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EDITOR'S EDITS

I looked at the blank space that's supposed to be the Editor's column and just shook my head. There are times you just got nuthin' as one of our famous comics used to say.

My wife walked in and asked what's wrong. I noted "*I had the worst writers cramp you can imagine.*" Now at this point I have to remind you that she has nothing good to say about stamp collecting, even calls it my filthy hobby as a note about philately. But, she looked at me in all sincerity and said "*well you need to tell them about winterizing their collections*" with that look of – dummy! Obviously this conversation is not going anywhere!

I must say we have lots of different things in this issue. There is an article about perforating holes that has nothing to do with stamps, we now have a strolling photographer and a number of members have deserted me for the land of pizza. Having lived near Venice 50 years ago, I still miss the wonderful markets and people to say nothing about the food.

The images on the front cover are from EuroScout 2022 in Comacchio, Italy.

Pat

LADY BADEN-POWELL KEYSTONE VISIT

In 1959, Lady Olave Baden-Powell was a guest of the Keystone Area Council, BSA, annual fall round-up at Hershey, PA. **SOSSI** member Sanford Oringer, a unit commissioner of the Paxton District, took the photo shown here.



Lady Baden-Powell Visit

Pictured to her left is U. A. Whitaker, President of Amp. Inc. and a member of the Executive Board of the Council. On her right is Albert L. Allen, Jr., President of KAC.

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CANADIAN SCOUT CANCELS

Number 80 in a series

J. Alex Hadden



CE78-1 Jam-Anik was the hand-stamp used at the 3rd Jamboree for the Association des Scouts du Canada. ASC and Scouts Canada are the two Scouting associations in Canada with the ASC being French speaking and mainly found in Quebec but they do have Groups in all parts of Canada. Usage dates were Aug. 18 – 27, 1978 and the Jamboree was held in Low, QC which is in the Gatineau area just north of Ottawa. There is some confusion as to whether this was the 3rd Jamboree (as stated on the postcard) or the 5th (according to a website) so this will be researched. If any member has information about this Jamboree, please share it with me and Tony Manson.

2022 SOSSI WEBSITE ACCESS

Each year **SOSSI** changes the single Name and Password used by members for access to the website's "members only sections".

If you missed or have forgotten them, please contact the **SOSSI** Secretary for access. His contact information is on the 2nd page of each Journal.

CALLING ALL COLLECTORS

There are a number of **SOSSI** members that actively serve as counselors for the BSA Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. We are in need of stamps to support this endeavor, specifically topicals - cars, trains, airplanes, pets, people, etc... and stamp accumulations in general that Scouts can pick through. If you have some accumulations of stamps that you would be interested in donating, please contact Lee Shedroff at lshedroff@aol.com or Bill Shea at william.shea@sbcglobal.net. Any and all donations are appreciated and they will be put to a good use in promoting stamp collecting.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ William "Bill" Shea

I hope that this finds you and your families well. Fall is rapidly approaching and the days are getting shorter in New England. Temperatures are dropping and the leaves should be turning in the next few weeks. My Scout Troop usually takes



some time off after summer camp and we started meeting again in early September. We have some camping events scheduled including a Council-wide Camporee in October as well as some Eagle Scout Service projects in progress. I have also had a few troops reach out to me to conduct Stamp Collecting Merit Badge sessions in the coming months. Looking forward to it!

SOSSI Journal

Have you taken the time to read through our Journal? It is really a top-of-the-line quality philatelic publication. I'll be the first to admit that I don't read it the day that it arrives, but usually within a couple of days. When I do, I am engulfed with its detail and content. The September/October Edition of the journal was another outstanding edition of our Journal. Details about the AGM, some candid member photos, recognition received by our members, details on new issues, research articles, advertisements, and some society administrative details. Kudos to Pat Rourk, our esteemed editor, in providing such a quality journal for **SOSSI**. Also, thank you to our members who continue to provide such great content for our journal. Pat is always looking for new material for the Journal. If you have some Scouting Stamps, Covers, or stories that you want to share, please take the time to organize your thoughts and send it to Pat!

Membership

We have recently picked up a few new members for **SOSSI**. Have you considered sponsoring someone for membership? Do you know a stamp

collector that might be interested in joining? Have you thought of sharing your copy of the **SOSSI** Journal with a fellow collector? How about showing them some of the website and the resources available? More about membership can be found on the **SOSSI** website at: <https://sossi.org/society/join.htm>

SOSSI Chapters

I have mentioned to you before about the number of active Chapters of **SOSSI**. Have you even thought of starting or restarting a dormant chapter? With Zoom and other platforms, it is very easy to get people together, to share stories, research, material, conduct mini-auctions, or formal presentations. It can also be a great way to bring new members into Scouting Philately. I ask that you consider doing so too! If you are interested in starting a **SOSSI** Chapter, please reach out to me at president@sossi.org.

SOSSI Leadership Positions

We have four positions that we still need to fill – Social Media Coordinator, Advertising Manager, Assistant Journal Editor, and Chapter Affairs Chairperson. If you are interested, please reach out to me at president@sossi.org. We could really use your assistance in filling these positions! I ask that you consider stepping up to assist with some of our **SOSSI** activities and support your society.

Stamp & Philatelic Donations

As always, thank you to those who continue to make donations - stamps and collecting materials to support Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. A shout out to Jack Marcy for his recent donation. It is truly appreciated. There are a few items that we can really use to support our Stamp Collecting Merit Badge efforts: Basic manilla stock sheets or black/double sided/7+ sleeves, Glassine Envelopes, Hinges or Mounts, Scouting Stamps, and any & all stamps are always appreciated. Please let Lee Shedroff or me know if we can be of assistance to support a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge event.

SOSSI Administrative Business

I am currently working with our **SOSSI** leadership on a number of society administrative issues. Also, I recently received some suggestions from our members on potential **SOSSI** Programs that I'll be reviewing with our leadership and ideally will be able to report back to you about in our next **SOSSI** Journal.

You can reach me at president@sossi.org. As always, I look forward to hearing from you, our membership. Happy Scouting Stamp Collecting!

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Shea

THE PASSING OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

In September, the United Kingdom honored and celebrated the life of Queen Elizabeth II. She was the longest reigning monarch in the history of their nation.

The Queen was also known as one of the world's best-known philatelists. She greatly expanded the Royal Philatelic Collection and arranged for it to be put on display. It is considered one of the most valuable collections in the world.

The Queen was a Girl Guide in her youth. She also served as the Patron for Scouting in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

A miniature silhouette of the monarch's head is depicted on all stamps of Great Britain, yet there is only one set of Scouting Stamps with her full image, issued in 1957 for the Jubilee - 50th Anniversary of Scouting. Here is that set of stamps, Scott # 334-336.



Scott #s 334-336 1957 Great Britain Scout Jubilee

I was able to locate a few stamps of then Princess Elizabeth in a Girl Guides Uniform. One is from Kiribati from 1987, part of a set commemo-

rating the Queen's 40th Wedding Anniversary. Another from the British Virgin Islands in 2006 commemorates the Queen's 80th Birthday. There is another one issued in 2021 for the Queen's 95th Birthday, again from the British Virgin Islands, as part of a mixed sheet with stamps from other Commonwealth Nations. I'm sure there may be more. Here are the ones I've found so far:



Kiribati - 1987 Scott 495



British Virgin Islands
2006 - Scott 1068



British Virgin Islands
2021 - Scott Unk

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING COMMEMORATIVE COVER



This is our awesome commemorative cover for the SOSSI Annual General Meeting. With only the small group able to crossover the international lines due to the COVID pandemic the only way to obtain one of these "gems" is via the Society President. Contact him at: president@sossi.org



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NATIONAL JAMBOREE – UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022

The 2023 Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Jamboree is from 19-28 July 2023, at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve, Glen Jean, West Virginia. As you know, **SOSSI** is organizing and leading the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Booth at the Jamboree.



ments. I'm optimistic that we will be able to accomplish it.

We will also schedule a **SOSSI** Gathering/Meeting at the Stamp Collecting Booth during the Jamboree. Not sure what the date will be yet, but will share it as we get closer.

We have volunteers for the Jamboree, but are still looking for some more. Since I last shared with you details about the Jamboree, we have had no new volunteers, but are focused on getting those who have expressed an interest registered. As I have mentioned before, ideally, we need about 10 volunteers to support the Booth. There is still time to participate. You do not need to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. We have one **SOSSI** member from Canada who has registered and will be part of our staff. If you are interested in staffing the Stamp Collecting Booth at the BSA National Jamboree in 2023 or have questions about what we do and how staffing a Jamboree works, please contact me at president@sossi.org.

Jamboree planning and coordination is continuing. I have been in contact with the Merit Badge Team identifying our staff members and registration. I have also been in contact with the Logistics Team and reviewing the support requirements. Based on my latest conversation with the organizers, ideally the Stamp Collecting Booth will be co-located or at least nearby one of the USPS Trucks (mobile post office).

As I shared in the last edition of the journal, the logistics and the funding to support the booth is potentially changing. In past Jamborees, we (**SOSSI** and other merit badges hosts) were responsible for the program material inside the booth (tent) and the Jamboree provided the tents, tables, chairs, electrical hook-ups, etc., but most importantly, the Jamboree funded it. I'm working with some of our Board of Directors to initiate a fund-raising effort and are reaching out to various stamp dealers, auction houses, other societies, and philatelic entities to raise what could potentially be as much as \$3,000 to support the logistics require-

The Jamboree website is open for staff registration. Jamboree Staff Members can register for the entire Jamboree, or if your schedule only permits being there a portion of the time, you can register for one of two designated sessions (basically half of the Jamboree). The dates for Staff are 16 thru 29 July (if staffing the entire Jamboree) or first session (17 to 23 July) or second session (24 to 29 July). Ideally, we would like to have staff for the duration of the Jamboree, but will definitely take someone for only one session if that is only when they are available. Register under assignment: 6154 "Program - Merit Badges Booth Staff." The registration website is: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/jamboree-service-team/>. As always, please notify me if you are registering as soon as possible, as I need to let the Merit Badge Team leadership know that you have registered so that they can "grab you" and ensure the appropriate staff offering.

For more information about the 2023 BSA National Jamboree go to: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>. You can also subscribe to receive details and updates at this website. As more information becomes available, I'll continue to share it with you via our Journal or other communication means.

I look forward to hearing from you! Again, if you are interested in staffing the Stamp Collecting Booth at the 2023 BSA Jamboree, please contact me at president@sossi.org. Always looking for volunteers! I'm looking forward to going back to the Summit in 2023!

Yours in Scouting,

Bill Shea

THE STROLLING PHOTOGRAPHER



I have been told recently that people don't recognize the term Candid Camera any more! So in consultation we now have a strolling cameraperson who seems to have been able to attend the festivities in Comacchio, Italy recently. Examining these two pictures closely, as you would a stamp, amongst other participants you will find the three USA SOSSI attendees.

THERE WERE PERFORATIONS IN MORE THAN STAMPS!

Back, long before digital banking, everything banking wise was done by hand and or typewriter as this bank draft on the right was completed. The three illustrations to the right are two pictures of a draft written on an account in the Bank of Brownfield, Texas and the translation of the reverse and upside down perforations. What's really unique is the fact that the draft was written from one Boy Scout Account to a second Boy Scout Account in the same town and council supporting Boy Scouting in 1949! (See Figure 1)

Of additional interest is the number of rubber stamps three, the *For Deposit Only* in black stamp, the purple Lubbock National Bank *PAY TO THE ORDER OF* stamp of May 17, 1949 and the final Brownfield State Bank Black stamp any *BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO.* of May 18, 49. (Figure 2) Finally, the real reason I inspected and investigated this draft was the upside down and reverse perforations. Doing some research, I was able to decode the perforations as shown in Figure 3.¹

I also learned that by 1928 most financial corporations used a coding system via the perforations to verify when the check/draft was actually "cashed" at the home institution.²

Thanks to Peter Metzloff for an interesting and unusual quest!

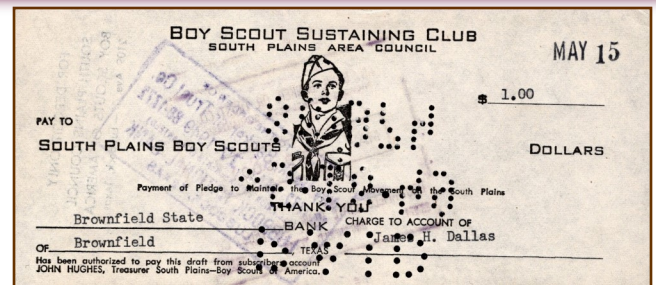


Figure 1: Front of Boy Scout Sustaining Club Draft



Figure 2: Reverse of Boy Scout Sustaining Club Draft

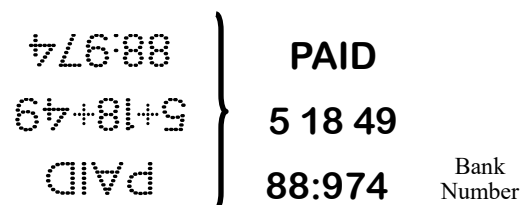


Figure 3: Bank perforations lifted from check and translated

Endnotes:

1. Haskins and Sells Bulletin, Vol 11, no. 10 (October), p77-79
2. Ibid

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES ~ Woodrow "Woody" Brooks

I am pleased to announce a welcome to our newest U. S. member, Clarissa Ferraris.

A quick reminder that for many of our members, dues are expiring on December 31, 2022. You can find your date of expiration on the back page of the printed Journal. That information is not available for members receiving the electronic version. Email notices should have been received by those who receive the electronic version of the Journal as of October, 2022. The secretary is hoping for dues payment for 2022 to be received no later than November 2022 to help avoid the upcoming holidays in the U.S.A.

Thanks to our members that have sent in donations as requested in the last Journal. The list of names will be published in the January/February 2023 Journal. This helps to offset the cost of printing and mailing the Journals along with the associated costs of mailing notices to members. **SOSSI**, no longer is earning money from participating in the U.S.A. National Jamborees. It has come to the point of our dues paying members subsidizing the cost of the printed Journal for our Life Members. Please consider a donation if you haven't already done so.

~~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS ~~

Woody Brooks



NEW INDONESIAN SCOUT STAMPS

New Indonesian Scout Stamps

To commemorate the 11th Indonesian National Scout Jamboree which been held at Cibubur Scout Camp from 14th to 21st August 2022, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, through the Directorate General for Post and Information, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, issued a set of two special stamps. Both stamps with denomination of Rp (Indonesian Rupiah) 3,500 (approximately US\$ 0.25).

The first stamp depicts Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX, the Founding Father of Gerakan Pramuka, with a bonfire in the background. Gerakan Pramuka is the Indonesia's National Scout Organization, established in 1961. The Scouting movement came to Indonesia (at that time it was Netherland-Indies) in 1912. The movement growing rapidly and after the Independence of the Republic of Indonesia on 17th August 1945 up to the end of the 1950s there were around 60 Scouting organizations in this country. Later, all the Scouting organizations blended into one National Scout Organization - Gerakan Pramuka.

The second stamp depicts Nusa, the local eagle bird, the mascot of the 11th Indonesian National Scout Jamboree with the logo of the jamboree in the background. The mascot was drawn by Dicky Mardona, while the logo was drawn by Dadang Lesmana.



The stamps were issued on 14th August 2022, the opening day of the jamboree. Each stamp size is 40 x 30 mm, with the composition in the full sheet of 16 pieces (8 set of stamps). Printed in 4 separation colours with one invisible ink in postage stamp paper, PVA gum, and the printing pro-

(See Indonesia on page 140)

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The **SOSSI** Board of Directors has approved a policy change to the **SOSSI** Membership List to make the website Membership Directory more complete and useful to our members. Please take a moment to look at the Membership List in the members-only portion of the website to see if you are presently listed.

If you are not currently on the list or wish to change how you are listed or to be removed, or you would like to be included, please contact the **SOSSI** Secretary at secretary@sossi.org with the specific personal data items you wish to be shown in the **SOSSI** Membership List.

I am writing this column on September 10 as my daughter and I leave for Italy and EuroScout 2022 on September 12. By the time you read this *EuroScout* will be an event in the past. I am grateful that although Covid-19 is still with us, conditions throughout the world have improved to the point that most Scouting and philatelic activities can be held in person. It will be a great pleasure to meet so many old friends and meet many new ones.

There are many facets to Scout stamp collecting. In addition to the Scout stamps, one can collect errors, proofs, local posts, personalized stamps, first day covers, bulletins and announcement folders, event covers, Scout cancellations, first day of issue programs, post cards, etc.

An interesting category is the collection of Scout seals or labels. Thousands of these have been issued world-wide since Scouting began in 1907. Many of these were issued with a monetary denomination on the seal and can be confused with genuine postage stamps. Some countries call them "revenue" stamps as their purpose is to raise money for some Scouting event or activity.

There is no catalog on Scout seals/labels although some attempts have been made in individual countries. Harry Thorsen, Jr. the founder of *SOSSI*, and Arthur McKinney, in 1955, made an attempt to compile some of these in 'Boy Scout Fund Seals and Camp Post Stamp.' See Figure 1 for view of the cover.

Thorsen also listed some Scout seals in a 1960 Specialized Catalogue, "Scout Stamps Scout

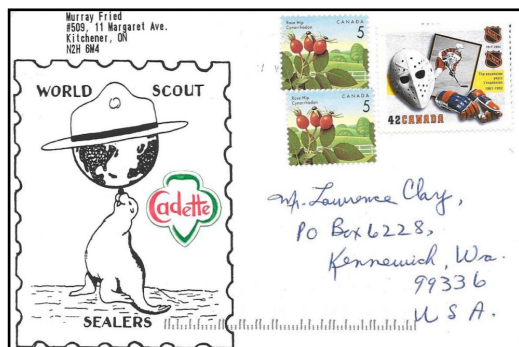


Figure 1: Seals Pamphlet Cover

Seals." The listings here are quite incomplete. I am sure that there are individuals who have nearly complete collections of these for their country.

For many years, Murray Fried of Kitchener, Canada was the leading Scout seal/label collector and cataloguer in the world. He maintained correspondence throughout the world with a "World Scout Sealers" frequent mailing and also wrote a

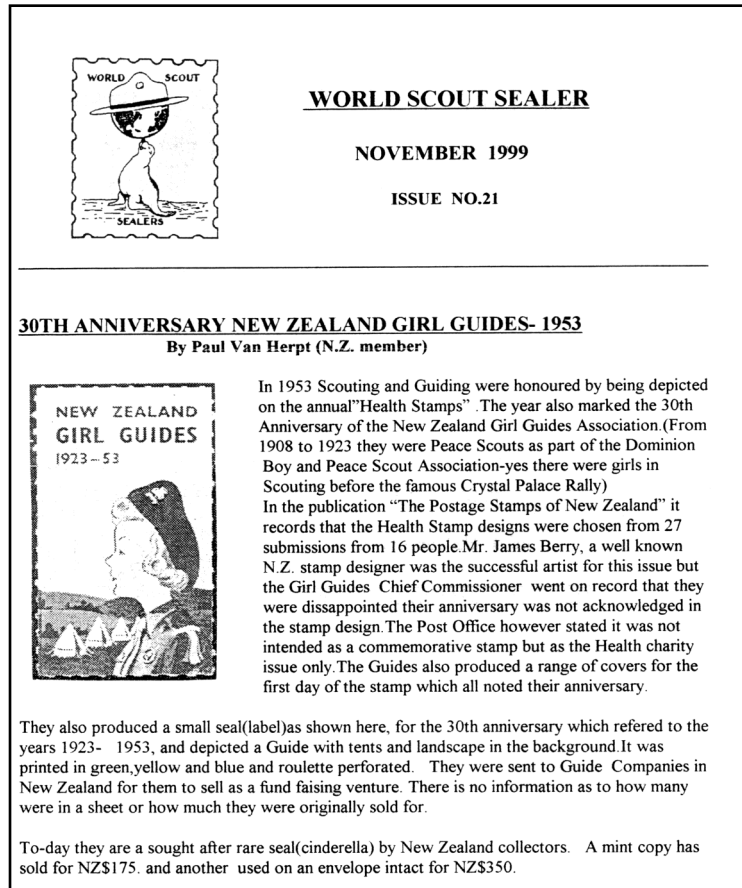


Figure 2: Kitchener World Scout Sealers Cover

column for the *SOSSI* Journal called "Sealing Along." See Figure 2 for a typical Fried letter and Figure 3 upper right for one of the labels he prepared for the 11th Kitchener Scout Group that he led for about 20 years.

France and England were among the countries where Scout seals appeared by 1910. The first known Scout seals in the United States were a Girl Scout and a Boy Scout seal by A. S. Hinds, Portland, Maine as part of a set of six promoting their best selling product, "Honey and Almond Cream." See Figure 4 to the right.



Figure 3: 11th Kitchener Scout Group Label



Figure 4: 1st Known US Scout Seals

They are catalogued as S14-1 and S14-2 in the online version of Levy's Boy & Girl Scout Cachet Covers of the United States.

What value does a name have? Often various items including philatelic items are autographed by celebrities. Some autographs are almost priceless such as those of early US Presidents. In the Scouting world, items signed by Lord Robert Baden-Powell or Lady Baden-Powell have some value but not as much as one would think as they both autographed many items or signed many letters. A recent item showed up on eBay with a signature that many younger US citizens or world-wide people might not recognize. An event cover for the Paxton District Saluting the Keystone Area Council Camporee at Hershey, PA in May 1963 was signed by Curtis E. LeMay (1906 – 1990). At that

time he was Chief of Staff of the US Air Force. He was famous for the World War II strategic bombing of Japan and as commander of Strategic Air Command (SAC). The cover sold for \$21.50 so a couple of people still remembered him. See Figure 5.

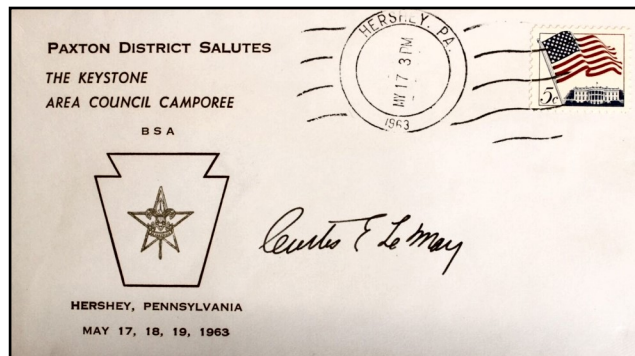


Figure 5: Cover with LeMay Signature

Among the most famous signatures in US Scouting is that of Norman Rockwell, famous artist and illustrator known for his Saturday Evening Post magazine covers and Boy Scout calendars and as the designer of the 1960 US Boy Scout stamp. Shown in Figure 6 is a February 23, 1960 cover

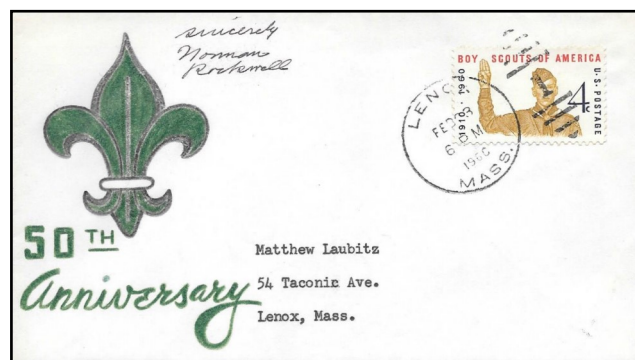


Figure 6: Cover Signed by Rockwell

with a cachet hand drawn by Rockwell and cancelled at Lenox, MA Where Rockwell then lived.

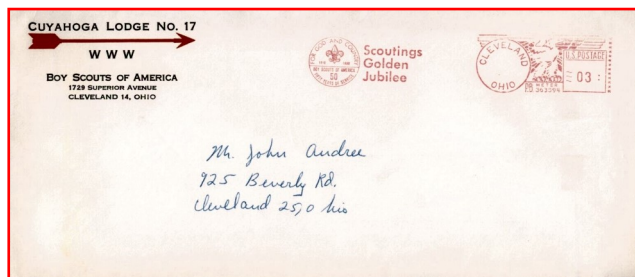


Figure 7: Cuyahoga Lodge No. 17 Cover

The huge majority of items listed on eBay do not sell. However, it just takes two bidders inter-

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**1900 Mafeking Siege “Blues”:
 What Baden-Powell Wrote about Them (Part 1)**

After leading the successful defense of the siege of Mafeking during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War, Lord Baden-Powell (1857-1941) neither spoke publicly nor wrote about his role in the development and production of the local photographic or “blueprint” stamps – the Mafeking siege “Blues” – especially, the stamps which bore his likeness (Figure 1), with two notable exceptions (of which I am aware) – one discussed here, and the other to be discussed in Part 2. Baden-Powell’s role was recounted by Edward Ross, a photographer and the Mafeking auctioneer, who also produced the photographic or “blueprint” £1 siege notes (Figure 2), in his diary of the siege ¹:



Figure 1: 3d Baden-Powell head “blueprint” stamp.



Figure 2: Edward Ross, standing outside the “Mafeking Mint” and holding a £1 siege note which he manufactured for the Imperial authorities [courtesy Historical Publications Southern Africa (HiPSA), <https://hipsa.org.za/>].

Wednesday, 21 March [1900]

The negatives of the Colonel’s sketch-book turned out excellently, so he will now finish the sketch of [the] proposed £1 note and send it over to me to be copied. He also proposes to make an issue of postage stamps, if I can manage to get a good photo of his head, make say ½ dozen prints, and then recopy same, reduced to proper size on one piece, and print them on the blue paper, and

afterwards get them perforated and gummed.^{2,3}

For this purpose the Colonel came over this afternoon and gave me two sittings.

Baden-Powell confirmed Ross’s account in his Staff Diary (entry on 22 March 1900)².

Sometime after his promotion in 1903 to Lieutenant General in the British Army, Baden-Powell annotated a typewritten album page with a “MAFEEKING BESIEGED” overprinted stamp, and 1d cyclist and 3d small format Baden-Powell head photographic or “blueprint” stamps (Figure 3a):

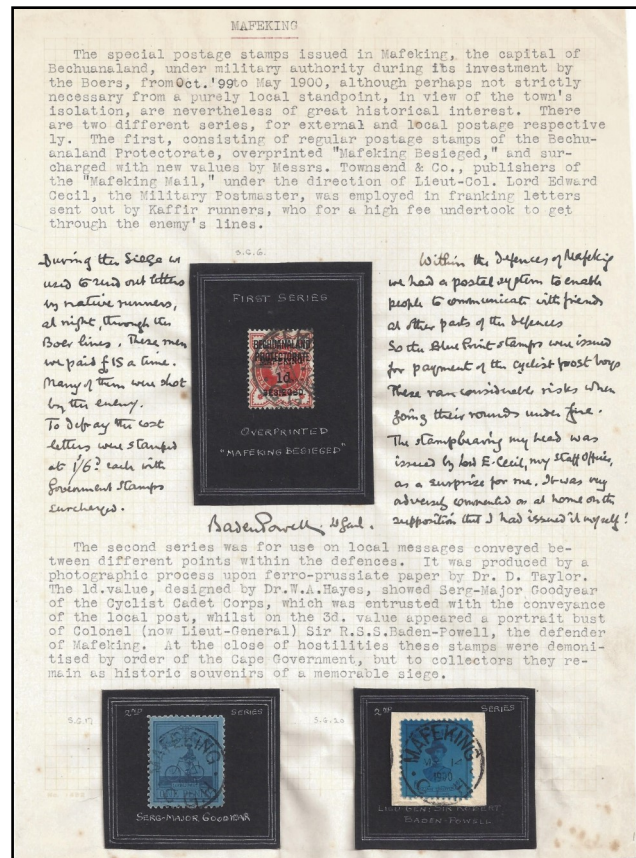


Figure 3a: Stamp album page annotated by Baden-Powell (courtesy owner).

During the siege we used to send out native runners, at night, through the Boer lines. These men were paid £15 at a time. Many of them were shot by the enemy. To defray the cost letters were stamped with 1s/6d each

with Government stamps surcharged.

Within the defences (sic) of Mafeking we had a postal system to enable people to communicate with friends and other parts of the defences. So the Blue Print stamps were issued for payment of the cyclist post boys. These ran considerable risks when going their rounds under fire. The stamp bearing my head was issued by Lord E. Cecil, my Staff Officer, as a surprise for me. It was adversely commented on at home on the supposition that I had issued it myself!

Baden-Powell, Lt Genl.

In 1945, after Baden-Powell's death, his wife, Lady Baden-Powell (1889-1977) (Figure 4), con-



Figure 4: Lady Baden-Powell in her apartment in the Hampton Court Palace (front cover of her autobiography, *Window On My Heart*).

firmed his handwriting of the autographed note (Figure 3b, above right) at the Birmingham and Midland Institute (Figure 5, right).

At the time Baden-Powell wrote his autographed note, the album page was owned by Vivian Collett (1875-1953), a Fellow of the then-Royal Society London – today, the Royal Philatelic Soci-

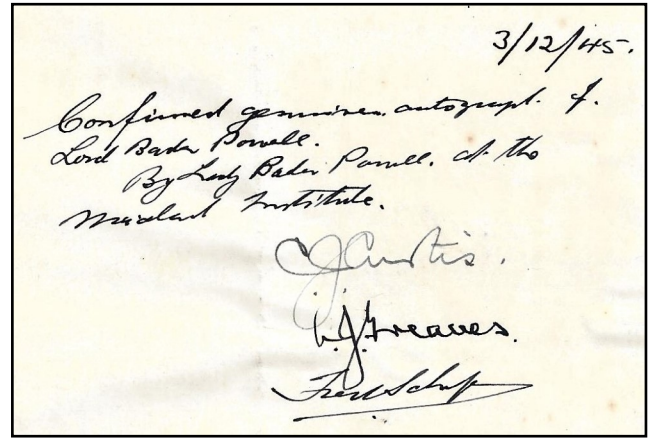


Figure 3b: Attest on back of stamp album page annotated by Baden-Powell (courtesy owner).



Figure 5: Birmingham and Midland Institute (courtesy <https://www.google.com/maps/>).

ety London – who had served in the South African Light Horse during the 2nd Anglo-Boer War (Figure 6) and later as a civil servant in the Trans-



Figure 6: South African Light Horse (courtesy <https://www.greatwarforum.org/topic/254335-south-african-light-horse-1902-1914/>).

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vaal, before taking up his final residence in the grand detached house “Marl Bank” in Rainbow Hill, Worcester – a former home of the famous English composer, Edward Elgar (1857-1934) [3]. Under the heading MAFEKING STAMPS, the Rand Daily Mail, an English-language newspaper in Johannesburg, South Africa (1902-1985), published an October 29, 1937, letter to the editor from Collett (Figure 7). He wrote in response to

MAFEKING STAMPS

Sir --- In regard to your recent account of Mr. L. A. B. Sharpe's Collection of stamps and postal covers of the Boer War in the Stamp Exhibition at Dorland Hall may I say that I have a similar collection which contains many items of historical interest.--- some, indeed, unique. I served in the South African Light Horse. I have a cover bearing two of the normal "Mafeking Besieged." overprint stamps with postal cancelling in May, 1900, a few days before Mafeking was relieved. In justice, to Lord Baden-Powell, and in order to place the issue of the famous Blue Print stamps, in proper historical perspective, it should be emphasised, that two values were issued.

The One Penny bears the portrait of Sargt.-Major Goodyear, of the Cyc1ist Cadet Corps, on a bicycle, and the Three-pence that of "BP". This fact is important to bear in mind by adverse critics (if any still exist) of the portrait, on the Three Penny stamp in order that the facts of the issues of the "Mafeking Besieged" overprinted and Blue Printed stamps may once and for all time be cleared up I quote an autobiographical note That "B-P" very kindly wrote on a page "in my collection of Mafeking stamps.

"During the siege, we used to send, out native runners, at night, through the Boer lines, "These men were paid £15 a time. Many of them were shot by the enemy. To defray the cost letters were stamped at 1s 6d each with Government stamps surcharged. Within the defences of Mafeking we had a postal system to enable people to communicate with friends at other parts of the defences. So the Blue Print stamps were issued for payment of the cyclist post boys. These ran considerable risks when going their rounds under fire. The stamp bearing my portrait was issued by Lord E. Cecil, my staff Officer, as a surprise for me. It was adversely commented on at home, on the supposition that I had issued it myself."- Yours, faithfully,

V. COLLETT, F.R.S.L.
Rainbow-hill, Worcester, Oct. 29, 1937.

Figure 7: Letter to the editor of the Rand Daily Mail newspaper from Vivian Collett (courtesy John Ineson).

the newspaper's earlier account of the display of L.A.B. Sharpe's collection of stamps and covers of the 2nd Anglo-Boer War at the 2nd Annual London Stamp Exhibition at Dorland Hall, Lower Regent Street, London, held on October 16-23, 1937 (Figure 8 on right).

A consummate politician, Baden-Powell carefully chose his words in his autograph note on Collett's album page, neither confirming nor denying his role in the development and production of the Mafeking siege “Blues.” Only after his death, when Ross's diary and Baden-Powell's own Staff Diary became available and were studied by researchers, did the true picture become visible.

Acknowledgement

I wish to thank SOSSI member John Ineson in the UK for assistance with the research for this report, including 1937 newspaper clippings about Vivian Collett and Baden-Powell's autograph note

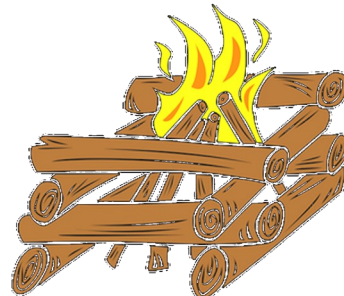


Figure 8: 2nd Annual London Stamp Exhibition at Dorland Hall, Lower Regent Street, London, in October 1937 (courtesy Getty Images).

on an album page in his (Collett's) collection of Mafeking stamps.

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A FUTURE US PRESIDENT PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO THE WORLD JAMBOREE ~ John Dowd



Figure 1: The S. S. Pocahontas with 300 Jamboree Boy Scouts of America on Board en Route for Southampton, England. Circa 1917-1922 photograph is an undated, post card without a publisher, reverse side has JH 105. Scrapbook with three hundred photographs is owned by the Naval History and Heritage Command.

<https://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/nhhc/our-collections/photography/alphabetical---donations0/p/s-077-uss-pocahontas-reunion-association-collection.html>

Background

In June 1900 the Norddeutscher [North German] Lloyd (NDL) launched the Barbarossa Class of ships for the German Empire Mail Run to New York City. The ship, Prinzess Irene, was named for the 1855 ship. In 1911 the ship stranded on a Fire Island sand bar for eighty-three hours.

A new Assistant Secretary of the Navy was appointed in March 1913 prior to the outbreak of World War I when the British Royal Navy stranded the Prinzess Irene in the New York Harbor. The 1917 U. S. "Enemy Vessel Confiscation Joint Resolution", allowed the Army to sized the Prinzess Irene at its Hoboken berth for the American Expeditionary Force. The resolution also provide for charting lines.

The Army Transportation Service, unable to modify liner cargo holds and add armament, turned conversion over to the U. S. Navy's Brooklyn Yard, Cruiser-Transport Force (CFT). The Navy required the ship's name, be changed to Princess Irene before accepting Hull Number, SP-3044, (Special Purpose). The Navy chose American historical figures names like Pocahontas and

others like Leviathan where enlistee Humphrey Bogart served.

The German submarine, a converted Deutschland, a Merchant submarine designed to ship materials, surfaced in her path and straddled her with 5.9" shells. The USS Pocahontas transport Captain, commenced a zigzag course, at full speed, 16.2 knots keeping the U-151 astern. Captain Edward C. Kalibus was awarded the Navy Cross for saving the ship.

The CFT, disband in 1919, and the Army Transport Service intending to use Hudson River anchorages around Iona Island near the Harriman Inter-State park, Kahnawake Lakes Scout Camps. The Army realized that the cost of maintenance would become prohibitive and decommissioned the ship on November 7, 1919, leaving the United States Shipping Board to deal with the disposition in 1929.

Scouting Connections

Around this time James E. West, BSA Scout Executive asked the Secretary to develop a Sea Scout Program. [The Navy Blue Jacket Manual was the first Sea Scout Handbook.] That request was turned down because the Secretary was planning to resign the Navy post to involve himself in local and state politics. In November 1919 he was involved with the United States Shipping Board, chartering the United States Mail Steamship Company of New York.

However, thirty days before his August 26, 1920 resignation, the Jamboree contingent was offered transportation on the USS Pocahontas operated by United States Mail Steamship Company. From around the country three hundred scouts assembled at Fort Hamilton Army Base, Brooklyn, New York.

A U. S. Army Transport Cutter carried the scouts across the Harbor of New York to meet the USS Pocahontas, berthed in Hoboken, New Jersey for their 9:30 AM boarding and 12:30 PM Departure.

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NEW ISSUES REPORT ~ Lawrence E. Clay, DP-7

Indonesia issued a set of two stamps in a sheet of 16 stamps on August 14, 2022. Details on this issue may be found elsewhere in this Journal.

The Scouts of Japan celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2022. The Japanese Postal Service did not issue a stamp commemorating the event but a personalized sheet of 10 stamps was authorized. See Figure 1.



Figure 1: 2022 Japan Personalized Sheet of 10

Issues from Mozambique and Togo have been verified. Both commemorate the 165th anniversary of the birth of Lord Robert Baden-Powell. See Figures 2 through 7.

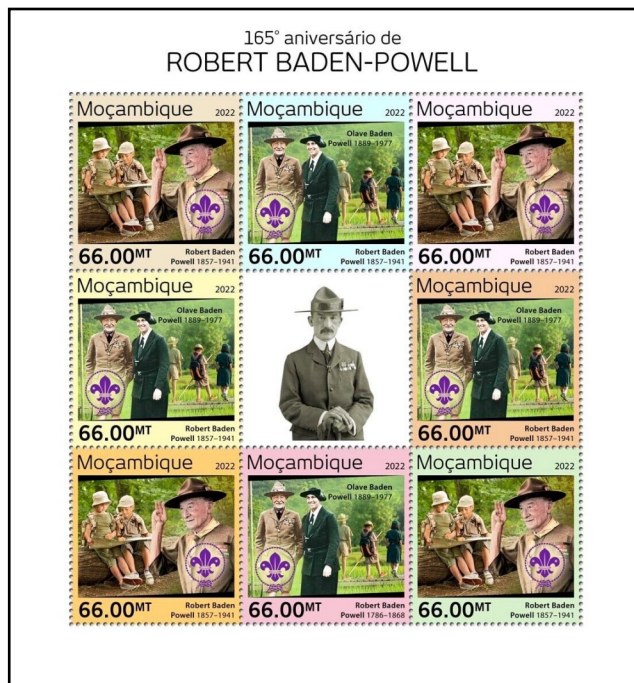


Figure 2: Mozambique B-P MS of 8

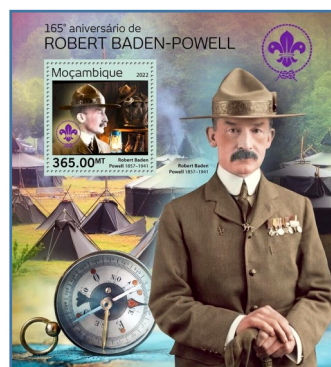


Figure 3: Mozambique B-P SS



Figure 4: Mozambique Lady B-P SS

115^E ANNIVERSAIRE DU SCOUTISME



Figure 5: Togo B-P MS of 4

115^E ANNIVERSAIRE DU SCOUTISME



Figure 7: Togo Lady B-P SS

Both Sierra Leone and Togo have issued a set of 8 postal cards for the emergency response in the Ukraine. The design is the same for both. See Figure 8.

115^E ANNIVERSAIRE DU SCOUTISME



Figure 6: Togo B-P SS

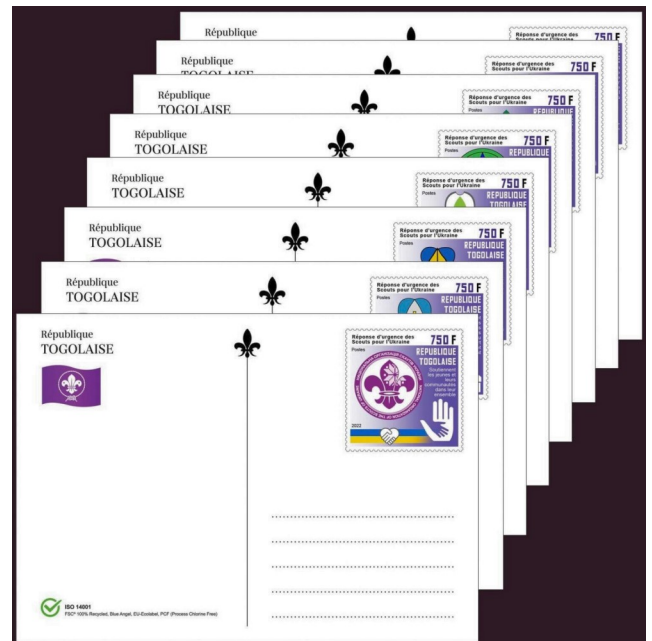


Figure 8: Togo 2022 set of 8 Postal Cards



In Memory of Queen Elizabeth II

For the majority of our lives we have only known one monarch of the United Kingdom. Queen Elizabeth II's reign of 70 years is the longest in British history. Her dignity and grace contributed to the world's stability through vast changes for decades. We honor her and her service to the British and the world.



Figure 1: Royal Standard flag of the United Kingdom

The Queen's Royal Cypher was used on some meter stamps during her reign. Here is the earliest



Figure 2: Queen Elizabeth II Royal Cypher used in indicia

known Scouting related slogan meter stamp using the Queen Elizabeth II Royal Cypher. This is a Neopost type E2 meter stamp that was used in 1953. The type E2 meter stamp prominently displays the Royal Cypher in the center of the frank. The frank measures 23-25 mm wide and contains an "N" at the bottom left identifying Neopost as the manufacturer.¹ This slogan shows St. George, the patron saint of scouting, and the dragon.



Figure 3: B.P. Memorial Fund

The next slogan promotes funding of the B.P. Memorial Fund to help build the Baden-Powell House. It also uses the type E2 meter stamp. Note that "Great Britain" is in the upper banner of the

indicia. The center of the frank is surrounded by an oval of petal-like shapes. "Post" and "Paid" are in the lower banners above the prefix "N" and the license number "18."²

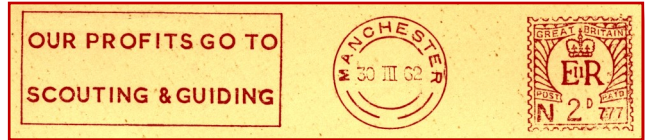


Figure 4: Scout and Guide Shop slogan

The Scout and Guide Shop Ltd. announced where it sent its profits in the slogan shown here. This Neopost meter stamp was printed with license number 777.

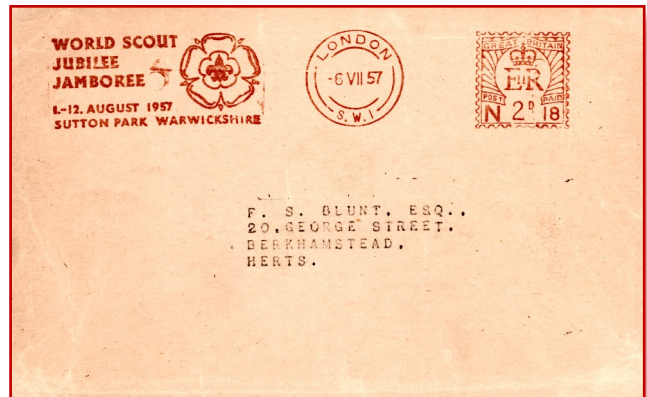


Figure 5: 1957 World Jamboree with type E2 meter stamp

British meter slogans of the World Jamboree in 1957 were produced with three different meter stamp types. Two of those use the Royal Cypher of Queen Elizabeth II, while the third uses the Royal Cypher of King George VI. The cover shown above displays the type E2 meter stamp.



Figure 6: 1957 World Jamboree with type E8 meter stamp

The other meter stamp that used the Queen Elizabeth II Royal Cypher for the 1957 Jamboree was the type E8.³ Like the type E2, "Great Britain" is shown in the banner at the top. This Neopost meter is identified by the "NA" in the lower left and the license number at the lower right of the frank. Centered at the bottom of the frank is the Royal Cypher.



Figure 7: The Scout Shop with E8 indicia

The Scout Shop used a slogan with two different meter stamp types. The one shown here uses the type E8 meter stamp.⁴ The illustrations shown here have a broken inner circle in the Town Mark.



Figure 8: Universal Postal Frankers

A promotional slogan for the Scouting publication, “World Scouting,” used a type E5 meter stamp. This design was created using the Universal “Multi-Value” meter machine. This is very similar to the Type E8 but displays a license number prefix identifier at the lower left beginning with “U” to designate Universal as the machine manufacturer. The Town Mark uses a double circle.⁵



Figure 9: Badge of World Scouting with Type E5 indicia

ber prefix identifier at the lower left beginning with “U” to designate Universal as the machine manufacturer. The Town Mark uses a double circle.⁵



Figure 10: License number UF788

The Universal Postal Frankers Type E5 machine was also used to celebrate the Centenary of the birth of Baden Powell. These three slogans were created with the machine with license number UF788. The Queen Elizabeth II Royal Cypher was used on these Scout slogan meter stamps from 1952 - 1963.



Figure 11: Respecting the Queen Mother

There is one Scout slogan that honors the Queen Mother. It is from the Girl Guides Association and it recognized her eightieth birthday in 1980.

I received new information in regards to last issue’s local council slogans. This Camden Coun-

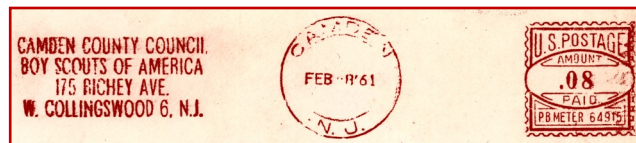


Figure 12: Camden County Council BSA

ty Council of the BSA used its address as a slogan in 1961.



Figure 13: Timber Trails Council BSA

Shown above is a favor proof of an address slogan from the Timber Trails Council.



Figure 14: Street address not included

The Adirondack Council of Plattsburg, NY did not include their street address on this slogan.

I would like to thank Hallvard Slettebø and Randall Frank for their contributions to this article.

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2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.
5. Ibid.

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cess is offset. All the stamps were printed at the Perum Peruri, the Indonesian Government Security Printing Company. The total of the stamp issued are 80,000 sets.



There was also an official First Day Cover (FDC) issued by the Indonesian Postal Service. This is a very limited edition FDC, since only 1,500 FDCs were issued. The price of each FDC is Rp 17,000 (around US\$ 1.17) and all numbered on the back cover from 0001/1500 of 1500/1500.

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ture. Regular passengers travel in state rooms while the scouts traveled in cargo holds which included washrooms and water closets, cooking facilities installed by the (CFT) when it was used as a troop transport.

The former Assistant Navy Secretary, Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR), became involved with the politics of New York, and began working assisting James E. West with New York City scouting. FDR developed and was in charge of the Boy Scout Foundation of New York. The scouting program success eventually overwhelmed the camp sites at Harriman Inter-state Park, Kanohwahke Lakes. FDR then raised the million dollars to the purchase property in the Town of Tusten, Sullivan County, New York for a scout camp. Initially called the Brooklyn Scout Camps and later the Ten Mile River Scout Reservation.

End of the Line

The United States Mail Steamship Company of New York was liquidated, and the United

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ested in an item to bring the price up. A recent example is the Cuyahoga Lodge No. 17, Cleveland, Ohio cover with a 1960 Scouting's Golden Jubilee meter slogan shown in Figure 7.

The cover sold for about \$69.00, probably as a result of a struggle between an order of the Arrow collector and a meter slogan collector.

On July 1, 1969 Guinea issued a set of 6 Scouting stamps. Recently, a proof set of this issue was listed on eBay by a Latvian dealer. It sold for a surprisingly low price of \$10 plus shipping. See Figure 8.



Figure 8: 1969 Guinea Proof Set

In my column, page 34 in the March/April issue of the **SOSSI** Journal I illustrated a 1935 US National Jamboree cover signed by Green Bar Bill that was listed for \$20,000 with it discounted to \$18,870! This seller is listing the same cover again but this time for only \$9,000! Buyer aware!

NEW SCOUT CANCEL



WJ55 Ukranian Seals

On August 20, 1955, Canada issued a scout stamp honoring the 8th World Jamboree held in Niagara-On-The-Lake. Shortly after, the designer of the stamp, Mr. L. Hyde remarked in an interview about the difficulty in coming up with a new design since so many countries had already used most scouting symbols. He was right – the September 1955 edition of “Stamps” in New York had an article commenting on the similarity of the Canadian stamp design to a set of five seals or labels issued by the Ukrainian Plast (Scout) organization three years earlier in 1952.



Figure 1: Canadian Scout Stamp Honoring the 8th World Jamboree in Niagara-On-The-Lake



Figure 2: Ukranian Plast (scout) design of an organization seal of 1952

The set commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the Plast organization and had the Ukrainian scout emblem in the middle between two world globes, just like the design of the Canadian scout stamp.

Someone highlighted this on a first day cover by placing one of the seals beside the new stamp and having it cancelled in Toronto on the first day, August 20, 1955.

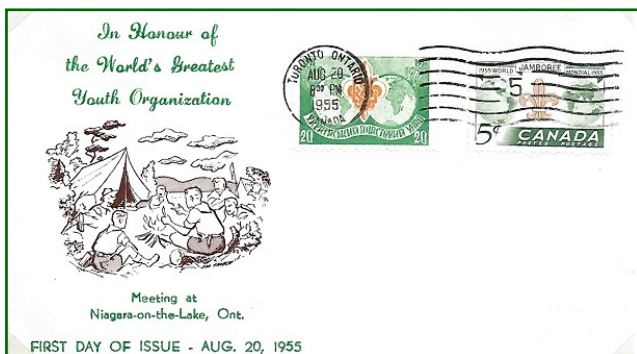


Figure 3: First Day Cover with 1955 Canadian issue coupled with Plast seal of 1952



The Scout and Guide Association of Montenegro sponsored the Sixth National Scout Jamboree at MZ Grahovo from July 28 – August 8, 2022 with over 1,000 participants from 20 countries. The previous Jamboree was held in 2014 at Bar.

A special postal cancellation was provided for the Jamboree as seen on the Jamboree post card shown in Figures 1 and 2.



Figure 1: Jamboree Post Card with Cancellation



Figure 2: Picture Side of Jamboree Post Card

Montenegro issued a set of stamps in 2007 for the 100th anniversary of World Scouting. Shown in Figure 3 is post card franked with one of the 2007 stamps.

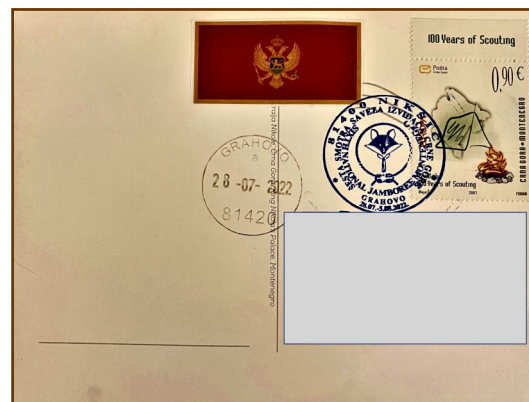


Figure 3: Jamboree Post Card with 2007 Stamp

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1 50 different US Scout cancels	\$35.00
2 30 Great Britain Scout covers	\$30.00
3 20 Japanese Scout covers	\$25.00
4 20 German Scout covers	\$20.00
5 20 Australian Scout covers	\$20.00
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7 40 US Scout Council corner cards	\$25.00

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- Canadian Scout covers by Manson Catalog number
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- Scout stamps and FDCs 1920s – 2020
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(contingent from page 140)

States Shipping Board was assigned the task of disposing of its asserts. Original owners, NDL in 1929 purchased, refurbished and changed name to TS Bremen from S. S. Pocahontas, the only one of the fifteen confiscated ship to be repurchased by the original owner.

The TS Bremen (Turbine Ship) crossed the ocean in five days at 27.5 knots although it reach 32 knots in a sea trial. Leaving without passengers on August 26, 1939 it coincided with September 1, 1939, the start of the Second World War. Bremen was docked at **city** seaport Bremerhaven, November 1943 when it was destroyed in an air raid.

Coincidentally the Pocahontas ship coal was from the Pocahontas coalfield in Mercer and McDowell counties, West Virginia.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- CORRECTED MEMBERSHIP NUMBER**
- 7790 Don Edwards
- DECEASED MEMBERS**
- None
- NEW MEMBERS**
- 7791 Clarissa Ferraris
- REINSTATED MEMBERS**
- 3385 William R. Brown, Jr

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

Total (Aug. 1, 2022)	378
New Members	1
Reinstated	1
Resigned Members	0
Deceased Members	0
Unable to locate	0
Total (Oct. 1, 2022)	380

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