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"Scouts On Stamps" Featured

Large And Active Organization Developed From Publication In 1949 Of Book On Scout Stamps

George V. Holland

Just one year more than a decade ago a new book, aimed especially at the philatelic trade, was released by an Illinois writer. He was Harry D. Thorsen of Winnetka, and his work was a modest offering entitled "Boy Scout Stamps of the World".

In allegiance to its title, it dealt with the various world stamps issued to that time which concerned either Boy or Girl Scouting. Unknown to Mr. Thorsen, there were even then many stamp collectors interested in just that subject, and his offering served as a magnet to draw them together.

One reader, Harold D. Bearce, became sufficiently interested to organize a group of collectors and issue a monthly bulletin entitled "Youth Organizations on Stamps" in November 1951.

When Thorsen was later contacted by the group he promised his cooperation provided the organization excluded stamps issued in recognition of communist youth groups, and devoted itself strictly to Boy and Girl Scout Stamps.

This policy was agreed to in December 1951, and was announced in the January 1952 issue of the monthly bulletin. The organization thereafter became known as the "Scouts on Stamps Society" and the bulletin was renamed "S.O.S., Journal of Scouts on Stamps Society".

Because of the international character of the Society, the "Journal" has served from the beginning as the main link between members in all parts of the world. Herbert F. Curthoys, the second president of the organization, was editor of the "Journal" 1953-59. The present editor is Howard Dimmick of Jefferson, Mass.

After serving six years as president, Mr. Thorsen was elevated in 1958 to chairman of the board of directors. He retired from office in 1960, but continues active in the organization and in SOS collecting, as well as contributing to the Society's Journal.

Present officers are president,

George Holland, Detroit, Mich.; vice presidents, Frank Harris, Elmhurst, Ill.; Frank L. Jones, Ft. Payne, Ala., and Alfred Cettie, Seattle, Wash. Treasurer is Howard Funk of Chicago, Ill., while the secretary continues to be H. Earl Groves, 20 Woodland Rd., Leominster, Mass.

Today the Society has over 750 active members, the majority of whom are volunteer and professional Scouters interested in the topical collecting of Boy and Girl Scout stamps, first day covers, cacheted event covers, seals, and slogan meters.

Many members are veteran Eagle Scouts, while some, in addition, hold Scouting's coveted Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to boyhood. Although Scout membership is not required for membership in the Society, it is required for election to office.

In the past 60 years, about 50 countries have issued close to 200 Scout stamps. The peak year was 1957—the 50th anniversary of the international Scouting movement—when 17 countries issued 56 such commemoratives.

To date, SOS has held five conventions in connection with World and National Scout Jamborees. The conventions give members an opportunity to show their collections, swap Scout items and make personal contacts.

The first one was held in Santa Ana, Calif. in 1953; the second in

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Australian Girl Guide Commem Due August 18

The previously announced 5d blue stamp planned for August release in Australia to mark the golden jubilee of the Girl Guide Movement in that country has now been definitely scheduled. It will appear August 18, according to Maj. R. W. Dettman, 72 Marlow St., Wembley, Western Australia.

A very short sales period is contemplated according to Australian Postmaster General Davidson.

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***Scout Stamps We
Often Overlook***

Herbert W. Dieckmann

There is a phase of collecting Scouts on Stamps which is rather widely missed by a number of topicalists interested in the field. This is in the "related" area, concerning stamps which are not directed primarily at noting some area of Scouting activities.

Certainly, the serious Scouts on Stamps enthusiast will want to have stamps which show Scouts—present or past—and places or incidents associated with Scouting, along with his regular Scout commemorative issues. A little searching discloses some surprising stamps which fit into this category.

For example, a set of Falkland Island Dependencies stamps features famous research ships. Of particular interest to the Scout stamp collectors is the black and mauve 6d where the ship shown is the Royal Research ship "Discovery I".

This is the ship in which Capt. Scott sailed on his 1901-4 expedition. It was later handed over to the Boy Scouts Assn. as a Headquarters Training Ship for Sea Scouts in 1937. Unfortunately, owing to rising costs, the Association had to relinquish ownership of her in November 1953 and she is now "HMS Discovery", a Naval training ship.

Following a stay in drydock she is once again moored at the Thames Embankment at Temple Pier. Although the Discovery has now been taken over by the R.N.V.R. her small boats have been retained for the use of Sea Scouts.

When the film "Scout of the Antarctic" was shown the movement organized a magnificent exhibition on board the Discovery, helped by the Antarctic Society and survivors of Captain Scott's last expedition.

These stamps have been overprinted "Trans-Antarctic Expedition 1955-58". The first issue (February 1954) was not overprinted, but four values were overprinted on January 1, 1956, of which the 6d is one.

In France, French Scouting is split into four separate associations—largely religious divisions—the four being controlled by La Federation du Scoutisme Francais. Scouting has always been popular in France since it was first started in 1910, and in the two wars French Scouts have upheld the ideal of the movement.

In 1938 a most interesting stamp appeared. It depicted the famous Jean Baptiste Charcot, who as well as being a famous sea explorer was President of the Eclaireurs de France, one of the four associations. In 1938-39 two semipostals were issued: 65c plus 35c blue green, and 90c plus 35c bright red violet. Both show Charcot.

Two "Credo" Cachets By Baltimore Scouts

Two Baltimore (Md.) Scout groups will issue first day covers for the Francis Scott Key "Credo" stamp September 14 at Baltimore.

The Scouts on Stamps Society, Old Glory Chapter, Baltimore will feature on its cover what is considered the most authentic painting of the scene when Key wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner" 146 years ago. The painting now hangs in the Flag House on Baltimore's waterfront.

The covers will sell for 20c each, three for 50c, from Robert Bunting, Route 2, Arnold, Md.

Explorer Post 29 will feature a picture of Post members visiting the Flag House, where the huge 15-stripe, 15-star Flag that Key saw over Ft. McHenry was made.

Prices will also be 20c each, three for 50c, from J. William Joynes, 103 Paradise Ave., Baltimore 28, Md. Both types will include on filler cards brief histories and other information concerning the respective covers.

Colorado Trek Cachet By Tonawandas District

The Tonawandas (N. Y.) District Scouts will sponsor a cachet for the Boy Scout National Jamboree opening in Colorado Springs, Colo. July 22.

Covers will be canceled each day July 22-28, at 20c each, seven for \$1. Orders may be sent to Don Graf, Box 547, North Tonawanda, N. Y., specifying which days' postmarks are desired.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell On Stamps Of The World

Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.

Perhaps in our lifetime we will discover that no other man has been honored as a philatelic motif by so many different countries as has the founder of the Boy Scouts, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Already nine different countries have pictured him on eighteen postage stamps from 1900 to the present time.

In addition, many more nations honored him in 1957, the 50th anniversary of his founding the Scout movement and the 100th anniversary of his birth, by issuing other Scout commemoratives.

In 1900 during the Boer War siege of Mafeking in South Africa, Col. Baden-Powell was first pictured on an improvised stamp, made as postage for local use as well as to amuse the garrison.



The First Baden-Powell Stamp
Mafeking, April 10, 1900

Since the town was besieged for 217 days, all men and boys were pressed into service and by the ingenuity of Baden-Powell the defense was successful. Letters were delivered by heroic boy messengers who risked their lives during the bombings to provide this bicycle service.

On April 10, 1900, just 40 days before the town was relieved, there were issued the two different sizes of stamps picturing Baden-Powell. Both designs are alike and each is the 3d value.

Of the smaller size (18½mm wide) 6072 were photographically printed from glass negatives. For the larger size (21mm wide) 3036 were produced. The various shades of dark and light blue copies indicate different exposures on the sensitized paper employed in creating them.

Also printed in the same manner were 9476 stamps picturing a boy messenger known as Sgt. Maj. Warner Goodyear, who could be considered as Baden-Powell's first Boy Scout. Here Baden-Powell was impressed by the many "good turns" performed by his cadet corps and the great value in keeping these youth busy on worthwhile projects.

These stamps are listed under the Cape of Good Hope in the following stamp catalogs: Scott's, small B-P, No. 179; large B-P, 180; bicycle messenger, 178. Gibbons, small 19-20, large 21-22, bicycle 17-18. Minkus, small 18, large 19, bicycle 17.

The Baden-Powell stamps today are quite scarce and command full catalogue prices if in good condition. When found on original envelopes, they are auction items, but must be canceled between April 10 and May 18, 1900 to be genuine. These are truly philatelic museum covers for both Scout collectors and the specialists in British colonial stamps.

Not until 1953 did Baden-Powell again appear on a postage stamp issued by a government. Then Liechtenstein, one of the smallest countries in the world, was selected for the location of the 14th International Boy Scout Conference.

This country reproduced the founder's photograph on four different postal values of the same design on backgrounds of tiny Scout badges. A hand is shown giving the Scout sign.

All the stamps were sold in sheets containing wonderful marginal designs with a Scout hat, neckerchief, slides, knots, and Baden-Powell's African wood beads (which are now part of the Gilwell insignia).

In 1957 the following countries pictured Lord Baden-Powell on one or more of their postage stamps:

Belgium—The 4 francs value is printed in green, with the founder's image centered on a large Scout badge background and the dates 1857-1957. The other stamp in the set is the 80c value, gray in color and showing the Boy Scout and Girl Guide badges.

Brazil—Airmail value 3.30 Cruzeiros is magenta in color and shows Baden-Powell, the Brazilian Boy Scout badge in the central design, and a smaller Girl badge in the lower right corner. Wording is "Centenario Do Nascimento Baden Powell".

Cuba—An airmail 12c gray stamp shows lettering in white under the chief's picture which reads "Lord Baden-Powell, Fundador de Los Boy Scouts 1857-1957".

Luxembourg—A profile portrait of Baden-Powell is shown on a 2fr.

olive and brown value. Below the image are two Scout badges of this country's two divisions of her Scouting organization. The other stamp in the set is a 2.50fr. of the same design except for two different Girl Guide badges. The colors are reddish violet and blue violet.

Netherlands Antilles — Three stamps of different colors and values honor Baden-Powell with his image encircled with a wreath. The two values on each copy indicate semipostal nature, meaning that the smaller amount was collected to benefit Scouting and the larger figure for the postage.

The 6c plus 1½c is orange yellow, 7½c plus 2½c dark green, and 15c plus 5c red. Small Scout emblems appear in each of the four corners. The founder's name and "1907-1957" are below the central design.

Nicaragua—By far the largest number of Scout stamps in 1957 was printed by this Central American country. Fifteen stamps in three sets recognize many phases of the movement, three of which show Baden-Powell.

Two of these are the same design except for color and value. The 1 Cordoba airmail stamp is maroon and dark green with the regular postage 25c in maroon and blue. Both show Baden-Powell in a circled photograph and the Scout badge of Nicaragua.

The anniversary wording has the dates "1856-1956" incorrectly. The 4c airmail issue has Baden-Powell's

head in an oval. However, the central design is the Nicaragua badge surmounted on a portion of the globe of the world. Colors are dark brown and blue.

Iran—The 20 rials value is in green and brown, with Baden-Powell's head framed by five Scout badges. The outside border has 48 smaller badges roped together.

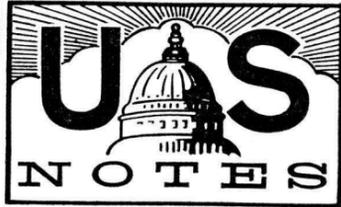
The anniversary wording appears below the central photograph in Persian while the words "Iran" and "Baden-Powell" are in English and Persian.

Liechtenstein—A humorous caricature of Baden-Powell in his wavy-brimmed campaign hat is found on the 20 rappens brown stamp. A sprig of leaves is referred to as the "heraldic design" in the official postage bulletin.

The second stamp in the set is blue black, showing Scouts in a "torchlight procession". Printed in small sheets of only 12, every other stamp is the 20 or 12 rappens value so that adjoining pairs are found on covers.

Many different envelopes were printed during the Jubilee year for use with stamps honoring Scouting's founder, some of which were sold to raise funds for local Scout organizations. Collectors who like to trade their duplicate Scout covers can be located by correspondence, by attending national or world Jamborees, or by joining Scouts on Stamps Society, International.

This society has 764 members in 40 countries and issues a monthly news letter bulletin.



Carl P. Rueth

A desirable category of collecting is featured in our pages this week, "Scouts on Stamps". While the United States hasn't had a great outpouring of such commemoratives, all the nations around the world which have, do provide quite a field in which to become interested.

Of course one can get beyond the stamp stage accumulating covers of pertinence as well as other tie-in material. There are Boy and Girl Scout events going on in the world nearly all the time. A number of these have special post offices with distinctive postmarks as well as sponsored cachets. Much of it is downright attractive.

Possession of foreign items in duplicate provides the owner with valuable trading stock. Many of the Jamborees and get-togethers furnish a lot of fun with swapping opportunities. One can add to his collection in this way. The big session at Denver this year will have its share of Troop sponsored cacheted covers, all of which have been publicized in this paper. Most will help pay for the journey to Colorado as well as pay for camping and other equipment.

While covers of this kind will never become modestly valuable, the purchaser has contributed towards making our current crop of boys and girls, better men and women. The Scouts can help them become that.

Two-Color Jamboree Cachet From Bridgeport

The Bridgeport, Conn. Scouts are offering a two-color cachet for the National Scout Jamboree to be held at Colorado Springs, Colo. in July.

Priced at 20c each, six for \$1, they may be ordered from John E. Shoemaker, 586 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport 5, Conn. Peelable labels and the new Scout stamp will be used; proceeds will be spent on equipment for the troop.

Two Jamboree Cachets By Alabama Scout Troop

Repeating its plan of three years ago, Troop 63 of Ft. Payne, Ala. will again issue a set of two different cachets to mark the Fifth National Scout Jamboree in July at Colorado Springs, Colo.

The unit will be a part of Choccolocco Council No. 1 Contingent, in Section 4 with Region 5. Covers at 20c each or six (three sets) for \$1 may be ordered from Frank L. Jones, Box 146, Ft. Payne, Ala.

New Zealand Girl Guide Story Told

After establishing the New Zealand Peace Scouts in 1908 Col. Cosgrove later went on to form the Girl Peace Scouts on similar lines. They carried poles and wore khaki hats as did the Peace Scouts. There were no special handbooks produced for them, and they merely had to get what help they could from the handbook written by Col. Cosgrove for the Peace Scouts.

However, after 1910, when Girl Guides were first organized in Britain, Girl Guide booklets began to percolate through from Britain. Also a few of the new arrivals in New Zealand had had connection with Guiding in Britain, and were in a position to assist with advice and training.

The Girl Peace Scouts and the Girl Guides soon intermingled and finally merged to form the New Zealand Girl Guide Assn.

The great distance between New Zealand and Great Britain proved a severe handicap to the expansion of activities in the early days.

Books and equipment took from five to six weeks to arrive from Britain, and this meant that over three months could elapse from the time an order was sent until the goods were received. But, despite this handicap and the lack of sufficient trained leaders, along with some ups and downs, the movement survived and expanded.

The first Dominion Camp was held at Wellington in 1926 and a second Dominion Camp was held there in 1930. This camp was visited by over 400 Girl Guides and Rangers.

In 1931 when the World Chief Scout and the World Chief Guide visited New Zealand, many Guides attended the rally held in Wellington to welcome them. Throughout the country Guides held joint rallies with Scouts in tribute to the visit.

In 1944 the movement was honored when the two Princesses—Princess Elizabeth, who is now Queen Elizabeth, and Princess Margaret—appeared on the special Health issue of postage stamps dressed in their Guide uniforms. This showed the important part which the authorities considered was played by the Girl Guide Movement in improving the welfare and well-being of the Dominion's girlhood.

The movement was further honored in 1953 by again appearing on the Health issue for that year. One stamp in the issue was devoted to the Girl Guide movement and the other to the Boy Scout Movement.

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"Johnny Appleseed" On Scout Jamboree Cachet

Boy Scout Troop 3 of Shelby, Ohio will sponsor a "Johnny Appleseed" cacheted cover during the late July scout jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Troop is a part of the Johnny Appleseed Area, in Ohio. It is named after the hardy pioneer who roamed that part of the country years ago.

Covers will be franked with the recent Boy Scout commem and posted from Colorado Springs. They must be ordered by July 11 from Jacque Kaler, 19 Woodland Rd., Shelby, Ohio. Prices are 20c each, seven for \$1; via airmail, 25c each.



Message Of Scouting Taken To World By 1957 Jubilee Issues

Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.

The tremendous advertising value of postage stamps was realized in 1957 when 16 countries issued several million stamps honoring Scouting. With the combination of the 50th anniversary of the Scout movement as well as the 100th anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth, the double event was noted on many of the commemoratives issues.

Many Scouters in these countries brought the Jubilee year to the attention of their postmasters and leaders of governments, as also did National Scout Headquarters.

Stamp designs were recommended to include the Scout badge and the years of the jubilee as well as images of Baden-Powell and Scouts in action.

It has been reported that the service by the Boy Scouts in times of floods, disasters and conflicts had much to do with the resulting favorable acceptance of these philatelic honors. Following is the list of stamps:

Belgium—Two stamps, 4fr. green, picturing the founder superimposed on the Scout badge, and dates; and 80c gray showing Boy Scout and Girl Scout badges.

Brazil—One airmail stamp in maroon color, value \$3.30 Cr. It shows the founder and badge, and notes the centennial of Baden-Powell's birth.

Nationalist China (Formosa)—A set of three of the same design with the Scout badge. The tiny Jamboree emblems in the background include "BP 1957". Values are 40c purple, \$1 green, and \$1.60 blue.

Cuba—Two stamps, one of Baden-Powell on the 12c gray, the other of a Scout campfire in green with "Cuba" and "4c" value embossed in red.

Curacao (Netherlands Antilles)—A set of three of the same design, of the founder's head in a wreath, Scout badges in the four corners, and the values 6c plus 1c golden yellow, 7½c plus 2½c green and 15c plus 5c red. The additional fee was the semi-postal feature for the benefit of Scouting.

Dominican Republic—The Scout badge circled with the centennial lettering was overprinted in red ink on sets of 1957 Olympic stamps. Each of the eight stamps carries the 2c additional fee to benefit the Scouts. Also, the same stamps in four souvenir sheets were overprinted in small quantities for specialized collectors.

Finland—A memorable design shows a Scout superimposed on a globe of the world and a Scout badge with the dates 1907-1957. An interesting Scout badge cancellation also marked this stamp's first day of issue on souvenir envelopes showing Scouts cooking and camping. The value is 30 markkas; printing is in dark blue.

Great Britain—A great exception in British philatelic history was made when Scouting was honored on a set of three stamps. Heretofore, commemorative stamps for organizations had been few and even then limited to the Universal Postal Union and Olympic Games.

The Queen's portrait on each stamp appears with a globe of the world on the 1/3 value, swallows flying homeward on the 4d, and the Scout badge with a rope frame for the 2½d.

Many different cacheted covers were sold on the first day of issue, the official ones being to help aid in the cost of the Jubilee Jamboree.

The British Agencies in the Persian Gulf overprinted the above three stamps with:

Bahrain—15, 25 and 75 naye paise, **Qatar**—15 and 75np.; and **Muscat** (omitting the agency name) 15, 25 and 75np. On all three sets the previous values printed on the stamps were blocked out.

Iran issued a single brown and green item of 10R. value with Baden-Powell's portrait centered in the design.

Korea honored Scouting with two stamps of the same design that were actually planned in the author's U.S. A. home during a visit of the International Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of Korea, William Rhee.

Included are the Scout badges, Scout with staff, and anniversary lettering in English and Korean, as well as a Scout badge cancellation on their first day envelopes. Both stamps, the 40h. purple and the 55h. maroon, are on one imperforate sou-

venir sheet. These were given to government officials, the quantity being very small.

Liechtenstein caricatured the founder's picture in a humorous way on her 20r. stamp in brown, while the 10r. in dark purple shows a Scout carrying torches.

Luxembourg recognized both the Girl Guide and Boy Scout movements with one stamp each, both showing Baden-Powell. The 2fr. is brown and green with the Boy Scout badges, and the 2.50 fr. maroon and purple with the Girl Guide badges.

Nicaragua contributed the largest number of Scout stamps in this Jubilee year with a total of five for regular postage and ten for airmail. Baden-Powell appears on the 25c plus the 4c and the 1 Cordoba airmail stamp. Others picture their country's founder of Scouting, Joseph A. Harrison, their national president, Scouts, Explorers, and a Cub.

Two imperforate souvenir sheets were also printed, the set of five regular postage on one and only five of the airmails on the other.



And with the Scout Salute (above, on Finland's 1957 stamp) we bring to a close this article on Scout Stamps. Parties interested in pursuing the subject further may write the author at 387 Sunset Rd., Winnetka, Ill. for Scouts on Stamps information.

SOS Chapter Sponsors Scout Jamboree Cachet

The George Washington Chapter of the Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) will issue a cover July 22 for the Fifth National Jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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The Story Behind The Three U.S. Scout Stamps

Russell H. Eliot

On February 8, 1960 a stamp was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Scouting here in the United States. This was the third occasion that scouting has been recognized in this country. Through this article, I should like to give a detailed description of the three issues.

The first stamp to recognize Scouting was a 3c one issued October 29, 1948 in honor of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder and organizer of Girl Scouting here in the States.

This stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches, perf 11 by 10½, arranged horizontally. It was printed by the rotary process, in green, electric eye perforated, and issued in panes of 50 subjects.

The central design is a portrait of Juliette Gordon Low on a shaded background with the name just below in dark Gothic on a ribbon ornamented with laurel leaves. The lower border is formed by a dark panel on which is the white Gothic wording "United States Postage".

In the same style in the upper left and right corners on a shaded background are the denominations "3c". To the left of the central design is the dark Roman lettering "Founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA" and to the right is the Girl Scout emblem.

Five designs were submitted to the postoffice. The accepted one was prepared by W. K. Schrage, of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. He used as source material a photograph of Juliette Low furnished by the National Girl Scout News Bureau. The engravers were G. A. Gunderson who did the portrait and emblem; A. W. Christensen, the frame, and J. S. Edmondson, lettering and numerals.

Four plates were used for printing these stamps, Nos. 23953, 23954, 23955, and 23956. A total of 63,834,500 stamps was issued.

The first day of sale was held at Savannah, Ga. the home city of Juliette Low, October 29, 1948. There were 476,573 first day covers canceled and 835,150 stamps sold on the first day. This stamp remained on sale through December 16, 1949.

Our second Scout stamp appeared June 30, 1950 at Valley Forge, Pa., in honor of the Boy Scouts of America on the occasion of the second National Jamboree.

This stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches, perf 11 by 10½, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process in brown, electric eye perforated, and issued in panes of 50 subjects.

Featured prominently in the left center portion of the stamp is a group of three Scouts, representing the three age level programs of the Boy Scouts of America—exploring, boy scouting and cub scouting.

In the background, to the right of the boys, is a reproduction of the Statue of Liberty, symbolizing the organization's crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty". In the right center portion appears the tenderfoot badge, above which is the wording "On My Honor I Will Do My Best" which is taken from the Scout Oath; and below, "Boy Scouts of America" in dark Roman lettering.

In a narrow shaded panel at the bottom of the stamp are the words "United States Postage" in white faced Roman, with the denomination numeral "3c" enclosed in a circle in the extreme lower left corner.

One design only was submitted to the Post Office Department. It was based on a sketch and the 40th anniversary poster of the Boy Scouts of America submitted by the National Scout Headquarters. The design was modeled by Charles R. Chickering of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Charles A. Brooks engraved the vignette, while the lettering and numerals were done by Edward H. Helmuth.

Seven plates were assigned to the Boy Scout stamp of which one (No. 24226) was destroyed without any impressions having been made. The six plates used were Nos. 24224, 24225, 24227, 24228, 24229, and 24230. A total quantity of 131,635,000 issued.

There were 622,972 covers canceled at the first day of sale while 1,914,117 stamps were sold. The is-

sue remained on sale through November 27, 1953.

Our third Scout stamp issued on February 8 of this year was designed by the noted artist, Norman Rockwell. It features a head and shoulders view of a Scout with his right hand upraised in the three-finger official Scout salute.

The Scout was printed in gradations of khaki, the wording "Boy Scouts of America" which is across the top is in red. "1910 - 1960" in blue is to the left, while the words "U.S. Postage", also in blue are at the right. The figure "4c" is at the right of the Scout and is in blue.

The model for this stamp was prepared by Victor S. McCluskey Jr. The vignette was engraved by Charles A. Brooks, and the lettering and numerals by George L. Huber.

This stamp is a rare instance where a living person was depicted. The Scout is said to be Thornton Percival of Stockbridge, Mass. who was the model for the designer, Mr. Rockwell.

This stamp, arranged horizontally, measures 0.84 by 1.44 inches, perf 11 by 10½. It was printed on the Giori press in red, khaki, and blue. An initial order for 120,000,000, in panes of 50, was authorized.

This third Scout stamp was first placed on sale at Washington, D.C. at a "Report to the Nation" breakfast at the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler Hotel. A pictorial first day cancellation was used, featuring the Scout emblem with the motto "For God and Country" and the years "1910 - 1960".

A new record for FDC's was established with the sale of this stamp when 1,419,955 covers were canceled. This far surpassed the previous record of 894,887 for the 4c Lincoln Sesquicentennial stamp. There were 1,686,043 Scout stamps sold on the first day of issue with a total face value of \$75,925.58.

Six plates were assigned to this stamp. The master plate No. 26517 was cancelled with no impressions being taken. A new master plate was assigned, No 26523, and no impressions of this plate are known to date. The four working plates were Nos. 26530, 26531, 26535, and 25536.

There have been two special cancellation dies released to date. The first, at Unadilla, N. Y. reads "50th Anniversary Boy Scouts of America-Troop 1". It was first used February 9. The second released at Milwaukee, Wis. on February 18 reads "Boy Scouts of America 50th Anniversary".

The Scout emblem also is featured in the cancel. There will surely be more cancels throughout the year, and all Scout collectors should be on the watch for them.

Information in this article was compiled from "Postage Stamps of the U.S.A. 1847 - 1959" a Post Office Department publication; "United States Postage Stamps 1945 - 1952", by Sol Glass; and various articles which have appeared in Linn's.

Bay State Troop Plans August Canadian Cachet

Troop 180 Boy Scouts of America will sponsor a cachet on the occasion of its summer expedition to Canada. The cachet will depict the emblem of the expedition and will be franked with the 1960 Canadian Girl Guide stamp. It will be mailed from Camp Tamaracouta, St. Jerome, Quebec, on August 15,

Covers are 20c each, six for \$1, from Howard Dimmick, 1951 Main St., Jefferson, Mass. Deadline for orders will be August 10; all proceeds will go toward the costs of sightseeing trips on the expedition.

The Boy On The Penny Blue— Story Of First Boy Scout And Mafeking "Siege Mail" Stamps

Dr. K. Freund

Warner Goodyear was twelve years old when the shadow of a siege with all its hardships fell upon him, his family and the citizens of Mafeking. But he was such an efficient, courageous boy that it was not long before the great Col. Baden-Powell, commander in charge of the invested town, recognized the excellent "Scout Leader" qualities of this youngster. Young Warner showed all the characteristics of a good "Scout": Loyalty, Unselfishness, Enthusiasm, Inventiveness, and Courage.

To tell the truth, Goodyear and his gang of boys were about the only ones who treated the siege more as a game. As one of these Scouts once wrote, "They were full of playful nonsense and just loved the excitement of doing errands and other duties while shells were whistling around."

Nonetheless, they took their responsibilities seriously, doing "good deeds", not every day, but every moment, and executing "man-sized jobs" under the most dangerous conditions. They were the true protagonists, the "kernel", of the future world-wide movement of Boy Scouts.

When the Boer forces started to surround Mafeking and an attack on the town was imminent, Baden-Powell mustered all the available manpower to take up the stand.

Alas, there was only a small handful to withstand the larger Boer forces. Altogether 700 trained men, police and volunteers could be placed by Baden-Powell at strategical outposts and forts at the surrounding flat outskirts of the town.

In addition, there were some 300 town males of all shapes and varying degrees of fitness. Many of them were "white collar" workers who had never seen a rifle in their lives who at the beginning were hopelessly at sea when they had to learn to drill and to shoot.

Baden-Powell remarked once that it was "not much fun to face an enemy who meant to kill you, when you have never learned to shoot!"

The whole place of Mafeking to be defended was about five miles around and contained 600 white women and roughly 7000 natives.

Gradually, the manpower position got even worse, some of the men getting killed, many others wounded. The duties of fighting and keeping night-watch on look-outs became harder for the rest.

This is where the boys came in — At Baden-Powell's instigation, his Chief Staff Officer Maj. Lord Edward Cecil, got together all boys of the place, from nine years upward, and formed them into a cadet corps.

They were put into khaki uniforms, and wore either a forage cap or a "smasher" hat and a yellow "pugaree". The hat was not unlike the Boy Scout's hat worn today, but it was usually turned up on one side.

Boys who were appointed messengers or postmen received a dispatch pouch. None of the boys was armed.

Duties — The boys had to carry out their jobs frequently under heavy shell fire, but bravely carried on, although it meant risks to their lives every time.

Here is a typical incident which Baden-Powell reports in his book "Scouting for Boys": "I said to one of these boys on one occasion, when he came in through rather a heavy fire: 'You will get hit one of these days riding about like that when shells are flying.' And he replied: 'I pedal so quick, Sir, they'd never catch me.'"

However, one boy named Brown who had come into the town as a refugee just before the siege started and was attached to the messenger corps, actually was killed towards the end of the siege. This was the only casualty among the boys, except for minor mishaps and scratches.

As far as the types of jobs are concerned, some boys took over on the look-out post at the top of Minchin's Bldg. Here they kept watch for the firing of the great Boer cannon which was poised at the town and at them, at point-blank range. Their duty was to sound the alarm bell in time for everyone in town to take cover.

The Postal Service—The majority of the boys, however, became mail carriers. This local mail service was of great importance for everybody, as at most times it was the

only means of communication. It kept up the morale of the fighting men and the population, and helped winning through gloriously against heavy odds.

Donkey Corps — Now at the beginning, the Cadet Corps was supplied with donkeys which had been captured from the Boers. Boys who had to cover the great distances to the outposts, mounted these donkeys and became proud "horsemen" (or better, "Donkeymen").

But this did not last for long, as gradually one donkey after the other was requisitioned by the army and disappeared into the soup kitchen. The poor creatures had to be killed for food. Conditions had become so austere that there was no wastage as far as this "operation" was concerned, and the following crude, but true account may be of interest:

The mane and tail were used for stuffing pillows and mattresses in the hospital (Victoria Hospital). The shoes were melted down for shells. The flesh became sausages. The skin and hoofs and head were boiled for hours and ultimately became a kind of brawn. The bones were used in soup.

With the donkeys gone, there was no Donkey Corps any more. The boys now had to look for substitutes which were less perishable and less liable to attract epicurian demands.

They agreed on bicycles to carry them on their "beats" to and from the outposts. These proved to be the most satisfactory means to make the local mail service a very efficient one.

Warner Goodyear poses for the stamp design — The bicycle, in fact, became the symbol of the Mafeking Cadet Corps, and when Warner Goodyear was unanimously considered as the obvious choice to be immortalized on the 1d stamp, his bicycle certainly had to appear on it, too.

Incidentally, it was never expected that members of the garrison would affix this 1d stamp with Goodyear (and the 3d with Baden-Powell) on letters going out to other parts of the world, but this is what happened. If this had been foreseen, Troop-Leader Goodyear would never have appeared on a stamp, as this was the prerogative of the Queen and other members of the Royal family.

Anyway, Goodyear was chosen as a worthy stamp subject representing all those brave boys under him, and a photograph had to be taken of him in preparation for the 1d design.

The first Boy Scout, Warner Goodyear, died in 1913 at the early age of 26. Lord Baden-Powell wrote about him: "Goodyear's memorial will be of permanent value, since it will record the case of a boy who in serving his country with bravery and distinction, showed that the right boy can be trusted with responsibility just as well as any man, and has just as fine a sense of duty."

Addresses On My FDC's, Please!

Donald J. Woodside

Why do we collect unaddressed first day covers and cachets? The writer greatly prefers that his collection of Scout covers, when possible, be addressed to him, with his Scout appointment mentioned in the address. Thus it adds another Scouting feature to the cover—the fact that it commemorates a Scout event, carries a Scout stamp, and is sent to a Scout.

When ordering covers of a Scout nature, I always specify the address to be used, and in it indicate my Scouting position. But many covers I receive bear a peelable label, with the note that the label may easily be removed, resulting in an unaddressed cover. I don't want one!!

I know quite well that most FDC's

are advertised as unaddressed, and the advertisements imply that such condition enhances their value. I submit that where the addresses have a connection with the event, or the stamp, or the organization involved, an addressed covers seems to me to be of greater value.

In my collection of Canadian FDC's, I have a Red Cross stamp FDC addressed to the Ontario Minister of Health, by name. That cover seems to me more valuable than another FDC of the same stamp, without an address.

Similarly, members of SOSSI who hold positions in Scouting—and most of us do—should value covers which indicate that fact more than others issued for the same event.

Perhaps some other members can tell me reasons unaddressed covers are to be preferred in our case. I for one should like to hear them.

(Editor's note: The writer is Donald J. Woodside - 49, District Commissioner, The Boy Scouts Association, 81 Park St., Brookside, Ontario. He takes both his Scouting and his philately seriously).



A beautiful philatelic tribute to Scouting is the eight-value set of Scout stamps issued by Greece April 23, 1960 as shown on the above covers from Mr. Thorsen's collection. Printed in multicolor, the lowest value 20 lepta shows St. George and the dragon, with the 6 Drachma top denomination depicting the Boy Scout flag of Greece and the Scout medal. The 30, 40, 50, and 70l. and 1 and 2.50Dr. show various Scouts and their activities.

Cracked Plate On Mafeking Stamp

Jay Rogers

Recently I purchased at auction a copy of Cape of Good Hope, Scott's No. 180, the 3d "wide" variety Baden-Powell Mafeking Siege stamp, with a white line running through it. Keeping in mind that these stamps were printed from glass photographic plates, it was apparent that the plate must have cracked before printing was discontinued.

In an attempt to find out the complete story on the cracked plate variety, I corresponded with member Walter Grob Sigrist of Switzerland who has an outstanding collection of the "Mafekings". He is an authority on these stamps, and in his detailed reply the cracked plate variety was thoroughly explained.

It is believed that from ten to twenty sheets of twelve stamps each were printed from the plate after it had cracked. Only five of the twelve stamps bear a trace of this horizontal defacement. Thus the original quantity of this variety was between 50 and 100 copies.

Over the years Mr. Sigrist has been able to collect all five stamps, thus being able to reconstruct the entire crack and properly plate each piece. As the crack appears in a different position on each of the five stamps, it is quite easy to correctly plate such a variety if you are fortunate enough to possess one.

In an attempt to gather more information, or at least to ascertain the rarity of the stamp, I should appreciate hearing from SOS members who possess these varieties. I can be reached at 131-11 Kew Gardens Rd., Kew Gardens 18, N. Y.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, in 1955; the third at Valley Forge, Pa. in 1957; and the fourth at Sutton Park, Coldfield, England, also in 1957.

The fifth convention took place at the tenth world jamboree July 17-26 in Makiling National Park, near Manila, Republic of Philippines.

The sixth convention will be held July 24 at Colorado Springs, Colo. during the National Boy Scout Jamboree marking the 50th anniversary of Scouting in America.

Collectors interested in the general SOS field and activities may contact Mr. Groves at the address given, or Mr. Thorsten, 387 Sunset Rd., Winnetka, Ill. for details. They will also find helpful material in such Boy Scout stamp booklets as these, if available:

"Boy Scout Stamps of The World", by Harry D. Thorsen, Jr. Chicago, Redson-Rice, 1949. Pp. 32. (Out of print).

"Boy Scout Stamp of The World", Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., and W. Arthur McKinney. Vol. I. Chicago, Redson-Rice Corp. 1955. Pp. 49.

"Boy Scout Fund Seals and Camp Post Stamps", Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., and W. Arthur McKinney. Vol. II. Chicago, Redson-Rice Corporation. 1955. Pp. 32. (Out of Print).

"Boy Scout Cachets of the United States", Sheldon S. Levy. Vol. I, Flushing, N. Y., The George McKay Press. 1956. Pp. vi, 56.

"Scouts" Stamps Appearing In '60

The subject of Scouts on Stamps is now a world-wide recognized theme for the issuance of commemorative postage stamps, according to Howard Dimmick of Jefferson, Mass., editor of the Scouts on Stamps Society International's official Journal.

Mr. Dimmick points out that while of course the big emphasis on Scouting came three years ago with the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Scout movement, this year of 1960 is finding some countries noting special Scout anniversaries and events with suitable issues of stamps.

As of the moment, four such have appeared and another four are on the calendar. Already released are three singles and a set of eight, as follows:

February 8, 1960 — 4c Boy Scout Stamp issued by the United States of America. First Day of sale Washington, D.C. 120,000,000 issued; reprinting ordered in April.

Also, 4c Boy Scout commemorative honoring 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America by the Canal Zone. First day of sale Balboa, C. Z.; 1,000,000 issued.

April 20, 1960 — 5c Girl Guide 50th anniversary issue by Canada. Official first day of sale at Ottawa; 30,000,000 issued.

April 23, 1960 — Set of eight for the 50th anniversary of Boy Scouts of Greece. First day sale at Athens; 270,000 complete sets issued. First day covers came in sets of two (see page 13).

Four more issues, tentatively understood to be of one stamp each, are expected during the remainder of the year. They begin with:

Australia — 5d stamp to be issued August 18 for the 50th anniversary of the Girl Guide Movement in that country. The color will be blue.

Pakistan — A commemorative stamp is expected in connection with the Boy Scouts National Jamboree to be held in Lahore October 24-31.

Denmark — A special stamp is to be issued later this year depicting the Queen in her Girl Guide Uniform honoring her 25th anniversary as a Girl Guide.

The Netherlands — An issue will be released to note the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scout movement in this nation.

Rare Scout Items At Chicago Show

Harry D. Thorsen, Jr.

Chicago area Scouts, and others fortunate enough to see the May 7-8 900-page Scouts on Stamps display by three SOS Society members at the Polish Museum in Chicago will long remember the outstanding material shown. The collectors were A. J. Goszczycki, M. Proszowski and A. Walinski, all members of Chicago's Baden-Powell Chapter No. 1, SOSSI.

The event was to mark the 50th anniversary of the Polish Scouts Assn. It featured a 32-page program, cacheted covers, seals and 150 frames of Scout philately.

Three exhibits were especially outstanding, being such as are but rarely seen. Brief descriptions follow:

Siam — The upper portion of a sheet with 22 copies of No. B20, each showing the rubber-stamped overprint with a slightly different "sock", as though the stamp pad were hit once, then four to six impressions made before re-inking. The first two rows have ten stamps each, third row has two. The plate number in the margin is 245.

Poland — Warsaw uprising and Polish Scout cancellations from August 1 to November 2, 1944. Pictures of the Polish Scouts, their mail boxes and their death-defying underground postal services during this period, made excellent research material for all visitors.

Fund raising seals: Here is a field that continues to amaze all. New information discloses that in 1918, seals were issued in Lwow, Poland. They were 100 groszy, girl with staff; 2gr., head of Andrzej Malkowski, founder of Polish Scouting; and a third of no specified value, showing a sailboat.

In 1934 three seals for the Warsaw Scout House Fund were: 5gr. red, 10gr. green, and 20gr. blue.

Mailboat Cover Offer By Minnesota Scouts

The Walker, Minn. Boy Scout Troop No. 40 has designed a nicely cacheted cover depicting the famous Leech Lake and the mailboat services operated on it. The project is being supervised by an experienced philatelist, with the proceeds going to Troop activity funds.

Leech Lake is ranked by the National Geographical Magazine as one of the world's four most beautiful lakes. It was also the scene (1898) of the last battle between U. S. troops and Indian forces. Today it is famous for its Muskellunge and Walleye fishing, plus the 75-mile mailboat route.

Covers are 35c each, four for \$1; if autographed by mailboat pilot Vera Fisher they are 50c each, three for \$1.25. Orders may be sent to Troop No. 40, Boy Scouts of America, Walker, Minn.

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Trial Proofs Known Of Siam Scout Items

The existence of proofs of the Siam Scout stamps is known to but a few collectors due to their rarity, according to Jay Rogers of the Scouts on Stamps Society Research Committee.

Nos. B12 and B15 exist in color trials overprinted in violet ink by rubber stamp. It is not known at the moment whether the entire issue of B12-17 exists with the violet overprint.

An unissued overprint was used on the same stamp as B12 and B-18. It is different from the three issued overprints, resembling somewhat the type III overprint. It is printed by rubber stamp in heavy black ink.

It is believed that only 100 copies of each were originally printed. Additional information and comments would be appreciated by Mr. Rogers and other SOS members. His address is 131-11 Kew Gardens Rd., Kew Gardens 18, N. Y.