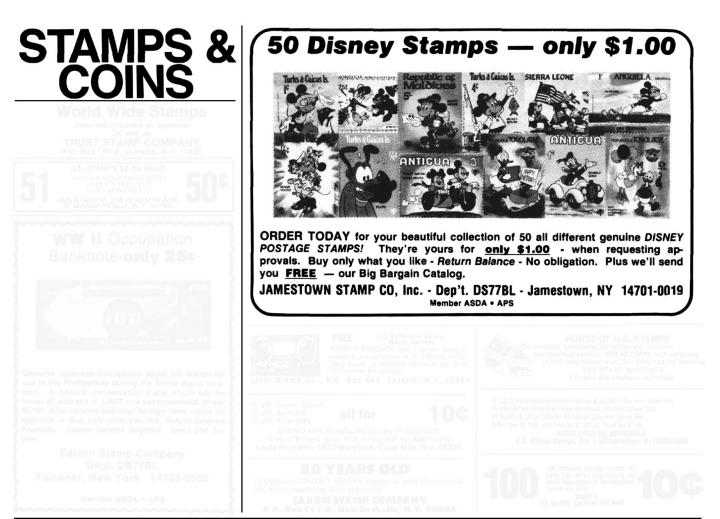
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In the January "Stamps & Coins" column, a reader listed mint marks from all the U.S. mints, past and present. But there was one omission—coins that have no mint mark. Those coins also were minted in Philadelphia.—\$5 to Donald Green, Knoxville, Tenn.



In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States, the Postal Service has issued a 22-cent commemorative stamp showing 14 badges on a green background. Girl Scouting in this country was established by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. Low was inspired by friend Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who started the Boy Scout movement. Following the publication of B-P's "Scouting for Boys" in 1908, more than 6,000 English girls applied to become Scouts, leading to the creation of the Girl Guide movement, headed by B-P's sister Agnes. Low borrowed the concept from the Girl Guides of England.

For three and a half centuries, the National Guard has been prepared for mobilization during war or national emergencies such as floods, tornadoes and riots. Article II of the Bill of Rights established "a well-regulated militia." But the Guard saw its beginning on Oct. 7, 1636, when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony organized its militia into north, south and east regiments. That division increased the militia's efficiency and responsiveness. Today, each state has a National Guard made up of volunteers. The Postal Service issued in December a multicolored, 14cent postal card commemorating the 350th anniversary of the National Guard. Graphic artist Bradbury Thompson based his design for the card on a painting by Don Troiani called "The First Muster."

A great place to get currency from foreign countries is at an international airport. You can find a booth there that will exchange dollars for foreign money for a small charge.—\$5 to Roderick Saxey II, Citrus Heights, Calif.

"Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbook 1986" lists interesting details and background about the 91 postal items released last year. The newly released yearbook also features illustrations of many of the artist's drawings that led up to the stamp designs. It is available in hardcover (\$25) and soft-cover (\$14.95) from Linn's Stamp News, P.O. Box 29, Sidney, OH 45365.

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Are there any postage stamps showing Lord Robert Baden-Powell? If not, there should be.—*Tom Hughes, Buffalo, N.Y.*

• The founder of the worldwide Scouting movement never has been featured on a U.S. postage stamp, but he has been honored on 111 stamps issued by other countries (figure is accurate to 1985, according to Harry Thorsen, founder of the Scouts on Stamps Society). *Scouting Memorabilia* devoted an issue to all the stamps honoring B-P up to 1983. A copy of that issue can be obtained by sending \$1 and a selfaddressed, stamped envelope to Harry Thorsen, 7305 Bounty Dr., Sarasota, FL 33581.