

## British Area Philately Studied

### Subject Popular With Many Collectors; Study Group Tells Of Benefits, Open Door Policy

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The true philatelist must be of necessity a student of history. The development, over the centuries, of a system of communications within a country or colony, or between peoples of the world is postal history.

It is quite natural that stamp collectors of the United States should show a preference for the stamps of the British Commonwealth second only to interest in the stamps of our country. Indeed, our "good neighbor" relationship with Canada, as a British Dominion, is an example that other nations might well follow.

Here, too, the philatelic status is an interesting one — such as the British North America Philatelic Society, having its sessions first in one country and then the other, with officers of both U. S. and Canada represented.

A perusal of Samuel Eliot Morison's "The Oxford History of the American People" (Oxford University Press, 1965), and a "Book-of-the-Month" selection, is a refreshing opportunity to remind one of the origin and development of the United States.

While the settlers were of many nationalities, the colonies were, or became, British. The language was English, as were the laws, the Bible used by numerous religious sects, the educational system, and the "way of life".

Mr. Morison reminds us that Canada — by 1960 she had sevenfold the population of the Thirteen Colonies of 1776 — and Australia — with four times that population —

would be "The British Playing Card Stamp Duties and Their Authorized Stamps" by Dr. John Boynton Kaiser, with checklist of original dies by Marcus Samuel. (A section also covers the Laws Relating to United States Playing Card Revenue Stamps 1863-1883 and 1894-1960.)

It is a handbook of the American Philatelic Society and is available from the executive secretary, Col. James T. DeVoss, Box 800, State College, Pa.

If you will but refer to the Book Section of the November 1965 issue of the Reader's Digest you will find a selection titled "Sons of Liberty" from Mr. Morison's book. Millions of Americans, for the first time have seen an illustration of one of the embossed tax stamps that started all the trouble, and we might otherwise still be "British".

The British Empire and Commonwealth of Nations had their origin with Christopher Columbus, with his discovery of the West Indies, has been honored on the stamps of many countries. His adventures spurred other explorations.

Henry VII, first Tudor King of England, granted authority to the Italian navigator John Cabot to seek new lands, and he set sail from Bristol in May 1497 on board the "Matthew". The 1897 stamp issue of Newfoundland commemorated the 400th Anniversary of Cabot's discovery of that island; the 80c portrayed King Henry VII.

Winthrop Boggs in his book "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland" (c.1942) reported that the 2c stamp supposedly portraying John Cabot, did in fact reproduce a portrait of Cabot's son, Sebastian, after a painting by Holbein.

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AN INITIAL PRINTING of five million SIPEX souvenir sheets has been announced by the POD. To be first issued May 23 at Washington, D. C., the design incorporates the 5c single scheduled two days earlier with a line drawing of the Capitol and Washington Monument. While the stamp itself is printed in six colors—black, blue and green printed on the Giori press and gray, red and pink applied by lithography—the scene and inscriptions on 2 7/8 x 4 1/4 sheet will be green.

### Canada Aiding Highway Safety Publicity Program With May 2 Stamp Featuring Traffic Signs

Support for a campaign to reduce traffic accidents will come from the Canada Post Office on May 2 with issuance of the country's first Highway Safety Stamp. Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote has announced.

The Postmaster General also revealed that on the same day he will participate in sessions of the Canadian Highway Safety Council at Calgary, Alta. where opening ceremonies of the group's twelfth conference will coincide with the date of issue for the new stamp.



Toronto artist Helen Fitzgerald executed the design for the new issue which portrays traffic signs and symbols in tones of blue and yellow on a black background.

Of the 5c denomination, it will

have dual outstanding characteristics in being one of a few Highway Safety Stamps issued in the world, and in that it breaks with tradition by having the familiar visible gum replaced by a tasteless, virtually invisible variety with superior adhesive qualities.

The PMG also stated that the new adhesive is being used because of its non-curling characteristics and resistance to humidity in storage areas.

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William E. Hoffmann of East Brunswick, N. J. was elected president of the Scouts on Stamps Society International at a recent meeting. Mr. Hoffmann has served on the SOSSI Board of Directors for eight years, the last six as Chairman.

He was one of the organizers of George Washington Chapter No. 2, SOSSI, and is a 41-year veteran in the Scouting movement.

Other officers elected at this time included John J. Juhasz, Bound Brook, N. J. and Tamotsu Murayama, Tokyo, Japan as vice presidents; and Jay L. Rogers, Hicksville, N. Y., secretary.

Scouts on Stamps Society International will have a lounge booth at the INTERPEX show in New York in March. It will be manned by members of the George Washington Chapter which will also hold its March meeting there on March 26.

**Nature's "Mermaid" On Ryukyuan Stamp**

A Jugon, or Dugong dugon, is being featured on a Ryukyuan 3c stamp scheduled for appearance April 20. The animal is a large sea mammal which ranges from the Indian Ocean to the Ryukyus, and is often called a mermaid.



The stamp will be photogravure printed in multicolor, after a design by Shin Isagawa; the quantity will be 1,600,000 copies, in sheets of 20 subjects.

The third Turtle stamp, this time a 3c showing the Ryukyu-yamagame variety, will also be issued April 20. Production and quantity

**Tourist Attractions On East Africa Set**

Tourist attractions will be the theme of four commemoratives to be issued April 4 by the East African Posts and Telecommunications Administration. The announcement was made by the Inter-governmental Philatelic Corporation.



Printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons of London, the multicolor set consists of the following denominations and designs: 30c elephant and game park lodge, 50c hippopotami and Murchison Falls, 1/30 flamingos and Lake Naharu, and 2/50 swordfish and fishing boat.

These stamps are postally valid in all post offices in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, but not in those of Zanzibar.

**TAPEX '66 Honors Stamps For Wounded**

The prospectus for the 10th Anniversary Philatelic Exhibition of the 905 Stamp Club is now available for competition in nine categories for bronze trophies.

TAPEX '66 will honor philatelic hobbies for the wounded by presentation of a citation to George I. Silberberg, who will appear as guest of honor and main speaker.

Members of the philatelic community are invited to exhibit and attend the exhibition on April 16 in the auditorium of the Massachusetts Correctional Institution, South Walpole, Mass., at 6:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

Bourse tables will be open and a hall of honor will include displays from the Cardinal Spellman Museum and U.S. Post Office along with a special showing of Israel Tabs.

Special cacheted covers honoring philatelic hobbies for the wounded will be available, postmarked from the exhibition hall April 16th at 15c each and 2 for 25c.

Prospectus, covers, invitations and further information are available from the exhibition committee, 905 Stamp Club, Box 100, South Walpole, Mass. 02071.

**Pair From Sweden: Staircase Is Theme**

Sweden has announced two stamps in a series depicting old Swedish buildings to be issued March 26. A common design showing the staircase at the inauguration of the 100-year-old National Gallery in Stockholm will be used for the 30 ore and 2.30 Kronor items.



The engraving by Czeslaw Slania is based on a woodcut made in 1866. The set may be ordered from the Swedish Post Office Board, (Postens Filateliavdelning Fack, Stockholm 1, Sweden. Remittance for the set (51c U. S.) should accompany each order.

**Appomattox Story In S.P.A. Journal**

A detailed story of the Appomattox commemorative stamp, documented from records of the Post Office Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, appears in the March issue of the S.P.A. Journal.

Also featured is an account of Russian polar exploration as seen on the stamps of the Soviet Union. Additional sections of James W. Milgram's "The Western Mails", and Col. Henry H. Rogers' Liberia Handbook, are contained.

The S.P.A. Journal, official publication of the Society of Philatelic Americans, is free to members of the society. Belmont Faries, 11713 Chapel Rd., Clifton, Va. 22024, is editor.

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will be the same as for the Jugon number, with the design by Seikichi Tamansha.

The "mermaid" reference to the Jugon is due to the fact when nursing her young, the female exposes the upper half of her body out of the water and presents an appearance highly suggestive of a human mother and infant.

The Jugon is seldom seen in Ryukyuan waters today, and the first one captured in some 50 years was taken near the Miyako Islands only last October.

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