

New Stamp Tribute To Scouts

Barbados Trio Commemorates Golden Anniversary Of Scout Work In West Indies Colony

A special issue of three postage stamps, 4c, 12c and \$1.20, was issued by the Government of Barbados March 9 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Barbados Boy Scouts Assn. The design common to all three values includes the Annigoni portrait of the Queen with the St. Edward's Crown and depicts the Boy Scouts' emblem on a map of Barbados.

The stamps were recess engraved by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. on C.A. (Block Capitals) watermarked paper in vertical format, size 40.5 x 31mm. The colors are 4c black and orange, 12c blue and sepia, and \$1.20 carmine and bronze green.



Origin—Available records show that the first step towards the introduction of the Boy Scout Movement into Barbados was the result of a visit which the founder of the movement, Lord Baden Powell, paid to the island in 1911 while on a winter cruise.

It appears that this fortuitous event led the Rev. F. Fitz-Patrick then acting Vicar of St. Paul's Church, to bring the movement to the notice of the Rev. Dr. H. A. Dalton, then headmaster of Harrison College.

Dr. Dalton convened a meeting at Harrison College on April 21, 1911 for the purpose of considering the advisability of introducing the movement in the secondary schools of the island.

At that meeting, it was decided to make an effort to start the movement in the "second grade" secondary schools, as Dr. Dalton and his school staff did not consider it a suitable school activity for Harrison College.

The headmaster of the Lodge School, the other "first grade" secondary boys' school, subsequently supported the opinion expressed by Dr. Dalton and the Harrison College staff.

At a second meeting, (April 28) Dr. Dalton made a definite suggestion that Scouting should be started at the Combermere School. The headmaster, G. B. R. Burton, agreed to the suggestion on the condition that a proper Boy Scout Assn. be formed and a suitable Scoutmaster

obtained to lead the activity. First Troop—Accordingly, a Scout Troop was formed at the Combermere School, and H. E. Arrindell and C. W. Springer were appointed respectively as scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster of the troop.

However, Mr. Arrindell, who was already in charge of the school Cadet Corps, found it impossible to cope with the two activities. Consequently, Mr. Springer undertook the duties of scoutmaster and thereby became the island's first active scoutmaster.

Association formed—On March 9, 1912, the Boy Scouts Assn. was formed and the Combermere School Scout Troop was given official recognition. The scoutmasters then were Messrs. Springer and V. A. Southwell, with H. T. Mayers and H. T. Trimmingham as assistant scoutmasters.

At a meeting on April 19, 1912, the following were appointed: patron, Sir Leslie Probyn; president, Maj. J. A. Burdon; secretary, G. B. Burton; and treasurer, L. F. S. Bowen.

Expansion to Primary Schools—The first official attempt to extend the Scout movement beyond the confines of the "second grade" secondary schools was made in 1926. Then the Board of Education drew the attention of the Public Elementary School Teachers to the value of the movement as an informal educational agency.

There had been, however a few intermittent attempts to form troops at individual elementary schools, notably at St. Bartholomew's (1915) and at Wesley Hall (1920).

But it was not until 1934 that, chiefly due to the enthusiasm of the late W. H. Carter, District Inspector of Schools, the movement was generally accepted by the elementary schools as a worthwhile extra-curricular activity.

Administration—During the period 1912-1934, the Scout movement was administered centrally as a single District. In 1934 a new constitution was drawn up and provision made for the administration of the movement as a branch of the Imperial Boy Scouts Assn.

At the same time, the island was (Continued on page 27)



WINNERS AT ST. MICHAEL'S Junior Stamp Club show held recently in Brooklyn were (from the left) Albert Hochhausen, Jr., Joseph Follipello, William Hoppe, and Heintzde Vales. Behind them, center, is Albert Hochhausen, Sr. who sponsors the youngsters. His address is 377 49th St., Brooklyn 2, N. Y. Started in October, the group now boasts 33 members.

Country Store And Philatelic Links With Past Kept Alive By Upstate New Jersey Merchant

When Alfred Robbins and his son Victor bought the country store in Middleville, N. J. from Oscar Andress in 1902, they ordered optimistically. As a result, Victor and his son Donald, the present owner, can rummage in the stockroom and come up with such bygone items as celluloid collars and whalebone corsets (\$1.25 for the everyday muslin variety in the old days—not for sale now).

So wrote Mildred P. Hughes in her nostalgic story in a recent issue of the Newton, N. J. "Herald" concerning a small community far up in the northern corner of that state.

Not thinking especially of things philatelic, Miss Hughes did not mean the fact that Grandfather Robbins had not bought equally heavily of, say, the 1902 series 5c or 4c imperforate stamps when they appeared a few years later.

Or, for that matter, what if the owner of the proper day—the store was built in 1837—had stashed away a few sheets of the 5c and the 1847's, to "throw in" with the odds and ends for present owner Donald Robbins to find on one of his inventory sessions?

But let Miss Hughes continue her description of this rare remaining example of what was the civic center of every community prior to the days of the telephone, radio, TV, and paved highways—the general store:

Today the Robbins General Store

houses the Middleville post office and serves Middleville and Swartswood Lake residents. It sports such fascinating emblems as the most modern of pointed toe sneakers right beside babies' size 4 high-buttoned brown leather shoes.

Some of the wares, unlike the whaleboned garments and old-fashioned shoes, are useful today.

Kerosene lamps of all kinds—including hanging chandeliers—come in handy in a lake area where electric power is not always reliable and old-fashioned pickle crocks are still used by farm wives. Wash boards are a modern item to Donald Robbins. He says, "We have to re-order them quite often."

Brown stoneware pitchers and beanpots, while not of the 1802 vintage (Continued on page 26)

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March "SportStamps" Stresses Yachting

Yachting as a philatelic specialty is the feature article in the March issue of "SportStamps", the monthly journal of the Sports Unit, the society of sports philately.

Illustrated with stamps depicting famous racing yachts, the feature contains human interest stories about noted yachtsmen, such as Crown Prince Constantin of Greece, winner of Greece's only award in the 1960 Olympic Games, and the "royal dunking" he received from Queen Frederica as his reward.

Detailed information is also included about the yachts themselves, including the Royal Yacht "Britannia", owned by King George V of Great Britain, which was the most successful racing yacht in history, winning 231 races in 625 starts.

In accordance with the late king's last will and testament, this beautiful boat was sunk at sea following the king's demise.

The coveted Olympic Diploma, awarded by the International Olympic Committee for outstanding service to amateur sport or the Olympic movement, comprises the second feature article.

A host of other interesting articles on sports philately complete this issue of SportStamps. Copies may be obtained until April 3 at 25c each from Robert M. Bruce, Office of Physical Education, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

BARBADOS TRIO (Continued from page 1)

organized into four districts, with a district commissioner in charge of each district: The new districts and their respective D.C.'s were as follows: South Western—E. B. Williams; Leeward—Rev. P. E. Branch; Windward—Rev. E. A. Brandt; and North Eastern—Rev. G. J. Fielder.

Subsequent to the division of the island (1959) into three geographical areas for purposes of local government, the Island Scout Council reorganized the scout districts and made them coincide with the local government areas.

Thus, there are now three scout districts each of which forms a separate local association. These districts are the Bridgetown District, the Northern District and the Southern District.

Finance—The movement is supported mainly by means of public subscriptions and money raised through the organization of fairs and so on. The Government makes an annual grant of \$784 and also gives ad hoc grants towards the expenses incurred on special occasions such as a national or international jamboree.

Scout Shop—In the early days the association ran its own scout shop. Later, it was found to be more convenient to run the shop through a business firm, and R. G. Cave of Cave Shepherd & Co. agreed to run a Scout & Guide Shop at his store.

He employed a Ranger to take charge of this and the Scout Assn. contributed \$5 per month towards her salary. In 1950 this arrangement was discontinued and the association again undertook the responsibility of running a scout shop.

Headquarters—For nearly half a century the Scout movement in Barbados was without a permanent home. Through the kindness of the directors of the YMCA, and in more recent years the Representatives of the British Council, office and scout shop accommodation was provided up to 1948.

The next move was to a site on the Bay Estate where an old "army hut" given by the Government was converted into a headquarters building. In 1955 this building was completely destroyed by hurricane "Janet" and once more the British Council gave the movement shelter.

When, in 1958, the British Council withdrew from Barbados, the Scout movement again found refuge at the YMCA. Meanwhile, the Council of the Association had been making strenuous efforts to find a suitable and permanent Headquarters.

Its efforts were crowned with success in 1960 when the Association managed to complete negotiations for the purchase of the present headquarters. This property, known as "Hazelwood", is situated at Collymore Rock, St. Michael, on a site which covers 3 3/4 acres.

General Progress—During the first

ten years of its operation in Barbados, the movement was confined to Combermere School, the YMCA, St. Michael's Cathedral, James St. Methodist Church, and a few others. Nevertheless, the actual scouting reached a comparatively high standard.

In 1919, J. E. Griffith (now Major) started the First Barbados Sea Scout Group. Around this time the movement was going from strength to strength, and Capt. Hancock and Shepherd, Staff Officers of the local forces, did much to help it.

The movement was extended to the elementary (primary) schools during the 1920's and 1930's.

At present there are Cub Packs or Scout Troops attached to 24 Primary schools, as well as three church groups, three open groups and one sponsored by the YMCA, making a total of 39 groups.

The Census of September 30, 1961 revealed a total all ranks of 851 as follows: 187 Cubs, 390 Boy Scouts, 179 Senior Scouts, 6 Rover Scouts, 71 Scouters, and 18 Commissioners.

The Association is administered at present by a Chief Commissioner and an Island Scout Council headed by Governor Sir John Stow as island Chief Scout.

The president of the Council is Sir Archibald Cuke, and the vice president and chairman of the executive committee is Lt. Col. H. A. Dowding.

Several other prominent citizens are also vice presidents including Bishop Lewis Evans. The honorary secretary is A. F. C. Matthews and the honorary treasurer, N. D. Osborne, both senior officers in the Civil Service.

The present chief commissioner is Lisle A. Harrison, who joined the movement as a cub at the age of ten years over 30 years ago. He was previously deputy chief commissioner to W. A. Redhead who retired in 1961 on being transferred to Carriacou.

The present deputy chief commissioner is E. Humphrey Walcott. There are seven assistant chief commissioners, three district commissioners and six assistant district commissioners.

50th Anniversary Celebration—The 50th anniversary was celebrated with a Scout Week of events starting March 9. During the period of the Second Caribbean Trade Fair (March 2-19) the Scouts erected a 30ft. tower on the Trade Fair site.

At the base of the tower they featured an exhibition depicting the history and development of the movement in Barbados since 1912. The tower was suitably decorated and floodlit at night.

On Sunday March 11 there was a general thanksgiving service at the YMCA grounds, while other events during the period included a tattoo at Government House and campfires in each of the three scout districts.

The "Scout Week" ended March



India Honors Public Benefactor

As previously reported by Dhruvhai Mehta, Ghatkopar, India, that nation released on March 4 a 15cp. light brown (mineral red) stamp depicting a portrait of Swami Dayanand Saraswati. Photographs printed at the India Security Press, there are 42 stamps in a sheet, 12 1/2 x 14 perforation. All over multiple Lion Capital of Asoka watermark paper was used and 2,500,000 stamps were printed.

Swami Dayanand Saraswati—Moolshanker was his his name in his early life—was born in a small village near Tankara in Morvi (Saurashtra) in 1824. His father Karsonji (a Brahmin) was a landlord of the village and also looked after the state lands. At a very young age Dayanand left home and traveled far and wide. He saw at many places and especially at religious fairs the downfall of the Hindu religion, and undertook a three fold programme: 1) to educate people so that they are not the prey of false beliefs, 2) educate people on Veda, and 3) to write and publish literature on Vedic religion.

He later on established Arya Samaj, the first one at Bombay in April 1875. Today Arya Samaj has over 1500 offices all over the country and abroad. It runs many educational institutions, medical centers and children's homes.

As in case of many great men, the end of Swami Dayanand was tragic. While at Jodhpur, he was administered poison as a result of which he died on October 30, 1883 at the age of 59 at Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

17 with a special show by the Wolf Cubs at Scout Headquarters "Hazelwood".

The big event of the year, however, will be held at the end of the anniversary year, in March 1963. Plans include a jamboree of 800 Scouts to be held during the Easter vacation. Scouts from the other West Indian Islands, British Guiana, Brit-

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