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# ABOUT STAMPS

By W. ARTHUR MCKINNEY

**Stamps Build Headquarters.** Two Boy Scout stamps and two souvenir sheets, issued by Korea in October, 1962, have been applied to three different cacheted first-day covers by the Boy Scouts of Korea. They are now being sold to raise money for the Korean Boy Scout National Headquarters Building in Seoul. The money earned from the sale of these covers will be added to the several thousand dollars which resulted from the sale of the covers of two Scout stamps of 1957. This building may truly be called "the headquarters that first-day covers built." These three different cacheted covers, bearing the two stamps and two souvenir sheets, may be secured now for only one dollar from your stamp editor, Art McKinney, 18 Ryan Road, Highland Park, N. J.

**Scouts on Stamps.** More than 60 years ago, three local stamps were printed in Mafeking, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, for use in that town during the 217-day siege by the Boer army. These stamps were the first of many Scout stamps and have become the rarities of Scout philately, because two of them pictured Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout movement. The third stamp depicted Sergeant Major Goodyear, one of BP's junior leaders. Since that issue back in 1900, 57 countries have issued more than 350 different stamps and souvenir sheets to honor Scouting. This is just one of the signs of the recognition which is being given constantly to Scouting throughout the world. A list of all Scout stamps may be secured by sending a stamped-addressed envelope to Art McKinney, 18 Ryan Road, Highland Park, N. J. Ask for Scout Stamp list.

**American Boy on Japanese Stamp.** In 1949 Japan issued a single stamp to commemorate the first National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of Japan. There was considerable interest in this stamp in the U.S.A. when it was discovered that the picture on the stamp had been taken from our own *Scout Field Book*. It was a copy of a photo taken by Green Bar Bill Hillcourt of one of the Scouts in his troop in Mendham, N. J.

**Left Handshake on Austrian Stamp.** Two hands clasped in the international Scout left handshake formed the central figure of the Austrian Scout stamp issued last October to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Scouting in that country. Austrian Scouts are avid stamp collectors. They have their own Scouts on Stamps Society and, on the day when the new stamp was issued, a Scouts on Stamps Show was conducted in Vienna with exhibits from all over the world.

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**Stamps Commemorate Jamboree.** Each of the world jamborees, since the one held in Godollo, Hungary, in 1933, has been commemorated by stamps issued by the host country. It is interesting that the set issued by Hungary in 1933 is still considered to be the most attractive of all. The greatest number issued for any jamboree was in 1957 when 16 countries honored the Jubilee Jamboree in England.

**Scout Stamps in History.** Among the Scout philatelic rarities are two Scout stamps issued for use in Czechoslovakia during the revolution of 1918. At that time all patriotic organizations were assigned special duties. The Sea Scouts served as official messengers between the several units of the National Committee of Liberation. The two special stamps were used on the envelopes used for these messages. Canceled envelopes with either of these stamps are much sought after.

**SCOUT COVERS SET RECORD.** Another indication of the popularity of Scout philately was the record of almost 1,500,000 first-day covers canceled for the Boy Scout stamp issued in Washington in 1960. It was the greatest number of first-day cancellations for a single stamp up to that time. The similar stamp issued by the Canal Zone on that day also broke all Canal Zone records with 90,000.

**Boy Scout Postcards.** Only two countries have produced special postcards to honor Scouting. One of the earliest of the Scout-stamp issues was a series of 19 stamps overprinted on regular issues by Siam in 1920 for the benefit of Scouting. The overprint, or surcharge, was for the purpose of raising money for the benefit of the Young Tigers, as Scouts were called in that country. Along with the stamps were six much rarer postcards bearing the same overprints. The only other Scout postcard was issued by France in 1939 to honor *Les Eclaireurs de France*, one of the French Scout organizations.

**GIRL SCOUTS HONORED.** Although there have not been as many stamp issues honoring the Girl Scouts, the number has been increasing in recent years. Last year three countries issued Girl Scout stamps, including the one from the United States. Over the years 15 countries have paid tribute to our sister organization with stamp issues. Several countries have honored both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts in the same issues.

**Scout Souvenir Sheets.** Souvenir sheets, although they may have had a doubtful postal value, have added much to the attractiveness of Scout philately. A number of countries have issued these sheets along with the stamps. The first sheets were a part of the Scout-stamp issue of Egypt in 1956. Dominican Republic, Haiti, Korea, Liberia, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines and Togo also issued sheets. Togo went all out with six sheets, each bearing all of the six stamps.

