years. The albums were judged in three age groups. The special "Kachelhoffer Prize" for the best collection of South African stamps went to Master L. Sackstein, with Master J. Simmons gaining a Second Prize in this section. The Postmaster of Bloemfontein, Mr. G. W. Hill, presented the prizes.

At the October meeting, the first half was taken up with the usual features, among which Mr. Lewis's "Stamp News", a Sweepstake and an auction sale were prominent. The main attraction of the evening was a display by Prof. G. H. van Rooyen, who displayed part of his collection of South West Africa. The display was outstanding and the more remarkable as Prof. van Rooyen has started with this subject less than a year ago. In the early historical section, there were in particular many interesting items, some of them hitherto unrecorded. The evening concluded with a display by Master I. Simmons who by request showed his South African collection which gained a prize at the Junior Competition.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTESE VERENIGING.

7 November: In plaas van die gebruikelike uitstallings deur lede van 'n besoekende vereniging, het ons gaste van die Roodepoort Stamp Club ons op 7 deser op iets heel nuuts getraakteer. Mnr. Jack Burrell, 'n deskundige op die gebied van filatelie en reeds wenner van die veelgesogte Skinner Cup, het gesorg vir 'n baie interessante en leersame lantern-vertoning wat gegaan het oor die voorbereiding van ons seëls in die Staatsdrukkery.

Omdat mnr. Burrell nog 'n ander funksie moes bywoon, was sy lesing heel eerste op die agenda geplaas. Daarna was huishoudelike aangeleenthede afgehandel.

Aan dr. C. L. L. Murray n mnr. N. Prinsloo is volle lidmaatskap van die vereniging toegestaan, terwyl kennis geneem is van aansoek deur mevr. A. B. Slabber en mnr. B. Slabber van Johannesburg.

Om 2.30 nm. op Saterdag, 29 deser, kom ons weer byeen. Met hierdie geleentheid vind 'n kompetisie onder lede plaas. Alle belangstellendes word vriendelik uitgenooi. S.J.V.

PRETORIA RAILWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The November meeting was no exception to the rule, so that yet another successful evening was marked up. The attendance was also up to the excellent standard that has been set, and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves immensely. Owing to his being indisposed, Mr. J. J. Coombe-Martin was unable to attend, and was thus unable to give his scheduled paper and exhibit. We trust that he may have a speedy recovery, and look forward to the pleasure of him exhibiting in the near future. Mr. W. Newlands very ably filled the breach, and gave the members a real treat. The collection that he tabled covered a very wide field,

and included some very interesting postmarks of Aden on the stamps of India, some of the Arabian States and Somaliland. Then there was some early specimen stamps of Nyasaland, the N.F. overprints and the famous "cheque" stamps. Finally there was some Southern Rhodesia perf. and imperf. showing the variety of perfs., and some late war and re-occupation covers of Somaliland. One of the star items shown was the Aden "Olympic Games" with the double overprint. Before tabling his exhibit, Mr. Newlands gave the members an explanatory talk, and pointed out the main features of the collection. Dr. Reisener, who spoke on the exhibit prefaced his remarks by saying that whenever Mr. Newlands exhibited it was always something good and in congratulating the exhibitor, said that he fully merited the praise that had been accorded him. A very excellent show Mr. Newlands, and the Society are indeed fortunate in having an exhibitor of your standard.

EAST LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

October 17th at Red Cross House.

As the President was unavoidably late the Vice-President Mr. Williams extended a warm welcome to all visitors. Four new members were elected. Matters of Philatelic interest were as follows: Mr. Thornton — South African 1d. stamp printed on double paper; Rev. Pludderman — German Soviet Zone Cover; Mr. Rolfe — New Zealand 1st day cover; Mr. Paviour — Booklet page of 2½d. G.B. stamps and U.S.A. cover of "Centennial of Engineering"; Mr. Watson — Czechoslovakian 1st day cover; Mr. Gillespie — 1/- Van Riebeeck stamp with shadow error.

Mr. Hellman announced that the 4d. Union hyphenated stamp which replaces the old 4d. one is now available and already three distinct shades are noticeable. He also appealed for volunteers to assist the Juniors.

There was a very interesting quiz conducted by the President and won by Mr. Watson.

Mr. Thornton displayed a wonderfully interesting collection of Early Europeans on which he gave a short talk. He was thanked by Mr. Hellman who alluded to the display as "magnificent".

Mr. Shingler displayed a friend's collection of British Colonial stamps and was thanked by Mr. Sparkman for his kindness in bringing such a lovely collection along.

November 14th, 1952 at Red Cross House.

The President welcomed all visitors and also Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie who are newly married. Six new members were proposed and seconded. Mr. Shingler said he had written an article by request to the Cape Times and The Sunday Times suggesting that on one at least of the new South African issues there should be a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II.

News of Philatelic interest was as follows:

Mr. Feros—Union Penny S.G. 43 error no watermark;

Mr. Joseph — Union Penny error of diagonal red lines and some German stamps;

Mr. Jensen — Danish official stamp;

Miss Taylor — New Zealand Health stamps of Prince Charles and Princess Ann;

Mrs. Alabaster — Block of Union 2d., one stamp showing an incomplete "d" making it look like a "j". This one error is constant in every sheet;

Rev. Pludderman—Two covers with attractive German Stamps;

Mr. Shingler—Block of twelve Postage Dues well postmarked from Northern Rhodesia;

Mrs. Cordes—Number of various airmail tags and cover with caption "insufficient postage—returned."

Mr. Hellman read an article from the Financial Times headed "Philately Prospers", in which it was recorded that a man had bought a booklet of 2½d. G.B. stamps, one page being imperforate. The cost was 5/-. These stamps sold at Harpers for £320.

A Coronation Stamp of Her Majesty the Queen will be on sale in England next June. Machines there can print 2-3 million per hour. South Africa will also print a 2d. stamp for the Coronation. In September next year South Africa will issue 1d. and 4d. stamps for the Centenary of The Cape of Good Hope triangulars.

The New Constitution has been circulated and certain amendments will be proposed to the Federation of Southern Africa.

Union Stamps are rising in price, some items being very difficult to obtain.

Mr. Paviour showed a very comprehensive collection of the Commonwealth of Australia. There were many mint blocks of four and difficult items to obtain such as the overprints used during the occupation of Japan. Mr. Paviour was warmly thanked by Mrs. Alabaster. Mr. Hellman showed a beautifully written up collection of Israel, both stamps on cover and singly with a mass of interesting explanations and cuttings. Mr. Jensen thanked him on behalf of the Society for his original display. R.A.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF NATAL.

The November meeting of the Society was held on the 5th and after the expiry of the usual informal hour the President welcomed 33 members and visitors. The President reminded the meeting of the passing of Mr. A. Mason, a member in Northern Rhodesia and a pause was observed as a mark of respect. Mr. Bevis referred to the forthcoming visit to the Maritzburg society and hoped that as many members as possible would make an effort to travel.

During a general discussion Mr. Simpson suggested that the time had arrived for the publication of a new membership-list and it was decided to give the matter attention. Mr. N. D. Williams proposed that the meetings start at 7.30 p.m. instead of at 8 p.m. and this was eventually agreed to by a narrow majority. Unfortunately it was not brought to the notice of the meeting that the President would have great difficulty in attending at the new time of opening so it is possible that the matter will have to be reopened and another change made.

Mr. J. Lyle read some interesting selections from philatelic journals and also conducted a competition on quite new lines: the questions all related to names of persons and other animate and inanimate objects, all these names were to be found in Gibbons' Colour Guide. Miss Reynolds and Mr. Ponsford ran out winners and donated the prize to the 1954 fund.

Mr. D. D. Black exhibited a portion of his British Empire collection. This included many blocks and pairs and many varieties of shade in the highest values. Unaccountably Mr. Black did not enter the exhibit for any of our trophies. Mr. McK. Malcolm proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of those present.

The auction was not as well supplied or supported as usual but most items were disposed of. One item donated to the St. John's Eye Hospital brought in 6/6 and other items were donated to the 1954 fund. After the usual refreshments the meeting closed at 10.20 p.m. V.F.M.

POLAND.

'Varimex' announces the issue in the 4th quarter of 1952 of (a) 3 semi-postals for Polish Army day (b) 2 semi-postals for the 35th anniversary of the October Revolution (in Petrograd); (c) 2 semi-postals with portrait of Lenin; (d) two honouring a passenger car factory; (e) two for Miner's Day; (f) two honouring the violinist Wieniawski, and (g) two of the 6-year plan of economical development series.

FRANCE.

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QUEEN ELIZABETH STAMPS.

The uniform design of the single stamp for each British Colony has now been released. The stamps will be engraved; there is a central vignette surmounted by a crown, and containing a three-quarter face portrait of Her Majesty, facing right. This part will always be in black, the surround will be coloured. The whole design is very reminiscent of the Chalon Head types of Queen Victoria. The upper corners will contain the indication of value, with the name of the Colony in a tablet across the foot of the stamp. In the central oval medallion between Her Majesty's head and the Crown is "Coronation", and below her head is "2nd June, 1953."

The values and colours for colonies in our part of the world will be: Ascension, 3d. grey; Basutoland, 2d. purple; Bechuanaland, 2d., orange-brown; Kenya, 20c. orange; Mauritius, 10c. green; N. Rhodesia, 1½d. orange; St. Helena, 3d. lilac; Seychelles, 9c. grey-blue; Swaziland, 2d. brown; Tristan da Cunha, 3d. olive-green.

"Gibbons Stamp Monthly" analyses the position vis-a-vis the permanent change-over from stamps bearing the portrait of K.G. VI to stamps bearing that of Q.E. There are about 800 of them and if the values remain as at present a complete new set (face value) up to the 1/- values will cost £9 10s.; to the 5/- values, £31 10s.; and to the top values, £81 5s. Meeting this outlay raises problems for both dealers and collectors.

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SOME NEW ISSUES.

(From Whitfield King & Co.'s Press Notes.)

Canada. A 7c., featuring a Canada Goose, will replace the present Postal Centenary 7c., on 3rd November. On the same date two further stamps in the Prime Ministers series will appear, a 4c. featuring Alexander Mackenzie and a 3c. with Sir John Abbott.

Germany (Federal Republic). A Heligoland Commemorative was issued on 6th September. Four semi-postals were issued on 1st October honouring Helpers of Mankind. They feature Elizabeth Fry, Dr. Carl Sonnenschein, Theodore Fliedner and Henry Dunant. (Western Berlin). A set of 10 stamps is to be issued to commemorate famous Berliners.

They are Zelter (musician), Lilienthal (aeronaut), Rattenau (statesman), Fontane (novelist), v. Menzel (engraver), Virchow (pathologist), v. Siemens (electrician), Schinkel (architect), Planck (physicist), v. Humboldt (philologist).

U.S.A. Nov. 21st saw the issue of a 3c. honouring the International Red Cross.

U.S.S.R. Eight stamps have recently been issued commemorating — well, all sorts of things and people.

Great Britain. Not a new stamp, but an interesting slogan Postmark reading "Postage on Letters for Europe 4d."

Eire. Two stamps (2½d. and 3½d.) were due for issue on 10 November, honouring Thomas Moore, the occasion being the centenary of his death. They feature his portrait and will be the first printed in Ireland by the recess process.

Israel. A new set of 9 Postage Due Stamps, required because of changes in postal rates, is to be issued this month; values 5 to 250 pruta, all of the same design, with a running stag.

Nyasaland. Stamps with a portrait of Queen Elizabeth have been ordered. Two new values and three existing values are to have designs and/or colours changed; ten are to have only a change in the portrait.

St. Helena. A set of 13 (½d. to 10/-) has been ordered with portrait of Her Majesty, the Crown and pictorial subjects.

PHILATELY PROSPERS.

Mr. G. Milner Palmer, of Durban, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, has sent us a cutting from the "Financial Times". This is a paper not usually given to exaggerations and we quote a few extracts from the article. These had been read to a meeting of the Philatelic Society of Natal and came very apropos after a discussion on whether or not dealers' catalogue prices were based on too high a level.

"At London auction rooms, prices have on the whole been well maintained, especially for Commonwealth issues. The highest figure obtained was 10,000 guineas for the Tweedale British and Commonwealth collection.

"Some important collections have been disposed of in New York, which before the war might have been sold in London, and the turnover of Harmers New York branch for the first time exceeded that of the parent house in London.

"The general lifting of restrictions on international trade in stamps and the increasing number of collectors on both sides of the Atlantic bode well for the future of philately as a satisfactory medium for combining business with pleasure."