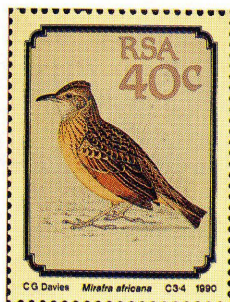


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OUR news pages "Around the Federation" copiously and gloriously reflect the success societies had in celebrating National Stamp Day. These reports — and not all of them have come to hand yet — deserve careful reading.

The first fact which is quite obvious is that even a few people with enthusiasm can fly the flag of philately, and this year it even waved bravely in Jan Kempdorp. It is not numbers that matter — it is visibility.

Second: Many clubs reported on their efforts to publicise their arrangements in advance. Be it posters, be it publicity in the local press, those clubs drew the crowds, and reaped membership.

Third: In many cases, efforts were extended to cover the periods before and after National Stamp Day. Of course! Why go to a few hours' trouble if the flag can be kept up for days and weeks.

Finally: At least one club reported a thorough follow-up system to enquiries — and gained membership.

It is easy to sum up the ingredients for National Stamp Day success: Enthusiasm, Publicity, Persistence and Follow-through.

ALMAL is dit eens dat ons eerste uitreiking van vyf seëls om Nasionale Seëldag te gedenk, 'n skitterende sukses was. Byna oral is voorrade by filateliese toonbanke op 12 Mei uitverkoop.

En kyk, die seëls is mooi. 'n Mens laat jou vertel dat dit in nege-kleur druk was, en die kwaliteit is in die oog lopend.

Hier is 'n gulde geleentheid om hierdie storie tematies 'n stappie verder te voer. Dit is om 'n versameling van gewoon gebruikte koeverte rondom 'n pseudo-Interprovinciale tema byeën te bring. "Kaap" gebruik in al drie die ander provinsies, ens ... "GB" gebruik in al vier provinsies.

Werk maar self uit hoeveel koeverte 'n mens sal moet byeenbring. (Self-geadresseerde materiaal tel nie!) Maar so 'n versameling behoort op klubvlak veel plesier te verskaf, en tegelyk in later jare 'n merkwaardige aandenking te wees van 'n unieke gebeurtenis.

Die Redakteur/The Editor

Stempels maak 'n tema

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Paarlse Filatelistevereniging

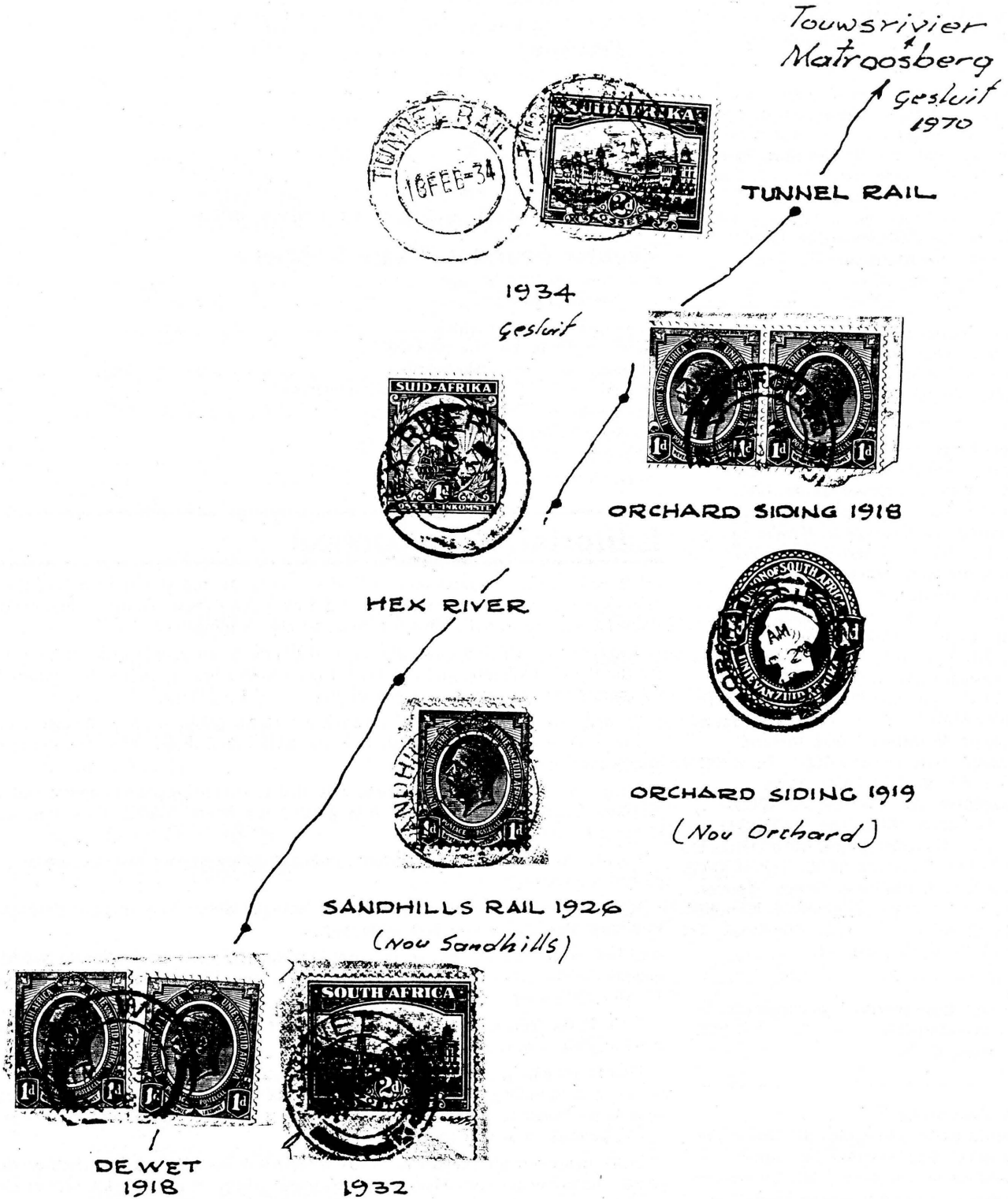
VIR BAIE JARE is die posstempel geminag en verwaarloos. Gelukkig is dus die versamelaar wat ou stempels versamel het, en nog stempels versamel. Dit is algemeen bekend dat sommige stempels meer waarde het as die seël of posstuk waarop dit voorkom.

Om hierdie vertakking van filatelie ten volle te geniet, moet die versamelaar 'n deeglike kennis van sy materiaal bekom.

Net soos met seëls verg die tipe van versameling baie geduld en naslaanwerk.

In posgeskiedenis is die stempel 'n bron van inligting. Dit is dan dat die versamelaar die regte waardering vir en die relatiewe belangrikheid van die stempel in filatelie ondervind.

In stempelversameling is dit die neiging om die stempels alfabeties volgens die plekname om die stempels te rangskik.



'n Bladsy uit die skrywer se versameling van posstempels op spoorwegstasies wat 'n trajek tussen Worcester en Touwsrivier illustreer.

So 'n versameling dien net om die stempels te bewaar, en die versameling kan in streke of provinsies ingedeel word.

Stempels moet soos seëls gesien word, en kan soos seëls die posgeskiedenis van 'n dorp of streek of land uitbeeld. 'n Tema met stempels is 'n uitdaging vir die versamelaar. Dit kan gaan oor plekname wat na mense heet, of oor die natuur soos berge, water, blomme ensomeer.

Die volgende tema het aan hierdie versamelaar aangename naslaanwerk en kennis verskaf: **Stempels van poskantore alleenlik op spoorwegstasies.**

Reeds vroeg in die geskiedenis van ons land het poskantore op spoorwegstasies van klein dorpe tot stand gekom. Soos die dorp ontwikkel het is die poskantoor na die dorp verskuif. Daar is gevalle waar die poskantoor vir ekonomiese en ander redes na 'n tyd weer na die stasie terug verskuif is.

Tydens die Engelse bewind in Suid-Afrika het baie van die dorpe en stasies Engelse name bekom, name waarvan sommige verander het. Dit is hier waar die stempel as bewysstuk sy rol in die posgeskiedenis speel. Elke posstempel van 'n poskantoor op 'n spoorwegstasie het sy eie geskiedenis en getuig dat hy iewers langs die spoorweë van Suid-Afrika diens gedoen het.

Oom Nico Combrink, soos hy algemeen bekend staan, is in 1988 genooi om die Eerrol van Uitgelese Filatelista van Suid-Afrika te onderteken. (Volledige besonderhede verskyn in *The SA Philatelist*, Mei 1989, p 120.) Hy was onder meer stigter van die eerste Afrikaanse filatelievereniging in die land, het die eerste hydraes in Afrikaans vir ons blad gelewer, en jare lank 'n posseëlrubriek in *Die Burger* behartig.

Vir die doel van hierdie artikel word net na plekke in die Kaapprovinsie verwys. Die eerste poskantoor op 'n spoorwegstasie was blykbaar EERSTE RIVER STATION. Die vroegste datum bekend in 1868. Dit is volgens die stempel wat bewaar gebly het. Eersterivierstasie is 'n spoorwegaansluiting met Stellenbosch en Somerset-Wes.

BOSMANS CROSSING op 'n seël van die Kaap die Goeie Hoop het 'n mens laat wonder waar die poskantoor was. Die naam is later na STELLENBOSCH RAIL verander en toe weer na DU TOIT-STASIE, die naaste stasie van Stellenbosch. Die poskantoor op Du Toitstasie is later gesluit.

Die naam TRIANGLE STATION het laat kop krap. Tydens die Tweede Vryheidsoorlog was die poskantoor nog daar. Die poskantoor was op 'n spoorwegstasie op Matroosberg net noord van De Doorns. Om daar te kom moes die trein twee lokomotiewe gebruik. Agter die stasie was daar 'n driehoek van spore waarop een van die lokomotiewe kon omdraai vir die terugreis na Worcester. Die naam TRIANGLE STATION is later na Matroosberg verander.

Die stasie GREAT BERG, die naaste stasie aan Piketberg, het mettertyd 'n sendingstasie geword met die naam MORAVIA, vandag nog so bekend. Posstempels met altwee name is bekombaar.

Suid van die Paarl was daar 'n poskantoor op die stasie BENNETTSVILLE, genoem na 'n meneer Bennett wat daar gewoon het. Die stasie word nou KLAPMUTS genoem, die poskantoor is nie meer op die stasie nie.

LADY GREY BRIDGE is 'n stempel op 'n poskaart van 1893, die plek is nou die poskantoor op die spoorwegstasie HUGUENOT.

VICTORIA WEST ROAD was 8 km van die dorp af. Toe die spoorweglyn in 1904 deur die dorp verleng is, word die stasie HUTCHINSON.

Hierdie is net 'n voorbeeld van hoe stempels as bewysstukke in 'n tema gebruik kan word. Die onderwerp is groot, en kan landwyd toegepas word.

Met die hoofstede as uitgangspunte soos Kaapstad, Port Elizabeth, Oos-London, Durban, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg en De Aar, kan die versameling met behulp van spoorlyntekeninge op die blaaie saam met die stempels baie interessant gemaak word.

An UNTAG update, Part II

Peter Reiner

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Canadian Contingent

The Canadian presence in Namibia was referred to as Operation Matador. As was reported in the previous article, Canadian Forces Post Office 5004, which started full operations on 18 April 1989, was responsible for handling the mail of the Canadian contingent, 89 Logistic Unit. The replacement shift that was working at CFPO 5004 was extremely helpful when approached for information, compared to the personnel of the previous shift.

A free mail concession was in force for the members of the Canadian contingent, but applied only to letters not exceeding 20g in weight. Initially (as from May 1989), a rubber United Nations cachet in English and French (Fig 31) was used on such envelopes, but this was withdrawn between 2 July 1989 and 24 September 1989. It was replaced by another rubber cachet bearing the United Nations' emblem, but this time also



Figure 31



Figure 32

with the inscription CCUNTAG (Canadian Contingent with the) (Fig 32).

The post free concession, however, applied only to Canadian Forces serving in the Middle East and in Namibia. Non-standard mail and parcels had to bear stamps, which were sold at CFPO 5004. These stamps were cancelled with a metal canceller (Fig 33). A third cachet, containing the office number (990043) (Fig 34) was also used, but only for administrative purposes.

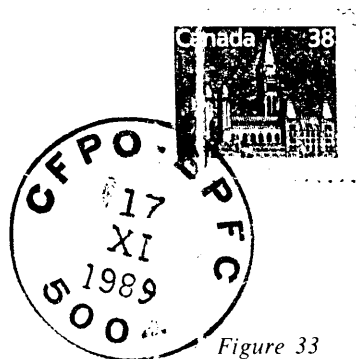


Figure 33

CFPO 5004

17 XI 1989

990043

Figure 34

Like the Australian and British contingents, the Canadians also had military postal stationery (Fig 35). According to Master-Corporal Savoie, UN envelopes and UN aerogrammes were not available at the contingent. However, a Forces Air Letter (aerogramme) was in use. These aerogrammes may be used only by Canadian Forces on duty who write to persons in Canada, as well as persons writing to such members from Canada. Under certain conditions, they may also be used by

members of other countries' forces stationed in Canada who write home.

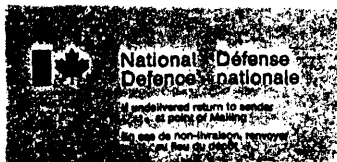


Figure 35

Although a registered stamp was available at the post office, no registered mail was sent.

CFPO 5004 also handled parcels, and there were two types: first class (air mail) and fourth class (surface mail). However, as sea transport between Namibia and Canada would take far too long (Walvis Bay — Cape Town — Europe — Canada), all parcels were sent by air.



Figure 36

In the case of first class parcels, a self-adhesive label (Fig 36) was affixed to the parcel, as was the usual green gummed customs label. The stamps were stuck on, and then cancelled with the circular date-stamp (cf Fig 33). In the case of fourth class parcels, however, a customs form had to be filled in, and the stamps were not cancelled with the circular date-stamp, but with a metal roller (Fig 37), which was, however, not used at CFPO 5004.

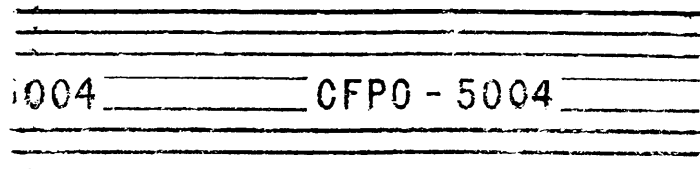


Figure 37

All outgoing mail was delivered to the Danish contingent at Suiderhof Base. It then usually went, by air throughout, from Windhoek Airport via Johannesburg to Toronto, where it entered the normal Canadian postal channels. A form was filled in for each consignment of mailbags sent, and was put into the final bag. At the same time, another form was filled in and put into the specially designed plastic holder of the tag for the final bag.

Mail for the contingent was addressed to Belleville, Ontario, where it was then sorted and sent to the Canadian Forces Post Office concerned.

A contingent of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police served with UNCIVPOL. Although this contingent's mail was also handled by CFPO 5004, an own cachet (Fig 38) was used as a side-stamp. It was made locally for the RCMP.



Figure 38

R.C.M.P.
CIV POL
KARIBIB

Figure 39

Furthermore, small identifiers were made for the various detachments in Namibia (Fig 39). Similar identifiers exist for Aroab, Bagani, Bethanie, Kamanjab, Katima Mulilo, Mariental, Okakarara, Ombalantu, Ondangwa, Rehoboth and Rundu.

Danish Contingent

A DANCON cachet identical to that used in Windhoek was also used by the Danish MOVCON detachment at Grootfontein. The contingent provided for the sending of parcels, and these were sent to Copenhagen by chartered plane. However, between March and September 1989, there were only two such flights, and for that reason, most of the parcels were sent through the normal Namibian postal channels.

Parcels sent via the Danish channels had to bear domestic postage only. The sender received a gummed label with a number printed on it twice, once large and once small (Fig 40). The section with the large number was stuck onto the



Figure 40

parcel, while the part with the small number was stuck onto an accompanying card that the sender had to fill in. Furthermore, a light-blue self-adhesive label indicating that the parcel was subject to customs in Denmark (Fig 41), as well as a dark-orange self-adhesive label indicating to which customs office the parcel was to be referred were affixed to the parcel.

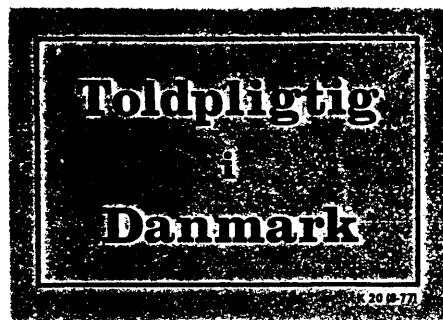


Figure 41

In Denmark, each customs office is responsible for a certain number of towns, and the latter label would thus depend on the parcel's destination. The postage stamps were not stuck onto the parcel, but onto the card filled in by the sender. The card was put into an envelope, and sent separately. Once the parcel reached its destination, the card was retained by the postal authorities.

Readers are referred to the author's two previous articles on UNTAG, which appeared in *The SA Philatelist* in October 1989, p 242, and March/April 1990, p 36. The numbering of the figures here continues where the latter article left off. In the mean time, the author's comprehensive monograph *UNTAG, a postal history*, has been published. It is reviewed elsewhere in our magazine.

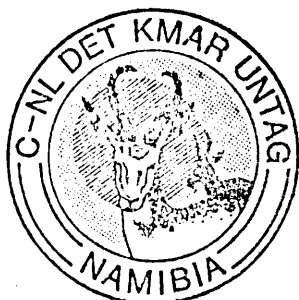
When a consignment of mailbags was sent to Denmark, forms similar to those used by the Canadians were used. Regarding incoming mail, it should be pointed out that mail destined for members of the Swedish and Norwegian contingents was also sent via the central collection point in Copenhagen, and thus received in the same bags as the mail for the Danish contingent.

Furthermore, mail destined for Namibia, even if it was

intended for receivers who were not members of UNTAG, was also included in the mail bags sent to the Danish contingent. Such mail was then handed to the Namibian postal authorities upon receipt, and followed the normal Namibian postal channels.

Dutch Contingent

It is interesting to note that the Dutch contingent, like the British (cf *The SA Philatelist*, October 1989, p 244), also put the cachet of the impres holder onto envelopes as a "special service" to collectors (Fig 42).



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NL - DET. - UNTAG
Namibië

Figure 42

A field post service existed for, as Mr G van den Hurk corrected the last article, the military police contingent in Namibia. Letters were sent without any stamps on them to Utrecht in the Netherlands, where they received the cachet "PORT BETAALD VELDPOST UTRECHT" (Fig 43), and



Figure 43

were then cancelled with a circular "VELDPOST 95" date-stamp. It could not be established whether this free mail concession applied only to destinations in the Netherlands. Within Namibia itself, however, the usual UNTAG channels and the normal Namibian postal services were used.

Austrian Contingent

The Austrian Contingent was responsible for security at all UNTAG centres. No details regarding the handling of incoming and outgoing mail are available, but two side-stamps which are very similar to those used by the contingent of the Federal Republic of Germany, were received during the second or third week of December 1989 (Figs 44 and 45).



Figure 44



Figure 45

Belgian Contingent

This contingent, which consisted of policemen, had no special arrangements regarding its mail, and also used no own cachet or side-stamp. All outgoing mail followed the normal Namibian postal channels, while incoming mail was routed via Mail Operations in Philip Troskie House. The usual UNTAG

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pouch service was used when corresponding with UNTAG contingents in other centres.

Finnish Contingent

The Finnish contingent in Namibia, which comprised an enlarged infantry battalion, had its own field postal service in Namibia. However, no details regarding the handling of mail could be obtained as yet.

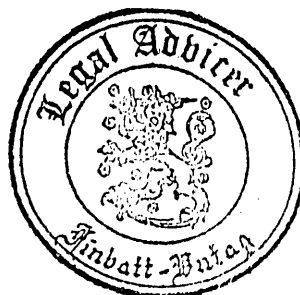


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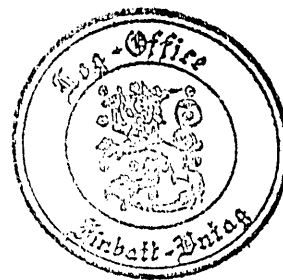


Figure 47

At least two side-stamps (Figs 46 and 47) were in use, and normal airmail envelopes were overprinted for use by members of the contingent.

German (Federal Republic) Contingent

This is the first time that the Federal Republic of Germany participated in a United Nations peace-keeping mission, and members of the country's Bundesgrenzschutz were part of UNCIVPOL. Mail to members of the contingent was handled in two main ways.

It was either sent to the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn (franked at the German domestic rate), from where it was then sent by diplomatic pouch to the German observer mission in Windhoek. In the other instance, it was addressed directly to the post office box of the observer mission, in which case it had to bear the correct overseas postage.

From the observer mission, the mail was then distributed to the contingent's members at the various centres. Occasionally, mail was also received via the various United Nations headquarters. Parcels were frequently sent via the diplomatic pouch too, and the receiver had to pay the postage upon receipt.

When mail was sent, members had three options. They could make use of the United Nations channels, or they could send it through the normal Namibian postal channels. It was, however, possible to frank the envelope with German stamps (according to the domestic German rate) and send it by diplomatic pouch to Bonn, where it entered the normal German postal channels.



Figure 48



Figure 49

The contingent had no own valid canceller, but two types of side-stamps were in use. The first, in blue, and of which only one was in use (Fig 48), was in the headquarters of the UNTAG civilian component. Of the second type (Fig 49), three were in use.

The first was received on 13 November 1989, and was used at the offices of the German observer mission in Umland

Street, but only until 22 December 1989, when the person who had it made returned to Germany and took it with him. There are violet and green impressions of this cachet, green being the colour of Bundesgrenzschutz.

However, the same stamp was used for the two colours; it was merely a matter of different ink-pads.

The other two were received on 12 December 1989 and were sent to the station at Rucana and the Regional Commander for the North (Ondongwa) on 16 December 1989.

Ghanaian Contingent

The Ghanaian contingent, which formed part of UNCIVPOL (UNTAG's civilian police observers), had no own postal service or cancellation within Namibia. All mail received from abroad or sent there went by the normal Namibian postal channels, and incoming mail was addressed to UNTAG's official post office box for the civilian contingents (Private Bag 13329).

Within the country itself, the same channel was used, although mail was also sent to other UNTAG centres via the available UNTAG pouch service, if there were pouch services to the centres concerned. In other cases, the normal postal channels were used.

Indian Contingent

As far as could be established, mail from and to the Indian contingent was handled in the same manner as that of most of the other civilian contingents, i.e. via the normal postal channels.

It is interesting to note, however, that although the Indian contingent was not formally considered part of the military component of UNTAG, a cover exists, addressed to the post office box (No 22898) formerly rented for use by the military component, and not the address of the civilian component (Private Bag 13329). It appears, however, that since a private bag was rented for the military contingents, PO Box 22898 was used for the *UNTAG Journal*, of which Major Kanwal was the editor.

Irish Contingent

The Irish Contingent had no own postal service, and no own cachet or side-stamp. All incoming and outgoing international mail followed the normal Namibian postal channels, whilst internal UNTAG mail followed either the same channel, or was sent via the UNTAG pouch service. In the latter case, outgoing mail usually received the cachet of the Field-postmaster at Keetmanshoop, where the Irish contingent was stationed (Fig 50).



Figure 50

Italian Contingent

The Italian contingent (HELITALY) was part of the military component of UNTAG, and was responsible for the group's helicopter transport. For this purpose, it had brought to Namibia its own helicopters (Bell AB.205 A-1), virtually the same as the Bell UH-1H Iroquois used by the United States in Vietnam, although those used by the Italians are built under licence by Agusta in Italy.

The contingent, like most of the formally military components of UNTAG, had its own, full-fledged field post office in Namibia, for which WO1 V. Rinaldo was responsible. The contingent had furthermore had its own envelopes (Fig 51)

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Figure 51

and letterheads printed, and used both these and standard UNTAG issue. Mail within Namibia was sent via the country's normal postal channels, while mail to Italy and other countries abroad had Italian stamps cancelled with a field post canceller that was made especially for this mission (Fig 52).



Figure 52

Besides the official canceller, a blue side-stamp, also made for the operation in Namibia, was also frequently used (consisting of the three lower lines in Fig 51).

It is interesting to note that United Nations aerogrammes were used by the Italian contingent, although WO2 Iversen of UNTAG's field postal service said that he had not received these aerogrammes for use by all UNTAG contingents, and did not expect that they would be received at all.

According to WO2 Iversen, the Italian contingent must thus have brought its own supply of these aerogrammes.

Norwegian Contingent

The Norwegian contingent usually received its mail in the same manner as the Danish. Mail from Norway was addressed to the central collection point in Copenhagen, where it was collected, together with the mail for the Danish and Swedish contingents and dispatched to Windhoek. From there on, MOVCON was responsible for the distribution of the mail.

No information could be obtained regarding outgoing mail, or mail sent within Namibia.

Pakistani Contingent

The Pakistani contingent, consisting of both civilian police and military observers, did not have an own field postal service. All official mail was handled by UNTAG mail operations, while the normal Namibian postal channels were used for private mail. The contingent also rented its own post office box in Oshakati.

This was PO Box 1212, and a cover exists, addressed to UNTAG's Windhoek box (PO Box 22898), which was then redirected to the Oshakati box number of the contingent.,

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Figure 53

Polish Contingent

The Polish contingent was a military logistics unit that worked closely together with the Canadian contingent. There were two sections, one based in Windhoek, and the other in Grootfontein. The contingent had its own field postal service, and a "Post Free" concession was granted to members, as is the case with Polish UN contingents elsewhere in the world.

The "Military — Post Free" ("Wojskowa — bezpłatna") may either be printed onto the envelope (Fig 53) or it may be stamped onto it in black in one line.

Members of the contingent were issued with two types of envelope by the Polish government (Figs 54 and 55). Of the second type, 9 000 were issued, and of these, approximately 300 had the printing error "UNITAG" which is illustrated here (Fig 55).



»UNTAG«
NAMIBIA
1989—1990

Figure 54

POLSKI KONTYNGENT WOJSKOWY
1989 — UNITAG — NAMIBIA — 1990



Figure 55

Besides the official envelopes issued, the contingent's members also "made" their own envelopes, by either photocopying designs onto blank envelopes, or by photocopying them onto white paper and then folding that to obtain an envelope. Of these "self-made" envelopes, some 40 different types are known to exist. (See Figs 56 and 57.)



Figure 56



NAMIBIA 1989 - 1990

Figure 57

Furthermore, the section in Windhoek had three cachets: a black stylized quiver-tree, a blue oryx head, and a red cachet that has the shape of Namibia without the Caprivi Strip. (These are unfortunately not suitable for reproduction here.)

Mail to the members of the contingent needed to bear only domestic postage, and was addressed to the "Warsaw 60" post office. It is interesting to note that no unit name appears in the address, but merely a unit number. At the post office, all military mail was collected and then forwarded to a special military post office, where a large green cachet with the name and the postal address of the unit or contingent was affixed.

From there the mail was sent to Windhoek, where it was collected by MOVCON, and distributed to the sections. The cost for sending the mail from Poland to Namibia was borne by the Polish government.

Mail to be sent to Poland by the contingent's members bore or received the "Post Free" impression. It was collected in Windhoek (ie Grootfontein's mail was sent there too), from where the mailbags were taken to MOVCON to be despatched to Poland at the expense of the United Nations.

No facilities existed for sending parcels, and if registered mail was sent (which was seldom the case), it had to be registered by the commanding officer.

Singapore Contingent

No special arrangements were made for the handling of the mail of the Singapore police contingent in Namibia. Normal postal channels were used for both outgoing and incoming mail, and a post office box was rented. For official mail, however, the local and international courier services, as well as channels of the Singapore Welfare Department, were occasionally used.

Spanish Contingent

Although the Spanish contingent, responsible for light aircraft transport (the plane used was the Casa), was part of the military component of UNTAG, it had no field postal service of its own. The cachet used by this contingent (Fig 58) had no postal validity and was used only as a side-stamp.



Figure 58

Mail to the contingent was received at a post office box rented by the contingent (No 21811), although use was also made of the diplomatic bag, which was delivered weekly.

In general, the normal Namibian postal channels were used, but when mail was sent back to Spain by pouch, Spanish stamps were used. Such postal items were then mailed in Spain, where the stamps were also cancelled. Parcels were regularly received by the Hercules of the Spanish Air Force that linked Madrid with Windhoek every three weeks.

Swedish Contingent

The Swedish contingent, consisting of 75 civilian policemen, formed part of UNCIVPOL. Although military field post offices were introduced for Swedish UN contingents serving elsewhere in the world, eg the Lebanon, this was not the case in Namibia.

However, the contingent have an own red side-stamp (Fig 59).



UNTAG
SWEDCIVPOL

Figure 59

All the mail to and from the contingent, both internal and overseas, was sent via the normal Namibian postal channels, and a post office box was rented for this purpose at Outjo.

However, the Swedish contingent, like the Norwegians, also had the possibility of sending and receiving mail via the Danish contingent. In such cases, incoming mail was addressed to the Danish contingent and routed via the central collection point at Malmö to the central collection point in Copenhagen, whereas outgoing mail had to bear Danish stamps. It was sent via the normal postal channels to the destination in Sweden or elsewhere.

Swiss contingent

Although the Swiss contingent to UNTAG, a medical unit, consisted of military personnel, the contingent was not con-

sidered part of the UNTAG military component per se. No special postal service was introduced for this contingent by Switzerland, and initially, the contingent had no own cachet.

Between 15 September 1989 and 17 October 1989, a cachet

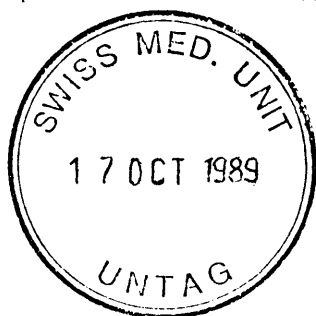


Figure 60

used only as side-stamp and similar to that used by the Danish contingent, only larger, was received (Fig 60).

All mail from and to Switzerland followed the normal Namibian postal channels and an own post office box was rented.

Mail for outside clinics (Andara, Grootfontein, Oshakati and Rundu) was received in Windhoek and taken to the respective clinics by own aircraft, and outgoing mail from these clinics was handled in the same manner. Smaller detachments received their mail through the main centres, and the diplomatic bag was used only for mail sent directly to Berne. Mail from and to other UNTAG contingents was sorted into or collected from the pigeonholes at Suiderhof Base personally.

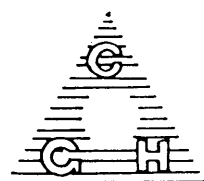
Please refer to *The SA Philatelist*, March/April 1990, p 39, for a list of acknowledgements.

CGH Triangulars and their cancellations

Rae Wolpe

TO THE CASUAL observer it would appear that Cape triangles were only defaced with one type of cancel: The Barred Triangular Obliterator. The truth; however, is that over 30 assorted cancels are to be found defacing triangles (some of which only single copies are known) and this listing excludes the many fiscal bank cancels.

To determine the variety and scarcity of cancels found on the triangles, I analyzed, with the help of a customized computer program, 681 triangles from various collections and compiled the following data. This data allows any collector a quick reference to the variety and scarcity of the known cancels. The cancels are presented in order from commonest to scarcest.



I Small Triangular Obliterator (STO)

Issued Throughout the Cape Colony on 1 September 1853.

Frequency of 68,7% (468/681)

Scott #s not found on are none.



II Barred Oval Numeral Cancel (BONC)

Issued

Cape Town	21 June 1864	Numeral 1,	9 bars
Port Elizabeth	7 October, 1864	Numeral 2,	9 bars
Grahamstown	1864	Numeral 3,	9 bars
Swellendam	1867	Numeral 12,	9 bars
George	1872	Numeral 17,	9 bars
Fort Beaufort	1875	Numeral 32,	9 bars
Cape Town	1870?	Numeral 1,	18 thin bars
Wynberg	1876	Numeral 6,	11 bars

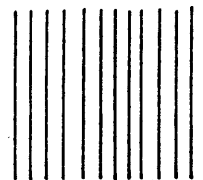
Frequency of 7,3% (50/681)

Scott #s not found on: 1,2,2a,6—6a,7—9c,14—15a.

Comments: BONC cancels numeral 1—3 are comparatively

common (in order 1, 3, 2), however the other five known BONC cancels are exceptionally rare with only single copies known, except for the Cape Town 18 bars BONC of which four copies are known to me.

The BONC cancels are extremely rare on the 1853-55 Perkins Bacon issue (3 are known to me), slightly less rare on the 1855-58 issue with 10 being recorded, while quite common on the De La Rue issue with 37 recorded (comprising 38% of all cancels on the DLR issue). There is a strong possibility that other numbers exist as many were issued in the 1870s when triangles were still in use.



III Grahamstown Hand Roller Defacer (HR)

Issued Grahamstown in 1854(?)

Frequency of 5,6% (38/681)

Scott #s not found on are 1a,2—2a,5a,8a,9a,9c,12—15a.

Comments: This cancel, originally intended to deface newspapers, is only known used at Grahamstown with one exception noted below. The HR cancel is quite common on the Woodblock issue (11% of all wood blocks sampled were defaced with the HR), however, I have never seen it on a 4d Dark Blue or retouched corner.

Of significance is the fact that no DLR stamps in my sample were defaced with this cancel which suggests its withdrawal before 1864. The HR exists with a single row of bars and also two parallel rows of bars. However, I did not distinguish between the two.

Variety: A rare variety consisting of two small rows of parallel bars has been documented on cover as being used at Riversdale, and a second copy on a #1 block of four in the collection of Eugene Bowman.

IV Dated Town Oval (DTO)

Town	Earliest Date	Date on Triangle	On Scott #
Alice	3/10/54	3/10/54	2
Bredas-Dorp	9/8/54	None	18b
Burghers-Dorp	2/3/54	1/1867	5a
Cape Town	11/4/53	11/20/63	7,5a,6a,8a



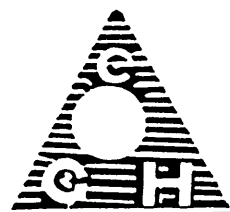
Cradock	4/29/54	4/28/55	1,6a
Fort Beaufort	7/27/54	7/54—4/22/61	2a,6a(2),14b
Lady Smith	4/28/55	4/9/60	6a
Lily-Fountain	6/2/60	7/6/64	6a
Piquetberg	12/17/53	5/2/67	20
Port Elizabeth	12/26/53	2/55	1a
Post Retief	1863	1863	6a,19a
Richmond	9/9/54	1/20/55	6a
Somerset East	5/13/54	4/18/61-4/25/61	8,13,14a
Uitenhage	5/15/54	10/55	6

Frequency of 4,4% (30/681)

Scott #s not found on are 1,2,3a,5a,5b,7—7b,9a—9c,12a,15—15a

Comments: The earliest known dates are from Goldblatt's book, except for Alice and Post Retief, where the cancel dates on the triangle were earlier than Goldblatt's and are therefore new earliest use dates. I recorded four Cape Town and Fort Beaufort DTOs, three Post Retief and Somerset East.

The rarest cancel is Lily-Fountain of which only a few copies on cover of this cancel are known. This cancel is relatively uncommon in red. Goldblatt mentions the towns of Elandspost, Swellendam and Zuurbron as also being found on triangles, and the possibility of further towns existing is strong.



V Large Triangular or Obliterator (LTO)

Issued at various Post offices, 1857—?

Frequency of 4,6% (31/681)

Scott #s not found on are 1—2,6,12,13a

Comments: The LTO was used from 1837 for fiscal purposes; however, due to a shortage of defacing implements, the LTO was used for postal purposes from 1857 onwards. It is distinguished from the STO in that it has 19—23 bars (STO 16—19) and the bottom line of the inner circle is broken. The above frequency may be higher, due to the difficulty in distinguishing between the STO and LTO.



VI Unlined Circular Cancel (UC)

Issued at the Cape Town General Post Office, 1857-1864

Frequency of 1,5% (10/681)

Scott #s not found on are all except 3,6,6a,14,15

Comments: The UC was introduced to backstamp mail to and from overseas in red; however, triangles cancelled with a black UC are also known.

VII Port Elizabeth Seal Cancel

Issued at Port Elizabeth on 28 January, 1859

Frequency of 1,5% (10/681)

Scott #s not found on are all except 3,3a,5a

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Comments: This cancel's intended use was as a mail bag sealer; however, 10 triangles (including two on cover) are known with this cancel.



VIII Circular Dated Postmark (Cape Town)

Issued at Cape Town, 1864

Frequency of 1% (7/681)

Scott #s not found on are all except 1a,2,3,5a,12a

Comments: Despite the fact that this was issued in 1864, a copy is found defacing the 1d and 4d of the 1853-55 Perkins Bacon issue, which indicates that this was used in Cape Town some time after its date of issue.

IX Circular Dated Postmark (Port Elizabeth)

Issued at Port Elizabeth 1864.

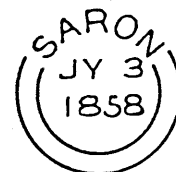
Frequency of 0,7% (5/681)

Scott #s not found on are all except 3,3a,5a

Comments: Despite the fact that after March 1865 this and the above cancel were officially authorized for defacing stamps, it is extremely rare on the issue, with only one Cape Town cancel known on a 12a.

X Coloured cancels

Colour	Cancel type(s)	Number Known	On Scott #s
Blue	STO	1	1
Green	STO	2	7b
Red	STO,LTO,DTO,UC	33	1,1a,2a,3,4,5,6,7,9



XI Rare local cancels

Cancel	Number Known	On Scott #s
Registered Letter Datestamp	6	3,5,6,14
Potchefstroom ZAR 1865	4	4,6,14
Rouxville Orange Free State	3	4,2
Octagonal Numeral Stamp 1849	2 (#s 52,53)	2
Cork Obliterator	1 (on cover)	13
Double Arc Datestamp 1857	1 (Saron)	13a
Kalk Bay CDS	1 (bank?)	13

XII Rare foreign cancels

Cancel	Number Known	On Scott #s
London 12 duplex cancel	1	5
Liverpool Octagonal Cancel	1	1
Devonport '255' cancel	1	15
B53 Port Louis-Mauritius	1	6a
B16 Peninsular and Orient Line	1 (on cover)	6a
'10' USA charge mark	1	6
Ship Letter cancel	1	6a
Boston '5' receiver CDS	1 (on cover)	4

Conclusion:

It is quite apparent that cancels found on Cape triangulars is a subject in itself. Due to the sources of my sample, the frequencies of these rare cancels are probably slightly higher than in reality, nevertheless they do give an accurate representation of rarity.

I would appreciate collectors with additional cancels/data sending me relevant details. If any collectors wish more detailed data (sources of unique data etc) I will be happy to oblige.

Data was compiled from the following collections: C Emer-

son Huston 1961, D Fairbanks 1969, Sir Maxwell Joseph 1982, Maximum 1989, Dale/Lichtenstein 1989, Stephan Welz 1988, Guy Dillaway, John Rightmire, and Rae Wolpe.

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Boom van die jaar 1990: Die eik

Ds Cassie Carstens

Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging, Pretoria

EIKEBOME IS NIE inheems aan Suider-Afrika nie — dis 'n tipiese boom vanuit Europa en Asië, asook Sentraal-Amerika. Daarom is die keuse van die *Quercus*-spesies as boom van die jaar vir 1990 ietwat vreemd.

Aan die ander kant is die keuse wel baie ter sake, want die eerste Steeleik (*Quercus robur*: SA X312) is reeds in 1656 deur goewerneur Jan van Riebeeck aangeplant. Tussen 1679

veroudering van rooiwyne in eikehout sonder weerga" (CJ Orffer in: *Gees van die wingerd*). Waar sien 'n mens dit beter as in die KWV-kelders in die Paarl?!

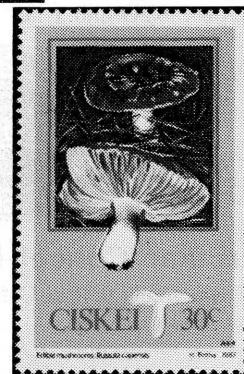


Die skrywer het reeds aansienlike bekendheid verwerf vir sy filateliese belangstelling in bome. Sy jongste bydrae was in *The SA Philatelist*, Maart/April 1990, p 34.

In Desember 1989 se uitgawe van ons tydskrif het hy vertel van die destydse Boom van die Jaar (op p 310). Vanjaar is dit die eik, en Nasionale Boomedag is op 10 Augustus 1990.

en 1706 was die bekende Simon van der Stel en sy seun Willem Adriaan verantwoordelik vir die aanplant van baie eike in veral Kaapstad, Drakenstein, Stellenbosch en die Paarl.

Naas die wynvate en kurkproppe (van die bas van *Quercus suber*) is die eikeboom die woning van uile (veral die Kaapse Ooruil: *Bubo capensis*), die voedselmark van varke, wildevarke en eekhorings, en 'n bedding vir die dodelik giftige vlieëswam (*Amanita muscaria*).



Stellenbosch word dan ook met reg die "Eikestad" genoem! En "by die bereiding van kwaliteitwyne is die verheldering en

Dit word vertel dat al die bome in die bos geweier het om hul hout te gee vir die kruis van die here Jesus Christus op Golgota. Ten einde raad het die Steeneik (*Quercus ilex*) toegestem dat sy hout gebruik mag word. Dit het daartoe gelei dat hy deur al die ander bome verag is . . . Maar dié boom is uiteindelik vergewe en weer in ere herstel, omdat hy gewillig was om ook saam met die Middelaar te sterf.



Illustrasies goedgeunstig verskaf deur Wembley Philatelic.

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More border mail FPO marks

IN THE MARCH/APRIL 1990 issue of *The SA Philatelist*, p 46, typed versions of some of the cachet impressions of the Field Post Offices and the Field Postal Service were illustrated. Ten different copies of impressions were shown and since then, more have come to hand.

It would appear that one method of getting as complete a

record as possible of the border mail marks, is to publish details in this feature as they come to hand. It is therefore also very much dependent on what readers can contribute, even by way of handmade sketches if the originals cannot be reproduced for some reason or another.

Dates appearing on the originals are important and should be given where typed versions or sketches are provided.

DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING
VELDPOSDIENS (2.23)
GEBRUIK DIE KORREKTE POSADRES
18 12- 1980
USE THE CORRECT POSTAL ADDRESS
FIELD POSTAL SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING
VELDPOSDIENS (2.21)
GEBRUIK DIE KORREKTE POSADRES
02 -09-1980
USE THE CORRECT POSTAL ADDRESS
FIELD POSTAL SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
FIELD POSTAL SERVICE
PACK AND BIND PARCELS SECURELY
1983 -09- 19
VERPAK EN BIND PAKKETTE STEWIG
VELDPOSDIENS
DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
FIELD POSTAL SERVICE
PACK AND BIND PARCELS SECURELY
7 -8- 1980
VERPAK EN BIND PAKKETTE STEWIG
VELDPOSDIENS (2.23)
DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING

DEPARTEMENT VAN VERDEDIGING
VELDPOSDIENS (2.22)
VERPAK EN BIND PAKKETTE STEWIG
15 -12-1980
PACK AND BIND PARCELS SECURELY
FIELD POSTAL SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

DEPT. VAN VERDEDIGING
VPK 2
1983 07 26
FPO 2
DEPT. OF DEFENCE

DEPT. VAN VERDEDIGING
VPK 70
1984 -08- 30
FPO 70
DEPT. OF DEFENCE

VELDPOSKANTOOR 2
10 8 1983
GROOTFONTEIN
FIELD POST OFFICE 2

The postal slogan programme

THE POST OFFICE has provided particulars of the postal slogan programme to be implemented in stamp cancelling machines at certain post offices during the year ending on 31 March 1991.

The programme indicates that two new slogans will come into use. The one reads Census 7 March 1991/Sensus 7 Maart 1991 and the other Howick — Heart of Waterfall country/Howick — Hartland van die waterval. (The slogans appear in capital letters, of course.)

The census slogan will be used at the ten main slogan-using post offices from 6 January 1991 to 9 March 1991. Howick, like Graaff-Reinet and Cradock, will be using its new slogan continuously. Germiston also has its exclusive slogan, but it is used intermittently.

Unless any unforeseen slogans are introduced during the year under review, the following will be used:

Onvoldoende posgeld veroorsaak vertraging/Insufficient postage causes delay

Verstrek altyd 'n terugsendingsadres/Always furnish a return address

Gebruik poskode/Use postcodes

Voorkom VIGS/Prevent AIDS

Seëldag tweede Saterdag in Mei/Stamp Day second Saturday in May

Bespaar telefoneer na 18h00/Save phone after 18h00

Ondersteun Kleinsakeweek/Support Smallbusiness week.

Borsvoeding/Breast-feeding
 Pos Kersfeespos vroegtydig/Post Christmas mail early
 Koop Kersseëls/Buy Christmas stamps
 Sensus 7 Maart 1991/Census March 1991
 Bele in Germiston — Werkwinkel van die nasie/Invest in Germiston — Workshop of the nation
 Juweel van die Karoo/Gem of the Karoo
 Water en sport is lewe/Water and sport is life
 Howick — Hartland van die waterval/Howick — Heart of waterfall country

Provision has not been made in the programme for a slogan for the national philatelic exhibition. No doubt arrangements will be made for a slogan for "Stamps 150" to keep up the tradition started with the Johannesburg 100 international philatelic exhibition in October 1986, of having a slogan for the annual national exhibition.

There are now 20 post offices that use slogans. They are: Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Germiston, Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth, East London, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Kroonstad, Springs, Pietersburg, Vereeniging, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Welkom, Graaff-Reinet, Cradock and Howick.

Of these, Kroonstad, Springs, Pietersburg, Vereeniging, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp and Welkom use slogans in November and December only to promote the early posting of Christmas mail and the purchase of Christmas Stamps.

In its programme, the Post Office groups certain post offices together to use the same slogans during the same periods. The groupings are Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and Durban; Germiston on its own; Pietermaritzburg, Port Elizabeth, East London, Bloemfontein and Kimberley; and then those using slogans at Christmas time, followed by the exclusive slogan users.

The Post Office says it receives many requests for the introduction of slogans. There are now four post offices using exclusive slogans, and one wonders how far this practise will be carried. One can only hope that South African slogans become more attractive in their design than has been the case until now. If one looks at the impressive datestamp designs that have been used in recent years, there can be very little excuse for the generally drab slogans we have to look at in South Africa.

The census question again?

AT THE TIME of the 1980 census a question on sport and recreation was incorporated in the census form. The then President of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa, Harry Birkhead RDPSA, encouraged philatelists to state 'stamps' or 'stamp collecting' opposite the relevant question.

He said the question did not concern sport only, but other recreational activities as well. It would therefore appear appropriate to repeat Harry's call to philatelists to state their form of recreation when completing the census form in March 1991, that is, if the question appears again.

Some PAID postmark notes

THE SIMON'S TOWN handstamp illustration shows the new or re-introduced correct method of spelling the place name, after having for years been spelt SIMONSTOWN. The Afrikaans version in the illustration is strange. As it stands, it reads SIMON'S STAD, when it should be SIMONSTAD.



The Bloemfontein illustration is that of a PAID machine cancellation. The date is 13-II-1990. If there are any readers who know of other PAID machine cancellations using the same design of die, please let us know.

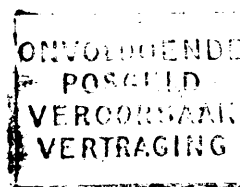
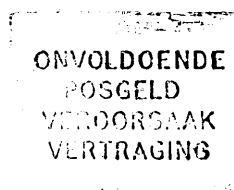
A new Germiston slogan plate

LUKE VAN RIET of Benoni has sent illustrations of a difference in size in the **Onvoldoende posgeld veroorsaak vertraging** slogan plate used by the Germiston post office. A request to the postmaster has brought to light that the early slogan plate, the one with the larger letters, broke or became damaged during 1985, as a request for the replacement of the plate was made on 14 October 1985.

On 5 March 1986, receipt of the replacement plate was acknowledged, and it is presumed that it went into use soon afterwards, but the exact date is not available.

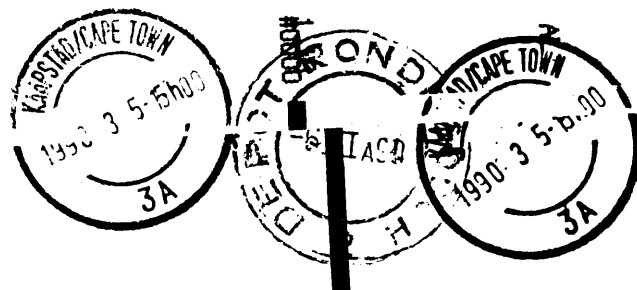
The difference in the size of the letters is ascribed to the

fact that the Post Office engages numerous firms on a contract basis to do engraving. On 2 October 1989, the Germiston post office was using an SEL stamp cancelling machine daily, with two much slower Pitney-Bowes machines on standby.



A Cape Town datestamp development

John Hodgson of Plumstead recently sent me a registered envelope bearing impressions of a Cape Town datestamp with a figure-letter combination in the lower segment between the concentric circles. The illustration shows the combination of 3A. Is this the first such usage in South Africa?



Looking Back

D Lamont Smith FRPSL

From The South African Philatelist
30 YEARS AGO July, 1960

Antarctic Islands Posts — March/May 1960

Royal Research Ship "Shackleton." This ship, under charter to the South African Government by the British Admiralty, was used to relieve the meteorological staffs manning the Union stations on Marion and Gough Islands. She sailed from Cape Town in February and returned from Marion Island on March 14th, leaving the next day for the south Atlantic island of Tristan da Cunha and Gough.

30 YEARS AGO August, 1960

Trans-Atlantic Airmail Route — Johannesburg to New York

Pan American World Airways; JOHANNESBURG — Leopoldville (Congo) — Robertsfield (Liberia) — Dakar (Senegal) — NEW YORK.

An important accelerated airmail service, which was inaugurated towards the end of 1959, has hitherto not been fully recorded in the philatelic press.

A Pan American Douglas Super-7 plane left Jan Smuts Airport at 8 am on Thursday, 29th October, 1959 to open a new route to North America, by-passing Europe, by flying direct from Dakar to New York, instead of via Portugal and thereby saving more than three hours between terminal points. The PAA Pilot was Capt Volte.

News and notes/Aktualiteit

Impressions of Stamp World 1990

3 MAY 1990 saw the opening at Alexandra Palace of the once-in-a-decade international philatelic exhibition in London — upon this occasion Stamp World London 1990. Many South Africans had made the journey to London so it was great to see familiar faces from time to time during the 10 days.

The newly restored Alexandra Palace is quite magnificent. The buildings are huge, with high skylighted ceilings providing an abundance of excellent natural lighting. Entrance to the exhibition centre was through the Palm Court with its lush central planting box, and on into either of two halls containing the exhibits. The vast great hall with its breathtaking circular stained glass window dominating the south side housed the stands of the dealers and postal administrations. Facilities offered by the venue were quite amongst the best encountered at the range of internationals we have attended.

Perhaps the only disappointment with Stamp World London 1990 was the situation of the venue itself: Alexandra Palace is on the outskirts of North London and getting there from Central London necessitates either a cab ride (one-way fare £12 — R53!) or a 25-minute underground ride with a change to a courtesy bus service from the nearest underground station. It must be said, however, that the service was excellent and indicative of the diligent planning that the organisers put into the event. The costs of providing that service alone must have been quite prohibitive!

Whilst final attendance figures were not immediately available, it appeared that they were running close up to the 100 000 persons mark — quite some volume of people!

South Africa was well represented amongst the exhibitors, although sadly they were not able to show as members of their South African societies. Additionally, David Stern was invited to show his GB Elizabethan Errors collection at the Errors and Varieties Society, whilst Henk de Lange and Danny Swart showed at The Rhodesian Study Circle meeting in Manchester just prior to attending Stamp World.

Upon viewing the exhibits, one gained the impression that standards of traditional philately in South Africa relate very well to those prevailing internationally. However local thematic exhibits seem in general to lack the depth and/or sophistication of their overseas counterparts. A further exhibit class offered that we do not currently see in South Africa was "Maximaphilia".

It was disappointing that formal South African trade participation was limited to the writer's company. Certainly Philatelic Services and Intersapa should have been present (assuming no political obstacles). Reaction from both the public and trade to our presence was positive, notwithstanding signwriting proclaiming South Africa as our base!

Richard Johnson, Johnson Philatelics

Internasionale toekennings aan Suid-Afrikaners

VIER KAPENAARS en altesaam agt Suid-Afrikaners het besonder goed presteer op die internasionale posseëltentoonstelling van die dekade, Stamp World 1990, in London. Boonop is die Internasionale Grand Prix verwerf vir 'n versameling Kaapse driehoekseëls wat onder die skuilnaam "Batavia" ingeskryf is.

Die Kapenaars was mev Hilda Jeidel RDPSA, wat 'n groot vergulde silwer gekry het vir haar Belgiese Kongo, mnr Richard Knight RDPSA (groot vergulde silwer, vir posgeskiedenis van Rhodesië), mnr Harry Beinart (vergulde silwer vir Olimpiese Spele), en in een van die junior afdelings mnr Michael Leeman (brons vir Suid-Afrikanse Bantamseëls op koeverf).

Mev Jean Turban, mnr Harry Birkhead RDSPA en mnr Arno Spangenthal, al drie van Johannesburg, het almal goue medaljes verwerf. Hulle onderwerpe was onderskeidelik: Njasaland 1890-1911, die beleërde en besette dorpe van die Tweede Vryheidsoorlog, en gebruikte Kaapse driehoekseëls. Mnr Andrew Henwood, ook in 'n junior afdeling, het vir sy Rhodesië 'n sertifikaat van verdienste ontvang.

Hoewel die versamelaars weens die vroeër heersende politieke klimaat genoodsaak was om as lede van Britse seëlklubs in te skryf, strek die toekennings die hoë stand van Suid-Afrikaanse filatelie tot eer.

Eie korrespondent

Greater clarity on Namibia issues

IT HAS NOW become known that the issue entitled "Government Service: 10 Years of Existence" (*The SA Philatelist*, March/April 1990, p 53,) has been entirely scrapped. It had been envisaged for 26 July 1990.

Instead, the Windhoek buildings which had been planned for October 1990 as a centenary set will be issued in place of the "Government Service" commemoratives on 26 July. The issue will be known as "Windhoek: Past and Present."

Philatelic Services and Intersapa

Mooiste seëls van 1989

DIE "SEËL van die jaar" vir 1989 is Suidwes-Afrika se stel van vier seëls wat die sandduine van die Namib uitbeeld — en met hierdie seëls het A H (Barry) Barrett bewys dat hy letterlik die seëlontwerper van die dekade is.

Dit was die vyfde keer in die tien jaar wat *Beeld* die Seël van die Jaar-wedstryd aanbied, dat Barrett die ontwerper van die wenseëls is.

By die tienjaarviering van die wedstryd en die aankondiging van die 1989-seël — op die vooraand van Nasionale Seëldag 1990 — het mnr Salie de Swardt, redakteur van *Beeld*, gesê die wedstryd wys watter betekenisrykheid en vreugde seëls vir mense kan bring.

Suid-Afrika leen hom tot pragtige seëls, het hy gesê, want die land het so 'n wonderlike verskeidenheid aan mense en kulture, fauna en flora.



Beeld se kunskomitee, onder die voorsitterskap van dr Albert Werth, direkteur van die Pretoriase Kunsmuseum, het die volgende oor Barrett se Namibduinseëls gesê:

"Die kunstenaar het hier 'n besonder moeilike onderwerp gehad wat hy dramaties verlewendig het. Waar hierdie normaalweg 'n heel vervelige reeks landskappe kon wees, het die kunstenaar dit komposisioneel so verlewendig dat elke seël 'n eie karakter aanneem, met 'n eie komposisie.

"Terselfdertyd het hy die geologiese eienaardigheid van elke tipe duin treffend uitgebeeld. Die reeks hang mooi saam wat kleurverskeidenheid, formaat en tipografiese eenvoud betref. Die tonele is met vaardigheid en vernuf geskilder."

Barrett het die wisselbeker van Glen en Valda Carpendale van Wêreldseëls ontvang, en 'n tjek van R500 van Stephen Welz en Kie.

Tweede was Lambert Kriedemann, vir Venda se seëls wat tradisionele kombuisware toon. Hy het R150 van mnr Benje Joseph van Robemark Philatelists ontvang.

Derde was Ciskei se seëls oor trekkiervoer, ontwerp deur Jeff Huntly. Sy prys was R100, geskenk deur Unified Drukkers.

Danksy die samewerking van die TV-joernaalprogram "Antenne" het die *Beeld*-wedstryd vanjaar "n paar duisend inskrywings" gelok. Die eerste prys van R1 000 is gewen deur mnr Nick Marais van Alberton, terwyl mnr Andries Bester van Brakpan R250 as tweede prys van *Beeld* gekry het.

Die jaarlikse wedstryd word aangebied in die weeklikse seëlrubriek wat Andries van der Walt vir die koerant behartig.

JG

How to get better postmarks from Britain

ONE OF OUR readers, Mr Wim Hardijzer of Pretoria, received an interesting letter from The Manager, London North Special Handstamp Centre, King Edward Buildings, King Edward Street, London EC1A 1AA. The manager, Mr Jim Eldridge writes the following:

"I was sorry to see how the stamps on your envelopes were cancelled with strokes of a pen, obviously they were completely useless from a collector's point of view.

"Regrettably, this is not an uncommon event, stamps are often treated in this manner if they are discovered to be uncancelled when en route. The reason for this is that all items should be cancelled at the office of posting. It would appear that your letter was not postmarked at the posting office and was subsequently hand cancelled somewhere during transit.

"To prevent this happening again, may I suggest that you (or your correspondents in Britain) send any letters to me for postmarking and onward transmission to South Africa. I realise this may be inconvenient, but I am sure it would be worth the trouble. I have enclosed one or two envelopes, cancelled with one of our operational postmarks which I am sure you will find to your liking."

Post Office stickers as collectibles

AIR MAIL LABELS and registration stickers have in the past featured as legitimately collectible items, as do the various notifications found on envelopes. (See Jan van Beukering, "Ongewone Pos — 'n Heerlike Onderwerp vir min Geld", *The SA Philatelist*, April 1989, p 78.)

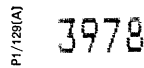
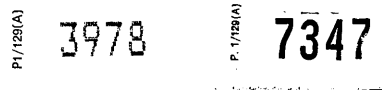
In the course of clearing his mailbox, your Hon. Editor spots further possibilities from time to time.

The first items illustrated, from Namibia, are of interest to

the modern postal historian. Since independence a customs declaration has to be made on parcels to the Republic. (The form illustrated here is blemished in the lower half, where it was folded around one of the edges.) In addition, there was an "Uninsured Foreign parcel" sticker, serial number 08258.

Such forms almost invariably also carry some sort of form number. The customs declaration shows PP 4 (SWA) at lower right, the sticker has CPCP (Q701775-87-639000).

The latter is particularly interesting if it follows the pattern observed in similar post office stationery of the Cape of Good Hope. "CPCP" could represent the printer, "Q701775" the indent or job number, "87" the year of printing and "639000" the print order.



POSKANTOOR
POST OFFICE

Posbusnummer
PO Box number 2789

Haal asseblief pos wat te groot is vir u privaat posbus by toonbank no. af. Hierdie strokie moet getoon word.

Please call at counter no. for mail that is too large for your private box. This slip must be shown.

P.T. 167—1987/88

P 1/24

Where mail is too large for one's box, one is notified that counter collection is required. This is a light blue form, with PT 167-1987/88 at lower left, and P 1/24 at lower right. It carries a sticker with a serial number (here 3978), the form number here being P1/129(A). This corresponds with a "twin" by which the item of mail is identified at the counter.

Numbers are currently quite obviously being computer generated, as the two stickers show. Not so long ago, they were applied by a serial number printer, as an earlier version of the sticker shows.

Posduif pryk in 1991 op seël

VIR DIE EERSTE maal sal daar in 1991 'n posduif op 'n Suid-Afrikaanse seël verskyn. Die aankondiging is in Mei 1990 gedoen deur mnr Gene Louw, Minister van Binnelandse Sake en Nasionale Opvoeding, toe hy die jaarkongres van die Suid-Afrikaanse Posduifunie geopen het, waarvan hy die hoof-beskermer is.

Dit is beskryf as "'n spesiale Putterie-posseel", wat een van 'n reeks sal vorm. Frans Putterie het beslag aan die Suid-Afrikaanse wedvlugduiwesport gegee toe hy die eerste 12 Belgiese duive in 1939 na Suid-Afrika ingevoer het.

Berig in *Die Landbouweekblad*, 18 Mei 1990.

The machine cancelling post offices

M E Moll of Paarl has reacted to the item under the above heading in *The SA Philatelist*, December 1989, p 299. He says ALRODE, BUTTERWORTH and EERSTEMYN should be added to the list of post offices using stamp cancelling machines.

Catch up with the space age

THE ASTRO-SPACE STAMP Society was launched into orbit in November 1986 to cater for the thematic stamp collector who specialises in Space Exploration, Manned Space Travel, Astronomy and Rockets.

As the society moves into the 1990s it is gathering momentum, and has already produced a checklist of Space stamps

Uninsured Foreign parcel 08258	<p>Suidwes-Afrika — South-West Africa</p> <p>Datumstempel Date stamp</p> <p>Bruto massa van pakket Gross mass of parcel kg 400 g</p> <p>DOEAÑEVERKLARING — CUSTOMS DECLARATION BUITELANDSE PAKKETPOS — FOREIGN PARCEL POST</p> <p>AAN TO W. G. H. H. P. O. Box 2789 CAPE TOWN 8000</p> <p>AFLERINGSOPDRAG — DELIVERY INSTRUCTION LW/NB — As pakket by bogenoemde adres onbestelbaar is, moet dit/w parcel is undeliverable at the above-mentioned address, it should be — (a) as prysgegee beskou word/considered as abandoned (b) per lugpos/landpos aan my teruggestuur word/returned to me by airmail/surface mail (c) vir aflewering aangebied word aan/tendered for delivery to</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>BREEDVOERIGE BESKRYWING VAN INHOUD DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS</th> <th>Netto massa Net mass</th> <th>Waarde Value</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Book</td> <td>kg 400</td> <td>R 70</td> </tr> </table> <p>Naam en adres van afstuurder Name and address of sender W. G. H. H. P. O. Box 2789 WINDHOUER 8000</p> <p>P.T. PP 4 (SWA)</p>	BREEDVOERIGE BESKRYWING VAN INHOUD DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS	Netto massa Net mass	Waarde Value	Book	kg 400	R 70
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and a regular magazine for its members, appropriately named "ORBIT". With a membership from Europe, Australia and the USSR, it is now seeking members from South Africa and would welcome enquiries from interested collectors around the world.

Further details and a membership application form can be obtained from the Secretary, ASSS, 32 Palleg Road, Lower Cwmtwrch, Swansea Valley, SA9 2QE, Wales, UK.

Society news release

Information available on Australian contingents

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT "down under", David Collyer, comes a series of five articles by Ronald M Lee, detailing the postal history of Australian contingents in various wars, including the Anglo-Boer War. These first appeared in *Stamp News Australasia* from August 1989 onwards.

There are 8 pages to be photocopied for those who are interested, which the Hon Editor will happily do on receipt of a nominal R2,00 and an SAE.

More first Namibian flight cards

CARD NOS 38 and 39 were issued to commemorate the first flight to Germany of Namib Air, of which the latter is illustrated here.

Namib Air started operating the Windhoek to Frankfurt



Erster transkontinentaler Flug
Boeing 747 SP
SW 301
Frankfurt-Windhoek



Namib Air
Poste restante
9000 Windhoek
Republic of Namibia



route on 25 April 1990, taking over the route previously flown by South African Airways. A Boeing 747 SP was leased from SAA for this route.

A direct route over Africa was introduced, reducing the flying time by 3 hours to 10 hours. Namib Air's First Flight Cards No's 38 and 39 record the event.

Card No 39 was entirely produced in Germany at great cost. Only 2000 cards were printed in 6 colours. A short flight history of Namibia appears on the reverse side of No 38.

The set of cards is available from "Commemorative Covers", PO Box 9298, 9000 Eros/Windhoek, Namibia, at R14,00 (reg postage included).

K Neuschwander

Seëruil gevra/Exchange wanted

Belgium: Six Stefaan, Nachtegaallaan 21, B-8900 Ieper, is interested in mint and used stamps of South Africa in exchange for Belgian stamps. An old catalogue would also be welcome.

Bulgaria: Georgi Mugreu, 27 July 18 (sic), 9000 Varuo, is an engineer who describes himself as a serious stamp collector. He would like full mint sets, miniature sheets and maxicards featuring Nobel Prize winners, fauna, flora, lighthouses, boats, paintings and football. He offers similar material from his own and other Eastern European countries.

China (People's Republic): Zhang Kai, 62 Nan Li Shi Road, Beijing, writes in excellent English that he has a lot of fine used stamps for exchange, and is interested in similar material from our own and all other African countries. He adds "I know the stamps of RSA are very beautiful."

Czechoslovakia: Ludovit Kominka, Gliderova 17, 97401 Banska Bystrica, would like to receive used and unused RSA commemoratives and FDCs of any country except his own on a one to one exchange basis for Czechoslovakian material.

India: S Radhakrishna, Mech Fab Engg Works, Box No 29, Bhosari, MIDC, PUNE-411026, collects mint stamps and would like an exchange partner in South Africa.

Poland: Marian Haralewicz, Starowislna 85/7, 31-052 Cracow, writes in German, seeking Polish internee mail from World War II. The Poles were apparently held in or around Pretoria.

Vir die boekrak/For the bookshelf

UNTAG: A fascinating operation

UNTAG, A Postal History, by Peter Reiner
140 pages, limp bound, SWA Scientific Society, PO Box 67
Windhoek, Namibia, price R29,00 (excluding GST) + R2,50 pp
per copy.

READERS WHO HAVE been following the author's efforts to record this particular short-lived operation as it was happening must already have been impressed by his virtually unceasing efforts to document everything. This publication, which also reflects well on the speed, decisiveness and initiative of the publishers, is the ultimate compensation for dogged and comprehensive work.

In the three articles which Reiner has already published in our magazine (see earlier pages) there are altogether less than 100 illustrations. Postal stationery in particular was difficult to accommodate in the magazine. All of this will be found in the close on 400 illustrations which this postal history provides.

It is a work which eminently proves the need for modern collectors, in whatever field, to record what is happening at the very moment that it does. No handbook of this nature can ever be complete, and there will doubtless be additions. That they will ever amount to much more than footnotes is doubtful. The meat is here.

To quote from the publicity accompanying the review copy — which one would not do if it were not appropriate:

"It is an attempt to describe and illustrate, as far as currently possible, the manner in which the various contingents handled their mail, and also the cachets, cancellations and stationery used. It illustrates the ingenuity of the postal staff involved, but also the ignorance of others (such as the person indicating that Mr Martti Ahtisaari could not be traced at the United Nations).

"It shows the nicer side of philately, such as smoothly running systems, beautiful stamps and cachets, as well as the not so wonderful side, like fakes, irregularities and unauthorised rubber stamps."

It is particularly appropriate, of course, that the foreword should have been contributed by Lieut-Gen D Prem Chand, PVSM, who was the UNTAG Force Commander. It is perhaps another footnote to philatelic history that this must surely be one of the few times that this has happened: the military thus acknowledging the power of the posts in maintaining troop morale.

The first-hand knowledge here — albeit demonstrated with numerous self-addressed covers — is, at the really modest price, currently one of the best bargains in the philately of Southern Africa. It is also a model for would-be recorders of "what is happening now" of how to set about the task. **WG**

Early record of postcards

The Watson Postcards, by Robson Lowe
24 pp, saddle-stitched, Christie's Robson Lowe, 39 Poole Hill, Bournemouth BH2 5PX, England, price £4.00.

IN 1889, and then again two years later, GH Watson wrote two books on postcards, of which, even at that early date, he had formed a surprising collection. This monograph describes the items that struck the eminent philatelic author, Robson Lowe, as being of particular interest.

By this he means mostly the stuff which is not recorded in later catalogues such as those of Ascher or Higgins & Gage (or even his own!) Here are essays and varieties which, given the generally current state of knowledge, amount to the invention of the wheel.

MASHONALAND
POST CARD
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Mashonaland double overprint on CGH

Watson's material, on which his books were based, must obviously have been acquired pristine and first hand. His descriptions and illustrations must therefore be contemporary, and thus of the utmost importance. Instead of hoping for the impossible in terms of acquisition, current researchers could do little better than refer back to a primary source such as this, rather than try to re-invent the wheel.

A Watson reprint could possibly have been of greater value, in terms of accessibility to researchers, than this slender monograph. Given, however, the limited specialised field, and the economics of publishing today, this publication constitutes, as a compromise, a most valuable reminder of a wheel which already exists.

The monograph contains, despite its modest size, 156 illustrations, and describes "the items of particular interest" of no less than 21 issuing authorities. These include British Bechuanaland, Mashonaland and Rhodesia, which should be of "particular interest" to local specialised collectors. **WG**

Here is a book for bird collectors

THE LATEST TOPICAL handbook released by the ATA is *Birds of the World in Philately, Supplement II*. Written by Dr Bruce Cruickshank and designated HB 106-2, the new 128-page handbook includes bird stamps for 1985-1989. More than 1 000 stamps and nearly 300 new species shown philatelically are included.

The handbook follows the same format as the basic book, HB 106, published in 1984 and Supplement I, released in 1986. The book is divided into two main lists — a scientific listing by species and alphabetical by country of issue. There is also an index of common names.

The now three-volume set brings to more than 2 100 the species of birds shown on over 10 000 stamps.

The new supplement, HB 106-2, is available for immediate delivery for \$10 postpaid. The original book is \$14 and Supplement I is \$6. The three-volume set is available at a special price of \$25. Orders should be sent to: American Topical Association, PO Box 63, Johnstown, PA 15907, USA.

Association news release

SWA Cinderellas in the spotlight

The Revenue and other non-postal stamps of SWA, 1900-1987, by L Jacobson.

58 pages, saddle-stitched, Alnis Guide 10, The Glass Slipper, PO Box 62, York YO1 1YL, England. Price £7.80, inclusive of airmail postage.

THIS IS THE most comprehensive and knowledgeable book to be written on the subject. The contents, introduction and notes on using the handbook are informative.

The author with true scientific training commences with the listing of the known essays and unissued material of the territory which has been well researched. The listing of the few German revenue stamps from the colonial period then follows.

Next are the stamps of South West Africa in their various forms, shapes and usages. On page 56 one is even provided with a used example of an RSA stamp used in the territory just prior to the independence of Namibia.

The fascinating subjects of penalty stamps, cigarette tax, entertainment tax stamps — including stamped paper — and many other facets of taxation are dealt with. Tribal tax stamps and even railway pass stamps are not neglected.

For the purist Cinderella collector publicity labels, Easter and Christmas stamps and airmail labels are competently dealt with.

"Jake" Jacobson as he is known to his many friends, besides being a trained scientist, has shown himself to be a knowledgeable philatelist in his specialised field, and the bibliography provided is important. **DGC**

Monograph on censor marks

The Censor Markings used on South African Military Mail (1975-1976) by George van den Hurk.

56 pages, saddle-stitched, Postmark and Postal History Society of SA, Rand Stamps, PO Box 29012, Sunnyside 0132. Price R18,00 (US \$8,00, £5,00) surface postage included.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN government's military adventures along the SWA/Namibian-Angolan borders have been shrouded in secrecy since the collapse of Portuguese rule in Angola. Since 1975 a plethora of censor and unit markings have been found on "border mail", but public discussion and research activities were restricted by official secrecy requirements.

The research undertaken by the author was, therefore, largely limited to the actual mail itself. Herefrom a basic typology of censor and related unit markings has been painstakingly developed. It is a pioneer work which, it is noted, still offers many research challenges.

The author is to be congratulated on the clarity of the work; and the sponsoring society with the speed of the publication's issue, following the withdrawal of South African forces from SWA/Namibia. **Paul van Zeyl**

A popular theme steams ahead

Collect Railways on Stamps by H Burkhalter.
2nd edition, 282 pages limp bound, Stanley Gibbons Publications, available from Republic Stamp and Coin Accessories, PO Box 11199, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa, price (inclusive of GST) R59,04.

THIS CATALOGUE gives the railway thematic stamps of the world, listing over 300 countries. The first edition appeared in October 1986 and the publishers only envisaged a new edition every five years, but due to popular demand (two months ago the subject "Railways" became, according to the ATA the most popular and collected theme in the world) the second edition is already here.

It is totally revised, and now lists over 5 700 stamps depicting the railway theme, all identified by standard SG catalogue numbers, and with updated prices. The layout of this book is similar to its predecessor, ie 90 percent is occupied by the countries section (in alphabetical and chronological order) whilst the remainder consists of the very helpful subject index.

We noted that in the countries section in this edition countries like Guernsey, Isle of Man and Jersey are now listed separately and not, as previously, after Great Britain; the same applies to Manchukuo which is not included with China any longer.

Also noted was that some 15 obvious mistakes made in the 1st edition which were not railway thematic stamps (for instance Lesotho 302 and 404) have been removed. Other

Printing and plating details

SWA

(1990-02-01)

Flora by Regina Smith

18c

Bulletin 62
 Designed by: E M Linsmayer
 Date of advice: 5.12.1989
 Job no: 4142515
 Requisition no: 2099/ER
 Quantity: 57 000 sheets
 Printing date: 1989-11-22 (18c), 1989-11-21 (35c and 45c), 1989-11-20 (60c)
 Master negative and multi positive
 (Lithography): New

Lithographic Plates:

18c	35c	45c	60c	
1394	1398	1402	1406	Tricolour Blue
1395	1399	1403	1407	Tricolour Yellow
1396	1400	1404	1408	Tricolour Red
1397	1401	1405	1409	Black

Plating

Perforated from left to right.

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H

x2
5

Pane A: P O emblem: Dot 3 mm right of emblem

Pane B: 1394CB: Blue dot 1mm to right of CB and a blue dot on the 3 of 1395CB
 C2/1: Black dot in bottom curve of 8 of 18c

Pane C: C1/1: Black dot near top line, 7mm left of right corner

Pane D: C1/1: Black dot 1mm above top line in gutter 2mm from left of frame near perfs.
 C1/1: Black dot in middle of W in SWA

Pane E: 1394CB: Three black dots outside right bottom of CB
 PT emblem: A black "line" through emblem and bottom part of face, towards date.

Pane F: C1/2: Two black dots on petals of top flower
 C1/2: Blue dot on right side flower of right frame.

Pane G: C1/2: Reddish mark on bottom leaf above W
 Row 1/2: Small black dot above 8 of 18c

Pane H: 1386CB: Blue dot on bottom curve of 9
 Row 2/2: Black dot left of S
 35c 30 000 sheets

Pane A: PT emblem: Dot 2,5mm to right of emblem

Pane B: TM Date: Small break in second 0

Pane C: C1/1: dot in top gutter near perfs above left corner of stamp

Pane D: C1/1: dot in top gutter near perfs above left corner of stamp

Pane E: PT emblem: Two small dots above S
 C1/1: Two dots below middle of A2.4 and 1990

Pane F: C1/2: Dot 1,05mm right of bottom right corner leaf

Pane G: C1/1: Blue dot 5mm left of right frame and 14mm from top frame

Pane H: C2/1: blue dot 2mm down from top line, middle of stamp
 1400CB: Blue dot 5mm below right corner
 45c 30 000 sheets

Pane A: PT emblem: Dot 3mm to right of emblem

Pane B: C1/1: Dot 1mm below v of Eva
 C2/1: White dot on 4 of 45c

Pane C: PT emblem: Uneven top left side
 C1/1: Dot 6mm from right top frame

Pane D: C1/1: Dot 1mm up top gutter near perfs

Pane E: TM date: Break in top curve of last 0

Pane F: 1402CB: White dot 1,5mm up from right bottom corner

Pane G: 1402CB: Small dot in 4
 Row 1/1: Blue dot above tip of

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flower and a black dot near perfs 4mm above flower
Pane H: 1405CB: Dot in bottom curve of o
60c 30 000 sheets
Pane A: PT emblem: Dot 3mm to right of emblem
Pane B: 1408CB: "Broken" right side.
Pane C: 1406CB: White dot left top of 4
Pane D: PT emblem: White dot in top right line
Pane E: Nothing.
Pane F: C1/1: dot in W in curve of A
Pane G: 1408CB: White dot under 0
 C2/2: Dot on bottom curve of W
Pane H: 1409CB: Dot on bottom curve of O
 1406CB: Blue dot 1mm above CB above the 6

TRANSKEI

(1990-03-29)

Heroes of Medicine by Regina Smith

18c

5th set of the series
 Bulletin 59
 Designed by: Angus McBride
 Date of advice: 1989-12-18
 Job no: 4143323
 Requisition no: 2098/ER
 Quantity: 19 000 sheets
 Printing date: 1989-12-07
 Master negative and multi positive
 (Lithograph): New

Lithographic Plates:

18c 30c 40c 50c
 1202 1206 1210 1214 Tricolour Blue
 1203 1207 1211 1215 Tricolour Yellow
 1204 1208 1212 1216 Tricolour Red
 1205 1209 1213 1217 Black

Lay-out of plate: 2 x 3 sheets

Lay-out of sheet: 2 x 5 stamps

Postage stamp size: 28,70 x 38,07

Press: 758

Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,70 x 14,00

Supplier: Litho Chromo coated paper

Surface: Matt not phosphorescent coated

Gum: P.V.A.

Sheet size: 630 x 295

Plating

Perforated from left to right.

A	B	C	x2
D	E	F	
			5

Pane A: 1202CB: Dot on 2 and dot on 0
Pane B: PT emblem: Very small dot in P
Pane C: TM date: Dot 3mm above first 9
Pane D: C1/1: Blue mark above d of McBride
Pane E: TM emblem: Two white dots; one above the P and one to right in left circle
 1203CB: Dot 1mm to right of 3
Pane F: 1203CB: Dot 2mm above right top corner
 TM date: Dot below first nine near perfs.

30c

Printing date: 1989-12-05

Quantity: 19 000 sheets

Pane A: 1208CB: Red dot on 2 and red dot on 0
 1209CB: Black dot below CB below 9

Pane B: Dot on 0.

Pane C: 1206CB: Small blue dot above CB above 1

Pane D: TM date: White dot on top curve of first 0

Pane E: 1207CB: Two red dots below CB
 C1/1: Black dot 4mm to right of nose on cheek- 1mm left of beard

Pane F: 1207CB: Blue dot 2mm up above right corner of CB
 C2/2: Dot 1mm above right eye-brow

40c

Printing date: 1989-12-05

Quantity: 19 000 sheets

Pane A: TM date: Dot below 0 1990
 C2/2: Red dot below A in A McBride

Pane B: PT emblem: Dot in top T
 C2/1: Green line (dotted) left of T of Transkei

Pane C: TM date: Dot 2,5mm above first 9 in date 1990-03-29 1990
 1213CB: Dot above CB above 2

Pane D: TM date: Very small dot after last 9

Pane E: PT emblem: Dot 1mm below left circle of emblem

Pane F: 1210CB: Blue dot on block below 1

50c

Printing date: 1989-12-04

Quantity: 19 000 sheets

Pane A: C1/1: Blue and red dot on forehead 2mm above right lens

Pane B: C1/2: Dots in A of Transkei: one above the cross bar in A and two below the A

Pane C: TM date: Dot 3mm above first 9 of date 1990-03-29
 1217CB: Two dots in second 1

Pane D: 1217CB: Black dot on right side of CB

Pane E: 1215CB: Dot 1mm to right of 5 near edge

Pane F: 1217CB: Small dot above CB of left corner
 C1/2: Two dots in top gutter above E of Transkei.

VENDA

(1990-03-01)

Wildlife Conservation by Regina Smith

18c

Bulletin no 42
 Designed by: Dennis Murphy
 Date of advice: 5 December 1989
 Job no: 4142818
 Requisition no: 2093/ER
 Quantity: 23 000 sheets
 Printing date: 1989-11-27
 Master negative and multi positive
 (Lithography): New
Lithographic Plates:

18c	30c	40c	50c	
904	908	912	916	Tricolour Blue
905	909	913	917	Tricolour Yellow
906	910	914	918	Tricolour Red
907	911	915	919	Black

 Lay-out of plate: 2 x 3 sheets
 Lay-out of sheet: 2 x 5 stamps
 Stamp size: 28,70 x 38,07
 Press: 758
 Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,25 x 14,00
 Paper mill/Supplier: Harrisons
 Paper: Matt phosphorescent coated
 Sheet size: 630 x 295

Plating

Perforated from left to right.

A	B	C	x2
D	E	F	5

Pane A: PT emblem: Dot on trunk, middle of head
Pane B: C1/2: Red line right top corner of stamp
 C1/2: Two red dots on "shoulder" below mane opposite yellow CB.
Pane C: C1/1: Dot below E of NWANEDI E
Pane D: C1/1: Small dot on bottom frame line above an a n
Pane E: 905CB: Dot 1,5mm to right of 5 5
 C1/1: White dot on 8 8
Pane F: 903CB: Blue dot 2,5mm to right top of CB
 C2/2: Short white line on 1 of 18c

30c

Printing date: 1989-11-27
 Quantity: 14 500 sheets
Pane A: C1/2: Blue dot in front of N of NWANEDI
Pane B: C1/2: Red line right top corner of stamp

Pane C: PT emblem: Uneven top left line
Pane D: PT emblem: Short line over trunk 67R
Pane E: 911CB: Dot on left side of CB
Pane F: 911CB: Two small dots above CB above first 1

40c

Printing date: 1989-11-24
 Quantity: 14 500 sheets
Pane A: C2/2: Black dot above right ear of animal 5
Pane B: C1/2: Red line in top right corner 7
 C2/1: Red dot 2mm above 4 of 40c
Pane C: PT emblem: Small black dot middle top of forehead
 913CB: Dot 1mm to right of CB
Pane D: PT emblem: Dot above right eye 8
Pane E: C1/1: Red dot above 4 of 40c
 C1/1: Two black dots in top gutter above N
Pane F: C2/2: Black dot 2mm above left ear, 2mm below V of Venda.

50c

Printing date: 1989-11-23
 Quantity: 14 500 sheets
Pane A: C1/2: Blue dot in top right corner after A and above K of Park
 C2/1: Two black dots just below animal's beak 5
Pane B: C1/2: Red line top right corner
 C1/1: Short red line in front of E of Venda
Pane C: TM date: Dot 1mm above second N of National
Pane D: C1/1: Dot below o of Ceratotherium, bottom of stamp
Pane E: C1/1: Four dots to the left of the N 7- N
Pane F: 918CB: Red dot on 8
 C2/2: Dot touching frame-right side- below R of Park.

CISKEI

(1990-03-15)

Folklore by Regina Smith

18c

Fourth set in series
 Bulletin no 33
 Designed by: Johan van Niekerk
 Date of advice: 1989-12-18
 Job no: 4142717
 Quantity ordered: 23 000 sheets
 Printing date: 1989-11-29
 Master negative and multi positive
 (Lithograph): New

Lithographic Plates:

18c	30c	40c	50c	
652	656	660	654	Tricolour Blue
653	657	661	655	Tricolour Yellow
654	658	662	656	Tricolour Red
655	659	663	657	Black

Lay-out of plate: 3 x 2 sheets
 Lay-out of sheet: 5 x 2 stamps
 Stamp size: 38,07 x 28,70
 Press: 758
 Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,00 x 14,25
 Paper: Harrisons
 Surface: Matt phosphorescent coated
 Gum: P.V.A.
 Sheet size: 295 x 630

Plating

Perforated from top to bottom

A	B	x2
C	D	
E	F	5

- Pane A:** 653CB: Dot in curve of 5
655CB: Two dots outside right bottom of CB
- Pane B:** C1/1: Dot in top gutter just above stamp, opposite E of Ciskei
- Pane C:** C2/1: Dot in top gutter 4mm to left of right corner
654CB: Blue dot touching left corner
- Pane D:** 655CB: Black dot 1mm above CB above first 5
- Pane E:** PT emblem: Small black dot above tail end of bird
Row 3/1: Dot 6mm down left gutter
- Pane F:** TM date: Dot in bottom curve of second 9

30c

- Printing date: 1989-11-30
Quantity: 16 000 sheets
- Pane A:** 657CB: Dot in bottom curve of 5
- Pane B:** TM date: Dot touching the 1 in -15
- Pane C:** C2/1: Very small red dot under T of The five
- Pane D:** C2/2: Small blue dot below k of (first) van Niekerk
- Pane E:** 657CB: Dot 4mm to right of CB
- Pane F:** 656CB: White dot next to 5

40c

- Printing date: 1989-11-29
Quantity: 16 000 sheets
- Pane A:** 661CB: Dot in second 6
663CB: White dot left bottom corner
- Pane B:** C1/2: Small red dot on 4 of 40c
C1/1: Blue dot in left gutter 16mm from top corner
- Pane C:** C2/2: Small blue dot above last k of van Niekerk

Row 3/1: Dot in gutter left top above s of Ciskei

- Pane D:** C1/2: Dot above first K of van Niekerk
C2/2: Dot under o in folklore (first o), bottom of stamp
- Pane E:** 661CB: Dot above top right corner
- Pane F:** C1/1: Short line left of K in Ciskei

50c

- Printing date: 1989-11-28
Quantity: 16 000 sheets
- Pane A:** 665CB: Dot in second 6
667CB: Dot outside right bottom corner
- Pane B:** 664CB: White dot in front of 4
C1/1: Red line in right top gutter near perfs
- Pane C:** 667CB: Black dot 1mm above CB above first 6
- Pane D:** C1/2: Red dot under N of van Niekerk
- Pane E:** TM Date: Very small dot after the 5
- Pane F:** 664CB: White mark on first 6

BOPHUTHATSWANA

(1990-01-11)

**Community Services
by Regina Smith**

18c

- Bulletin no 51
Date of advice: 1989-10-18
Job no: 3951019
Requisition no: 2092/ER
Quantity ordered: 34 000 sheets
Printing date: 1989-10-06 (18c), 1989-10-05 (30c), 1989-10-04 (40c & 50c)
Master negative and multi positive (Lithograph): New

Lithographic Plates:

18c	30c	40c	50c	
1042	1046	1050	1054	Tricolour Blue
1043	1047	1051	1055	Tricolour Yellow
1044	1048	1052	1056	Tricolour Red
1045	1049	1053	1057	Black

Lay-out of plate: 3 x 2 sheets
 Lay-out of sheet (stamps): 5 x 2 stamps
 Postage stamp size: 38,07 x 28,70
 Printing press: 784
 Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,00 x 14,25
 Supplier/Paper mill: Harrisons
 Surface: Matt phosphorescent coated
 Gum: P.V.A.
 Sheet size: 295 x 630

Plating

All values were Perforated from top to bottom
Pane lay-out

A	B	x2
C	D	
E	F	5

Pane F: C1/2: Small black dot in front of D of D MacLean D
TM date: Red dot between 1 and 9 of 1990.

TRANSKEI

(1989-07-20)

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- Pane A:** 1043CB: Dot in front of 4
1044CB: Dot 2mm above right top corner of CB
- Pane B:** 1044CB: Dot on left inside the 0
- Pane C:** C2/2: White dot in stamp, 1mm from left and 4mm up
- Pane D:** C2/1: Blue line through s of Bophuthatswana into stamp
C2/2: Small dot 2mm above second s of Services 1mm to right of swing
- Pane E:** TM date: Small black dot 1mm above 1 of 1990
- Pane F:** 1045CB: Black dot on 4
30c 15 000 sheets
- Pane A:** 1047CB: Black dot on 4
1049CB: Dot outside right bottom of CB
- Pane B:** 1046CB: Small blue dot on CB right side, 1.5mm up from bottom corner
- Pane C:** 1048CB: Two short red lines under 1 of CB
C2/1: Blue dot above C of community
- Pane D:** TM date: Very small dot in circle of the first 9
C1/1: White line (short) on 3 of 30c and small white dot on the back of the C.
- Pane E:** 1046CB: Blue dot 2mm below CB below the 6
C2/1: Short black line in front of 3 of 30c
- Pane F:** C1/2: Red dot in gutter above Dr's head.
40c 15 000 sheets
- Pane A:** PT emblem: Black line 2mm to right of face
- Pane B:** PT emblem: Dot under stomach in front of back leg
1053CB: White mark on bottom of 0
- Pane C:** 1053CB: Black dot on 3
C1/1: Big red mark above o of Bophuthatswana
- Pane D:** 1053CB: Blue marks under CB below 5
TM date: Blue mark 2mm above date above the 0 of 1990
- Pane E:** 1053CB: Black mark on the 1
- Pane F:** 1053CB: Black dot above CB between 0 and 5
50c 15 000 sheets
- Pane A:** 1055CB: Black dot on first 5
- Pane B:** 1057CB: Red mark 1mm above CB
- Pane C:** Row 4/1: Dot in gutter nearly touching the stamp edge half way between MacLean and community
- Pane D:** 1057CB: Black dot touching left side of CB
C1/2: Red dot below 5 of 50c
- Pane E:** 1056CB: Red dot on O

Bulletin no 53
Designed by: David Thorpe
Job no: 3285025
Requisition no: 2026/ER
Quantity ordered: 18c 19 000 sheets
30c 19 000 sheets
40c 19 000 sheets
50c 19 000 sheets

Expected date of printing:
18c 24/5/1989 30c 23/5/1989
40c 23/5/1989 50c 22/5/1989
Master negatives and multi negatives (Lithography): New

Lithographic Plates:
18c 30c 40c 50c
1154 1158 1162 1166 Tricolour Blue
1155 1159 1163 1167 Tricolour Yellow
1156 1160 1164 1168 Tricolour Red
1157 1161 1165 1169 New Black
Lay-out of plate: 3 x 2 sheets
Lay-out of sheet: 5 x 2 stamps
Stamp size: 38,07 x 28,70
Printing press: 784
Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,00 x 14,25
Paper mill/Supplier: LCCP Ltd.
Surface: Matt surface not phosphorescent.
Gum: P.V.A.
Sheet size: 295 x 580

Plating

Perforated from top to bottom

A	B
C	D
E	F

18c

- Pane A:** 1155CB: Black dot on first 5
- Pane B:** 1157CB: Black dot 4mm to right top of block
- Pane C:** 1157CB: White dot between two ones

- Pane D:** 1154CB: Blue dot 1mm below left bottom corner L
- Pane E:** C1/2: White dot on black bottom line; below 1 of 18c
- Pane F:** 1155CB: Small dot near right top of CB (red) 7
- 30c**
- Pane A:** 1159CB: Black dot on bottom curve of 5 (same as 18c)
- Pane B:** 1158CB: Red dot on CB, 1,5mm up 7
- Pane C:** PT emblem: White dot to right of P on black (half way) O
- Pane D:** C2/1: Three black dots above left top of stamp in white gutter, near perfs. 7
- Pane E:** C2/2: Red dot top left of A of TRANSKEI A
- Pane F:** TM date: Small red dot under 2 of 20 40c
- Pane A:** TM date: Black dot on 2 of 20 1164CB: White dot between 6 and 4 2
- Pane B:** 1163CB: Black dot on foot of first 1
- Pane C:** 1162CB: Red dot 1,5mm below CB between 6 and 2 7
- Pane D:** 1165CB: White dot on right side of 5 5
- Pane E:** C2/1: Red dot below p of Thorpe C2/2: Blue dot above r of Thorpe
- Pane F:** C1/2: Black dot in white gutter above E of TRANSKEI.
- 50c**
- Pane A:** 1167CB: Black dot on 6 6
- Pane B:** C1/1: White dot on D of David D
- Pane C:** 1169CB: Blue dot 3,5mm above CB, above 6
- Pane D:** TM date: White dot in second 9 of 1989 9
- Pane E:** 1169CB: White dot below 6
- Pane F:** TM date: White dot on down stroke on the 2 2

TRANSKEI

(1990-01-18)

Fossils by Regina Smith

18c

Bulletin no 55
 Designed by: L. Kriedermann
 Requisition no: 2094/ER
 Quantity ordered: 19 000 sheets
 Printing date: 1989-10-13 (18c)
 1989-10-12 (30c) and (40c)
 1989-10-11 (50c)

Master negative and multi positive (Lithograph): New

Lithographic Plates:

18c	30c	40c	50c	
1186	1190	1194	1198	Tricolour Blue
1187	1191	1195	1199	Tricolour Yellow
1188	1192	1196	1200	Tricolour Red
1189	1193	1197	1201	Black

Lay-out of plate: 3 x 2 sheets

Lay-out of sheet: 5 x 2 stamps

Stamp size: 38,07 x 28,70

Printing press: 784

Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,00 x 14,25

Supplier/Paper mill: Harrisons

Surface: Matt phosphorescent coated

Gum: P.V.A.

Sheet size: 295 x 630

Plating

Perforated from top to bottom

x2 stamps

5

A	B
C	D
E	F

Pane A: 1187CB: Black dot on 8 8

Pane B: C2/2: Dot inside O of Fossils right gutter of stamp

Pane C: PT emblem: Big blue dot right top of emblem

1187CB: Black dot after second 1

Pane D: 1186CB: White dot right middle of block 7 7

1188CB: Black dot 2mm right top of CB

Pane E: 1186CB: White mark inside right of CB

Pane F: C1/2: Black dot 1mm in gutter above s of Transkei

30c 19 000 sheets

Pane A: 1190CB: Blue dot on bottom of CB 1193CB: Blue dot outside right bottom corner of CB 7

Pane B: TM date: Small black dot in front of 1 (first)

Pane C: TM date: Small nick in 0 of -01-

Pane D: PT emblem: White dot in top circle right bottom P

TM date: Black dots under the two nines of 1990-

Pane E: 1193CB: Second 1, right bottom uneven D

Pane F: 1191CB: Small dot on the 9 9

40c 19 000 sheets

Pane A: 1196CB: White mark in front of 9

Pane B: PT emblem: Black dot on top bar of T right circle T

Pane C: PT emblem: Red dot 5mm to right C1/1: Blue mark above 0 of 40c in gutter

Pane D: TM date: Two blue marks after the 1 of -01.
1196CB: Black dot above CB above first 1

Pane E: 1197CB: Black dot below left bottom corner

Pane F: 1197CB: Red mark left of CB
C2/2: Very small black dot above r of Kriedermann (First r)

50c 19 000 sheets

Pane A: TM date: Dot on 0 of -01-
1199CB: Two black dots in front of first 9

Pane B: 1200CB: Black dot in bottom of 2

Pane C: 1201CB: Black dot above CB above 0

Pane D: 1199CB: Blue dot 2mm to right of CB

Pane E: 1199CB: Black dot above CB above first 9

Pane F: 1198CB: Blue dot in 9
1199CB: Black dot in bottom curve of 9

x2 stamps

15

A	B
C	D
E	F

Pane A: 1029CB: Black dot, ,05mm to right bottom of corner
1027CB: Three dots on the 2

Pane B: 1027CB: Black dot 1mm left of 1, slightly lower than the 1
1028CB: Black dot on the bottom curve of the 0 in the middle

Pane C: 1028CB: Two black dots 2mm below CB, below the 1
C1/2: Black dot on wall 1mm to right of entrance

Pane D: PT emblem: Black dot above animal's back

Pane E: PT emblem: Short blue line 1mm to right of animal's head
1029CB: Black dot 1mm left of CB near perfs in line with bottom date

Pane F: 1026CB: Dot 3mm to right middle of CB
PT emblem: Dot 3mm to right of face (cheek).

BOPHUTHATSWANA

(1989-11-28)

Traditional Houses by Regina Smith

18c

Bulletin no 52
Designed by: A.D. George
Date of advice: 1989-10-18
Job no: 3285227
Requisition no: 2023/ER
Quantity ordered: 34 000 sheets
Printing date: 1989-09-22
Master negative and multi positive (Lithograph): New

Lithographic Plates:

18c	30c	40c	50c	
1026	1030	1034	1038	Tricolour Blue
1027	1031	1035	1039	Tricolour Yellow
1028	1032	1036	1040	Tricolour Red
1029	1033	1037	1041	Black

Lay-out of plate: 3 x 2 sheets
Lay-out of sheet (stamps): 5 x 2
Postage stamp size: 38,07 x 28,70
Printing press: 784
Perforator: Walter Kroll 14,25 x 14
Supplier/Paper mill: Harrisons
Surface: Matt
Phosphorescent coated: No
Gum: P.V.A.
Sheet size: 295 x 630

Plating

Perforated from top to bottom
Pane lay-out:

30c
Quantity ordered: 15 000 sheets
Printing date: 1989-09-26

Pane A: 1031 CB: Dot on 3 bottom curve.
1033 CB: Dot outside CB right bottom corner

Pane B: TM date: Dot after last 9 of 1989-11-28
C1/2: Dot below W and A of Bophuthatswana

Pane C: TM date: Dot between 2 and 8 of date 1989-11-28
1032CB: Red line on bottom curve of 3

Pane D: C1/2: Dot half way between George and Traditional e
C2/2: Small dot in last A of Bophuthatswana

Pane E: PT emblem: Dot touching bottom of tail
C2/1: Small dot 1mm from stamp in right gutter, near perfs 9 mm up from right bottom corner

Pane F: C2/2: Long black line through P of Bophuthatswana
C1/1: Blue line 2,5mm below last A of Bophuthatswana in stamp

40c
Quantity ordered: 15 000 sheets
Printing date: 1989-09-25

Pane A: 1037CB: Blue dot right bottom
1037CB: White dot under 7
TM date: Black dot above second 1 in date 1989-11-28

Pane B: TM date: Dot above hyphen just below 2

- Pane C:** C1/2: Blue-green dot in left corner of stamp above D of AD George
C2/2: Big green dot above the 0 of 40c
- Pane D:** PT emblem: Dot 1mm above tail of animal
1034CB: Black dot 3mm below CB near perfs
- Pane E:** TM date: Small black dot after the last 8 1989-11-28.
C2/2: Black dot 1mm to left top of door, near pole
- Pane F:** C2/2: Dot above the A of AD George, touching bottom line of stamp
Row 5/2: Short green line in right bottom gutter of stamp

50c

Quantity ordered: 15 000 sheets
Printing date: 1989-09-27

Pane A: 1039CB: Dot on bottom curve of 3
1041CB: Blue dot to right bottom corner of CB

Pane B: TM date: Dot after first 9 and red line above 11 of date 1989-11-28

Pane C: C1/1: Blue dot left of B of Bophuthatswana and one below the S
C2/1: Dot just outside stamp in right gutter 13mm from top right corner

Pane D: TM date: Two dots below date: between 9 and 8 of 1989 9, 8

Pane E: TM date: Short line 1mm under second hyphen
C1/2: Dots 6mm under last A of Bophuthatswana

Pane F: 1038CB: White dot right top corner.

602 New Tricolour Red

603 New Black

Lay-out of plate: 2 x 4 sheets

Lay-out of sheet: 5 x 5 stamps

Size: 23,9083 x 30,225

Printing press: 759

Perforator: Bickel, 14,25 x 14

Paper mill: Litho Chromo Coated Papers Ltd.

Surface: Matt.

Gum: P.V.A.

Not phosphorescent coated.

Sheet size: 630 x 406

Plating

Perforated from left to right.

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H

Pane A: TM: Small dot in front of 3 in 3,60

Pane B: TM: Dot in 0 of 3,60

Pane C: TM: Dot below 3 of 3,60

Pane D: TM date: Dot after 3 of 03, and dot touching top of 3 and one in 7 on the down stroke 7

Pane E: 603CB: Dot left of CB 2mm up from bottom left

Pane F: 602CB: Small red dot in bottom line

Pane G: 600CB: White dot to right top of last 0

Pane H: 601CB: Black dot below serif of 1
602CB: Two red dots: One in bottom curve of 0 and one on bottom line of 2.

CISKEI

**18c Definitive
1st Print
by Regina Smith**

Job no 3769219

Requisition no: 2061/ER

Quantity ordered: 60 000 sheets

Expected date of printing: 16/5/1989

Master and Multi negatives (Lithography):

New

Lithographic Plates:

600 New Tricolour Blue

601 New Tricolour Yellow

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stamps which also fall in this category unfortunately are once again included (examples: Angola 633; Botswana 261; Portugal 1294-97; Luxembourg 330, 751, 754, 986; and Zambia 215 and 230 to name a few).

The exchanged illustrations of Bangladesh 157 and 218, as well as Gabon 641 and 681, have been corrected. The cancelled stamp illustrations like Switzerland J100 and Vietnam 91-93 unfortunately still remain. Surely Stanley Gibbons must have these stamps in mint condition?

Some errors in the description have regrettably remained, like for instance the Netherlands 402 stamp which shows two bridges: in the foreground a wooden road bridge in Schipluiden and in the background the old railway bridge (destroyed during World War II) at Moerdyk. The description underneath the stamp, however, still reads: "Railway bridge, Schipluiden"!

About 100 railway thematic stamps which were omitted in the first edition have now been included, and many new stamps issued between 1986 and 1989 have been covered.

Quite a number of railway thematic stamps have, however, still been excluded. In my own field of interest alone (African continent) there are about 110 stamps omitted (examples: South Africa: 165, 245, 292; South West Africa 277, 279, 414; etc.) which does not take into consideration 32 black-listed stamps of this continent, which were also omitted in the appendix sections of the appropriate countries.

Despite these errors and omissions this edition of "Collect Railways on Stamps" is well worth having for any railway thematic collector and will no doubt prove, like its predecessor, to be a handy reference work!

AJC Borgstein

"Concise" for the Kiwi collector

New Zealand Concise Stamp Catalogue

192 pages, limp bound, Stanley Gibbons Publications, available from Republic Stamp and Coin Accessories, PO Box 11199, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa. Price (inclusive of GST) R49,41.

ONE IS TEMPTED once again to trot out that old saying

that philately begins where the catalogue ends, but that would be doing an injustice to the burgeoning number of Stanley Gibbons catalogues in the "Concise" range. This is the first edition of the third country covered, the previous two having been Great Britain and Australia.

The point is that one has to start somewhere. Leaving rarefied philatelic complexities aside, the more specialised a catalogue or handbook is, at a reasonable price, the better the start. This is precisely what the "Concise" range provides.

It is extended, as is well known by now, from the old and trusted "Red". In the 1990 edition of the "Red", New Zealand covers 31 pages in A4 format. The "Concise", in more or less A5 format, and in smaller type, would represent about 96 A4 pages. Even on this roughly calculated basis, it is obvious that it offers between two and three times more detail.

Among material not included in the British Commonwealth catalogue but listed in the New Zealand Concise are inverted watermarks, "Adsons" counter coil pairs, booklets, commemorative and health first day covers (from 1929), definitive first day covers (from 1970) and some of the newer Post Office products such as presentation and souvenir packs, yearbooks and postcards.

Prices for King George VI issues are given for stamps in both mounted and unmounted mint condition.

Inverted watermarks are now listed from 1874 onwards. On the first "sidefaces" these can make quite a significant difference to valuations; the Perf 12½ ld., for example, being £50 used with watermark inverted, against a normal quotation of £3,25.

A note is provided concerning the experiment held during 1893 in which advertisements were printed on the back of some of the second "sideface" issues known to collectors as "Adsons", these are listed and priced according to the colour of their advertisements.

It is therefore clearly in the interest of New Zealand collectors to acquire this catalogue. The break-up of the "Red" is, perforce, proceeding apace. In any case, are there still people around who can afford a complete "Commonwealth" collection?

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Uit die possak/From the mailbag

The mail does not get through

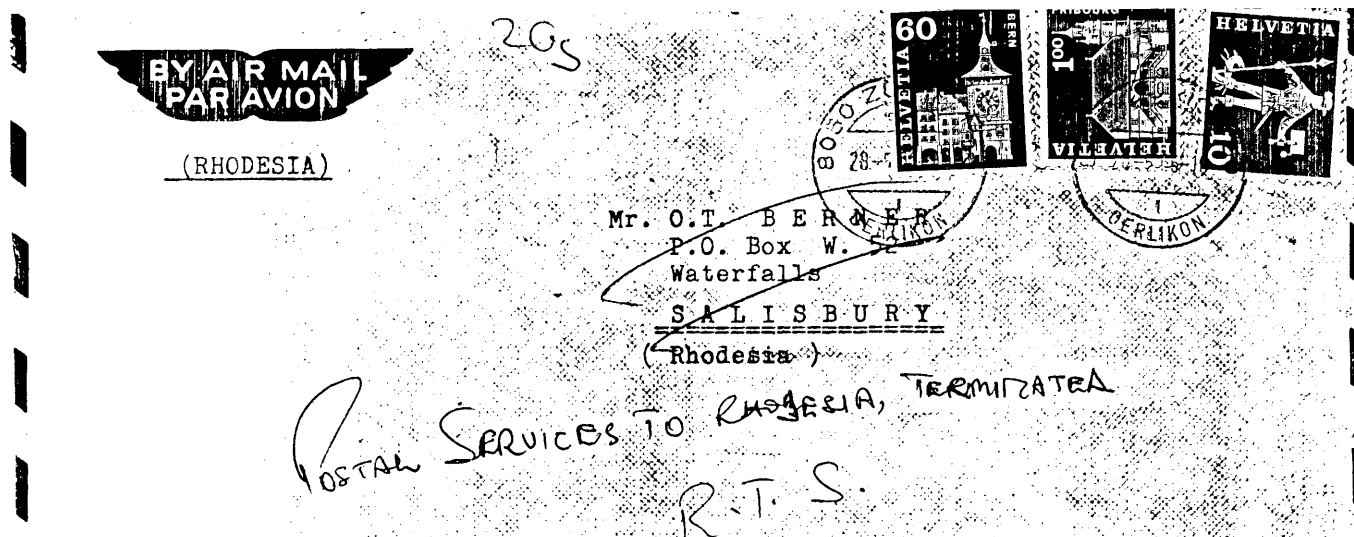
O T Berner of Pietersburg writes: I refer to the interesting article by D V Smith of Fish Hoek in *The SA Philatelist* of December 1989, p 308, ("New angle to postal history").

I have an envelope posted in Switzerland on 28.5.66 and addressed to Salisbury/Rhodesia, by air mail. Somehow, probably with the Swissair flight to Dar-es-Salaam/Tanganyika, it ended up in that city where it received the inscription "Postal Services to Rhodesia, terminated", as Tanganyika had sus-

pending its mail services to Rhodesia after UDI. The letter bears a Dar-es-Salaam arrival postmark on the reverse side: 4 Ju 66.

This letter eventually arrived back in Switzerland and was then sent, this time by the correct route, to me in Rhodesia. I assume that the letter was misdirected, either right at the beginning of its journey in Switzerland, or else in Nairobi/Kenya during a stopover.

("R.T.S." is an obvious abbreviation for "Return to sender". Hon Editor.)



Label mystery copiously clarified

L Norman Williams of London writes: *The SA Philatelist* for December 1989 seems to have a plea for information (*it appeared in Afrikaans, Hon Editor*) on p 300 about the "Wareham's" label. You might care to see the results of some inquiries I made in 1987 and earlier into labels produced by Sacks & Co.

(*Mr Williams, besides being one of the world's leading philatelic journalists, is editor of The Cinderella Philatelist. Much of the information reproduced below was given in the issue of Stamp Magazine, June 1987, p 84, to which Mr Williams contributes the column "Cinderella Corner".*)

(*Further information was also received from John Hodgson of Plumstead, and the whole combined in an article in the OFS Philatelic Magazine — February 1990, p 6 — from which the query originated. The Hon Editor is grateful for the interest of Messrs Williams and Hodgson, and is happy to reprint the information thus obtained.*)

Norman Williams het op navraag die oorsprong van die plakkers eers in Kimberley in Nottinghamshire en ook in Kimberley in Norfolk gaan soek, voordat dit hom getref het dat Kimberley Suid-Afrika dalk die antwoord sou kon oplewer.

Mev L Brits, die Africana-biblioteekaresse van die openbare biblioteek aldaar was baie behulpsaam. Eers het sy geskryf dat sy vasgestel het dat J Sacks & Co drukkers was met 'n groot aantal klante, vanaf ongeveer 1912 tot so laat as 1961. Die betrokke plakkers was afslagplakkers, wat gewoonlik deur algemene handelaars aan hulle kopers uitgedeel is.

"Ongelukkig", so skryf sy, "omdat Sacks vir klante van Kaapstad tot Johannesburg drukwerk gedoen het, sou dit beteken dat ek telefoongidse van ongeveer 50 jaar moes navors." Mev Brits het egter geskryf aan 'n dame wat self vir die firma Sacks gewerk het. Indien die betrokke dame iets van belang kon bydra om die vraag te beantwoord, sou die inligting later bykom.

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aangeheg (hierby geïllustreer). Die besparing deur drukwerk te laat doen by Sacks is duidelik!

Mev Brits het later 'n skrywe ontvang van ene Mev Joyce Roberts, wat gesê het dat sy vir Sacks gewerk het van 1932 tot 1942, en dat sy die betrokke plakkers gedruk het! Sy was die enigste persoon wat die drukmasjiene hanteer het gedurende die jare. Mnr Sacks het egter die hele land deurreis op soek na besigheid vir sy drukkery/boekbindery/rubberstempels, ens.

'n Maand later het John Hodgson ook in Kimberley navraag gedoen oor die plakkers en is hy verwys na mnr Williams. John kon toe byvoeg dat hy ook die plakkers gesien het met P H van Vuuren, Ian Barritt ('n firma in Kaapstad) asook Tit Bit Baz, 'n bazaar in Kimberley self.

In 'n laaste opvolging berig mev Roberts dat mnr Sacks geen agentskappe gehad het vir sy besigheid nie. Hy het self die landswye bestellings gaan haal. Die drukpers waarop die plakkers gedruk was was 'n handgevoerde Falcon. Slegs 6d waardes is gedruk, en die kleure was magenta, blou of swart op gekleurde papier.

Die plakkers is gedruk in velletjies van 100 en van die drukpers is die velle na die binders geneem. Die plakkers was dus basies handels-afslagseëls, wat uitgereik is saam met kontantbestellings. Hulle kon later vir goedere ingeruil word. Die gebruik hiervan is in die laat 1930s afgeskaf vanweë die monopolistiese aard.

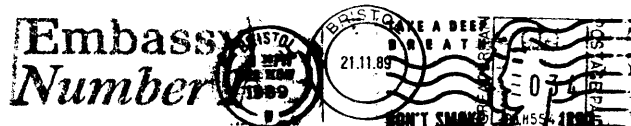
Persone wat van hierdie seëls laat druk het, kon hulle naam in die binneste balkie van die ontwerp laat invoeg. Tot dusver dus ongeveer vier name, maar die saak is seker nog nie in totaliteit opgelos nie!

Praise . . . and a little irony

John Hodgson of Plumstead writes: Just a short note to congratulate Messrs Hagger and Tonking on their *The Final Chapter: The Union 2d London Printing* — a tremendous effort, and one which no Union student can afford to be without.

I really do mean it. It made good reading, even though this is not my field of collecting, but I grew up with these stamps, and have a soft spot for them.

Now, puffing away on a totally different tack . . . I recently found an exceedingly interesting cover. It was franked by a slogan machine in Bristol on 21.11.89 (34p), emanating from a cigarette manufacturer, whose slogan is "Embassy Number 1". The sender is the Imperial Tobacco Co.



The Bristol postmark of the same date is a machine cancel, with the slogan: "Take a deep breath, Don't smoke, 1990"!

(*The monograph to which John Hodgson refers above was distributed with The SA Philatelist of January/February 1990.*)

The phonecard heebie-jeebies

Neville Gomm of Auckland Park writes: I shuddered when I read the article on phone-cards on p 248 of the October 1989 issue of *the SA Philatelist*.

I hope the author's contention that phone-cards are philatelic because they are sold across the counter at post offices, was written with tongue in the cheek. My contention is that if there are people who want to collect phone-cards that have nothing to do with philately, they should get off to forming their own society and publishing their own journal.

I feel that philately needs to be taking a very serious look at defining its nature and scope and adhering to that definition. How can a phone-card, which is in effect a financial arrangement affecting telecommunications, be considered to be philatelic?

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telic? The telecommunications side of the Post Office has, in any case, gone virtually independent.

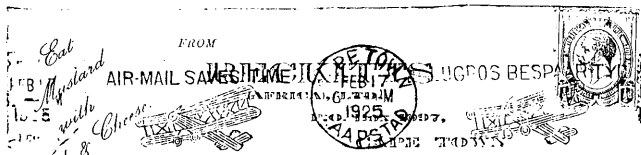
I wonder if our Editor would be prepared to publish an article on coins and banknotes? These are items that pass across Post Office counters in both directions and should therefore also be considered to be philatelic! And what about the old radio licences and the current television licences that are handled over Post Office counters?

And while we are about it, what about the Yellow Pages and other directories?

(More views are required. How do readers view the question? Hon Editor.)

Reply to an airmail slogan query

Arthur Williams of La Lucia writes: Recently I was looking through some back issues of *The SA Philatelist* and came across the query handled by the late Major Ian Mathews (December 1988, p 320). Upon examination of some of the relative slogans I have in my possession, I found one dated 17 February 1925 (a copy of which is enclosed).



I hope this will assist Mr H Kappetijn of Pretoria in establishing an earlier date for the use of the "Air-Mail Saves Time" slogan, which he has as 18 February.

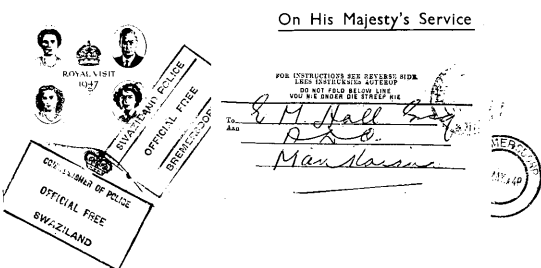
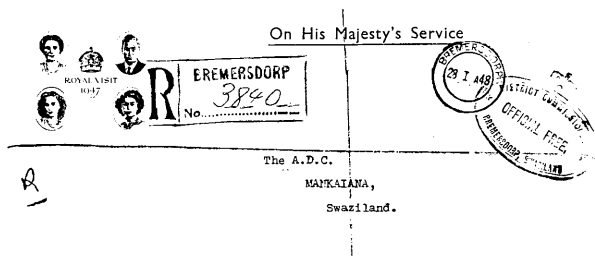
As a matter of interest I also found 4 different time cancellations on 25 February 1925 of 12.45 pm, 2.15 pm, 4.15 pm and 6.00 pm, all from Durban. I am not sure whether this information is of any interest to anyone but nevertheless include this just in case.

May I also take this opportunity of thanking you and your "team" for an excellent publication.

Profusion from euphoria

Ian Shapiro of London writes: The euphoria surrounding the 1947 Royal tour of South Africa and the 1948 Silver Wedding Anniversary of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth resulted in a profusion of commemorative covers.

It would appear that a surplus of commemorative covers were prepared and these were either purchased by, or donated to, the Swaziland Administration. I have recently seen a number (refer illustrations) which were subsequently over-printed in blue "On His Majesty Service", and used for official purposes from 1948-1950.



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Stamp Day 1990 proves great success

THERE IS NO doubt that the issue of five special stamps on 12 May 1990 to commemorate for the first time the day that philately traditionally "goes public" in South Africa was a winner in terms of arousing interest.

Add to this the interest already being generated by the 150th anniversary of the Penny Black on 6 May 1990, and the enthusiastic efforts made by philatelic societies in co-operation with their local postal authorities, then this must have been the best National Stamp Day to date.

Summaries of reports given here have been gleaned from society newsletters, from individual correspondents, and from material supplied by Jan van Beukering, chairman of the Federation's Promotions Committee.

Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging: Vanjaar is 'n uitstalling by Randparkrif gereël, waar die vereniging dit enigszins ongelukkig getref het. Die posisie in die sakesentrum was nie blootgestel aan veel verbygaande verkeer nie.

Afrikaanse Filatelievereniging Pretoria: Plakkate, brosjures, publikasies, filateliese toebehoere, 15 bladsye Bophuthatswana, koeverte, seëlpakkies en 'n snuffeldoos was van die aantreklikhede wat groot belangstelling gaande gemaak het by 'n winkelsentrum in Verwoerdburgstad.

Daar was nie 'n oomblik se ruskans nie, en benewens belangstelling van volwassenes, is 17 nuwe name gewerf vir die Juniorklub. Vir kinders was daar ook 'n seëlkompetisie.

Fish Hoek Philatelic Society: Interest in the events staged was sufficient to form a new Junior club. It met for the first time on 8 June 1990 at 16h00, at the Fish Hoek Library, where it is part of the library's junior section activities.

Goudvelde Filatelievereniging: Daar is gewikkel by die biblioteke op Odendaalsrus (drie rame Ciskei) sowel as Welkom (twee rame Basoetoeland), en by laasgenoemde se hoofposkantoor sommer 'n verskeidenheid van ses rame.

By die HPK sowel as 'n inkoopentrum was bemande stalletjies, en die hele voorraad gedenkseëls by die poskantoor was voor sluitingstyd uitverkoop. Die vereniging het sewe nuwe volwasse en drie juniorlede bygekry.

Grahamstown Philatelic Society: Advance poster publicity helped to bring in the crowds to exhibits staged in the foyer of the post office and the public library, where appropriate exhibits and promotional material were on view. The library exhibit continued for another week.

A special pamphlet was produced, introducing National Stamp Day, and a flyer outlined the society's activities. Several applications for membership were received.

Heilbron: 'n Lid van die AFV, John Keogh, het sommer私家 ingespring en op 23 April 1990 reeds 'n praatjie by 'n uitstalling van sy seëls in die plaaslike biblioteek gelewer. Die materiaal was tot na Nasionale Seëldag te sien, en die eenmanspoging het goeie dekking in die plaaslike koerant gekry.

Highway Philatelic Society: A most successful variety of exhibits spread over nine frames drew viewers at a shopping centre from as early on as 7h30. There were competitions, souvenir post cards, and a post office with an official from the Ashwood post office. There were many prospective members.

At the same time, there was activity at the Pinetown post office, which the society felt it could have improved upon, with two frames of GB on display. At the Kloof library two members also attended to public enquiries, with several exhibits on display.

Kimberley Philatelic Society: The emphasis was placed on trying to attract juniors, and there was extensive pre-publicity, with the event centreing on the Main Public Library. There were several exhibits, a series of slide shows, and packets of stamps. The bold step of starting a junior society is being considered.

Enthusiastic society members also saw to it that there were

small National Stamp Day displays at the libraries in Jan Kempdorp and Hartswater.

Maritzburg Philatelic Society: No less than four post offices were involved by the society: the GPO, as well as Scottsville, Hilton and Merrivale. At the latter three, special FDCs were sold, and there was an official cover set with the Church of the Vow cancellation.

In addition, there were displays at the Natal Society Library and the Natal Museum. It is expected that both senior and junior members will be gained.

Oilfilat, Sasolburg: Die vereniging het gewoel by die Sasolburg en Vanderbijlpark poskantore, asook by die biblioteek en in 'n wandellaan. Daar was heelwat belangstellendes, en daar word gehoop op 'n goeie aanwas in ledetalle.

OVS Filatelievereniging: Hier is op 7 Mei 1990 reeds begin met 'n uitstalling in die voorportaal van die HPK, waar senior sowel as junior lede hul staal getoon het.

Op Nasionale Seëldag kon mense 'n begeleide toer van die poskantoor meemaak, en daar is 'n besoekersboek aangehou. Hierop is uitnodigings vir die volgende vergadering aan belangstellendes gerig, en verskeie nuwe lede het inderdaad ook toe aangesluit.

PS of Johannesburg: There were enthusiastic viewers at ten exhibits put up at a hypermarket in Norwood. Home-made FDCs proved to be popular, and over 100 were sold.

PS of Natal: Advance publicity was gained by a display at Westville and at the Glenashley Library, and posters at the Durban North and Northway post offices.

On the day, society members manned a table at the GPO in Durban, where there was a gratifying amount of interest, and already a new member gained.

Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society: An exhibition was mounted at the GPO, which included an assortment of literature, magazines, sales booklets and the like. Customers for official FDCs were interested, and several new members were enrolled on the spot.

At the same time, information about the society was distributed.

Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town: Festivities began with a special meeting and display on 6 May 1990. The centrepiece was the Penny Black material kindly contributed by A McLennan-Smith, married to a direct descendant of Sir Rowland Hill — and surprise of the evening was the totally unexpected visit by Bernard Hill, a great-great-nephew of the initiator of postal reform.



Mr Bernard Hill of Cape Town at the Royal Philatelic Society meeting on 6 May 1990.

The whole display was then moved to the SA Cultural History Museum, where it was still attracting attention before it was taken down at the end of June. As a result of the efforts of several society members, philately got unprecedented exposure in the local daily press and on the radio.

Sandton Philatelic Society: Exhibits were put up at a shopping centre in Randburg, to which several people returned for a second viewing. Two new members have already been enrolled, with the prospect of a few more. Advance publicity in the local newspaper was a factor in the success.

Southern Suburbs Stamp Club: A vast variety of subjects was covered with exhibits at a local shopping centre, and special FDCs were eagerly snapped up.

Stellenbosch Filateliese Vereniging: Die plan was om dinge by die poskantore op Stellenbosch en Somerset-Wes te reël, maar geen verslae is ontvang nie.

West Rand Philatelic Society: Staged at a shopping centre, exhibits were changed half-hourly, and there were six dealers in attendance. A great deal of the enormous success can be ascribed to excellent advance publicity.

For the record: Names and addresses of no less than 100 interested people were obtained, three new members enrolled on the spot (and three more likely), and having gained 12 junior members, a junior club is on the cards!

Witbank Philatelic Society: Eight frames were put up at the post office, next to the philatelic counter. These were supported by information brochures and other items, and the society reports that it is well pleased with the response of about 50 people who visited its table.

Successful youth leader seminar

THE FIRST NATIONAL seminar for youth leaders was held at the Indaba Hotel Conference centre on 24 February 1990 and proved to be an outstanding success. The day was divided into two parts: during the morning more formal lectures were given, while the afternoon was given over to a topic forum where important issues to junior philately were discussed.

The aim of the seminar was a get-together of all those involved in junior philately for an exchange of ideas, and in this respect YAC more than succeeded. At a cost of R30 each, which included extensive handouts and a generous and substantial lunch the event could be considered as the philatelic bargain of the year. This was partly due to a generous subsidy by the Department of Education and Culture for which YAC is duly grateful.

Jill Redmond (YAC Chairman) opened the proceedings with brief introductions, followed by Allan White who spoke on the organisation and structure of a junior stamp club. Of necessity this is something of a "dry" topic, but a healthy discussion followed. Light relief was brought by David Wigston who turned the gathering on its head by converting the seminar into a glorified junior meeting.

Jan van Beukering shared his experience in the field of exhibiting by explaining techniques that could score points when

an exhibit is judged in a lecture that could have been subtitled "Training the Trainer".

The need for a quick and easily completed scoring sheet for use at club level was evidenced when Jill Redmond displayed an elementary suggested scoring sheet on an overhead projector.

Among the delegates who attended, it was refreshing to have a dealer give a presentation in which he outlined how he could help youth leaders. In addition, he is prepared to come to junior meetings with ready-made stamps kits at very reasonable prices.

The seminar also brought to the fore a number of problems that are being experienced universally, such as the role played by schools in organised philately. It would seem that the schools only make a meaningful and viable contribution when a teacher at that school takes up the initiative and makes an effort to organise a club.

What is of great importance at the moment is the need for greater co-operation and interaction between senior and junior levels. At present junior philately functions more or less as an independent entity. The junior clubs regarded as being "more successful" have a well-established liaison with their senior affiliates that goes beyond mere financial hand-outs once or twice a year. One scheme that could be considered by a senior society is the "foster parent" scheme, whereby a senior member "adopts" a junior member and helps guide that junior in all matters philatelic.

All the delegates unanimously agreed that a Youth Leader Seminar should definitely be a regular annual event, and put forward many topics for discussion at the next seminar, a favourite theme being judging. **David Wigston**

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Final dates for JUNASS

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Junass 90: 13 July, opens 11h00 closes 17h00. 14 July 08h00 closes 16h00.

Prize-giving: 14 July, opens 15h00.

Judging Seminar: 13 July, opens 08h30 to 12h30; lunch 12h30 to 14h00. 14 July, 08h30 to 12h00.

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Nuwe klub op Nigel

VYFTIG MENSE het op die laaste aand van April 1990 op Nigel byeengekom vir die stigting van 'n nuwe seëlklub — 'n geleentheid wat deur burgemeester J P le Roux aangebied is, en wat met 'n feestelike onthaal afgesluit is.

Dit was 'n mooi geleentheid, met 'n verskeidenheid van klein uitstallings op albumbladsye ('n Penny Black, eerste Unieseël, lugvaart, voëls en motors as temas, Ciskei as land), pamflette, plakkate teen die mure, filateliebulletins, brosjures en ander materiaal.

Daar was belangstellendes, van laerskoolkinders tot pensioentrekkers, en die plaaslike koerant was ook daar. Charles Rogers en nog vyf lede van die Springs Filatelistevereniging het ondersteuning kom gee. Charles is toe dadelik ingetrek by die komitee wat onder the voorsitterskap van Reg Horak die klub beslag gaan gee.

Herman Steyn, direkteur van Filatiedienste en Intersafa, het verduidelik hoe seëls en ander materiaal op deposito-

bestelling van die Poskantoor verkry kan word. Joh Groenewald RDPSA, voorsitter van die Federasie se bestuurskomitee, het gepraat oor versameling en die talle opsies en velde wat vir versamelaars oop is, en oor die werksaamhede van klubs en die dienste van die Federasie.

Reg Horak het met 'n knipsel vorendag gekom uit *Die Jongspan* van Desember 1954, waarin die jong Joh Groenewald 'n vraag oor SA naslaanwerke stel aan die seël-rubriekskrywer "Oom Phil"! Later het baie van die jong belangstellendes vrae vir Joh gehad, en dit lyk of die meeste van hulle diere op seëls wil versamel.

Reg het ook huiswerk gedoen, en 'n lys gehad van die poskantore wat die kontrei bedien het (Heidelberg, 1865; Nigel se poskantoor is op 1 Oktober 1890 geopen).

Versamelaars wat met die nuwe klub wil kontak maak, kan aan mnr Horak skryf by Posbus 100, Dunnottar 1590, of hom bel by H (011) 734-5850. **JG**

Junior Rendezvous 1990

CURRENT JUNIOR clubs are listed here in the following order: name, meeting day and time, venue, and name etc of the club leader.

Aero Soc of SA: Jnr
3rd Saturday 13h00
National War Museum, Saxonwold, Johannesburg
M Viljoen (Mrs), 210 Nixon St, Muckleneuk 0181, H 012-46-7339, W 323-4056
Afrikaanse Filatelistevereniging (Sien Die Jong Filatelis)

Alberton Jnr SC
2nd Saturday 09h30 (except December)
Alberton Public Library Activities Hall
Les Lotter, PO Box 2458 Alberton 1450, H 011-869-2268 W 864-2712

Athlone Pk Lib SC
Friday 15h00
Athlone Park Library, Umbogintwini
Mrs H Boyd, 8 Dawn Place, Umbogintwini 4126, H 031-94-1746

Benoni Jnr SC
3rd Saturday 09h30
Rynfield Primary School, Malherbe St, Benoni
D Ransom, PO Box 13664, Northmead 1511, Benoni, H 022-849-2161 W 826-3524

Boksburg Jnr SC
2nd Tuesday 17h00
St Dominic's Convent, Kruger St, Boksburg
D Wigston, PO Box 9394, Cinda Park 1463, H 011-896-2975 W 429-6791

Brits High School Junior Club
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Die Jong Filatelis
1st Saturday 14h00
Hillbrow Recreation Centre
A Mackenzie, 30 Lys Avenue, Discovery 1709, H 011-672-4471 W 493-7022

East London Jnr SC
3rd Saturday 10h00
Central Library, Gladstone St, East London
D McWilliams, 8 Highfield Rd, Beacon Bay 5241, H 0431-47-1378 W 2-3786

Edenvale Jnr SC
1st Wednesday 18h30
Community Centre, cnr Van Riebeeck Av/2nd St, Edenvale
S J Baillie, 62 Karen Rd, Illiondale 1610, Edenvale, H 011-609-2709 W 832-2711

George Posseëlklub/George Stamp Club
Two or three times per term: 15h00
Stad Biblioteek/Town Library
Mej E du Toit, Posbus 4135, George Oos 6539, Tel H (0441) 5314 W 74-4156

Germiston Jnr SC
3rd Saturday 10h00
37 First Avenue, Lambton
P Clarke, PO Box 14400, Wadeville 1422, H 011-827-7951 W 407-5310

Goldfields Junior SC
Last Saturday of every month, 09h30
Public Library Welkom
Eddie Bridges, PO Box 961, Odendaalsrus, 9480
Tel H (0171) 41506 W 33155

Grahamstown Junior SC
Third Saturday each month at 14h30
Albany Museum
Clinton Jones, PO Box 803, Grahamstown 6140
Tel H (0461) 29-550

Highveld Ridge JSC
2nd Saturday 10h00
Library, Secunda
L Hamm (Mrs), PO Box 4003, Secunda 2302, H 01363 W 34-2591

Highway Junior SC
Last Wednesday every month at 15h00
New Germany Library Hall
Henry Storm, 8 Park Mansions, 49 Shepstone Rd, Pinetown 3610
Tel H (031) 72-7407

Hugenote FV
Every Tuesday 09h00 during term
School Library
Damian Staz, PO Box 43, Franschoek 7690, Tel W (02212) 2079

Johannesburg Junior Stamp Club (See Die Jong Filatelis)

Kempton Park JSC
2nd Tuesday each month 18h00
Bernie Jacobs auditorium, Public Library
ASP Smit, 22 Boekenhout St, Birchleigh 1619, Tel H (011) 972-1942

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In Memoriam

Sam Legator RDPSA 23 April 1990

AT HIS DEATH after a lengthy illness, Sam Legator was the earliest signatory to the roll of Honour of Distinguished Philatelists of Southern Africa surviving into 1990. He had been invited to sign the roll, this country's highest philatelic honour, in 1951.

Through an oversight, his citation was not published in *The SA Philatelist* until June 1960. Although your Hon Editor did not know him personally, Sam Legator's philatelic presence and importance is tangible on the editorial shelves in many more ways than one. Perhaps the most valuable is that these shelves give access to a complete run of our magazine, made possible only by the acquisition in 1986 of Legator's carefully preserved and bound copies from the very first month of publication onwards.

This was February 1923, when Sam Legator had already been collecting — then barely in his teens — from about 1915 onwards. He was born in Cape Town in 1904, lived in Benoni from 1906 onwards, and moved to Johannesburg in the 1980s.

He sold — so *The SA Philatelist* tells us — his first collection for £5 to a Benoni doctor who was treating him for measles. Later he recalled that he did not think there was anything in it that was worth £5. He thought the doctor was probably just encouraging him to get well.

Sam Legator maintained his interest in philately almost until his death, specialising in the Union of South Africa, South West Africa and Israel. It is therefore natural to find that he was one of the editors of three early editions of the *Union of South Africa Handbook/Catalogue*, published successively in 1952, 1955 and 1960.

He was an active member of at least three societies: the SA Philatelist, Julie/Augustus 1990

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East Rand PS, who elected him an honorary life member, the PS of Johannesburg and the SA Stamp Study Circle (to whose newsletter the Hon Editor is indebted for some of the details given here). The SASSC also conferred on him the honour of life membership.

He served on the executive committee of the Federation for many years, and was elected president in 1960. He was also a member of the Federation's Expert Committee.

Having himself begun collecting at an early age, it is hardly surprising that Sam Legator should have wished to encourage later generations of youthful collectors. Thus the Sam Legator Junior Grand Prix is awarded for the best exhibit at a JUNASS exhibition.

Sam Legator's name is writ large in South African philately. We extend our condolences to his wife Mildred, whom he married in 1938, and his daughter Wendy and grandchildren.

Nuwe uitgawes / New issues

Gilbert Morris

Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town

Botswana anniversaries in 1990

A SET OF 4 stamps was issued on 5 March 1990 by Botswana to commemorate three anniversaries of local significance, and one international. The stamps which share a common layout, have as their subjects the following:

8t — 25th anniversary of self government 1965. The stamp portrays the 25 cent value of the Internal Self Government issue of 1965, inscribed Bechuanaland. The territory was renamed Botswana shortly afterwards.

15t — 25th anniversary of the first elections, with a ballot box design. Seretse Khama was elected head of government. He continued to be re-elected until his death in 1980, when he was succeeded by the vice-president, Dr Quett Masire.



30t — 10th anniversary of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference 1980-1990. The stamp has a map of the nine SADCC countries with their flags.

60t — 150th anniversary of the first postage stamp, the Penny Black.

Information by courtesy of the Philatelic Bureau, PO Box 100, Gaborone, Botswana.

Australia: The ANZAC tradition

THOUSANDS of Australians volunteered to serve in the Australian Imperial Forces when war was declared in 1914. Patriotic feeling was strong and the mood was one of confidence in a quick victory and enthusiasm for high adventure. The dreadful reality soon became apparent. At Gallipoli



alone, Australia suffered casualties of 8 700 dead, 19 000 wounded and 700 missing.

Australia Post issued a set of five stamps on 12 April 1990 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli, but the subjects were taken from the several wars fought this century. The stamps portray:

2 x 41c — "At the front" and for the women the anguish of waiting; "They also serve", manufacturing munitions to support the war effort;

65c — "Lest we forget", old campaigners paying tribute to their fallen comrades;

\$1,00 — "Casualties of war";

\$1,10 — "News from home".

Older collectors will recall the ANZAC issues of 1935 and 1965, commemorating the 20th and 50th anniversaries of the Gallipoli landing.

UK celebrates 150 years of Kew Gardens

THE ROYAL Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey, England have been a national institution since 1840. Today, the fascination and beauty of this living exhibition attracts millions of



visitors. The Gardens are also a botanical research centre which produces work of international importance.

It has been said that but for Kew, which supplied the seeds, there might have been no rubber plantations in Malaya and Ceylon (as they then were) or quinine in India.

Four stamps were issued by Royal Mail on 5 June 1990, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Gardens. Each stamp features a different type of tree against a background of one of the beautiful buildings for which Kew is also renowned.

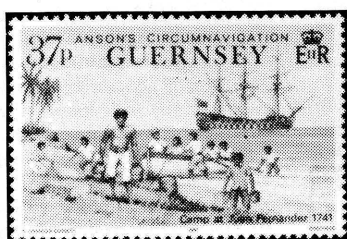
20p, Sir Joseph Banks building and a cycad (Banks was a naturalist-explorer and a founder of the Gardens: the banksia genus of shrubs is named after him); 29p, Princess of Wales conservatory and a stone pine; 34p, Palm house and a weeping willow; 37p, Pagoda and a cedar.

Anson's circumnavigation commemorated

THIS SPLENDID SET of five seascapes printed in offset lithography by Joh Enschedé, Holland, invites an investigation into the exploits of English admiral George Anson (1697-1762). When war with Spain broke out in 1740, he set forth from Portsmouth with a fleet of six vessels to attack Spanish shipping in the Pacific, more particularly the treasure galleons plying between the Philippines and Mexico.

He returned four years later with one ship the *Centurion* laden with half a million pounds of Spanish treasure, having circumnavigated the world more by chance than design. The stamps (14p, 20p, 29p, 34p and 37p) were released by the Guernsey Post Office on 24 July 1990 — the 250th anniversary of the start of the voyage — and trace the first half of the venture: further stamps will in due course complete the story.

The Guernsey connection is provided by one Philip Saumarez, scion of a notable Guernsey family, who played a decisive role in navigating the *Centurion*. The log which he meticulously compiled on board the vessel was discovered in the family home in recent years and provides factual detail to supplement previously published accounts of a memorable voyage.



Further information on the stamps of the Channel Islands may be obtained from The Stamp Arcade, PO Box 1532, Port Elizabeth 6000.

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Onderonsies/Society news

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF ZIMBABWE

2 May 1990. We had 15 members, together with two visitors and one junior. It was One Sheet Night, of members' own choice. Sadly only seven displays were put up, the winner of this competition was Frank Warner.

Frank suggested that we might like to arrange a Saturday morning when members could meet and have a stock exchange. After the tea break a number of items were put on auction, and among them was another lot of British FDCs, kindly donated to the society by Mr A J L Lewis. Despite the few attending, 80 percent of the items were sold.

P M Parsonage

AFRIKAANSE FILATELIEVERENIGING VAN PRETORIA

April. Dit wil amper lyk asof die vakansiegees en 'n uitstal-vrees die AFP-lede beet het, want net 16 daag op vir ons eerste herfsbyeenkoms! Spesiale welkom aan ons beoordelaars van die aand: Cedric Roché en Willem Scott (albei Pretoria Philatelic) en Robbie Harm (uit eie midde).

Ons skud ons vere reg vir 12 Mei se Nasionale Seëldag, ons beloer 'n Australiese "Telecom"-kaartjie en ons stem saam dat die RSA-uitgawe van 15 Februarie duidelik in die teken van die "nuwe" Suid-Afrika staan — nie 'n woord Afrikaans op dié stel gedenksceëls nie! As mens wil saamwerk, moet jy dit in Engels doen... ai, toggie!

Nie dat ons probleme het met die Engelse nie, hoor!? Ons twee vriende vanaf Pretoria Philatelic vergas ons eers met die PPS se pragversameling van "Inter-provincials" en ook die eerste Unie-seëls vanaf 1910 tot 1936. Dis 'n voorbeeld wat deur alle seëlverenigings nagevolg moet word: bou 'n volledige versameling van posfris of gebruikte seëls van een of ander land op. Dis 'n kosbare belegging en uiters interessante (beskikbare) filateliese stof.

Dis ons eerste kompetisieaand en die lede is maar huiwerig om uit te stal. Net Cassie Carstens waag dit met sy "Transkei" (moderne versameling) en verdien daarmee 'n silwer-brons (volgens AFP-standaarde). Die bespreking daarná is uiters interessant en leersaam. Feit bly: só 'n moderne versameling kan met bietjie eie inisiatief op heel oorspronklike wyse aangebied word. 'n Belangrike saak wat ons by Cedric leer is die *totaalbeeld* van die raam (15 blaie) jou moet aanspreek — dit moet as geheel logies en georden wees.

Alfabet N veroorsaak toe amper 'n staking van stemme tussen André Kritzinger se "Newe-effekte van naelkou" en Cassie Carstens se "*Nihil arbor* (Niksboom)", met Babs Greyling se "Namibië" 'n gewillige buiteperd. Dis toe André se "naels" wat dié naelby-kompetisie wen!

Mei. 'n Rou Ingelsman wat oor die eerste Britse seël in Ingels praat by 'n Afrikaanse filatelievereniging... Dis deel van die wêreldwye vreugde van ons heerlike stokperdjie! Malcolm Suttill (Witbank en Great Britain Society) is ons eregas saam met 'n paar vriende vanuit Witbank. Hy vergas ons op sy

deeglike kennis van die "Penny Black" — en die skuiфies wat daarmee saam gaan is sommer baie leersaam en interessant; dié man weet waarvan hy praat en dis 'n voorreg om te luister.

Die jaarlikse vasvra kom ook aan die beurt, en nou is dit Robbie Harm wat hom verkneukel om te sien hoe ons sukkel met sy vraestel — al 20 vrae vanuit die afgelope 12 uitgawes van *The SA Philatelist* en die AFP se *Posduif*. Gelukkig weet ons almal darem dat die Penny Black op 6 Mei 1840 verskyn het! Twee manne loop gelyk met 12-uit-20 — hartlik geluk aan Hans Stronkhorst en Hein Friebus. En dankie aan Robbie vir interessante vrae.

Alfabet O lok 4 belangstellendes: (1) Optelsomme — Cassie Carstens; (2) Observatoriums — Johnny Kollen; (3) *Olea europaea* subsp *africana* (Olienhout) — Cassie Carstens en (4) Oorlog — André Kritzinger. Dis André se Oorlog wat uiteindelik die meeste stemme trek — geluk, kolonel!

Tussendeur hoor ons van die fout op die nuutste somerseëls van Nederland (2 000 velle gedruk), stem ons saam met die SWA-Duine as seëlreeks van die jaar 1989, kry ons rapport oor 'n baie geslaagde Seëldag by Verwoerdburgstad.

Cassie Carstens

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

April: The main programme featured flora and fauna and a wide variety of subjects were on show, as follows:

David Dowie Dunn — Some rare and endangered species of animals like the Dugong, Aardvark, Pangolin and squirrel shrew.

Laurence Burgess — the life and habits of the Lammergeyer or bearded vulture.

Margaret Thomas — plants and flowers mentioned by Shakespeare in his plays and sonnets.

Ron Turton — three small exhibits: Gardens of different countries, Bonsai and Gorillas.

Charles Hudson won the draw for the lucky packets and Ron was voted best in the Fur Competition, featuring "Captions", with Lawrence runner-up.

Ron Turton

HIGHWAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

April, 1990. Howard got straight down to business, and told us that the Pinetown Postmaster had kindly consented to allow a postal employee to man the old Post Office we will instal at Umdoni Centre, for National Stamp Day. Don Mitchell will man a table at the main Post Office, Neil Hartley and Ann Booker will be at the Kloof Post Office.

There were six entries in the five page competition for "H". Horticulture and Husbandry, two of Horses, one of Horses and Hounds, Health and Hitler. George Ponsford won with his entry on Horticulture and Husbandry.

Neil Hartley brought Switzerland for the Foreign Cup, and Henry Storm entered for the RSA Storm trophy. Judges were Ian Robertson, Rex Osborne and Jake Schultz.

Rex Osborne, brought a lovely item he had just acquired, a letter from Mauritius with unusual tax markings. Ann Booker brought a

stamp booklet from which an item was read to us. A lively discussion followed regarding members bringing part exhibits just for showing members, instead of only exhibits for competitors. Ruth Wilks promised to bring her Taiwan collection to show us.

May. Howard told of the competitions held at the recent National Stamp Day at Umdoni Centre. The public response was the best ever, with queues as early as 7.30 am forming to buy FDCs, and to view the exhibits up on the boards. We replenished stocks many times, requesting help from Durban. We also had postcards with the special stamps for sale.

The first competition for the youngsters, called "Where do I come from?" with stamps from all over, to be identified, was won by C van der Bergh. The prize of DDCs worth R105 was donated by Paperback & Stamps. The second competition was "What am I?", with the answer being a stamp. Tracey Austin won this gift of R65 worth of FDCs donated by John Bracey.

Angus Pringle gave a short talk on the three methods used in printing RSA stamps from 1961. Don Mitchell and Reg Foster added their points of view, which clarified Angus's talk, especially for newcomers.

After tea, Roger McLachlan, who had put up five pages of "Isle of Man", won by one vote, from George Ponsford's "Interest".

George had a lovely collection of New Zealand Health Stamps up for the Thematic cup, and he gave a talk, which was fun, as usual. Roger then gave a talk on his exhibit of Zeppelin mail, which was so interesting that quite a few newcomers asked for membership forms afterwards.

Finally, we saw an audio visual of "Art in France", which was very well presented.

Val Mann

RHODESIAN STUDY CIRCLE — JOHANNESBURG SECTION

A very successful meeting of the above group was held on 24 March, 1990, at the new venue of the SA National Museum of Military History in Saxonwold, Johannesburg.

Highlight of the afternoon's entertainment was a preview of Mrs Jean Turban's exhibit for Stamp World 90 in London. It was a wonderful coverage of the British Central Africa-Nyasaland period 1890-1950. The breadth of coverage was astounding, with most issues being represented by what can only be described as extreme rarities.

The remainder of the afternoon was taken up with a nine-page competition which runs throughout the year, and was judged by Mr Henk de Lange.

Roy Galanis put up nine pages of postmarks on Double Heads. Although he described it as an embryo collection, it certainly showed complete coverage of the BSAC period from 1910 onwards (including 2nd, 3rd and 4th day strikes for the Double Heads).

Ronnie Barkhan showed some of his Southern Rhodesian airmail covers, covering many of the well known flights of the early Southern Rhodesian period.

Erol Worton showed a continuation of his UDI period mail/postmarks, this time concentrating on Zambian postage dues, together with some of the United Kingdom surcharge mail.

Henk de Lange showed a non-competitive exhibit of reply coupons from the Southern Rhodesian period through to Zambia (includ-

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ing a first day of issue). It was certainly a detailed study of this material which was new to most of those present.

Last but not least, Danny Swart showed Northern Rhodesia postage due covers. This covered the complete range of the Northern Rhodesia period.

C Cordes

GB PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SA

March '90. The meeting was held at Dave Deighton's in Pretoria. Among the items of interest passed around were a VR Penny Black, which is scarce. Only 21 sheets of these stamps survived, the rest having been destroyed. Also seen were Rainbow trials of the Penny Black and a silver Wyon medal.

Going back earlier we saw a 1780 cover with a Sherbourne locally made canceller having been used for a postmark, and on the same cover an IN ALL H/S cancel signifying "for the complete charge".

Competition entries were Keith Baillie with GB postmarks of districts showing 1855 cancellers; Dave Deighton's GB public post 1635 to 1730 with particular accent on bishop marks. Dave Young showed GB railway philately including maps and postmarks. Jill Redmond displayed GB George VI change of rates, European Airmail, prestamped airmailers and German occupation of the Channel Islands.

Finally, Andy Reynard put on good examples of the various plates of the Penny Black.

Eddie Kier

NATAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY

21 March. There was an auction, and for the Five Page Competition: "X". There was only one entry: "Xeric Lands" by Joan Schultz.

4 April. Winde Cup. There were four entries: 1 USSR — Astronauts, Art, Flora and Fauna — Ivan Schroeder. 2 Liechtenstein, 1955 Onwards — Peggy Jarrett. 3 Republic of Italy, Second Definitive Set — Giovanni Palazzo. Judges: Rex Osborne, Bernard Teicher, Guido van Hoogdalen. Results: 1st G Palazzo; 2nd Peggy Jarrett.

18 April. Five Page Competition: "Y". Results: 1st Joan Schultz — Yesteryear; 2nd Neil Hartley — Yin Yang.

2 May. Auction and Five Page Competition: "Z". There were four entrants: 1 Joan Schultz — Zoo Inmates. 2 George Ponsford — Zoolately. 3 Peggy Jarrett — Zeppelins. 4 Neil Hartley — Zambia. Results: 1st G Ponsford; 2nd Neil Hartley; 3rd Joan Schultz.

E J de la Plain

MASHONALAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY

ON 14 February, the chairman welcomed 52 members and six visitors to the meeting. After the usual distribution of philatelic literature, Mr John Tolbutt put up an excellent display of Perkins, Bacon Cape Triangles. This being an entry for the society's Aloe Trophy, the highest award by the society. The display had been split into two parts, this being entitled "The Triangular Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope Part 1. The Perkins Bacon Issues." The usual house auction ended the meeting.

On 14 March, the chairman welcomed 41 members and one visitor to the meeting. Mrs Jackson and Mrs Allen put up displays for the Major Beck Trophy. Mr Sinclair then presented a short and most informative talk on "Perforations".

On 11 April, we held the society's AGM. Mr Sinclair was re-elected as chairman, as was the previous committee. After the business of the AGM, drinks and snacks were served, and then a quality house auction was held, with some very worthwhile material.

S A Weaver

SA Philatelist, Julie/Augustus 1990

SWA Colour Trials discovered

Martin Eichele

LAST NOVEMBER AT the Dale/Lichtenstein Cape sale in Washington a collector showed me an exciting discovery. He had a small stock card, holding a set of the 1931 Bradbury, Wilkinson Definitives in singles — all Afrikaans except the 1/3 which was in English, all perforated down. They are on unwatermarked paper and have no gum, as they were stuck down.

They are perforated "SPECIMEN" in an arch form as type B9 (Bendon). This Specimen type was used by Bradbury, Wilkinson 1928 to 1948.

The stamps show colours different to the issued ones. The colours are as follows:

- 1/3 dark orange and brown purple
- 1d orange brown and brown purple
- 2d orange and grey green
- 3d blue and purple
- 4d red and blue
- 6d dark orange and bright green
- 1/- ochre and grey blue

- 1/3 brown and green
- 2/6 brown and purple
- 5/- grey lilac and dark blue
- 10/- olive yellow and green
- 20/- bright purple and black

This set immediately reminded me of the South African 1927 Bradbury, Wilkinson Colour Trials which were originally in the Robson Lowe sale in Johannesburg on 24 June 1977. These were, however, imperforate, and were Specimen perforated type B1. The South West set undoubtedly was originally stuck down as a trade sample in a Bradbury, Wilkinson sample book.

As readers might be aware Die Proofs of this set are also known.

This newly discovered set of sample colour trials I regard as a major addition to South West Africa philately, which has little proof material known, compared to other Commonwealth countries.



SA STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

February. Two audio-visuals were presented, and these were made more meaningful by the presence of the two authors: Mr Stan Naylor RDPSA, FRPSL, "Kings Heads"; and Mr Natie Becker RDPSA, "Collecting RSA Stamps".

Those present appreciated the immense volume of work which obviously went into the creation and collation of these audio-visuals both by the two men directly involved, and also by those many people behind the scenes. Without the efforts of these people, that specialized knowledge could not be passed on to a much wider audience.

March. Members were sad to learn of the passing of Maj Ian Mathews on 28 February. An obituary, prepared and read by Mr Sam Hertzikowitz, paid respect to Ian for his involvement with The SA Stamp Study Circle, recognising his many interests and talents. He will be missed as he had been such a vital contributor to our meetings.

The AGM took place, and the new committee was elected. Chairman is Mr San Hertzikowitz and the Secretary Mr Xavier Laubscher.

The winners of the three heats of the Ten Page Mini competition competed against each other for the final, and the worthy winner of the Ian Mathews Floating Trophy was Mr Jack Hagger, RDPSA.

April. Mr Jack Hagger gave us a splendid treat when he showed the 3d — 2/6 Unhyphenated Rotos. His items included colour changes, cylinder changes, watermark varieties, many special errors and varieties, including the travelling flaws. His presentation was

described as a "beautiful, beautiful display".

Visitors are always more than welcome to attend our meetings held at the National Museum of Military History on the second Saturday of each month at 13:45 hours.

D J Collie

PORT ELIZABETH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

6 February 1990. The president welcomed Mr Leo Hellman of the East London society who was visiting us for the purpose of displaying two Thematic collections; (a) Bartholomew Diaz (b) The Coelacanth.

Mr Hellman gave an interesting talk on his displays which clearly brought out the study and depth of research he had carried out. The second half of the evening was devoted to two audio-visual presentations; (1) A Tour through South Africa and (2) The Belgian Congo under King Leopold II.

A Tour through South Africa was a most pleasing presentation and an eye-opener for the less advanced collector of SA as to what could be done with the ordinary stamps of the country.

"Belgian Congo under King Leopold II" clearly indicated the depth of the collection by presenting a fantastic assembly of superb covers and related material which was joy to behold.

20 February 1990. The programme for this evening was in two parts (a) A display of early postal history of Great Britain presented by Tom Strachan and (b) The Stamp Sheets evening.

Tom pointed out that the study of postal history was based upon three main points; Rates, Markings and Routes. He then gave a short review of Col Henry Bishop of Bishop

mark fame and mentioned that the display would commence with items franked with the William Dockwra, London Penny Post marks. Approximately 100 items were on display and included straight-line and multiple town marks, mileage marks, English and Scottish Penny and Twopenny post marks, inspectors crowns, and 1870 postage due marks, change of rates, and misprint markings. The display ended with some examples of the various types of the Edinburgh "Brunswick Stars" on 1d Reds, and the Spoon Experiment in England and Ireland.

6 March 1990. It was a sad duty of the president to ask those present to stand for a minute's silence in respect of Joe Kuehr who passed away on 3 March 1990. He was 80 years of age. Herwig Kussing was asked to tell about the life of Joe.

The evening was set aside for a philatelic quiz based on questions and answers researched by Bill Watson. Tom Strachan was the quizmaster. He divided the members into two teams of seven persons each. Most of the questions were not easy and taxed members' knowledge to the full, some answers only being obtained by a process of elimination. The "B" team was eventually declared the winner.

20 March 1990. This meeting was set aside for the AGM. After reading his report, the

president then presented the following awards:

The Godfrey Monaghan Cup went to Geoffrey Armiger for his Zanzibar collection; the Dave Berg Cup to Averil Briscoe for her Jewels of the Sea collection; T J Strachan Ladies Bowl to Averil Briscoe for her Miscellany of Orchids and the Gustav Bülbring Trophy to Averil Briscoe for her Jewels of the Sea.

The following members of the society were duly elected to the new committee: President — Neville Polakow; Hon Treasurer — Sam Fanarof; Vice-President — Barry Green; Exchange Superintendent — B Watson; Hon Secretary — Tom Strachan. Committee members — Herwig Kussing, Keith Morris, Geoffrey Armiger and Steven Gardener.

Herwig Kussing

GERMISTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

February. This was our AGM and awards evening. The evening started off with two exhibits from the junior society: Paulette Clarke — Rhodesia from 1892 to present day, and Andrew Clarke — A thematic collection on shipping.

Both of these exhibits won awards at Junuss in Bloemfontein.

Annual awards were presented by Elizabeth Mephius: Junior Award — awarded

jointly to Paulette and Andrew Clarke. Novice — Luigi Calligaro for a Philatelic Presentation of Christmas. Intermediate — Neville Davey for a collection of Australia. Senior — Paul Clarke — South Africa at War. Sulke Award — service to the society — Neville Davey for always being ready to help with an exhibit.

The committee for 1990 is: president — Ron Mephius; vice president — Jimmy Mitchell; secretary — Mike Jackson; treasurer — Trefon Katakuzinos; newsletter editor — Ursula White; youth leader — Paul Clarke; immediate past president — Jimmy Mitchell; committee members — Luigi Calligaro, Elizabeth Mephius, Neville Davey.

On 14 February, Germiston visited Wanderers Society, the following members took along exhibits: Maxine White — Ciskei; Ron Mephius — SA & Danish Air Covers; Harry Birkhead — Zululand; Neville Davey — Italy; Ron Rooke — United Nations.

March. Sasolburg visited us and during the meeting a lively auction was held by Henk de Lange.

Germiston members exhibited: Paul Clarke — a collection of first day covers from Philatelic exhibitions held; Neville Davey — a collection on the Italian Colonies, and Ron Rooke — United Nations.

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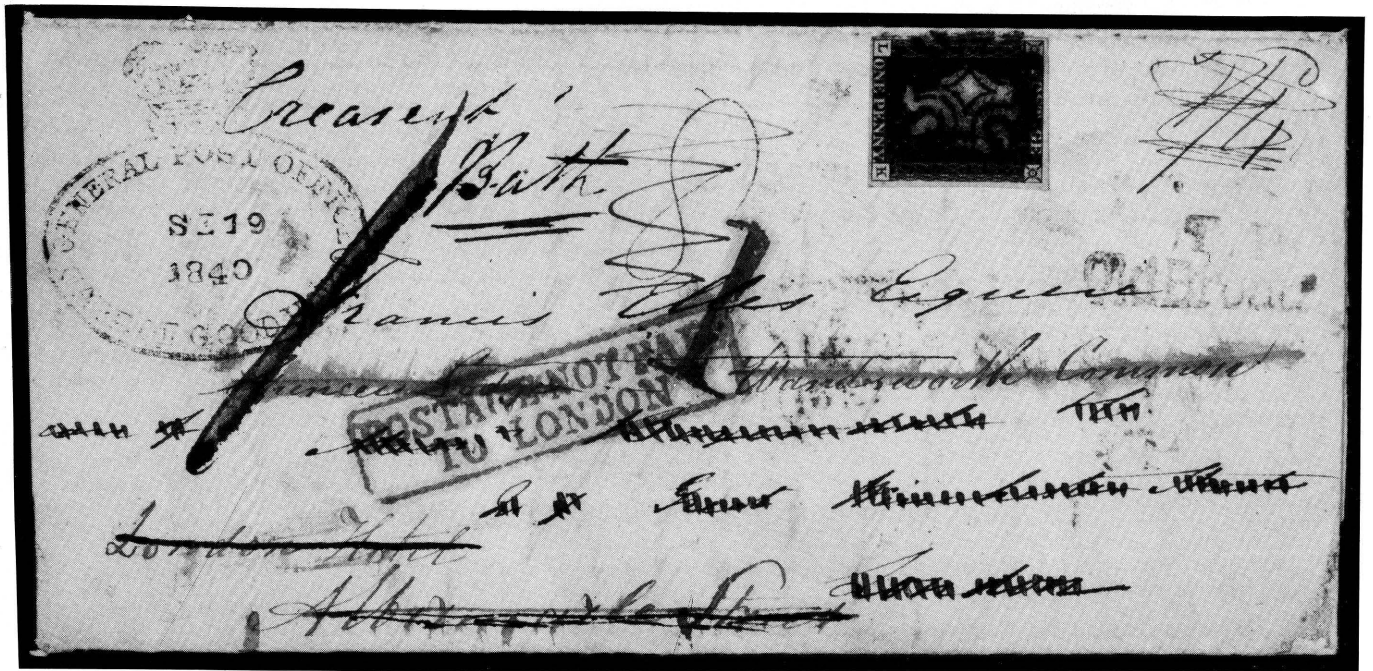
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