

# Canadian Boy Scout August 20

## Philippine Three For Independence

President Ramon Magsaysay's portrait graces the three stamps the Philippines will release July 4 marking the ninth anniversary of the nation attaining independence. It is contained in an oval frame above which are the arms of the republic in a circular device. A decorative frame is to be found on three sides of the stamp while a panel at the bottom contains the dedicatory inscription and the denomination.



Printing of the trio is the work of an English firm. The July 4 date will hold as the first day providing the stamps reach the Philippine Post Office Department in time. If not, it will be as soon as possible, thereafter.

A 5 centavos will be in blue, 20c in red, and 30c in green. All are in a vertical format in sheets of fifty. There are to be five million of the low value and one each of the other two.

First day cover service will be provided if the envelopes carrying the requests are postmarked in the country of origin not later than July 4. A special cachet has been prepared which will be applied to the covers for which it is requested.

Envelopes will be supplied by the Philippine Philatelic Agency at 30 centavos (5c U.S.) each which will include the affixing of the stamps and the addressing.

Face value of the set in United States funds is 25c.

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AT THE RECENT ATA CONVENTION. President Homer L. Jones, standing, of the American Topical Assn. is making a report to the assembled banquet guests when the group recently had its annual session at Decatur, Ill. At the extreme left is the new ATA secretary Mrs. Margaret Hackett; Dessie E. Bodamer, general chairman of TOPEX; Jones; Catherine D. Caspary, secretary; Dr. Willard F. Stanley, one of this year's signers of the Scroll of Distinguished Topical Philatelists.

## Railway Post Office Came Into Existence As Part Of The Pony Express Service

J. F. McGee

The story of the Pony Express has been written from many points of interest, but I cannot recall reading one that mentioned the old Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, its Eastern feeder and receiver line. The Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad being the main subject of this article, I shall first present its history. The road was completed in 1839, and is now part of the Burlington Railway System.

It spanned the narrowest part of Missouri, which is between Hannibal and St. Joseph, the two namesake towns. The distance between the two places is 175 miles on a straight line, and 200 by rail.

At the time of the construction, the mail for points farther west was carried either by stage coaches or steamboats on the Missouri River, and of course they received for return transportation mail originating west of the river.

Naturally, the officials of the railway company wanted the government contract for carrying the East and West mail across Missouri. Although the road was in the envious position of having its trains connect with those from the East, the officials did not rely entirely on this advantage to secure the contract. They decided to arrange for a fast, special train to make the run from Hannibal to St. Joe as a publicity stunt.

This exhibition of speed was made on April 3, 1860. The train was powered by a wood-burning engine, named, "The Missouri." The engineer was an Addison Clark. His instructions were to establish a speed record that would hold for at least fifty years.

Clark forced the train across Missouri at an average speed of fifty miles an hour, the trip requiring slightly more than four hours, a remarkable performance at the time. In fact a passenger aboard could have had breakfast in Hannibal and dinner at noon in St. Joe, an experience that could have been bragged about for years afterwards.

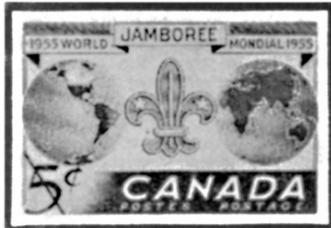
The account that I have stated that on the arrival of the train at St. Joseph, the mail aboard was delivered. (Continued on page 8)

## Honors 8th World Jamboree Held At Niagara-On-The-Lake Ontario From August 18-28

For the fourth time in its postal history Canada will issue a stamp in more than one color when it releases a 5c commemorative August 20 honoring and publicizing the 8th World Boy Scout Jamboree. This new item, a 5c in horizontal format, will have colors of green and gold according to Acting Postmaster General J. W. Pickersgill. Canada will be host to Scouts from all over the world at the Jamboree site near Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario from August 18 to 28. (See various news articles in the special Boy Scout edition of Linn's, June 27, 1955).

Besides the honor to the Jamboree, the Canadian government further dedicates the stamp as a tribute to Scouting generally.

While all facilities will be set up and going, and the Scouts will have been established in camp on the 18th, it will not be until the 20th that the formal opening of the gathering will occur. At that time Canada's Governor General Vincent Massey will do the honors in welcoming the boys and their leaders.



Production is in the hands of the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa. Printing will be from engraved plates in sheets of fifty subjects.

Designer of the Scout commemorative is Laurence Hyde, an artist resident in Ottawa.

The first time Canada had stamps in more than one color, and the only time three were used, was for the Imperial Penny Postage pair of 1898. One was in black, blue and carmine; the other black, lavender and carmine.

Forty-one years later, in 1939, three were issued for the Royal Visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The vignettes of each were in black, and the frames in a second color.

The previous most recent bi-color was the commemorative for the 18th International Red Cross Conference at Toronto in July 1952. It was all blue except for a red cross.

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The variety consists of an out-of-shape and greatly enlarged letter "O" in the word "POSTA" as it appears on the 80 Filler green of Hungary, Scott No. 121. This is a common stamp, millions of them were issued in the first World War period. This type will also be found with numerous and various surcharges or overprints.

As a minor variety it is far more distinct and real than the so-called "KORPA" error of the U. S. Flag Series. This latter error is a nebulous thing as it is merely a piece of lithographic transfer which has slipped from its proper position of a letter "E" and looks somewhat like a "P", yet is definitely not a "P". The mishapen "O" comes on a typographed stamp and the variety must have occurred due to some damage to the plate. It may not appear in all full sheets.

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