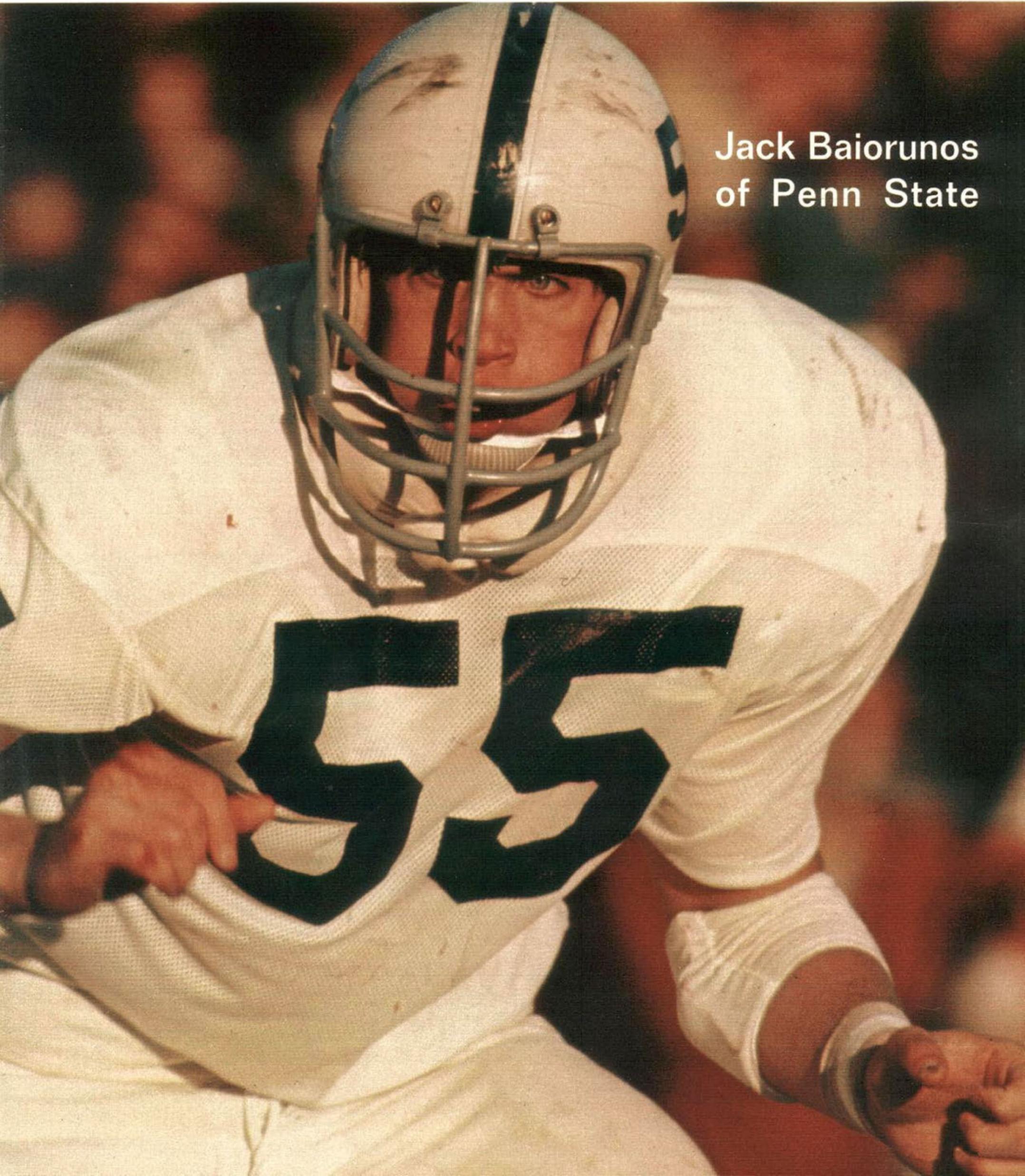


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dots and dashes on the Boy Scout stamp read "New Zealand Health." Anyone know of any other stamps with Morse code on them?

WHAT IS A "COVER"? A cover is an envelope or card with a stamp and a cancellation. A "first day cover," or "FDC," has been cancelled on the first day of the stamp issue. A "cachet" (Ka-sháy) on a first day cover is a design printed or engraved on the cover that honors the event or topic the stamp commemorates or illustrates.—\$5 to *H. Morrow Long, Milford, Conn.*

Cachets on covers are produced by commercial companies, but they also can be sold by stamp clubs or individuals. Last summer at the National Scout Jamboree, East and West, there were many troops, posts, and Scout and Explorer stamp collectors who traded jamboree covers which were printed, rubber stamped, and even hand drawn. You can design your own "one of a kind" cacheted cover for your collection. Jamboree or event covers are usually cancelled on the opening or closing date of the event. This does not necessarily coincide with the first day of the stamp issue.

CANADIAN STAMPS AND COINS. Stamp collectors may join the Canadian Post Office's philatelic information mailing list free of charge and receive notification of new issue postage stamps, first day covers, and other information of interest. Write to Marketing Branch, Post Office Department, Canadian Post Office, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Coin collectors who would like to receive information about this year's exciting Canadian commemorative silver dollar or year sets should write to Coins Uncirculated, Box 470,

SHARE APPROVALS WITH FRIENDS. When I send for stamps, I usually get extra approvals I don't need, so I show them to my friends. If they decide to buy any, there is less postage for me to pay, and I may get a special bonus for buying more.—\$5 to *Steve Mitts, Marcus, Iowa.*

STAMP ALBUM SUGGESTION. When buying a stamp album, be sure the pages are printed on only one side. Otherwise, stamps mounted on facing pages will catch on each other.—\$5 to *John DeMars, Onamia, Minn.*

TWO-WAY WIND. In 1944 the U.S. marked the 75th anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad with a three-cent stamp (Scott No. 922). However, the stamp shows smoke from the train blowing one way, while a flag is flapping in the opposite direction.—\$5 to *Louis Paulson, El Sobrante, Calif.*

MORSE CODE ON COIN . . . On the outer rim of the obverse of the 1943-45 Canadian five-cent pieces there is an inscription reading, "We win when we work willingly" in Morse code.—\$5 to *Bill Hill, Langdon, N. Dak.*

. . . AND ON STAMPS. In 1953 New Zealand honored the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides with two stamps (Scott Nos. 42 and 43) bearing Morse code messages on their borders. (Both stamps are shown at right.) The



Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.—\$5 to *Will Bucholtz, Windsor, Ont.*

JPSA. The Junior Philatelic Society of America is a growing society of stamp collectors under the age of 21. The JPSA offers members pen-pal, stamp identification, and library-by-mail services, plus the Society's official bimonthly journal, *The Philatelic Observer*. For further information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Junior Philatelic Society of America, Box 9634, Midtown Plaza Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14604.—\$5 to *Joel M. Leander, Wabash, Ind.*

COOL COLLECTION. Scott Erdmann's suggestion (May '73 *Stamps & Coins*) that stamp and coin collections be stored in the refrigerator for safekeeping is a good idea—unless you have a plate block or mint stamp collection. Moisture in the refrigerator can make such stamps stick to the pages of your album, and the low temperatures of the freezer compartment will cause the glue to crack, decreasing the value of the stamps.—\$5 to *Tom Ricci, Sun Valley, Calif.*

SAVE "BIBLIOPHILES" When you buy the new edition of the "Redbook" (*Guidebook of United States Coins*, by R. S. Yeoman) each year, don't throw away the previous edition. Keep the older edition to help check the past performance of certain coins. Reading both the old and new editions of the "Redbook" will give you a better understanding of the U.S. coin market.—\$5 to *Ken Wright, Smithton, Pennsylvania, Calif.*

PHILIPPINE COINS. A very unusual but inexpensive coin collection can be made by collecting the coins issued for the Philippine Islands while they were under the sovereignty of the United States. These coins were struck in discontinuous years from 1898 to 1945.—\$5 to *Ferry Patterson, Portland, Me.*

SCOUTS DELIVER MAIL. The first scheduled airmail flight, which originated in New York City and included a stop in Philadelphia, was met by President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson at the destination airfield in Washington, D.C., at 2:50 p.m., May 15, 1918. One hundred and thirty Boy Scouts on bicycles delivered all of the flight's mail by four o'clock that afternoon.—\$5 to *Bob Lindsey, Wichita, Kans.*
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