



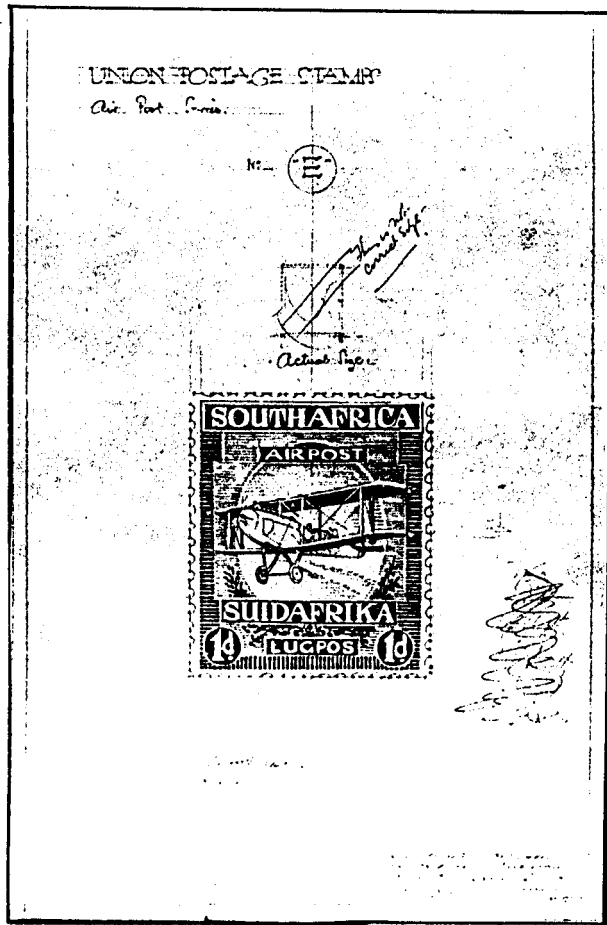
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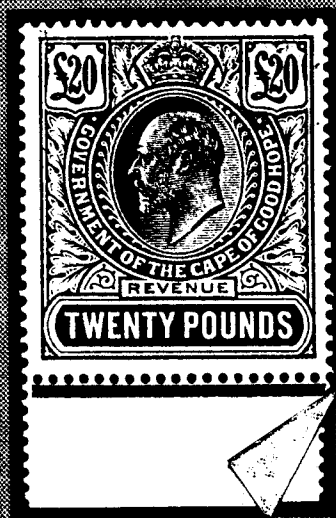


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The first of any type of stamp issue for a country usually has an interesting background tale to tell. This is the case in the first airmail issue of South Africa. The author provides the reader with details on initial airmail rates and illustrates the original drawing of the basic stamp design for this set of four denominations. Also provided are two tables showing the number of each denomination printed, followed by the actual number of each value sold. Information is also provided on forgeries which came on the market in the 1950s, as well as early experimental flights which represented the government's attempts to speed up communication to and from the Cape as a link with mail boat service to and from the United Kingdom. Illustrated comparisons of the design characteristics of the genuine items versus forgeries is extremely helpful to the serious collector of these stamps. . . **119**

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Note that there are only three feature articles. This is all I had received from different authors since the last issue. This is the first time in years that FORERUNNERS has contained less than five feature articles.

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Your journal recently garnered a Vermeil at STaMpsHOW, a Silver-Bronze at SINGAPORE '95 and a Silver at SESCAL. * * *

As you will read in "Society Affairs", the Editor position was recently elevated to Board Director status. After this issue the "Facts, Figures & Other Matters" column will be taken over by our new Secretary, Don Campbell of San Francisco. We also have a new Vice President, Marc Milzman, and SESCAL meeting coordinator, Will Ross. Meet them all in the "News of the Membership" section.

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The Question & Answer Panel coverage now includes Anglo-Boer War thanks to Michael Wigmore, RSA. There is also a vacancy for the Cape triangles due to the recent passing of our beloved colleague Athol Murray. See our tribute in "closed Album".

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The guidelines for the 1996 mail auction are published in this issue to provide ample lead time for next year's event. can we "top" the 1040 lots we had in 1995?

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The enclosed copy of the second issue of "THE Celebration Newsletter" brings you up-to-date on developments thus far. After reading it, why not consider how you might support the event? Volunteerism and material support will be well worth the investment for "the greatest gathering of the British Africa collecting community in the annals of organized philately".

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Plans are underway to have the Mar/Jun '97 journal issue serve as "THE Celebration Special Edition" in honor of the Society's Tenth Anniversary. The contents will consist solely of feature articles. Ideally we would like to have an article covering each one of the stamp-issuing entities, periods and areas falling within the scope of PSGSA.

In keeping with the spirit of THE Celebration, each of the participating specialty groups will be invited to sponsor one article covering a subject falling within its scope. In this way it is hoped that the final product will prove to be an excellent anthology providing a broad-brushed look at the British Africa collecting field. A complimentary copy of the special edition will be given to each society sponsoring an article, as well as to each author.

Needless-to-say, submission criteria will be tightened up. For example, black and white photographs will be required for all illustrations with the exception of charts and graphs. The ideal would be for authors to place the actual stamps and/or covers on loan to the publisher. Scanning technology is to be used to assure the absolutely best illustration quality. Final submission criteria will be published in the next issue.

We will be looking for the best quality of written works in selecting submissions to appear in the THE celebration Special Edition. This notice is published now to provide ample time for participating specialty groups and authors to complete their research and do their write-ups. An Editorial Committee will make the final selections.

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May I, through Forerunners, compliment you on an exceptional publication, *SO PLEASE DO NOT LET IT DIE!* I appreciate the difficulties of producing such a magazine, but thanks to some stalwarts, the articles are a fund of information.

May I, as a member, make a special appeal to the 170-odd members we have. Please make a special effort to supply articles so that the journal never fades from existence. This will also make things much easier for the future editor. I also, am one of the lazy ones but hope in the future to be able to do something about it.

Also, my many thanks for the response to my advertisement in the journal. It has been the best that I have had from any ads I have placed in many publications.

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Allan Raw, RSA

The journal continues to astound! - **Rich Millar**, USA

The latest Forerunners arrived two days ago and reading it once again is super, thanks. - **Helmut Hartmann**, Namibia

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The First Airmails of the Union of South Africa

W.A. Page FRPS,L, England

Introduction

The initial Government Act of 1923 to regulate flying in South Africa was administered by the Minister of Posts & Telegraphs until 1931. One of the provisions of the Act was to establish services for the transportation of goods, mail and passengers.

Early in 1925 the South African Government mounted an experimental airmail service between Cape Town and Durban (and return) to test the possible advantages and public support. A weekly service was introduced and entrusted to the South African Air Force using their DH9 military aircraft.

The date fixed for the start of the service was 2nd March 1925. According to the record, mail was to be surcharged with an additional airmail fee in excess of the normal postal charge. The charges were set as follows:

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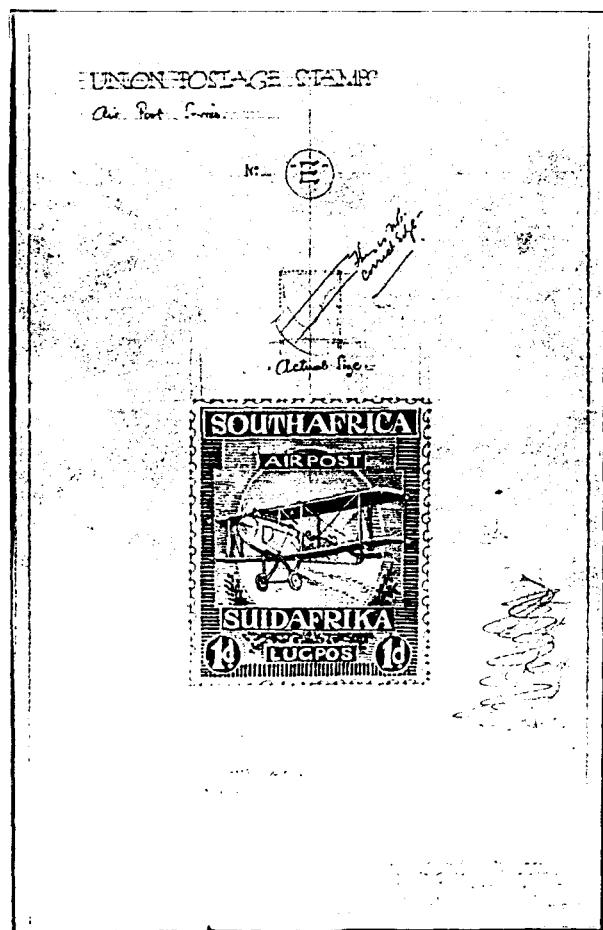
Letters: Inland - 3d per ounce Overseas - 6d per ounce

Parcels: Inland - 6d per pound Overseas - 9p per pound

Special airmail stamps were produced covering the four values above. These issues were not available for normal postage. Here South Africa can claim a "first" as the series of stamps issued on 26th February 1925 was the first definitive airmail stamps in the then British Empire.

The original design (I11. 1) prepared for the stamps was drawn by F.W. Mullins, an Architect of the Public Works Department. The final design work was completed by Arthur Cooper, a one time employee of Waterlows, who worked for Cape Times Ltd. of Cape Town. The production was carried

Illustration 1. The Mullins original drawing, in red. Reduced illustration of the document 370 x 22 mm now in a private collection.



out by the *Cape Times*, by offset lithography process with the four values in Red (1d), Blue (3d), Mauve (6d) and Green (9d). The stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper from plates comprising an upper and lower pane, each containing 60 stamps in six rows of 10. The perforating was carried out on a single-line treadle machine - Gauge 12.

The sheets did not carry any marginal control data or arrow; rather, only an enlarged version of the value tablet of the stamp in the top, bottom and side margins. A number of plate varieties exist for all values.

The stamps were on sale at post offices in the areas served by the flights and at the government post offices in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Here it is interesting and important to record the numbers of stamps printed (Table 1) and sold (Table 2). The printing itself was carried out under strict security, supervised by a Post Office official to ensure that any printer's waste was destroyed. There were, however, a few leakages, the details of which are beyond the scope of this survey.

Table 1. Numbers printed of each value of South Africa's first air mail.

| Value | Numbers Printed |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 1d | 210,000 (1750 double sheets) |
| 3d | 210,000 (1750 double sheets) |
| 6d | 147,000 (1225 double sheets) |
| 9d | 110,040 (917 double sheets) |

Table 2. Number sold of each value of South Africa's first air mail issue.

| Value | Numbers Sold |
|-------|--------------|
| 1d | 65,269 |
| 3d | 75,500 |
| 6d | 53,415 |
| 9d | 27,642 |

Comparison of the quantities sold against the total mail carried sets a broad ratio of mint/used availability. Nearly 63,000 letters and postcards were carried on a total of 31 official flights. This figure excludes parcels (N=719).

Much of the initial mail was philatelic in nature and appeared over various stages of the route. Covers are known bearing the complete series of four stamps.

The experimental flights ceased in June 1925. The stamps were withdrawn from sale at that time with the exception of

Pretoria where they remained available until October of 1925. The plates were then destroyed. The unsold stock was officially destroyed on 5th December 1925.

Forgeries

With the passage of time the demand for the stamps from collectors soon outweighed the supply. Under these market conditions, it was discovered in the 1950's that forgeries were being produced. The origin of the forgeries has never been ascertained, although subsequent studies revealed that there have been two different plates used in their manufacture.

Generally speaking, the forgeries are good enough to "fool" the non-specialist or beginner. Nevertheless the forgeries are well documented and publicized with details appearing in the more modern South African Handbook/Catalogues and footnotes in standard catalogs.

For those unfamiliar with the issue, the first validity test is that of perforation determination - the genuine issue is gauge 12. Forgeries are recorded bearing perforations of 11, 11½, 13 and 13½. There are minor discrepancies in the perforations recorded, depending on finite accuracy in measuring which provides decimal place differences, i.e., the genuine stamp perforation of 12 is actually 11.9!

A second test for genuineness is the paper. Bear in mind the significant developments in paper manufacturing over the twenty-five years before the forgeries began appearing. The paper used in producing the forgeries is markedly different than that used for the genuine article. Under an ultra-violet lamp, the genuine stamps give off no fluorescence, while the forged items fluoresce.

Differentiation between the two forged plates is possible by examination of several small design characteristics. Also, the overall design size varies by 1/2 mm, although these differences are not viewed as official variations, at least up to this point. Illustration 2 on the next page compares and contrasts the design differences between the genuine issue and the two plates used in manufacturing the forgeries.

The Experimental Flights

The flights themselves were designed to speed up communication to and from the Cape to link with the mail boat service to and from the United Kingdom. A rehearsal flight took place on 23rd February 1925 before the service started. The 31 flights were not without incident but the details will be covered by a future survey; suffice to recorded that the final experimental flights took place on 15th June 1925.

Interested readers may contact the author at 138 Chastillian Road, Dartford Kent DA13LG, England

Illustration 2. Comparison of design characteristics of the genuine design versus the Plate 1 and Plate 2 forgeries of South Africa's first air mail issue.

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| <p>GENUINE - Perf 12</p> <p>1. Lines of shading around aircraft, etc., evenly</p>  | <p>PLATE 1 FORGERY - Perf 11 1/2, 13, 13 1/2 Lines</p> <p>of shading thinner and less evenly spaced.</p>  | <p>PLATE 2 FORGERY - Perf 11</p> <p>As Plate 1 with first long line extended to right.</p>  |
| <p>2. Under "Airpost" first two lines thick.</p>  | <p>Under "Airpost" two lines thin (Ill. center below).</p>  | <p>Under "AIRPOST" first two lines thick as in genuine stamp.</p>  |
| <p>3. Under "KA" of AFRIKA first two lines evenly spaced.</p>  | <p>Under "KA" of AFRIKA lines closer together.</p>  | <p>Under "KA" of Afrika lines widely spaced.</p>  |

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An Early Letter From Namaqualand

Alan Drysdall, UK

Barnabas Shaw, one of South Africa's foremost missionaries and the founder of Methodism in South Africa, was born at Elloughton in Yorkshire on the 12th April, 1788. Fired with missionary zeal, he sailed for South Africa, landing at Cape Town on the 14th April, 1816. He was, however, only allowed to preach to the British garrison. In order to pursue his vocation, he set out for the remote northwest of the Colony. He established a mission at Leliefontein, which he referred to as Lily Fountain, in Namaqualand. It was his dedication and enthusiasm which, as a result of introducing such innovations as ploughing and a flock of Merino sheep, greatly improved the life-style of the Little Namaqua. The improvements included the innovations of growing cereals, particularly wheat, and providing themselves with meat. His only failure was an industry he set up to make woolen hats.

Shaw remained determined to spread Methodism, particularly in Great Namaqualand, and sent the Rev. W. Threlfall and two converts, Jacob Links and Johannes Jager, to establish a mission there. All three were murdered for their few possessions in 1825. Shaw's assistants did, however, subsequently succeed in establishing a mission to the Tswana. In 1834, this was finally accomplished by the opening of the Damara Mission in Great Namaqualand.

Shaw left Leliefontein in 1826, and from 1827 was in charge of the mission at Cape Town. In 1837 he returned to England where he wrote his partly autobiographical *Memorials of South Africa*. He went to South Africa again in 1843 and founded Raithby, a settlement for the re-establishment of freed slaves near Stellenbosch. In 1849 he was transferred to Rosebank. He retired five years later and died at Mowbray on the 21st of June, 1857.

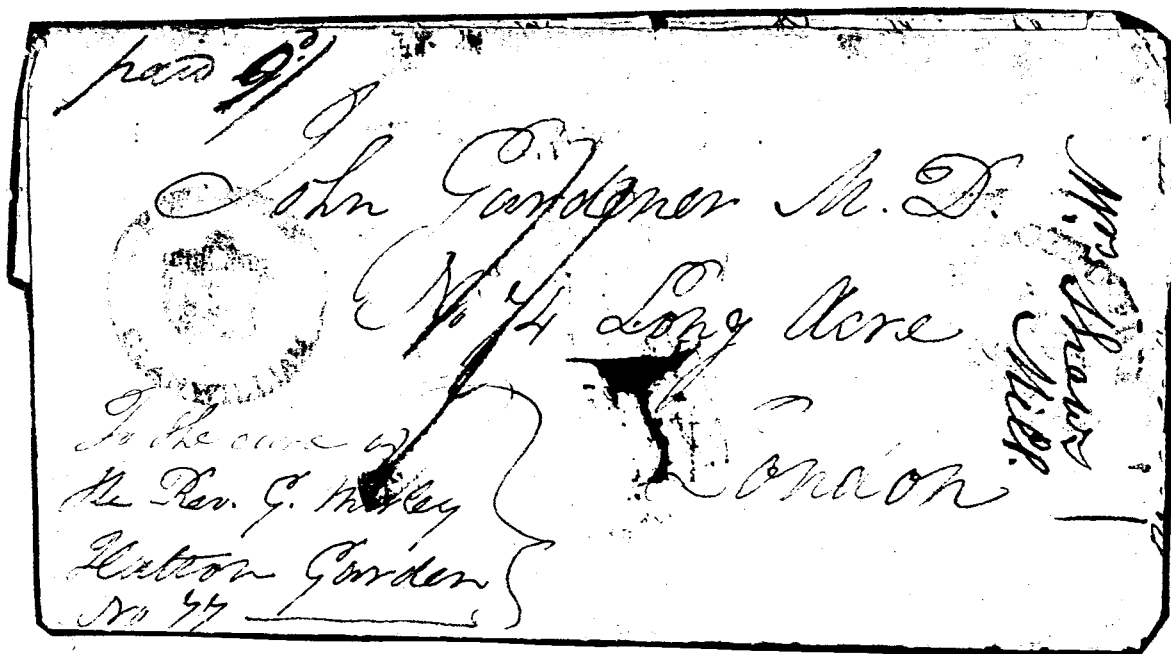
The two items illustrated below were provided through the courtesy of John Taylor. The first is a note dated the 19th July, 1825, written by Threlfall to Shaw (Ill. 1) authorizing him to pay the 'Captain of the Bond le Zwaartz' 10 rix dollars, or the equivalent amount in shop goods for an ox he had purchased. (The local exchange rate was therefore 1 ox = 10 rix dollars = two woolen hats.)

The second item (Ill. 2) is the outside addressee portion of a lettersheet addressed to Rev. John Gardner, M.D., founder of the Strangers' Friend Society in London. The handwriting is not Shaw's and the letter may have been written by his wife. It was, however, signed and sealed by him. The text of the letter, which is headed "Wesleyan Institution, Namaqualand" and dated 7th January, 1826, is printed on the next page following Illustration 2.

Illustration 1. Note dated 19th July, 1825, written by Threlfall to Shaw.

Pds. 10. Please pay on demand to the Captain of the Bond le Zwaartz, or order, two Hats, or to the amount in shop goods, as the presenter may choose for an ox of value recd. & place the same to my account.
To the Rev. Yours truly &c
B. Shaw
July 19th 1825

Illustration 2. Letter dated 7th January, 1826 from Shaw to Rev. Gardner, founder of Strangers' Friend Society.



The text of the lettersheet shown in Illustration 2 reads as follows:

"Dear Sir,

I never knew how to address you, not knowing where your residence was, till I received your letter only a few weeks ago.

I find you were a friend to the Heathen and the cause of Missions, and to Strangers, and to the afflicted before I breathed the vital air, or saw the light of day. In doing good you have found a present reward for many years, and the Lord will not forsake you in old age. He will be the strength of your heart, and your portion forever. May our adored Emanuel cause you to bring forth fruit in old age and make your last days your best and happiest.

The mill you were so kind to send has ground corn in this place for several years. It is now set apart for our hatting boys (the apprentices) who grind daily (Sundays excepted) their allowance of corn therein.

The mill you sent to Mr. Schmelen he has never received. It is I believe in Cape Town, but the Directors, having neglected to address it to him it is very likely some other person may get it. I design giving Bro. Schmelen your letter to take with him on his going to the Cape, which will at once prove his claim to it.

Mrs. Shaw, who was quite proud of the mill as it was an instrument which astonished the farmers in this place, joins with me in gratefully acknowledging the same, and wishes you every blessing in the New Covenant of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Lord is visiting this country with a drought such as is not remembered to have been seen by any man living here. It is now our harvest, but very little more than the seed will be obtained. Several of the Namaquas behold this as the hand of God, and hope it will induce them to learn righteousness."

The letter bears the undated handstamp of the Clanwilliam office, then the nearest post office to Shaw's mission stations, and a faint strike - at center-right - an oval Cape Town mark dated the 27th January, 1826. Jurgens, in his book *The handstruck letter stamps and postmarks of the Cape of Good Hope from 1792 to 1853 and the postmarks from 1853 to 1910* (p. 26), describes Clanwilliam and a letter posted there as follows:

"The village of Clanwilliam, named after the first Earl of Clanwilliam (father-in-law of Sir John Cradock) was formerly known as Jan Dissels Vlei, after a farmer who lived near Piquetberg.

At this period it was only a small hamlet and all letters to and from Clanwilliam had to pass through Worcester. However, the fact that a Post Office with its own distinctive letter stamp was established at this place is proved by a letter in the possession of the writer dated the 8th August, 1820. This letter is addressed to Stellenbosch and is stamped with the Tulbagh' letter stamp, the General Post Office, Cape Town, letter stamp, and the Clanwilliam Post Office letter stamp. The letter stamp of the Post Office Stellenbosch is not shown on the letter as a receiving office stamp, because at this period these letter stamps were used only for the purpose of indicating that the postage had been paid. The stamping of the letter by the Tulbagh postmaster was really a breach of regulations.

The reason why the letter was conveyed from Clanwilliam to Tulbagh and from there through Stellenbosch (its destination) to Cape Town and then back to Stellenbosch is explained by the fact that the main postal route was Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Tulbagh, and from this latter town all letters were forwarded by runners to Worcester and Clanwilliam and places beyond. The return post followed the same route. A letter sent from Clanwilliam to Tulbagh or Stellenbosch would therefore first have to be conveyed to Cape

Town, which was the only office authorized to receive the postage money.

The cost of a letter on a single sheet in 1820 was 7d from Clanwilliam to Stellenbosch, viz., 7d, was recovered or accounted for."

The rates quoted by Jurgens are, however, those introduced in October 1826 (see his page 44). If the letter being described by Jurgens was indeed dated 1820, they would not have applied. The most likely explanation would seem to be that there is a misprint in Jurgen's text regarding the date of his letter. The manuscript markings on Shaw's letter record that he paid 9d, and the addressee 1s. (The '9' is written over another numeral that is indecipherable.) Ordinance No. 25 of 1826 introduced revised postal rates expressed in pence effective from the 9th October, and set a single-sheet rate of 8d for letters between Cape Town and Clanwilliam. (Cape Ordinance No. 2 of 1825 established British currency as legal tender.) However, Shaw's letter was posted in January 1826, i.e., before Ordinance No. 25 of 1826 came into effect, and at that time the rates introduced in 1817 would have been in force. The rate between Cape Town and Clanwilliam for a single-sheet letter was 2 skillings. The sender of a letter addressed overseas would also have had to pay the port charge, which sometime prior to 1822 was increased from 1 to 2 skillings per sheet. (This reflected a devaluation in the Dutch currency.) Thus the sender of a single-sheet letter from Clanwilliam addressed overseas should have paid 4 skillings. Jurgens (p. 14) records that in 1825 a skilling, once worth 6d, was worth only 21/4d. The 9d rate was therefore an accurate reflection of the exchange rate.

At this time mail to and from South Africa was carried as

India letters. The Cape rate for an India letter weighing up to three ounces addressed to the UK was 4d. The amount paid by the addressee (1s) would have included the inland postage from the port where the letter was landed. The inland postage charged - 8d - would suggest a port in central southern or southeast England. However, the only UK mark is a 23 mm single-circle datestamp struck in red on the reverse, which records when the letter was received in London, i.e., B/11 1/1826.' It was unusual for the port where a letter was landed not to stamp it, but in this case it is still possible to identify the port in question. Information kindly provided by the South African Maritime Museum shows that the first ship to sail for the UK from Cape Town after the 27th January, 1826 was the *Britannia*, which was en route from Bombay and sailed from Cape Town after the 29th January. Lloyds List for 1826 records the arrival of the *Britannia* from Bombay at Portsmouth on the 10th April. She must have carried Shaw's letter as the only UK marking records that it was received in London the following day. Moreover, for postal purposes the distance from Portsmouth to London was rated as 72 miles, and in 1826 the charge for a single-rate letter over a distance of between 50 and 80 miles was 8d.

The *Britannia* herself remains rather mysterious. Lloyds List records that she arrived at Portsmouth under the command of Captain Bouchier. However, the only *Britannia* listed by Lloyds Register for 1825-26, as insured for a trip to India (Madras rather than Bombay), was a ship of 435 tons built in Bristol in 1818 sailing under Captain Luke. One possibility is a change of captains *en route*, but this is impossible to prove.

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Alan Raw Philatelics recent auction listing included the

items, Cape postal history (9 lots), 25 Cape stamps and varieties, Griqualand West postmarks and revenues, Lesotho, Northern Rhodesia including rare cancels and complete sets; Nyasaland stamps and postal history, Orange Free State postal history, cancels and specimens; Rhodesia - 100 lots of mint/used stamps and hard-to-find postal history items; better Rhodesia-Nyasaland items, South Africa KGV Heads, 32 postal history items, significant flaws and varieties; RSA-26 lots of mint/used including interesting types and varieties; German South West Africa interesting covers and cancels; South West Africa regular issues-147 lots, postage dues-52 lots, officials-18 lots, postal history-13 lots; Southern Rhodesia-23 lots including booklet, railway issue with scarce "GATOOMA" cancel, postal stationery; Swaziland-18 lots, Transkei-15 lots of mostly forerunners of the 1906-32 period; Transvaal-13 lots of mint/used stamps and postal history items; and Zululand-17 lots of mint/used, some on piece.

Journeys To The Past: Ferreira's Camp - Johannesburg, Transvaal.

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Gold was discovered at the Witwatersrand during the early part of 1886 which led to the official "Heidelberg Goldfields Proclamation" in April. This announcement was the catalyst for the ensuing "gold rush" of 1886.

Many fortune hunters, diggers and prospectors travelled to this area of the Transvaal. The majority of these "opportunists" came from the waning goldfields of Kimberley, Natal in the eastern Transvaal. Their primary means of transportation included ox-wagon, horseback or Cape transportation cart.

The influx of new arrivals eventually led to the establishment of eight mining camps in the area, Ferreira's Camp being one of the largest. The latter was located on the Turffontein farm. Establishment of the camp was under the leadership of Lt. Col. Ignatius Philip Ferreira (Fig. 1). He was born in Grahamstown in 1840 and passed away some 81 years later in Trichardt, North Transvaal.

Ferreira actually arrived in the area from Middelburg, Transvaal on May 14, 1886. He had left his farm near Belfast, Transvaal in response to the aforementioned "gold rush" announcement. By his very nature, Ferreira eventually became recognized as one of the most colorful characters ever to come out of the Transvaal.

Ferreira's Camp was situated at the center of the Witwater

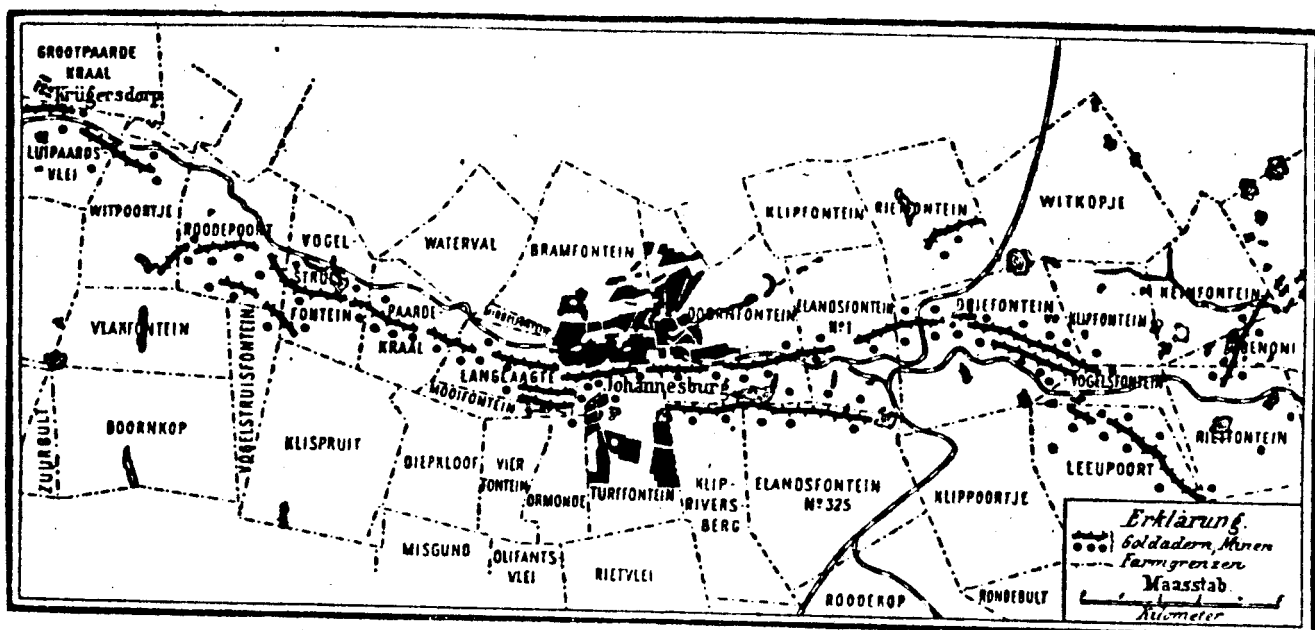
Figure 1. Col. Ignatius Philip Ferreira, founder of the Camp.



rand (Fig. 2). Its exact location was some five blocks south of Johannesburg's present-day Commissioner Street. This area quickly became the hub of commercial activity for the entire Witwatersrand area encompassing Johannesburg and beyond in all directions. A large number of Jewish diggers and tradesmen established themselves in this above five block general area, which resulted in the area sometimes being called "New Jerusalem".

On the 13th of June, 1886, Field Cornet Johannes "Jan" Petrus Meyer of Ward Klip River, Heidelberg district was

Figure 2. A 1902 German map of the Witwatersrand by Professor Joseph Kuerschner.



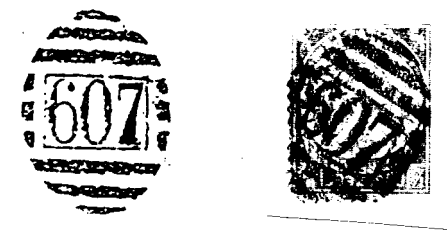
Die Witwaterrandminen bei Johannesburg.

appointed acting Mining Commissioner. Born at Prince Albert, Cape Colony in 1842, he passed away in Johannesburg during 1919 at the age of 77. His tent, with wooden flooring, at the large Natal Camp (formerly Meyer's Camp), served as his official office.

As part of his responsibilities, Meyer handled all incoming mails thereby making him the first postal agent for the area. The mailbag he received arrived intermittently from Pretoria. It contained both official and private letters. During June 1886, according to present information, the agency's first canceller was received in the form of BONC 607 (Fig. 3). It was used to cancel outgoing private letters. The same violet ink was used as was applied to many official documents.

An earlier postal agent assignment had been given to a local innkeeper by the name of Mr. Edgson who was responsible for Muldersdrift in the northern area of the Witwatersrand, located on the old mailcoach road.

Figure 3. Tracing and stamp showing BONC 607



By the middle of 1886, the Ferreira's Camp population had grown to 300 gold seeking souls. A majority of diggers lived in tents, small reed huts and tin shanteys.

In addition to the limited accommodations in the camp, fourteen so-called wayside hotels or "grog shops" were established nearby. These establishments operated under renewable three-month licenses to sell liquor in addition to providing sleeping accommodations. Most of these hotels had a bar, dining room and three bedrooms.

One of the locations was a boarding house owned and operated by a certain Mrs. Minnaar. It is also amusing to note that among the various hotel bars was a "tea and cake room" where Miss Amanda the barmaid plied her trade. Mrs. Walker's hotel was the largest building, constructed of reed and mud. This was known as the place where "high society" businessmen met or stayed during their visits to the camp.

At the time of the initial gold rush, there was no direct private mail service to the central Witwatersrand area. On the 20th of July, 1886, Mr. S.J. Meintjes made a request to the Pretoria Government to establish a telegraph and post office in the Heidelberg Goldfields District. There was also a petition sent to President Kruger during that time from time from Ferreira and 74 inhabitants of the camp. The petition

asked that both Langlaagte/McHattie and Paarl Camp be proclaimed public diggings.

The first mailcoach to reach the camp began operating in August of 1886 and was run by the Gibson Brothers. The coach was driven by Alexander Gibson and an assistant. During an initial route test run, circumstances required a little detour via the Langtlaagte farm was taken. During this unplanned detour portion of the initial run, Mr. Gibson noted in the distance a large tent and parked wagon. This location, as it turns out, served as the headquarters for Col. Ferreira and his assistant, Capt. P.J. Mynhardt. As the mailcoach approached the camp, a number of miners noted its impending arrival. When it arrived at least 30 miners were on hand with letters to be forwarded. Mr. Gibson acceded to the miners' wishes and stated that Ferreira's Camp would become an official stop for the "Red Star Line" passenger coach.

In early August, 1886, the government commissioners, Messrs. Joubert and Rissik arrived at the Witwatersrand for an inspection tour of the new goldfields. When they arrived at Edgson's Central Hotel, they were met by 200-300 residents of Ferreira's Camp. Among those present were individuals who would later become well-known, historical characters. They included: Cecil Rhodes, J. B. Robinson, Hans Sauer, P. J. Meyer, J. S. Booyesen, H. Ellis, B. Geldenhuis, E. Meintjes, L. Rossetenstein, Henry Nourse and many others who would eventually be known as the "Founding Fathers of Johannesburg".

The visiting commissioners decided, beginning the 11th August 1886, that thrice weekly, two-way mail service between Pretoria and Edgson Hotel would be instituted, with a westward extension to Potchefstroom. The arrival times for the route were Mondays at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 5 p.m. *The Transvaal Advertiser* newspaper published the arrival/departure schedule in each daily issue.

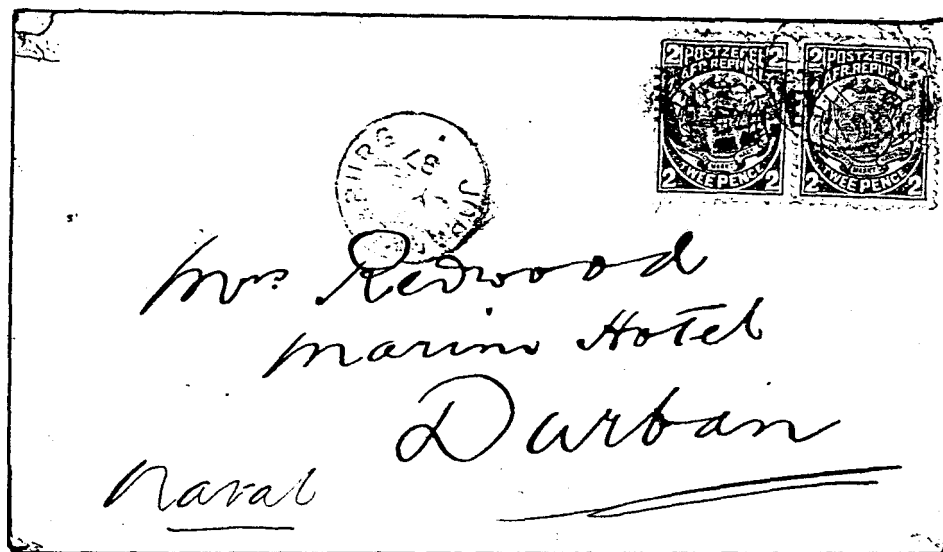
Messrs. Dow & Co. held the contract for mail transport between Pretoria and Potchefstroom in 1886. Mr. Edgson was the official postal agent with whom the firm had to deal to assure proper handling of the mails. The mailbags used for transport normally contained between 30 and 40 letters each trip. To accommodate hotel guests and local residents, Mr. Edgson placed all incoming mail in a transparent glass liquor case in the bar area. This allowed individuals to see and go through the letters contained therein to find ones addressed to themselves.

The aforementioned Mr. Arthur Bellantyne Edgson (Fig. 4) [1] was one of the earliest camp settlers. While living in a tent he completed his Central Hotel during August, 1886. The structure had an extremely large dining room and was

located to the east of the Turffontein farm. As the first postal agent for the camp and its surrounds, Mr. Edgson took in mail at his hotel and canceled it with the Barred Oval Numeral Cancel 607 Cape obliterator with black ink. Prior to receipt of the official canceller from Mr. Meyer, no known place/date cancel was used at the location. How long this postal agency operated is not yet known either. It is speculated that operation continued through at least mid-1887. Figure 5 is a proving cover for this purpose which is presently in the collection of the author. The Durban receiving mark on the reverse is dated "JY 26 / 87".

An interesting side note concerning Mr. Edgson in that he

Figure 5. Cover confirming mid-1887 operation of post office serving Ferreira's Camp.



came to the area in 1871 to search for his missing friend, Dr. David Livingston. However, his search was delayed in that when his coach arrived at Muldersdrift as the stream was a raging torrent. He could not have crossed until the water subsided. In the meantime he stayed at a local hotel. During his stay, Mr. Edgson fell in love with Mr. Mulder's daughter, Grieta, and married her shortly thereafter. He obviously did not continue his journey to find his friend.

After marrying Grieta, Edgson operated the first store in the area. This was followed by the opening of his hotel which included a relay station facility for handling mailcoach horses. He acted as the area's unpaid postal agent until January of 1886,

As the area grew in importance, it became a drawing card for a variety of activities known only in more developed communities. An example was the appearance of Fill's Circus which held its first show at Ferreira's Camp in September, 1886.

Also in September, 1886, Captain Carl von Brandis was

appointed Mining Commissioner for the Witwatersrand. He soon determined that there was a great deal of demand for improved postal services in the area. To rectify the situation, he appointed Mr. Dormehl as the first Postmaster for the Randjeslaagte farm area of Witwatersrand. The land occupied by the farm later became the city center of Johannesburg. Brandis's monthly salary was 12 pounds 10 shillings.

In the beginning, Brandis had a great deal of difficulty regarding his accommodations which were shared with other

appointed officials. This was due to the limited space provided by the shared, small tin house they found themselves in.

Soon a small corrugated iron structure was built to house the area's first post office. It officially opened on the 1st October 1886 with a designation of "P.O. Witwatersrand". The canceller carried the same name.

Returning specifically to the Ferreira's Camp story, a meeting was held on 24th September 1886. Those in attendance included farm owners, diggers and interested parties with common interests in the area's development. The meeting was held in Edgson's Hotel. A working committee of nine voting members was formed with Ferreira

chairman. As a result of ^{as} their deliberation, the local camp committee proclaimed a portion of the Turffontein farm as public diggings. Owing partners in the farm included Messrs. J. F. Bezuidenhout, H. J. Liebenberg, **J. A. J.** Booyesen and H. C. Ellis. Lessees on the property included Messrs. T. W. Beckett, L. Rosettenstein, J. Hartogh, H. Norse, G. du Plessis and J. Lever.

In rapid fashion, Ferreira's Camp population had grown to about 400 inhabitants by the late fall of 1886. Structures by that time included 24 iron buildings, reed and mud residences, two brick houses, two fair sized hotels and two large stores - Franks & Co. (a general store) and M. Rosettenstein's Gentlemen's Outfitters and Pharmacy (tent). Also, on 11 October 1886, the Standard Bank opened a branch in a very large and distinctive tent at the camp.

Along with community development, leisure time entertainment became part of the social scene. In October, 1886, Madame Ferreira's Opera Company rented the dining room at Edgson's Central Hotel. The evening's entertainment

included opera songs sung by Signor Carlo and a fire eating demonstration by Signor Marcellini. The following month, a certain Mr. Delmonti provided an evening's entertainment of a similar nature.

Other developments included the formation of a tennis club at the camp in early November 1886. During the same period Bishop Bousfield of Pretoria performed a first church service in the versatile dining room of Edgson's hotel. By the following December an open market was in operation at Ferreira's Camp.

Families with children grew in numbers rapidly during 1886. There was a need to provide school age youngsters with the academic experience. On the 16th of November that year, the De Volkstem reported that a school had been established. The teacher, Mr. Duff, initially had 21 pupils.

Weather at times played a role in the local area experience. On the 2nd of January 1887, Ferreira's Camp felt the blows of a violent storm. One of the casualties was George Ashenden. His "Little Wonder Canteen" had been built with raw bricks. The winds were so stiff that the structure collapsed with Ashenden inside.

Along with development and growth came the scourge of crime and violence. On the 22nd of October, 1886, the first recorded burglary occurred. Intruders struck Edgson's Central Hotel that date and made off with the establishment's inventory of liquor from a locked storeroom. Three men were subsequently arrested: Bradford Hawkins, John Griffin and Patrick Smith. On a broader scale the camp experienced a riot on the 6th February 1887. It seems as though the entire force of white policemen became inebriated while patronizing one of the camp's canteens. Being that the camp

was basically a makeshift affair, the property damage was extensive.

By mid-1887, Ferreira's Camp had seen its heyday. Inhabitants turned to building a more permanent community and founded the town of Johannesburg. A formal survey was completed and 986 lots of varying size were laid out.

Caught up in proprietary matters, Ferreira formed a gold mining company which started operating in September of 1887. He also had the camp surveyed and divided into 273 lots. The area eventually developed into a suburb of Johannesburg being named Ferreirastown in honor of its founder.

After the Second Anglo-Boer War a postal agency was established at Turffontein. The agency opened on the 9th of December, 1902. Three years later the location was upgraded to post office status. From 1909 to the present, it has been designated as a suburban branch office.

A final look at Ferreira's Camp in the early days is provided in the photographs shown below.

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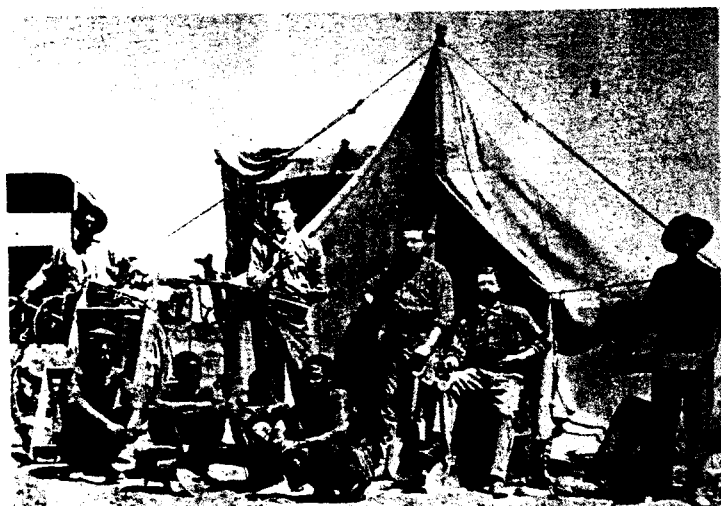
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OLD JOHANNESBURG, FERREIRA'S TOWN

THIS PHOTO, ONE OF THE TREASURES OF THE AFRICAN MUSEUM JOH'BURG IS BELIEVED TO BE A PICTURE OF THE FIRST TENT PITCHED IN FERREIRA'S CAMP, A STONES THROW FROM THE PRESENT BLOCK OF MAGISTRATES' COURTS IN FERREIRATOWN. NO-ONE KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF THE GROUP (AFRICANA MUSEUM)

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Dear Friends,

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At last I can report that Volume 4 of the "POSTMARKS OF SOUTH AFRICA (INCLUDING BOTSWANA, LESOTHO and SWAZILAND)" is due to be dispatched shortly (soft cover edition first, hard cover edition about 10 days later). Vol. 4 has been a tremendous job, especially JOHANNESBURG with its many counters, sections and numbered cancels going as high as No. 174. The volume is probably one of the most comprehensive listings to-date. Many new discoveries were made; for example, the previously unknown KAALLAAGTE (oval Boer War cancel). More and more correspondents are sending in valuable contributions which are truly appreciated. Please keep on sending! Every item is welcome, and please forgive me if I do not always acknowledge every letter - there always is a shortage of time.

Postal Historians in South Africa live in an exciting period which I am trying to share with you through the publication of the *Postmarks* volumes. Many, including some very old post offices are closing, chiefly smaller offices in the big towns, in order to open up village offices in the more isolated districts where inhabitants previously had to walk great distances to get to the nearest P.O. or Agency. Also, five new huge Sorting Centers have been opened (for example the "CAPE MAIL" at Goodwood). Not all of the changes are as yet intelligible to us, e.g., that Cape Town mail should be sent to Goodwood and then sorted and returned to Cape Town. Since the Post Office Museum has been closed for two years, and the Post Office has been privatized, it is becoming more difficult to get new information; but this will no doubt pass. In the meantime I have sorted through many dozens of mailbags of a mail order firm to make up for the lack of new postmarks from the Post Office, and to find those extra little tidbits and variations in the modern cancels. However, the Post Office has stated that since the TBVC States (Homelands) have been reincorporated into South Africa, postal communications in certain parts, especially Transkei, have broken down and are not likely to be reconnected until early 1996. These offices will then be allocated new postal codes (which were abolished when these offices went "independent"). I will very much appreciate hearing from correspondents as to whether the "snippets" of information and press cuttings in the last two volumes are wanted (especially intended for the overseas correspondents). Name changes for example: **GAUTENG** - the new Province of the Vaal Triangle of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Vereeniging (Capital Johannesburg); **MAPMALUNGA** - the renamed North-Eastern Transvaal, capital being Nelspruit; **BISHO** - the capital of the Cape Eastern Province was formerly Ciskei; **PIETERSBURG** - the capital of the Northern Transvaal; **PIETERMARITZBURG** and **ULUNDI** - is the shared designation in that the capital of KWA-ZULU NATAL has not yet been finalized; and **THE FREE STATE** - formerly designated Orange Free State. Other changes will be reported in later volumes. Until the Post Office issues new lists of post offices throughout the country it will be impossible to change names of Provinces and details in the books. For the time being, prices for available Volumes are as follows:

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Marc J. Milzman - #9511D - Culver City, California. Marc ran across a copy of *Forerunners* and followed-up with an inquiry. Besides being a collector of general British Africa, he also is the proprietor of "The Sun Never Sets Philatelics" stamp company. Marc is a member of APS as well as a number of other well-respected specialist societies. As you will read later under "Society Affairs", Marc has graciously stepped forward to assume the duties as our long vacant Vice President position on the Board.

H. Leroy Vail - #9512 - Concord, Massachusetts. (Awaiting receipt of completed application.)

Dr. Dennis Wolmarans - #9513 - Durban, South Africa. He learned of us via contacts within his country. Dr. Wolmarans collects Natal and the Union/South Africa (SA) period. His specializations include: the SA 1/2d and 1d Kingsheads, 1d Penny Ship, 1/2d Springbok and Natal.

David C. Kurtz - #9514 - Winter Park, Florida. David came to us by way of an inquiry about our 1995 auction. He collects Southern Rhodesia, BCA-Nyasaland and the Canal Zone. His specialization involves the postmarks of BCANyasaland. David is a member of APS.

Abraham Siegel - #9515D - Long Island City, New York. He learned of us by seeing PSGSA's listing in the APS Dealer Directory. Mr. Siegel is a fulltime dealer whose first ad appears in this issue of the Journal. He is a respected member of APS.

Member Biographies

Richard C. Knight/South Africa. Born in Cape Town, Richard's birthday falls on the 11th of January. He is married to Gillian. Three children have come of this union: Judith, Jonathan and David. Richard's profession is that of a Managing Director for a trust company. His academic training resulted in Bachelor and LL.B degrees. In addition to his professional responsibilities, Richard is Chairman for the Cape Western Area of the Boy Scouts of South Africa. He had lived in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) for a period of eight years.

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Richard began collecting some 24 years ago. His present philatelic interest areas are Rhodesian postal history to 1924, also Zanzibar to 1936.

Jack Harwood/USA. Jack was born in Ohio. His birthday falls on December 6th. He has two sons - Douglas and Andrew. Jack received his Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Lawrence University and an MBA from Washington University. He is a Financial Planner who has been collecting for over 45 years with a primary interest in postal orders and notes, as well as postal stationery.

Jack wrote that his younger son, Andrew, is an active collector who has exhibited internationally. Jack himself is active in Florida philatelic activities, including the SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, and has been elected President of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs. Jack would like to host a Society regional meeting at the Sarasota event. Anyone interested should contact Jack directly. He states that members are always welcome to stop in for a visit if in the area. Please contact him by writing to P.O. Box 32016-Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239.

N. **James Corey/Canada.** James has been collecting for 32

years. He collects the southern Africa area. Other pastimes include chess, reading, leathercraft and gardening. For reading he enjoys history, biographies, science fiction and mysteries. James is married to Linda and they have two children - Darren and Karen. His profession is that of a Time Study Engineer. James' was born on August 14th in Moncton, N.B., Canada.

David Graham Crocker/South Africa. David was born in Wynberg, Cape on the 9th of September. He is a farmer and stamp dealer by trade and one of our very loyal advertisers. His collecting started 49 years ago. Besides being a dealer, David collects the large Hermes heads of Greece. Other hobbies include coins, historical books and succulent plants. He is married to Rose Marie and they have two daughters - Jennifer and Anne Marie.

Mark A. Freese/Guatemala. Mark has collected for about ten years with a present interest in RSA. His other hobby is computers. Mark writes that his duties as a Security Guard for the State Department have taken him to postings in a number of countries. His birthplace is Lancaster, California.

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This feature acknowledges Society members and publications for notable achievements. Members are encouraged to notify the Editor when they "join the winner's circle" and/or have been selected for some honor or significant responsibility in organized philately. Winning exhibits need not fall within the Society's scope.

Daniel A. Brouillette - Gold at ROMPEX 95 for "Postal History of New York City: 1694-1900".

Louise Christian - Vermeil at ROMPEX 95 for "First Bureau Issue 1894-98".

Forerunners - Vermeil at STaMpsHOW 95, Large Silver at New Zealand National Philatelic Literature Exhibition, Silvers at SESCAL 95 and Canada's 3rd National Philatelic Literature Exhibition, and Silver-Bronze at SINGAPORE 95.

Alan J. Hanks - Gold at ROPEX 95 for "Rhodesia - British South Africa Company 1892-1942".

Regis Hoffman - Gold at ROPEX 95 for "Allied Forces in East Africa, World War I", also APS 1900-40 medal.

Frederick P. Lawrence, Ph.D - Gold at BALPEX 95 for "Scouting on Stamps 'Classics'", also Scouts on Stamps Society International award for best scout related exhibit.

Kurt H. Schau - Gold At ROMPEX 95 and Vermeil at STaMpsHOW 95 for "Orange Free State", AAPE Award of Honor also.

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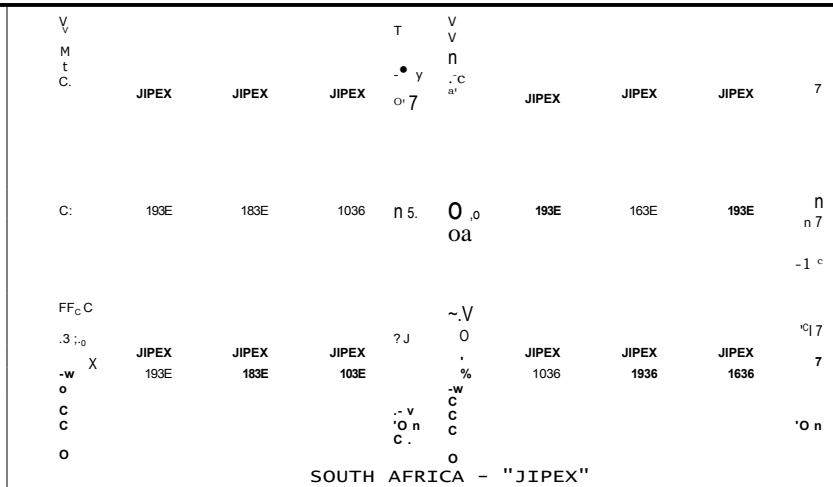
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It is with great regret and sadness that the Society announces the recent passing of Life Member, Athol H. Murray. To those of us who personally knew Athol, the experience of loss will remain for some time. He was found to be helpful and patient with the less knowledgeable of us he assisted from time-to-time.

Athol was a fantastic promoter of the Society in his role as its International Representative/UK. Many of you have probably read the Society information releases he placed in a number of commercial and philatelic publications emanating from England. His dedication in this regard resulted in many new UK members for the Society.

Over the years, a number of entries from Athol's Cape collection have graced the pages of "Bits & Pieces". In addition, his entire Cape collection has been photocopied for availability through the Library's Collections Archive Service. This was quite a feat on Athol's part in that the 50-volume collection was mounted on 1200 pages! Athol wanted to make certain that members had access to this incredible resource for research purposes. It has been said that Athol's Cape holding is one of the finest, if not the finest, intact collection of its kind. Athol called the Editor last year and

said that he was finally able to acquire the one remaining color error missing from his Cape Triangulars collection. He was so proud to now have an example of all triangular listings in *Stanley Gibbons*.

Athol's philatelic legacy will include the manner in which he documented each and every page of his world class collection. The actual examples of stamps, covers, documents, cancels and special markings are as comprehensive as will be found and notations instructive.

But Athol's achievements were many and varied. On the 27th of March, 1994, he was awarded the title of "A Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE)". The ceremony took place at Buckingham Palace. Queen Elizabeth II presented the award to Athol for his forty years of service to the disabled community.

Professionally, Athol was a valuer (appraiser). He was a past President of the International Society of Valuers and Auctioneers and served as a Senior Member of the American Society of Appraisers. Athol enjoyed golf and traveling. He was also active in civic affairs and Masonry. Athol is survived by his wife, Sheila, and four children - Andrew, Katherine, Charles and Elizabeth.

THE FORERUNNERS FORUM

The Society Publications Program

Through this service the Society provides assistance in the development and publication of occasional papers, monographs, books and multi-volume works. Authors submitting works receive valuable technical support in all phases of publication development.

If collaborators are desired, this journal feature provides an opportunity to "advertise" for assistance. Researchers are also encouraged to describe their present efforts. "To research in isolation with a view towards publication is akin to reinventing the wheel." Listed below are a number of projects for which authors-to-be are seeking input.

Anyone wishing to access the services of the Publications Program may write to: Alec Page, RPSL, Committee chair, 138 Chastillian Rd., Dartford, Kent DA1 3LG, UK or Dr. Guy Dillaway, Committee Vice Chair, Post Office Box 181, Weston, MA 02193 USA.

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Tim Bartshe is compiling data on the use of **OFS telegraph stamps with postal cancellations** through the Republican

Era. Any reader having examples of covers, canceled stamps, etc., should write to Tim at 13955 West 30th, Golden, CO 80401 USA.

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Hiram Slomowitz may have acquired what he believes are actual stamps used in the short-lived **Republic of Goshen** (Goshenland). Scholars suggest that no stamps were ever issued for Goshen. Hiram would appreciate hearing from any readers who maybe able to assist him in his research efforts. If you can help Hiram, write him at Advocates chambers, 2000 Innes Chambers, Pritchard St., Johannesburg 2001 South Africa.

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Dr. Guy Dillaway desires information and materials concerning **rates from any country to/from the Cape of Good Hope 1800-1900, e.g.,** copies of postal notices, almanacs, rating or directional information, fee schedules, etc. Copies of covers, front/back, with work-up appreciated. Will purchase - condition not an issue. Language not a problem. Results to be periodically printed in *Forerunners*. Write Guy at P.O. Box 181, Weston, MA 02193 USA.

Tony Davis is presently working on a handbook to be titled *Zululand Philately, 1888-98*. Towards this end Tony would very much appreciate comments and updates regarding the information appearing in his "Zulu Notes" column in each issue of the journal. For the book itself, the subject areas to be covered include general history, pre-1888 postal history, the 1879 War, missionaries, origins of the Zululand postal administration, postmasters, post offices, postal agencies, postal carts, first definitive overprints, second definitives, revenue stamps, proofs, specimens, trials, postmark rarity factors, official use of the mails, official frankings, the changeover period of January-July 1898, bibliographic notes, the great collections, manuscript markings and more. Interested readers please write to Tony at 41 Karen Street, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 515.

Will Ross would like to hear from readers as to their interest in a work on **Bophuthatswana postal history** to supplement his two prior articles in the journal. This third piece would focus on activities through the dissolution of the Homelands. Very possibly the work would be of monograph length, covering the entire postal history of this Homeland, from before independence to reincorporation. Reader suggestions regarding the approach to be used would be of value in developing the study and effective ways to present the material. Subjects to be covered will include official mail user agencies, a final listing of all Bophuthatswana post offices and their dates of incorporation, a list of PostmastersGeneral, revenues, as well as last day of use of postal strikes. All responses will be gladly received by Will at 6079 Fragans Way, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 USA.

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David Mordant is considering the publication of a book on the **Cape of Good Hope rectangulars**. The previous definitive work on the subject was that of Allis, published over 65 years ago in 1930. David has extensive information and a large collection of unusual varieties, but lacks depth in the area of proofs and essays. He seeking specialists to write that section because of his limited knowledge in the area. Proofs and essays are an integral part of the subject matter and must be included in the work; otherwise, the finished product would be incomplete as many philatelists regard them as indispensable as a fertile area for research and collectibility. Those wishing to collaborate on the work may contact David by writing him at Post Office Box 21161, Helderkruijn 1733, South Africa.

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PACIFIC 97 literature entries encouraged. We can help.

Bob Hisey is working on **updating the handbooks on the stamps of the Orange Free State**. The first step is to prepare a summary of all material published since 1975 (or unpublished) that is not adequately covered in the Buckley and Marriott volumes. Bob has covered the *Bulletin* of the OFS Study Circle, *Forerunners*, *Bartolomeu Diaz* and other sources. He would like to hear from any readers who have items in their collections which would add even miscellaneous information to this effort. Or other information not covered as above. There is particular interest in early cancel dates on the raised stop VRI overprints, especially on stamps containing varieties which can be placed in a specific printing. Also blocks that can not be placed in the various B & M setting diagrams. All help gratefully received and acknowledged. Write to Bob at 7227 Sparta Rd., Sebring, FL 33872 USA - phone/FAX (941) 382-3014.

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Peter Thy is researching the **postal routes and rates of the Bechuanalands and Botswana** for a future publication. He seeks information small and large (and can use all of the help he can get). Any printed information such as postal tariffs, government notices and, regulations, telephone directories prior to 1980, annual postal and government reports, and information on covers with unusual frankings, e.g., express letter, telegrams, parcels, bulk mailings is desired. In particular, Peter needs information on rail transport of mail, traveling post offices, airmail routes, rail time tables, parcel post rates and bulk mailing rates. If you can help, write to Peter at P.O. Box 73112, Davis, CA 95616 USA.

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The British Philatelic Library

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Additional information available from: The Philatelic Collections, Great Russell St., London WC1B, UK.

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Questions & Answers

As part of its services to the general collecting community, the Society makes its Panel of Experts available to answer question submitted by readers, members or not. The Panel members are listed in the early pages of each journal issue. Here is how the process works.

Readers are to send their questions to the appropriate Panel member. When applicable, clear copies of cancels, covers (front/back) and a detailed written description of the item(s) should be included. The Panel member will forward his comments, the question and any illustrations to the Editor for publication in this feature. Panel members will also return copies of their responses directly to the questioners.

Please bear in mind that a particular question may require an extended period for research and/or consultation with others. Questions falling outside of the scope of the society, e.g., British East Africa, should be sent directly to the Editor. The inquiry will then be forwarded to the appropriate specialty group for a response.

Membership on the Panel is open to Society members in good standing who have experience and knowledge in any area not presently covered in the Panel listing. Any member willing to make themselves available to the Panel and providing their services to members, please write to the Panel Chair, Robson Lowe, Flat One Bodorgan Road, Bournemouth BH2 6NQ, England.

Question #39. I recently encountered a double-circle numeral "2" marking on a cover offered by the South African dealer, Clinton D. Hale (Ill. next page). The description

reads as follows: "1900, B. war, id VRI arms tied to censored cover with pink and blk. label on postal stationery env of 'The Imperial Yeomanry Field Hospital and Bearer Co.' from Johbg to Cape Town, and large blue circle with '2' cachet on front." I have never seen this mark before. Is it a new find? Submitted by Werner K. Seeba, Germany.

Response by Alan Drysdall/Southampton, England: I cannot answer Werner Seeba's query as I have never seen this mark before. All I can suggest is that as the letter is addressed to the Government Offices in Cape Town, the mark may have been applied there to indicate which office, i.e., it is a private rather than a P. O. mark. *Editor's note: This inquiry now graduates to "Unanswered Challenges" status as of the next issue.*

Unanswered Challenges

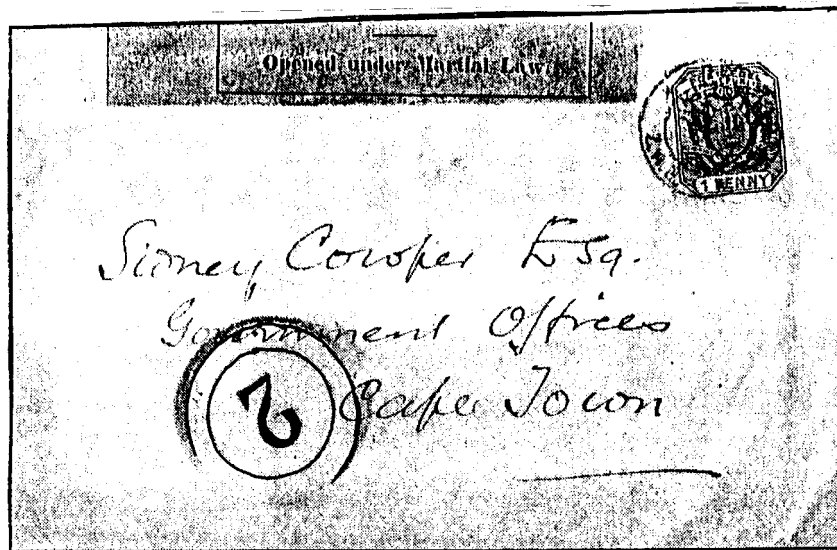
This feature includes questions which have either gone unanswered by the Question & Answer Panel, or items within our scope for which there is no coverage on the Panel. The listed "challenges" begin with the latest received. Responses to "challenges" are to be forwarded to the Editor directly.

Challenge #11. I have a Natal QV one penny definitive showing a manuscript cancel which appears to read "Taylors/Post/17-10-87". Was this a fiscal cancel or? Postmark references list it as "very rare". I purchased the item for 5c from a dealer's box. Is anyone able to provide definitive information on the cancel and Taylors Post? - **Jim Lays/USA**

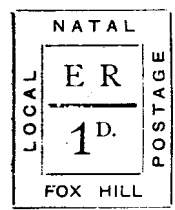
Challenge #10. In its 1 July 1993 catalog, Phillips of London listed lot 512 as containing Jackson's 1902 Fox Hill locals of Natal. These are best described as primitive facsimile stamps. The lot contains a strip of three of the 1d blue (only 17 examples reported), a 1d purple horizontal pair with a central monogram "T.W.J.", i.e., T.W. Jackson, with only 12 examples reported and a 1d purple with cartoonlike KEVIII portrait being only 6 known. Each has some faults and have thick gum, as is usual. Do any of our Natal collectors have other copies to report? What references in the philatelic literature can be provided? - **Ron Carlson/USA**

Response: The following is an excerpt from Frederick Melville's *Phantom Philately*. This reference reports different numbers produced of each printing - 1d blue-100, 1d purple with

Illustration. Question #39 cover showing the as yet to be identified double-circle numeral '2' marking.



"T.W.J." monogram-40 and id purple with KEVIII portrait-6.
Pages 143 and 144 now tell the rest of the story.



"Natal.

In 1902 the *Philatelic Monthly Referee* received a letter from a correspondent in Natal, with the 1d Natal stamp, and in addition a label, of which the accompany

ing is an approximate representation. It was followed by the explanation that it was 'used for franking correspondence carried across country per Kaffir runners. . . they were printed by the *pinhole* process.' The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* later obtained a full history from the originator, and it is sufficiently frank to outclass the Fox Hill labels from any category of local postage stamps:

It was simply a private local manufactured by myself and used on letters which my native carried to a friend of mine some few miles off. The Kaffir was paid at the end of the month at the rate of one penny for each letter he had carried during that period. Not wishing to take the trouble of making a note of each letter or packet I sent I printed a certain number (100) of this stamp and despatched half to my friend. At the end of the month it was of course plain to see how many letters had been carried each way by the number each of us had left. Thus each paid his own postage in a lump sum. Being dissatisfied with the first design I subsequently manufactured a second and finally a third type, printing 40 of the former and 50 of the latter. When my friend moved away a short time ago it was more convenient to write per Post and hence the Local Service was discontinued.

The stamps appear to have been made on a home-made duplicator, or perhaps cyclostyle (which may explain the 'pinhole' process); the first type is approximately as illustrated; the second has a three-letter monogram in place of ER., and the third has a very amateurish profile portrait.

References: (1) *Philatelic Monthly Referee*, II., p. 57, 89 and (2) *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, VIII., pp. 65, 94

Challenge #9: I have collated much information on the elusive and almost undocumented Wormaranstad. I have photos of most of those in circulation, with full comparisons of the surcharges which were printed separately on each stamp. The visual results disprove Rich who had seen only a few copies including the few overprint color varieties. Has anyone ever been able to estimate the quantities of the individual values? **Barry P. Fletcher**, South Africa

Challenge #8: A non-member, Mr. Ronald G. Carr of the U. S., submitted an interesting series of questions regarding specimen overprints. In this case we are talking about U.S. stamps delivered to the UPU H.Q. for distribution to its

members. More specifically, Mr. Can's inquiry involves those samples received by the Natal G.P.O. where the specimen overprint (Samuel type NA2) was applied. There are U.S. stamps specific to the inquiry, e.g., Scott #E7. The following questions have been submitted:

What date were the stamps delivered to the UPU H. Q. ?

When were they overprinted? How many U.S. sets were presented? For what purpose?

Who were they presented to?

Is it known how this set resurfaced into circulation?

Response: We are talking about samples of stamps sent to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Bureau by an issuing country (usually at the time of issuance). The Bureau, located in Berne, in turn forwarded these stamp samples to the General Post Office (GPO) of countries who were UPU members.

The purpose of providing the samples was for the examination and verification of the legitimacy of postage on incoming foreign mail. The 1878 Second UPU Congress in Paris and its resultant treaty required member countries to forward selections of their postage stamps for such purpose.

On December 12, 1878 the Bureau followed up on the treaty regulations and requested that each UPU member furnish seventy collections of current postage stamp samples for distribution to the then 23 members. In urgent situations the sample collections could be transmitted directly to other members provided that samples were also sent to the Bureau.

Many country members forwarded normal unoverprinted stamps. Others sent printers' examples containing the specimen overprint. A few countries devalued high value samples with the overprint.

As matters developed it got to the point where receiving members requested that the samples no longer be overprinted. The defacement obscured parts of the sample's design. In the beginning, the process resulted in each member country receiving three sets. The number of required sample sets eventually increased to five, subsequently returning to the lower three sets requirement level.

Upon receiving their samples, Government Post Offices (GPO's) in member countries were free to do what they wanted with the sample sets. Some possibilities are:

1. The samples may have been used in their office for handling incoming foreign mail, for either identification or storage purposes.

2. Sample kept in the Postal Archives.

3. Lost or misplaced over the years.

4. Archived in the country's Foreign Ministry (State Dept.)

Samples which Great Britain received can be seen in the National Postal Museum and in the British Library's Philatelic Collection, both located in London.

Some GPO's have been known to mark the samples that they had received. These sample stamps are known as UPU specimens, or more correctly, "UPU Receiving Authority specimens". The known markings in these cases included circular red markings, the word "Specimen" and even crayon markings. Some countries were known to have pasted their received samples in a book similar to a ledger.

According to Samuel (1), page 120, Great Britain in 1902 sent 720 sample copies of each issue. (Again I repeat, except for some high value issues, most samples were unmarked normal mint stamps.) By 1913, Great Britain was required to forward only about 400 copies of each issue. This was due to two factors - an increase of UPU members and consolidation of colonies, together with a decrease to three from the former five samples each member received.

James Bendon, in his book *UPU Specimen Stamps (2)*, gives distribution dates for some issues prior to 1900. After the turn of the century he identifies relatively few of the distribution dates for issues. In reality, there are actually few records available for the philatelist to determine dates of delivery of sample stamps sent to the UPU Bureau.

There is a possibility that the Bureau might have records as to when they forwarded samples to its members. However, some experts have reported that the practice of distributing samples was discontinued in 1948. And, one must consider the practicality of keeping old records of this nature, as well as the low priority that the distribution of samples to members probably had compared to the essential duties of the UPU.

It is interesting to note that of the several hundred copies of samples produced from 1878 to 1948, only a few came into the philatelic market. These samples are known only because of their receiving authority marking. In other words, identified by former ownership of the GPO that received them.

The Natal GPO samples, overprinted "SPECIMEN" came on the philatelic market in 1980. Of the US stamps mentioned in this "Challenge" to which I am responding, only one of five mentioned have been expertized. It remains open to question if the others came from the Natal GPO samples.

As to other entries in the marketplace, Bendon was able to obtain a Portuguese Colonies collection in 1982. A Bechuanaland collection of the same type of material was

auctioned off in 1976. A Madagascar collection of UPU Specimen samples was sold via private treaty in 1989.

For the southern British Africa collector the Bechuanaland sale catalog listed a number of sample lots from a variety of UPU members. The countries and number of stamps in each lot were as follows: Basutoland-39, Bechuanaland-two lots of 2 and 24; Natal-four lots of 3, 7, 4 and 1 respectively; Orange Free State-24, Rhodesia-two lots of 49 and 54, South Africa-three lots of 8, 38 and 1 each; Southern Rhodesia-36, Transvaal-two lots of 51 and 5 respectively, South West Africa-25.

George Alevizos produced a booklet for his private treaty sale of the Madagascar UPU Specimens. However, there is no British in this sale. I assume that Argyll Etkin, who obtained the major part of that archive had the British material.

As to how these Receiving Authority Specimens came onto the philatelic marketplace, the speculation is that these items appeared due to someone from the receiving GPO having sold archival material. As various GPOs merged in the British southern Africa area, surplus inventories of samples accumulated. When it came time to "clean out the closet..."

I would suggest that the questioner study both Bendon's and Samuel's books. From there it would follow that one could then develop a time line analysis that chronologically lists pertinent events effecting all aspects of the procedure for distributing UPU samples to UPU members in good standing.

References: (1) *Specimen Stamps & Stationery of Great Britain*, Marcus Samuel, 1980 and (2) *UPU Specimen Stamps: The Distribution of Specimen Stamps by the International Bureau of the UPU*, James Bendon, 1988

Other Readings: (1) *Madagascar UPU Specimens*, G. Alevizos, 1989; (2) *The Universal Postal Union*, G. Coddington, 1964; and (3) *The Universal Postal Union Members & Stamps*, M.W. Tyrell, 1974

- T.P. McDermott, USA

Challenge #7: Does someone have a non-philatelic use of the Bophuthatswana inland and overseas aerogrammes that were issued in 1977? - **Will Ross**, USA

Challenge #6: I am seeking taxed covers with the 1972 South Africa monocolour postage dues affixed, to show usage. To date I have been unsuccessful. I have also been trying to obtain information on South African postage rates. Putzel's postage rate information is very sparse. I have a list of the rates for the change to decimal currency listed in the May 1971 *South African Philatelist'* but none from 1959 to the change. Can any one be of assistance? - **Bernard Doherty**, Australia.

Challenge #5: Shown previously on page 101, #21 is a copy of SG #125. Do readers have any speculations regarding the damaged type of the overprint? - **Jeff Woolgar, UK**

Response: Speculation has been called for on the damage to the type of the surcharge. From the illustration, the "H" appears badly distorted or broken and the "A" would seem to be lacking (as viewed) its right-hand leg. The latter would seem, on first look, to be the same as the break that occurs on position 19 of the so-called first setting of the surcharge - that including the long-tailed "H" and broken "A". This variety is found on alternate stamps of the left-hand column of the right-hand pane in multiples from the earliest prints. (A footnote appears in the SG catalog to the effect that this was soon corrected.) The distortion to the "H" of the stamp in question appears to have left the tops of that letter at a higher level than those of its counterparts. Although logical that the surcharging form was re-set from 24 to 120 units as the former was too slow in operation, could it be that damage to the type face of the earlier form was another of the reasons that prompted the change? - **Michael Wigmore, South Africa**

Challenge #4: Do any of our members know of a tabulation of the "OFFICIAL FREE" cachets appearing on "ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE" official SWA envelopes (see page 102, #21)? - **Dr. H.U. Bantz, South Africa**

Challenge #3: The first series of the stamps of Zululand consisted of 11 overprinted values of Great Britain issued between July 1888 and March 1893. Of the 11 values, 10 can be found handstamped "SPECIMEN" in violet with the exception of the 1d value. Why was the 1d value not included in this handstamped specimen overprint set? - **Peter Whitmore, South Africa**

Challenge #2: I have two South African postal orders, one of 6d uprated to 9d by affixing a 3d stamp, the second of R1. 20. Both were used in South West Africa, the first in Windhoek (22/9/42), the second in Aroab (3/9/63). Do readers know of any others? When did SWA postal orders get issued? - **Leon Jacobson, South Africa**

Challenge #1: Does anyone have definitive information about the De Waal Forwarding Agents, Durban and Delagoa Bay? In the only list I have seen of the pre-Union forwarding agents, De Waal is not listed. I have two of their labels, both canceled at Point/Natal in the 1890s. - **Syl C. Tully, USA**

Response: Alas, I have never been able to track down any definitive information on this subject. Their labels are seen not infrequently, more often than not on piece in combination with a Queen Victoria 1d postage stamp. I have not come across any postmark connected with these labels other than Point/Natal (which would be logical as, for those who are not aware, this office is located at harbor in Durban). The labels in question are also found uncanceled, on full cover, with a couple on record as being used as a seal to the flap. Two other known covers (both franked with 2½d postage and addressed to Austria and Switzerland, respectively) have the label affixed at the left of the postage stamps. These are, albeit fortuitously, tied by the Point datestamp (December, 1899 or January, 1900). The De Waal label was listed in Rowe's "Forwarding Agents" published in Toronto in 1966. The sequel to this work was published in the UK in 1974 and illustrated the second of the two covers mentioned above. The first cover appeared in the Hart collection. Other literary references are to be found but are all in a very simple "record of their existence" style with no detailed information about the firm in question. - **Michael Wigmore, South Africa**

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BITS & PIECES AND OTHER STORIES

"Bits" provides members the opportunity to share interesting little tidbits in a short order format, e.g., cancels, covers, rare items, etc. All "Bits" are to be sent to the Editor. Modern era and back-of-the-book "bits" are needed.

"... And Other Stories" is reserved for short written pieces which do not fit the feature article mold, yet the subject is more than an interesting cover or cancel. Anecdotal writings are especially encouraged.

The first entry for "Bits" was provided by the late Athol Murray. The illustration below shows an example of the only circular date stamp that used a dot in the bottom arc. The following text accompanied the illustration:

ACHTER SNEEUBERG, 1869-62, CAPE (also known as Achter Sneeuwberg and Agter Sneeuwberg.; H/O Graff-Reinet 1858 - Later Cradock) Postal Agency (PA) first listed together with Aasvogelkrantz 1859 (Ken Baker), also listed 1860-62. In 1862 it was listed as ACHTER OP SNEEUWBERG and Aasvogelkrantz had disappeared; closed?; PA opened 1882 (PMG); 1901 Postal Business temp. suspended (POC); PA 1.12.1901; Sub-Office (SO) for a while in 1912, then again PA until PTA 4.6.1928; PA downgraded about 1952; renamed Agter-Sneeuwberg and downgraded to PA on 4.5.1953; PA closed on 5.2.1962; became a TES 10.3.1975; closed July 1981.

Our second entry was forwarded by Werner Seeba (Ill. top next page). It is a cover from Kenya to South Africa with postage due markings from both countries. It was offered by Yorkshire Cover Auctions. The lot description read "1931 cvr Mombasa (Kenya)-Natal franked Tanganyika 5c, 10c (x2), 15c, invalid hence tax marks of both countries & D18-19 p. Dues." Information on the destination was also included and reads as follows:

WARNER BEACH, NATAL 1925-Current (H/O DURBAN, AMANZIMTOTI). Seaside resort on the south coast, within the municipality of Kingsburg and the district of Durban, 31 km by rail south of Durban. It was founded about 1910 and named after the government surveyor TA. Warner, who surveyed it as a settlement for pensioners and impoverished people. Agricultural holdings of 4 hectares on the beach side of the railway were allotted, but the land proved useless. Warner Beach subsequently developed as a holiday resort and residential area. Warner PA opened 1.8.1912. Became a PO renamed Warner Beach 23.3.1925 and continuous since then.

A third entry is purported to be the only known example of the Cape BONC "207" used at Naudesberg. (bottom Ill. next page). The cover description reads as follows: "207" used at NAUDESBERG JA 7 92 (ERD), very fine strikes on Id rate (SG. 49a) reduced (at base) cover front addressed to Mossel Bay. Handbook records use at this office but seemingly records no entries.

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Illustration. The circular datestamp of 1885 - the only one of this type showing a dot in the bottom arc.

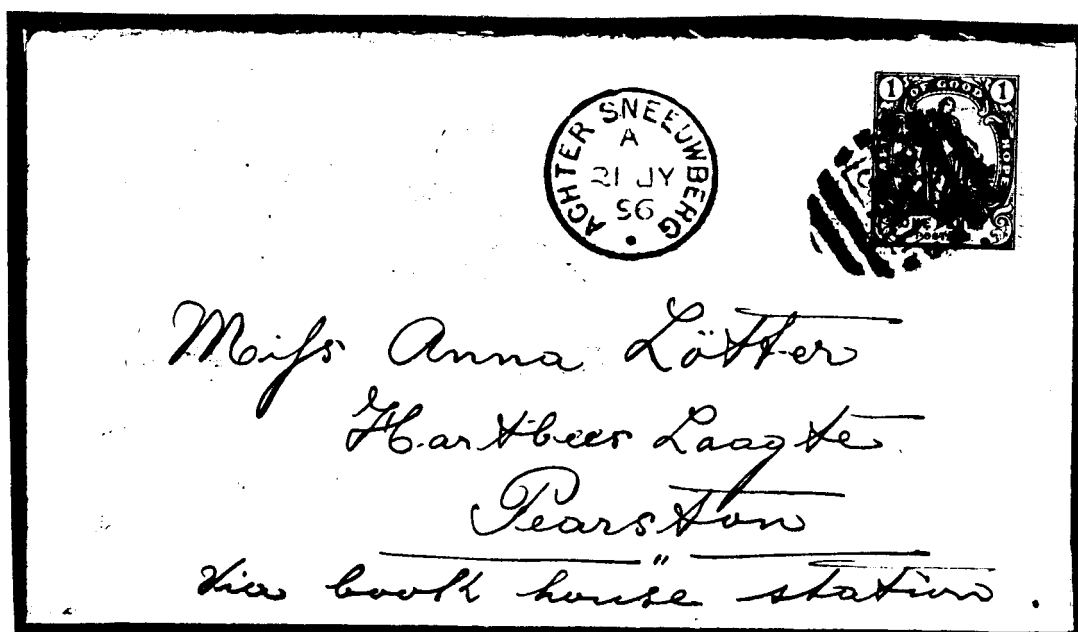


Illustration. Cover from Mombasa to Natal showing dues marks from both sides of the border.

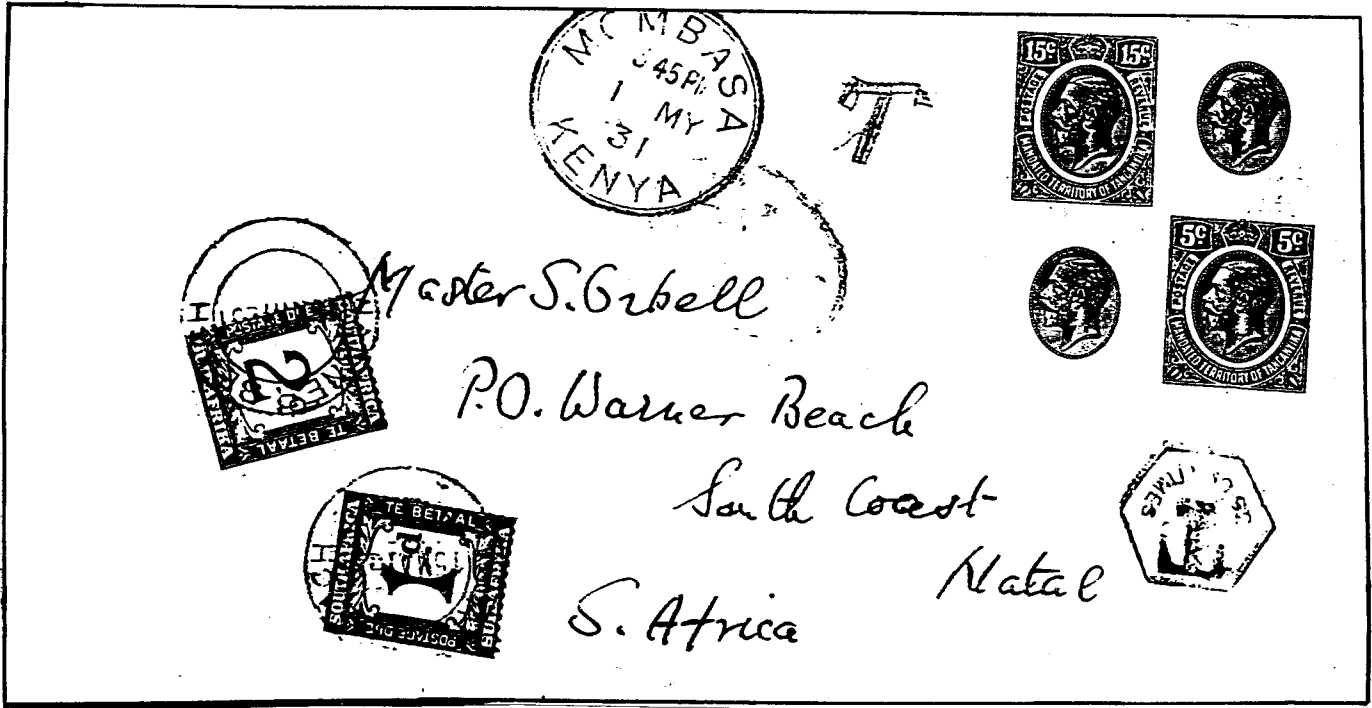
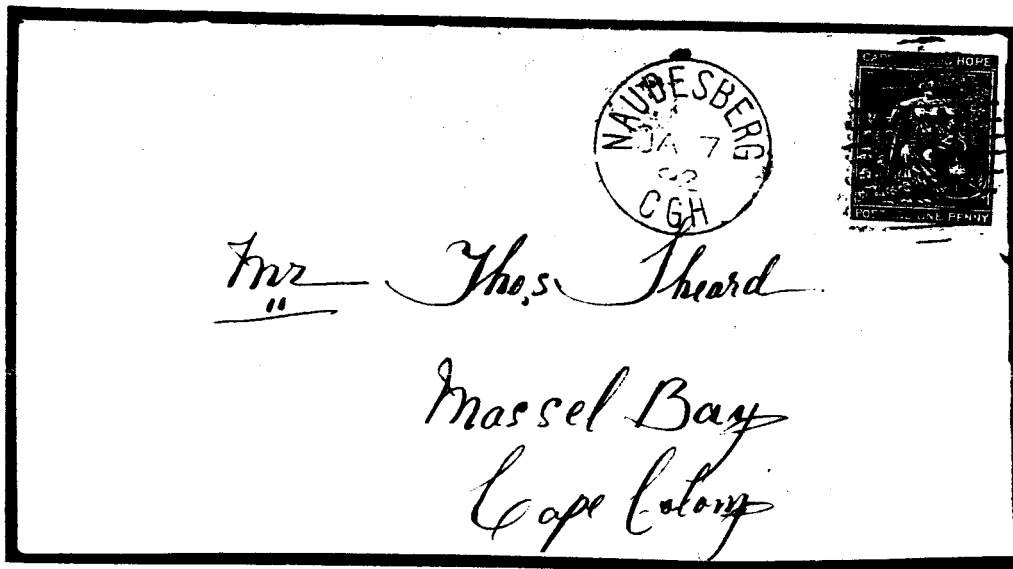


Illustration. Proving cover showing Cape BONC "207" used at Naudesberg.



In reference to BONC "207", Frescura's work indicates that cover in the Esterhuysen collection, which shows that Cape two post offices, both called Kenilworth, were operational in BONC "207" was used at Kenilworth, Cape, BONC 460 is the Cape prior to 1910. One was located in Kimberley, the now being assumed as having been used at both Kenilworth other in Cape Town. Following the discovery of a proving and Kimberly,

.. And Other Stories

Anecdotal indeed is our first "story". This one is not so much about matters philatelic. Rather, it concerns the hospitable nature of our South Africa based colleagues, the majority of those named being members of PSGSA (all the more reason to attend ILSAPEX 98). In addition, described herein are a number of sites and experiences that most of us only know through our stamps, covers, catalogs and other literature.

The author is the late Athol Murray. Posthumously, excerpts from his written account reads as follows:

A Fantastic Visit to South Africa

I arrived home safely on Saturday 25th February after a fantastic visit to South Africa. I have never before experienced such wonderful hospitality as I received during my visit.

There were so many highlights during my stay. On the day of my arrival, Tuesday, I had dinner with Danny Swart (of Stephen Welz & Co., in association with Sotheby's), Mike Nethersole (of Witwatersrand University) and Dr. Franco Frescura (head of Philatelic Services, South Africa Post Office).

The next night a delightful dinner at the home of Mike and his wife.

Thursday 9th: Mike very kindly joined me on my visit to Port Elizabeth. The Secretary of the Lodge Ian Stark travelled some 200km to meet me off the plane and take me to his house in Fort Beaufort before going on to the Lodge in Alice. A member of the Lodge, William Bodington, gave me accommodation for the night in his Hotel at HogsBack.

Friday 10th: This morning a most interesting tour of Alice including the Lovedale Institute. Then back to Port Elizabeth where we arrived about 2:30 p.m. We then telephoned Richard Johnson who said he would be pleased to see us straight away. I looked at a lot of covers he had for sale. We arranged for the three of us to have dinner together.

Saturday 11th: Mike and I set off on our day trip to Avontuur (200 km). We detoured via Hankey where we inspected "Phillips Tunnel" - the first water tunnel carved through a mountain in about 1840. Then onwards we had a sandwich and drink at Assagaai Bosch Hotel, very remote. We arrived at Avontuur about 3:00 p.m. where we turned left to cross over Prince Albert Pass. This took nearly two hours. Due to low clouds we saw nothing of the views. We came back along Highway N2 and returned to Port Elizabeth about 7:30 p.m. Mike and I then had an enjoyable dinner together.

Sunday 12th: I got up at 7:30 a.m. and then paddled in the

Indian Ocean. We returned to the Airport about 10:00 a.m. My plane to Cape Town left about half an hour early back to Jo'berg. We had such a convivial time together. Richard Johnson very kindly came to see us off. I got to the Holiday Inn de Waal about 1:30 p.m., nice room overlooking the Table Mountain.

Monday 13th: I spent an hour or so in the Cultural Museum and saw much of interest (old Post Office Stones and Postal History items). At midday Ralph Putzel came to have lunch with me. I greatly admire the task he has undertaken of recording and illustrating all the Postmarks of South Africa from day one. A mammoth task.

At 7:30 p.m. Bob Goldblatt came to pick me up to take me to the meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society, Cape Town. They had arranged a special "Cape" night especially for me. There was some wonderful material on display. Bob kindly brought me back safely.

Tuesday 14th: I had a conducted tour of the Castle, then I walked to visit the Lodge de Goede Hoop built about 1798, being shown around by District Secretary, Andy Van Niekerk. On to St. George Cathedral where I attended the lunchtime service. Outside the Cathedral is the Obelisk Memorial to Capt. Arthur S. Murray, killed at the Battle of Boomplaats in 1848. I possess in my collection his last three letters home before his demise. Had a light lunch at the Cathedral. Walked as far as the Station and got a taxi back. After 5:00 p.m. we stopped at the Castle to attend the monthly gathering of members of the Royal Transvaal Scottish Regiment. Their tartan is "The Murray of Atholl". After drinks we went out to Milnerston to a ranch like meal, basic but very good food, most enjoyable.

Wednesday 15th: I telephoned Eddie Smith who had kindly agreed to take me around the Masonic Centre at Pinelands including an hour to inspect a most interesting museum. We left there at midday and went to see the Rhodes Memorial. We had lunch at one of his clubs, "The Barn", after which we stopped off in Newlands area to look at another of his clubs "Kelvin Grove", very large and posh. Eddie took me back to the hotel and returned at 6:30 to take me to the British Lodge. A really enjoyable meeting, it was midnight when I was dropped off at the hotel.

Thursday 16th: Took a tour as it was too windy for the cable car to top of Table Mountain. Visited Signal Hill down the coast to Camps Bay. Back to the waterfront for boat trip around the harbor and delivered back to the hotel at midday. Bob and Paula Goldblatt came to have dinner with me in the evening.

Friday 17th: Walked down to do some shopping at the Cultural Museum. Saw President Mandela and Mr. de Klerk

en route to the opening of Parliament. Mr. David Wolpe came to have lunch with me at the hotel and also to show me some covers he had for sale as he is a stamp dealer. Late afternoon I got a taxi and went to get a cable car to the top of Table Mountain. After queuing for 45 minutes the announced there was a fault and it might be an hour before they got the cable car moving again so another taxi home.

Saturday 18th: After breakfast I taxied back to the Table Mountain, queued for 45 minutes but finally got to the top. Magnificent views. Had a stroll round Cape Town at lunchtime for about 90 minutes. I dined out in the evening with Bob and Paula Goldblatt at the Europa restaurant at Sea Point. Such nice people.

Sunday 19th: On an organized trip "Sunday Winelands and four mountain passes". An excellent and interesting tour, arrived back at 6:00 p.m. I was very impressed with Franschhoek.

Monday 20th: Bob and Paula collected me to take a tour of the Cape Peninsula. After about 90 minutes of fine scenery we arrived at the Cape of Good Hope. The men climbed about 150-200 rough steps to the top. The view was worth it but it was a bit of an effort for me. After an enjoyable picnic lunch we motored round the corner to Cape Point. Motored back up the easterly side and saw lots of penguins at Boulder Bay. Tour finished about 6:00 p.m., a really splendid day out. In the evening it was dinner at the Mount Nelson Hotel.

Tuesday 21st. Walked downtown and collected tickets for the Blue Train. David Wolpe came back again and had lunch with me and shared another selection of covers. In the early evening I attended a lobster party.

Wednesday 22nd: Departed Cape Town at 11:00 a.m. on the Blue Train for Jo'burg. Memorable service, food and luxury. I had bath facilities in my compartment - never before have I had a bath on a train.

Thursday 23rd: Arrived Jo'burg at midday. The hotel bus was waiting upon arrival. Danny Swart telephoned to ask us out for dinner that evening and took us to the Coachman's Inn where we had a delightful meal with delightful company.

Friday 24th: I got a taxi to Danny's offices. After half an hour of visiting, Danny took me for some last minute shopping at the Rosebank shopping mall.

Saturday 25th: Arrived Heathrow 7:00 a.m. (20 minutes late) . I still managed to get my 7:45 flight to Manchester (and to my surprise so did my luggage). Touched down at 8:30 a.m. in Manchester and was home just after 9:00 a.m. A perfect end to a perfect holiday.

Confusion Confounded

Alan Drysdall, UK

I am indebted to John Taylor for copies of the following letters, which demonstrate very clearly that regardless of what the regulations were regarding ZAR postal rates in the 1860s, the practice did not conform. Thus the Postmaster at Potchefstroom, J.N.G. Lennox, had absolutely no idea as to the Cape postal rates applicable to overseas mail forwarded via Cape Town. Moreover it is apparent that Lennox's predecessors had charged arbitrary high rates and, one suspects, had pocketed at least some of the proceeds. It is also evident that the Postmaster-General, James Evans, was completely ignorant of the fact that he had no right to cancel Cape stamps. (It is worth noting that he had to resort to using his own account with a Cape Town bank in order to purchase Cape stamps for the ZAR!)

It would seem from the last letter quoted that the Postmaster at Potchefstroom was still under a misapprehension even after this correspondence, as although the Cape - UK half-ounce letter rate per 'contract packet' was indeed 1s, the Cape inland rate of 4d would almost certainly have also been payable on mail from the ZAR. The letters, in chronological order read as follows:

*General Post Office
South African Republic
Potschefstroom 27th July 1863*

Sir,

This day by mail I have had the pleasure of remitting you James Evans' cheque on the London and South African Bank, Cape Town, for the sum of twenty five pounds sterling. Kindly requesting you will have the goodness to order to be returned to me postage stamps for the amount. My particular reason for again writing by same post is the hope that this may reach you even should the other communication miscarry, as from the numerous losses on the post route between this and your office public confidence as a medium for safe remittance is quite lost. Also I forgot to give instructions to the klerk [sic] when writing to enquire whether you issue stamps of a larger sum than for one shilling. If so it would be a great convenience for foreign letters to have them of 2l-, 2/6 and even as high as five shillings and six shillings to cover postage on double letters, and I should feel obliged by your kindly forwarding a fair proportion of such stamps in return for the £25 sent this day. Would it be irregular your kindly forwarding me a stamp such as used in the colony for defacing used stamps, for which I should be most happy to pay for. Our only mode, which you may perhaps have observed, has been to write the

date or Z.A.R. I South Aft. Republic on the face of the stamp (which I fear is very much omitted).

The writer received advices from Germany that by last January mail there was forwarded to his address here some musical works which as they have not come to hand yet. He surmises that they are detained at your office in consequence of some new regulations in reference to the book post. I should always esteem it a great favor if you would kindly communicate any changes or new regulations officially to my department.

With sincere respect. I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt servant,
James Evans,
Acting Postmaster-General
SA. Republic

that this is owing to such letters not having been sufficiently stamped. Persons having been in the habit the 2/6d or 3/- as the case might be to the Postmaster, leaving it to him to affix the stamps.

I shall be very glad if you will furnish me with a list of insufficiently stamped letters laying in your office, in order that I may be able to satisfy the public on the matter.

Any other information or suggestions you may be able to afford will be appreciated. We have now a new Gvt and a new President, and it is hoped that a guarantee will be given for the future better carrying on of the various departments of the public service.

I am, Sir,
Very obdtly, Yours
J.N.G. Lennox

The Postmaster-General
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope *

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Post Office, Potchefstroom
Trans Vaal Republic
November 24th, 1863

To The

Postmaster-General
Cape Town
Cape of Good Hope

Sir,

As the newly appointed Postmaster of this District, I have the honor to address you relative to the rate of postage chargeable on letters posted at this place for Europe.

Previous Postmasters have made the public pay at the rate of two shillings and sixpence on each letter under half an ounce posted here for transmission to England, and three shillings for letters addressed to various parts of the Continent, and as at present there are no post regulations in force within this Republic, since my appointment I have been reluctantly compelled to adopt precedent as my guide. I have reasons to believe, however, that the charges referred to are extortionate and unwarranted. The public complain seriously at these charges, and I think justly, and I am extremely anxious to see these charges reduced.

What I am really in true ignorance of is: what postage stamps should be affixed on letters posted at this place for England and Europe in order to ensure delivery of such letters at their destination: Should 1s/4d, 1s/5d or 1s/1d be the amount of postage stamps placed on foreign letters?

It is a fact that many letters of importance posted at this place for Europe have never arrived there, and it is supposed

Post Office Potchefstroom
Trans Vaal Republic
November 30th, 1863

Sir,

I beg to enclose a list of letters which were posted in this office in the months of May, June and July last, and which have never reached their destination. Should these letters be still laying in your office (being insufficiently stamped) have the goodness to affix the required additional stamps charging me therewith. Many of these were letters of urgent importance, and complaints are very loud at this dention [detention ?].

I enclose Mr. Pavey's order on the Editor of the "Cape Argus" deduct any charges there may be and remit the remainder in stamps.

Since my letter of the 24th I have been furnished with a list showing rates of postage to be collected in the Cape of Good Hope on foreign letters, including the Colonial inland rate on which the charge on English letters is noted at one shilling. And I have accordingly affixed one shilling stamp(s) only on letters for England posted this mail. Should this not be sufficient be good enough to add the necessary stamps.

I regret being compelled to give you so much trouble, but the exigency of the law demands it.

After receipt of full information from you, I hope regularity will prevail in the postal department of this Republic.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your obdt servant
J.N.G. Lennox Postmaster
Potchefstroom, Trans Vaal, Republic

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Table 1. List of station codes overprinted on railway parcel stamps.

| <u>Southern Rhodesia (later Rhodesia)</u> | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---------|-------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| BAL | Balla Balla | MI | Matetsi | | | | |
| BJ | Banket | MLA | Maryland | | | | |
| BKN | Bannockburn | MO | Makwiro | | | | |
| BLR | Bulowayo | MPO | Mpoma | <u>Northern Rhodesia (later Zambia)</u> | | | |
| BNA | Bindura | MR | Marula | BCT | Bancroft | | |
| CAW | Chatsworth | MSA | Msasa | BKA | Bwana M'Kubwa | | |
| CBN | Colleen Bawn | NTN | Norton | BRO | Broken Hill | | |
| CMT | Cement | NY | Nyamandhlovu | CB | Chisamba | | |
| CPM | Concession | OZ | Odzi | CBJ | Chambishi | | |
| CZI | Chiredzi | PLT | Plumtree | CGL/CN | Chingola | <u>Bechuanaland (later Botswana)</u> | |
| DEN | Lion's Den | QR | Que Que | CH/CHA | Choma | ART | Artesia |
| DT | Dett | RI/RS | Rusape | EP | Pemba | DEB | Debeeti |
| DWN | Darwindale | RUT | Rutenga | KBE | Kabwe | FT | Francistown |
| FGS | Figtree | SA | Salisbury | KF | Kafue | GS | Gabaromes |
| GAS | Gwanda | SAM | Sawmills | KL | Kalomo | LI | Lobatsi |
| GD | Glendale | SHG | Shangani | KP | Kapiri M'Poshi | MAG | Mahalapye |
| GO | Gwelo | SI | Shabani | LK | Lusaka | PIN | Pilane |
| GSI | Ingezi | SK | Selukwe | LR | Livingstone | PY | Palapye |
| GTM | Gatooma | SO | Sindia | LU | Luanshya | RAB | Ramatlhabama |
| HAR | Hartley | SU | Somabula | MN | Monze | RSA | Ramoutsa |
| HDS | Headlands | TJ | Thompson Junction | MUF | Mufulira | SHI/SHH | Shashi |
| HRD | Hunters road | TRI | Triangle | MA | Mazabuka | SR | Seriuli |
| HY/HYA | Heavy Junction | UR | Umvuma | NDR | Ndola | TES | Tsessebe |
| IY | Inyazura | US | Umtali | NKA | Nkana/Kitwe | | |
| KN | Khami | UTI | Umntiati | ZD | Zimba | | |
| LO | Lochinvar | VAS | Fort victoria | | | | |
| MBZ | Mbizi | VF | Victoria Falls | | | | |
| MCK/ME | Macheke | VUG | Vugwe | | | | |
| MDS/MD | Marandellas | WK | Wankie | | | | |
| MH | Mount Hampden | W N S / | West Nicholson | | | | |

Figure 2. Three examples illustrating the proper usage of railway parcel stamps - 2/, 2d stamps on waybill from Dett, several values with station changed from FGS to WK and two types of stamps on waybill from Gwanda.

COMPULSORY PREPAID TRAFFIC FORM No. 32/5035
WARDON, 870.-R6490-5,300 PADS-18-12-99

SENDER or CONSIGNEE? IS NOT APPLICABLE
 DATE 22/11/68
 WAYBILL No. 713 TRAIN No. RAILWAY PRO. No.

| Advice Note Number | Received in good condition by (Signature of Consignee) | (FOR RAILWAY USE ONLY) |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | Stamps |
| | | |

Name and full Address of Sender
 BATA SHIRT STORE
 SANDAY STREET
 GWANDA.

PAID TRAFFIC FORM NO. 32/5035

Received in good condition by (Signature of Consignee)

(FOR RAILWAY USE ONLY)

96 76
 96 / 11

BARCLAYS BANK
 P.O. Box 4
 WANKIE

COMPULSORY PREPAID TRAFFIC FORM NO. 32/5035

SENDER or CONSIGNEE? IS NOT APPLICABLE
 DATE 11/11/68

| Advice Note Number | Received in good condition by (Signature of Consignee) | (FOR RAILWAY USE ONLY) |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | Stamps |
| | | |

Name and full Address of Sender
 M. K. K...
 P.O. K...

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Zulu Notes

Tony Davis, Editor

This column reviews the Zululand administration's system of mail runners and mail carts for delivering mail throughout the territory and into neighboring Natal.

Mail Delivery

Zululand was not the most hospitable country for timely transportation and delivery of the mails. Rough, hilly terrain as well as rivers and forested areas made up the territory. The development of a system of roads began with military expeditions against the Zulu people, and was followed up by gold miners, traders and missionaries.

The Zululand Blue Book for 1889, one year after the formation of the territory, lists 21 native mail carriers employed to deliver mails among existing post offices and postal agencies. In most cases, official documentation refers to mail "runners", indicating that mail was expected to be delivered on the trot.

The position of mail runner was a paid one and payments were monthly. Pay rates vary, depending upon distances involved. A figure of £3 per month is often cited in reports. The payment rates (Figure 1) for special delivery messengers were issued in 1891 by the Zululand authorities, based on a rate of three farthings ($1\frac{1}{2}c$) per mile for inward and outward journeys. The rate listing most likely refers to deliveries of government despatches as opposed to regular mails.

The job of mail runner was not a popular one, with records referring to wage complaints, higher pay rates for runners in nearby Natal, problems with accommodation while en route, finding replacement runners, and so on.

"Native runners between Eshowe and Lower Tugela request a pay increase of an extra five shillings a month, on account of the night work they have to do. ..and carrying heavier bags. ..and their service generally is much harder than that of the runners on the other lines." (Resident Commission Cardeu, June 1891)

"Native mail carriers running between Nqutu and Dundee have repeatedly brought to my notice that the owners of the kraals at the meeting place half way object to the carriers sleeping at their kraals, although they (the runners) pay for what food they receive, and have so requested me to apply to the government to have a hut built for them to sleep in; and they also apply that they may be issued rations. " (Resident Magistrate Nqutu, December 1894)

Correspondence to the Resident Commissioner in Eshowe in June 1892 requests the establishment of a tri-weekly mail service between Melmoth and the Nongoma Magistracy because the volume of mail allowed to accumulate made the

Figure 1. Schedule of payment rates for special delivery messengers.

| From | To | Distance (miles) | Fee (/ - & pence) |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Eshowe | Nkandhla | 45 | 5/6 |
| Eshowe | Nqutu | 100 | 12/6 |
| Eshowe | Entonjaneni | 35 | 4/5 |
| Eshowe | Ndwardwe | 103 | 12/11 |
| Eshowe | Ubombo | 145 | 18/2 |
| Eshowe | Lower Umfolosi | 45 | 5/8 |
| Eshowe | Fort Yolland | 22 | 2/9 |
| Eshowe | Bond's Drift | 25 | 3/2 |
| Eshowe | Kwamagwaza | 27 | 3/5 |
| Eshowe | Ulundi | 60 | 7/6 |
| Nkandhla | Nqutu | 55 | 6/11 |
| Nkandhla | Entonjaneni | 25 | 3/8 |
| Entonjaneni | Ndwardwe | 71 | 8/11 |
| Entonjaneni | Lower Umfolosi | 45 | 5/8 |
| Entonjaneni | Nqutu | 30 | 10/ |
| Entonjaneni | Ulundi | 28 | 3/6 |
| Ndwardwe | Lower Umfolosi | 80 | 10/ |
| Ndwardwe | Ubombo | 45 | 5/8 |
| Ndwardwe | Ulundi | 43 | 5/5 |
| Nqutu | Lower Umfolosi | 100 | 12/6 |
| Ubombo | Nkande | 32 | 4/ |

mail bags too heavy to carry. In some cases, an extra runner was engaged to take over carrying a mail bag from his colleague when the load became too heavy. (Hlabisa, November 1892)

Petitions to the central authorities at Eshowe appealed for additional bags, 'greatcoats' for runners to wear in poor weather and added mail runs to speed the delivery of mails. One October, 1894 official correspondence requests the provision of a post bag for use by prospectors mining in the Mabedulana District.

Where roads were suitable, postal carts were utilized. This is a four-wheeled cart drawn by horses. This service appears to be in the hands of private enterprise, utilized by traders or other entrepreneurs. Some carts also carried passengers.

Correspondence to the Postmaster General in Natal from Zululand, relating to cross-border mails (June 1891), requests that the post cart arrive earlier at the Lower Tugela, Zululand side of the border instead of the usual 7:30 evening time. The Native runners dislike having to make the run through to Eshowe during the night.

"In fact, owing to the extreme unpopularity of the service, and I may add, the hardship, relatively speaking, entailed by it, the carriers employed between the Lower Tugela and Eshowe have petitioned for extra pay or their discharge."

The late mail arrival meant delays in the mail reaching Eshowe: A proposed solution to the problem was that the post cart should leave Durban several hours earlier.

"The post cart has at present to approach the Lower Tugela (river) in the dark across the broken and hilly country and along a road which is rendered the more obscure by overshadowing trees."

The cart to Eshowe also carried passengers, and it was feared that delays would add to their discomfort as well. By the turn of the century, a rail line was introduced between Durban and Gingindhlovu (southeast of Eshowe).

One petition to the authorities relates to a proposal for the establishment of a new post cart service for mail and passengers between Bone's Drift and Eshowe (June 1894).

The applicant notes that the route is presently covered by native runners. However, he points out that system was inefficient for the inefficient for the following reasons:

- there were complaints of mail delays
- runners disliked running at night
- it was hard to find replacement runners -
- it was hard to find substitute runners
- vacancies are seldom filled up voluntarily

The applicant offers a regular, consistent service at fees over a three-year period ranging from £250 to £350.

Another applicant (June 1895) offered to establish a post cart mail system between Rorke's Drift and Nondweni. The petition stresses the importance of reduced costs to the authorities and efficient service.

Official records document the authorities' ongoing concern with fiscal restraints, in that the government-run mail services are often under review with proposals to reduce one runner here, add one there, replacing mails bags, and so on.

Secondary mail runner services were also established to carry mails in more isolated areas of the territory. In addition, at private expense, many traders and store owners operated their own private bag system (details of which were described this column in *Forerunners* #20).

Some mails also travelled at a later stage by rail. Rail lines were in operation at the turn-of-the-century in Zululand - in the northwest from Dundee to Vant's Drift, along the eastern coast from Lower Tugela to Umfolosi, and to the south from Natal to Gingindhlovu.

The map on the following page details post cart, mail runner and private bag routes in Zululand in 1906.

*Editor's Note: The contents of this column are laying the foundation for a major work, tentatively titled *The Handbook of Zululand Philately at this time*. The book is to be made available through the Society's Publication Program, perhaps in time for *PACIFIC 97*. Comments pertaining to the contents of "Zulu Notes", copies of material, etc., are strongly desired to assist in this publication effort. Write to Tony Davis, 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5.*

Library Established In Florida

Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton has established a philatelic library with a significant donation of literature from the well-known philatelic writer Herman "Pat" Hearst.

The gift provides space for donations of books for use by visitors. David G. Phillips Publishing Co., has also donated copies of books available from their extensive inventory.

Collectors wishing to donate, write to: William Miller, University Librarian, FAU Library, Box 3092, Boca Raton, FL 33431

Postal Museum Opened in Thailand

While traveling in Asia, you may find yourself in the city of Chiang Mai. If you do, a small local postal museum should be visited. It is located on the second floor of the post office on Charoen Prathed Road near the Ping River.

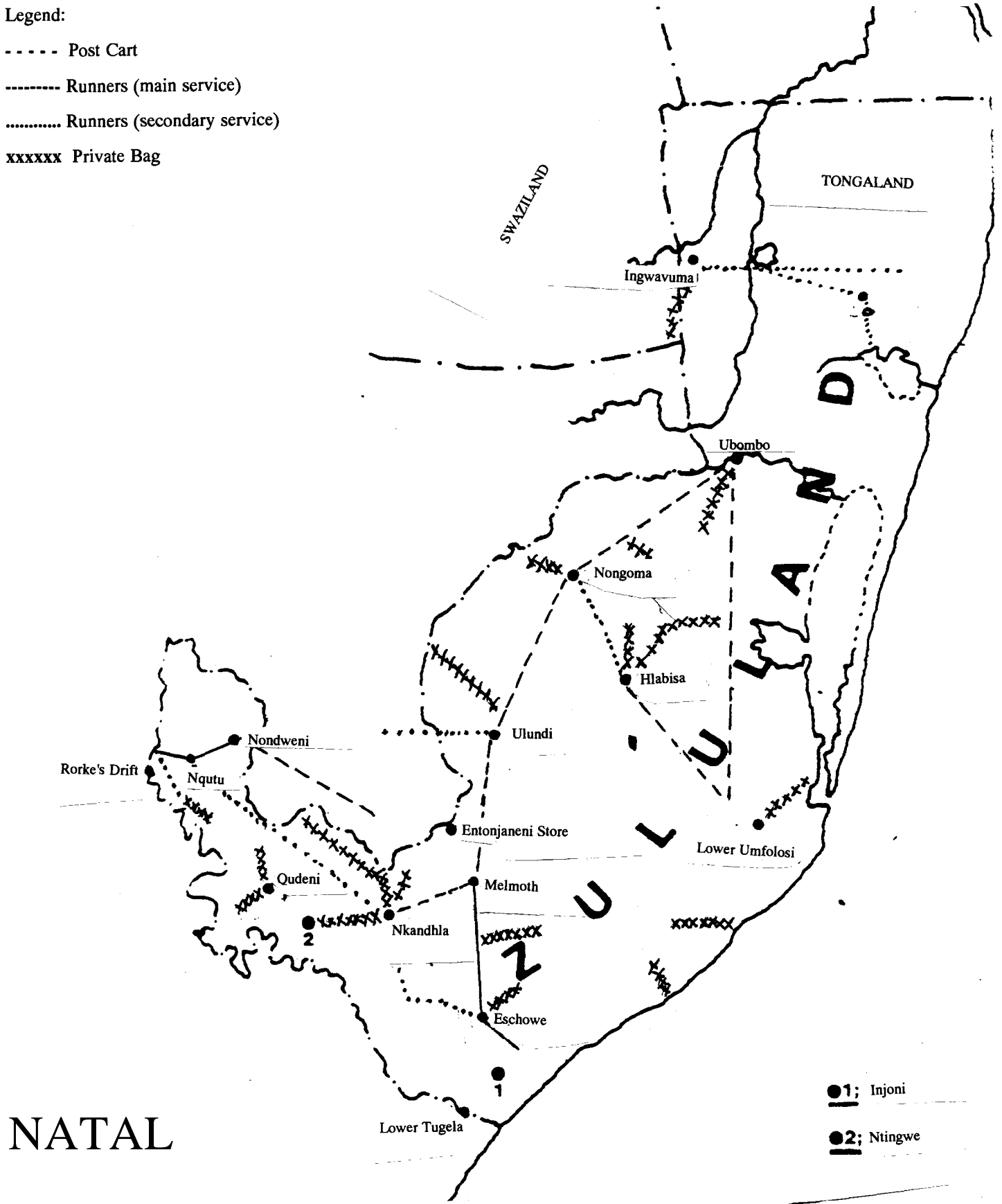
Postal & Telecommunications Museum of Turkey...

Located in Ankara at PTT Muzesi, PTT Meslek Gelistirme, Basmudurlugu Samsun Yolu Uzeri, Aydinlikevler, Ankara. This could prove to be an interesting stop in the Asia area. Everything is in Turkish, so make certain to take along a dictionary.

Figure 2. Map showing post cart, mail runner and private bag routes in Zululand in 1906.

Legend:

- - - - - Post Cart
- - - - - Runners (main service)
- Runners (secondary service)
- xxxxxx Private Bag



Modern Issues

Gerry York, Editor

Questions and comments regarding information appearing in this feature are welcomed by writing the Editor at Post Office Box 151512, Altamonte Springs, FL 32715-1512 USA.

South Africa: Philatelic Services in Pretoria revised the South Africa stamp issuing program midyear: A miniature sheet honoring SINGAPORE 95 was scheduled for September 1st. On September 16, 1995 a stamp and booklet honoring Masakhane was scheduled. Other issues for the remainder of the year are: Papal Visit, 1 stamp; Gandhi, 2 stamps and miniature sheet October 2, 1995; additional definitive - 85c value; October 9th, World Post Day, 1 stamp; October 19th, STAMPEX 95, 1 miniature sheet featuring World Post Day Stamp; October 24th, 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, 1 stamp and souvenir sheet; and November 24th, Sea Shells, 5 stamps.

It is particularly noteworthy that the policy of issuing "Standard Rate" postage stamps (see, e.g., Scott 743) has now been extended to commemorative stamp issues. A release from Philatelic Services states:

"The standard face value will extend the shelf-life of these stamps, bring about a substantial reduction in printing and

post office administration costs and, contrary to previous practice, make most of our stamps available within the country. By implication, this will largely do away with sets of commemorative stamps and reduce them to a single stamp."

The first such commemorative stamp was issued on April 28, 1995, a continuation of the Tourism series, honoring Kwazulu/Natal province with a stamp depicting a southern white rhino from the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Park (Fig. 1).

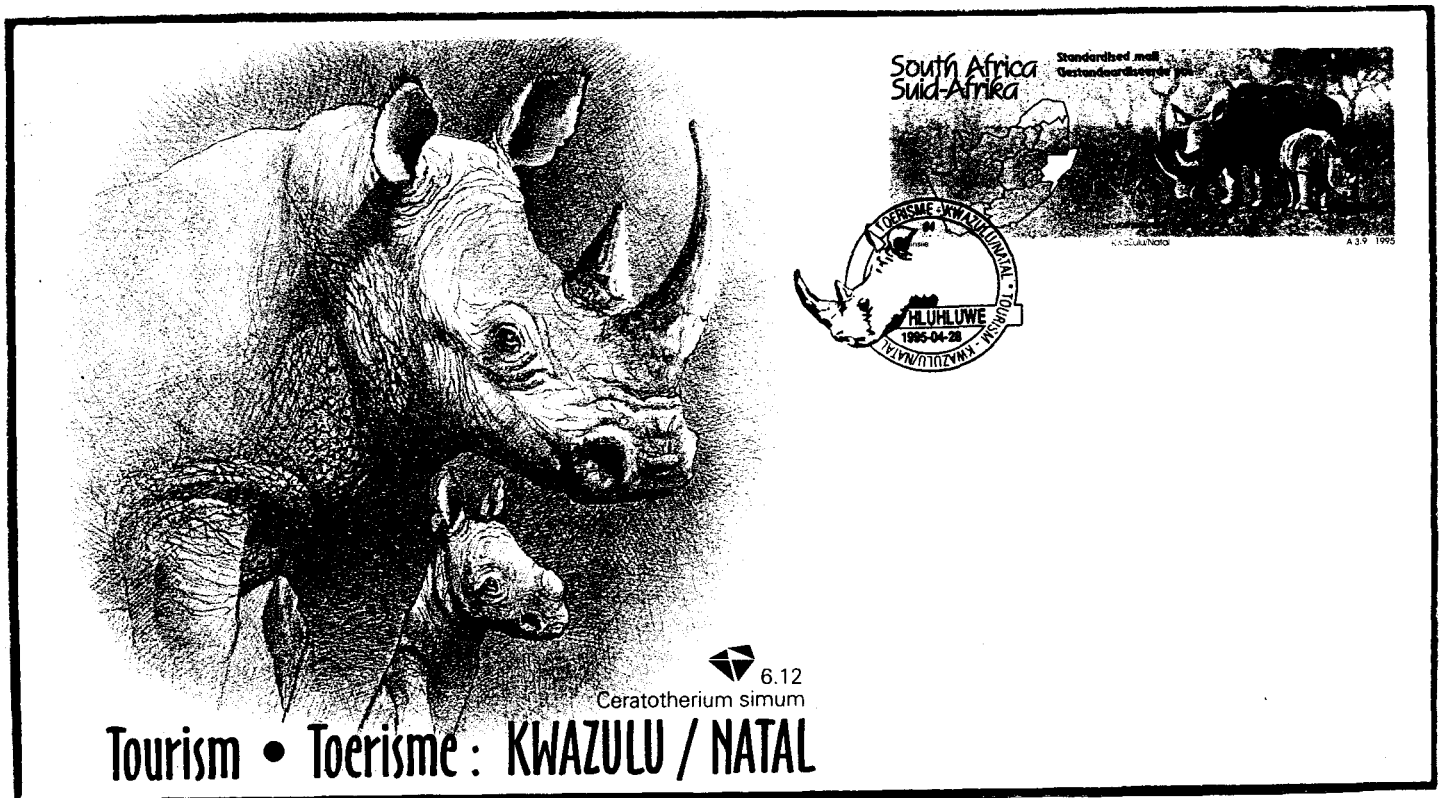
The Tourism series continued on May 12, 1995, with another single honoring Western Cape province and depicting the Cape Town waterfront (Fig. 2).

Figure 2. Tourism issue honoring Cape Town's waterfront.



To accommodate the mid-year schedule changes, Philatelic Services issued the remaining five stamps of the Tourism

Figure 1. April 18, 1995 First Day Cover of the Tourism series, honoring Kwazulu/Natal province.



series on June 30, 1995, each in sheets of 10: Northern Transvaal (Baobab Tree), Free State (Highland Route), Northern Cape (Augrabies Falls), Eastern Cape (Addo Elephant National Park), and Gauteng (Union Buildings, Pretoria).

In 1995, South Africa had the honor of hosting the third Rugby World Cup Tournament. The Springboks, South Africa's team, had their first opportunity to show their mettle against leading rugby nations. A number of philatelic products followed. On May 25, 1995, two standard rate 60c postage stamps were issued, along with a R1.15 stamp for In the month of European airmail letters and a miniature sheet incorporating the vertical "standard rate" commemorative (Fig. 3).

Figure 3. Rugby '95 miniature sheet incorporating vertical "standard rate" commemorative.



Also issued were a set of 16 postcards with a pre-printed standard rate stamp, featuring the colors and emblems of the 16 competing teams; two stamp booklets - one with 10 vertical standard rate stamps, the other with five of each of the standard rate stamps; and a set of nine maximum cards bearing the horizontal standard rate stamp cancelled with special date stamps for the nine rugby stadiums where matches were to be played. The maximum cards were only available in an attractive commemorative folder, which incorporates all of the above issues in an Omnibus Edition for R75.00 - Philatelic Services, Private Bag X505, Pretoria 0001, South Africa.

On June 15, 1995, South Africa honored the CSIR's 50th Anniversary (Fig. 4). The Council is the largest industry and community directed research and development organization in Africa. Its efforts involve some 2800 scientists, engineers and support personnel. The CSIR today undertakes 8-10% of all research and development in Africa.

On June 24, 1995, South African triumphed over New

Zealand in the rugby finals, thereby winning the William Webb Ellis trophy. Thus South Africa earned the honor of competing as World Champions for the next four years. Shown below (Fig. 5) is one of two "standard postage"

commemoratives issued to celebrate the victory.

commemorated 100 August on the 24th, South Africa years of Marine Science in South Africa with a single depicting Dr. Gilchrist (Fig. 6). In 1895, Gilchrist was appointed Government Marine Biologist by the Department of Agriculture of the Cape Colony. Gilchrist was commissioned to investigate the fishing potential of the Agulhas bank. In the process of his investigation, he found great stocks of hake on the Cape's west coast.

While it was not clear from the previous column, I wanted to point out that the East Transvaal 50c stamp, issued January 19, 1995 to begin the Tourism series was also issued as a miniature sheet. I forwarded a money order to the Philatelic Foundation, P. O. Box 2492,

Pretoria 0001 on April 15, 1995. The return receipt from the registered letter has been received, but I have yet to receive a response. I would be glad to hear from other readers who have had similar problems.

Figure 5. World Champion South Africa honored.



Figure 6. One-hundred years of Marine Science in South Africa.



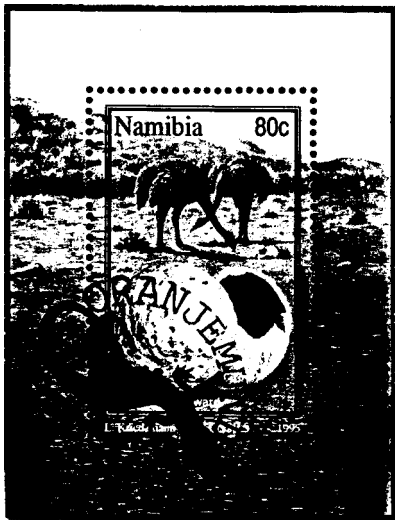
Finland, who first arrived in Ovamboland in 1870.

Figure 4. South Africa honor 50th Anniversary of the CSIR.



On August 16, 1995, a set of four depicted traditional **Figure 9.** 30s Butterfly - 20s overprint. The following August, Namibian adornments. (Philatelic Services, Private Bag Lesotho released a four 13336, Windhoek, Namibia)

Figure 7. Fossils miniature sheet issued May 24, 1995.



sheet set honoring the 20th Anniversary of the World Tourism Organization. Their values were, respectively, 35s, 50s, M1.00, 1.50 and 4.00.

Malawi, on April 10, 1995, issued a set of four stamps commemorating the establishment in December 1994 of COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern African States). The stamps depict COMESA Chairman Bakili Muluzi, who is State President of Malawi. (Philatelic Bureau, P.O. Box 1000 Blantyre, Malawi)

Swaziland issued a set of four to depict the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. This UN agency has assisted Swaziland in various agricultural and rural development projects. The four areas of assistance individually displayed on the stamps include planting of vegetables (35c), harvesting maize (50c), a herd of cattle (E1.00) and harvesting sorghum (E2.00). The first day of issue was June 5, 1995.

Lesotho, on May 22, 1995, issued a set of four - 35s, 50s, M1 and M1.50 and a M5.00 souvenir sheet depicting Medicinal Plants (Fig. 8).

Figure 8. Medicinal Plants souvenir sheet depicting medicinal "Letjoi".

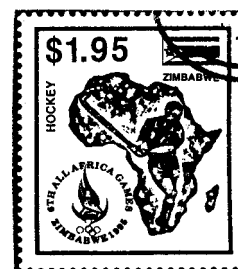


On September 27, 1995, Swaziland issued a beautiful set of four depicting the Touracos, which are among the most attractive birds of southern Africa. (Swaziland Stamp Bureau, Box 555, Mbabane, Swaziland)

Zimbabwe on July 11, 1995 honored the 6th All Africa Games with a set of six values - 35c, 80c, \$1.15, \$1.75, \$1.95 and \$2.30 (Fig. 10).

On October 17, 1995, a set of four commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. (Philatelic Bureau, Box 4220, Harare, Zimbabwe)

Figure 10. Sixth All Africa issue - \$1.95 value.



In July, Lesotho honored the 50th Anniversary of Higher Education in Lesotho with a six stamp set depicting Lesotho educational institutions. The 30s Butterfly definitive was also overprinted 20s (Fig. 9).

Society Affairs

Facts, Figures & Other Matters

William C. Brooks VI, Secretary

THIS IS ONE INSTALLMENT OF "FACTS..." I WISH EACH MEMBER WILL TAKE THE TIME TO READ AND DIGEST - IT IS ABOUT **YOUR SOCIETY**.

This writing is my last "official" act in the capacity as your Secretary. Don Campbell is my replacement as you read earlier in this issue. In addition, you have also read about our new Vice President/Membership Recruitment, Marc Milzman. General member, Will Ross, has volunteered to be the Society's Meeting Coordinator for the regional meeting at SESCAL which occurs each October.

That leaves us with the vacant Treasurer's position. For the past 3½ years, we really have not had a fulltime Treasurer.

AND HERE'S THE REST OF THE STORY...

About six months ago I took a long, hard look at this entity I founded back in 1987. It was time I "let go". There was absolutely too much of Society business consuming my non-work hours. What were once experienced as true "labors of love" were becoming more like "work"; less satisfying, if you will. When things like that happen matters can get stale and interest lost.

More importantly, I realized that key functions were not being fulfilled as they needed to be. From the inside, *your* Society is a complex operation. What we have been able to accomplish just did not happen on its own. There has been method in the madness, so-to-speak. For what membership has to offer means that there are any number of members who have volunteered to serve in some capacity. And let me tell you just how blessed we have been.

Over the years I have had persons involved in much larger specialty groups tell me that they are amazed at the number of our members who are involved in some way. Take those local members who arrange for meetings and tables at stamp shows and exhibitions, e.g., Bob Taylor, Tony Davis, Alan Hanks, Bill Wallace, Will Ross, Guy Dillaway.

I would also be remiss if we did not mention the core International Representatives group. Their efforts have brought forth a large number of new adherents to the fold.

The Library & Archive Service has expanded rapidly due to generous donations, but more so the result of the very able Tim Bartshe. His latest expansion now includes the Collections Archive - photocopying collections and exhibits to assist researchers in their "search for the Holy Grail".

Also included are the large number of authors who participate by writing for the Journal. And look at the four editors who handle specialty columns in each issue - Bill Wallace, Tim Bartshe, Tony Davis, Gerry York.

No doubt, our annual mail auction has become one of the premier such events for the British Africa collector. No small thanks to our Auction Manager, Tim Bartshe. The Catalog itself is certainly a testimonial in its own right.

And *Forerunners*, feedback indicates that it rates right up there with best of them. Advertiser retention, national and international awards and, **most importantly**, feedback from you as readers indicate that we have "hit the mark", if you will. As a consumer I like feeling that I "got my money's worth". Is that not what it is all about? For my investment I demand professionalism and quality. If nothing else, we have achieved that end.

The "crowning event" will occur in 1997 as part of our Tenth Anniversary year. Your Society is sponsoring an international convention for the British Africa collector - **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately** at PACIFIC 97 World Exhibition. Who would have ever thought?!

So what is the point of all this? For the first time, your Society will soon have its full complement of officers. This means that we will now have the capability to go "full force" in all areas of endeavor. This capability is essential for growth and prosperity. The labor is divided such that no one person is ever overburdened. We keep good people rather than "burning them out." This is key, otherwise a group will wither on the vine and pass into memory. Too much work, not enough hands to get the job done.

In closing, part of me will miss those things I am letting go of. On the other hand, I have the comfort of knowing that important matters will now be taken care of in much more thorough manner than has been the case as of late. In fact I am very much looking forward to seeing what will happen with new hands on the reins.

My first love has and will always be the Journal. I am excited about having the time to focus my efforts in that area. Numerous suggestions about content expansion have been made. I will now be able to pursue that area much more aggressively. I also believe that we can capture a larger number of regular advertisers with proper marketing. Their loyal support provides us with the resources necessary to upgrade the computer system which produces a first class product. This would not be possible with out them. . .Bill

From The Archives

Tim Bartshe, Director

There are two things to discuss this issue of some importance. The first is a wonderful contribution by our volunteer translator from Afrikaans-Dutch to English, Dr. Robert Hisey. Fellow member Dr. Gerrit Jonkers, the world's foremost expert on the issues of the New Republic, published a monograph on these issues in 1989. Philatelic Study No. 13 was issued by the Netherlands Association of Postage Stamp and Cover collectors and printed in Dutch. Bob graciously volunteered to translate this rather long publication and we now have his original work consisting of 25 typed pages. This is especially important for those with an interest in these uncommon to rare issues as it bridges the original work done by Pirie and Jonkers in Mathews' Transvaal work (1986) and the new information that Gerrit is reporting in *The Transvaal Philatelist*. Copies of all of the above listed items can be ordered, as usual, from the Archives for copy costs and postage.

The other major item on the agenda today is a renewed plea for photocopies of members collections. As I have discussed before, such snapshots of philatelic accumulations are once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to preserve material and research ideas, prior to the break-up of the collection. What makes this so timely is the fact that Athol Murray recently passed away. Prior to his passing, through the aid of Jim Ryan, we were able to gather photocopies of the collection. This display consists of one of the truly great Cape of Good Hope postal history collections extant today anywhere, never to be duplicated again in the same way. Carefully annotated and written up, this is truly a wonderful research item for any serious collector of the Cape. The other examples we have include a study of the Rhodesia "Double Heads", Swaziland postmarks and postal stationery, as well as research notes on the "Ship" issues of the Union. Regardless of whether it is of exhibition quality or not, large gold winner or handwritten notes on a page, they are all very useful to the student of philately. Many things remain to be "discovered" about all aspects of our hobby. The ability of someone to view a lot of material can only aid in the betterment of our knowledge about these "things" we collect. Consider being a donor for this worthwhile effort we call the Collections Archive. Photographic materials for this resource should be sent to my attention at 13955 W. 30th, Golden, CO 80401.

One final note: Fellow member, Peter Thy, has donated a copy of his work, *The Introduction and Usage of Postal Orders in Bechuanaland Protectorate*, to the library. This 34-page booklet deals with the postal orders, their usage and all related official proclamations. Thanks Peter.

THE Celebration Progress Note

Enclosed with this issue is your copy of issue #2 of *The Celebration Newsletter*. As you will read, South Africa Post and the Philatelic Bureau of Zimbabwe have both indicated in writing that they will be participating in THE Celebration. Additionally, Dr. Franco Frescura, Senior Manager of Philatelic Services, South Africa, has accepted our invitation to give "The Founder's Lecture". The lecture is one of several programs to be offered during the event.

As we move closer to PACIFIC 97, the Organizing Committee urges each member to consider supporting THE Celebration - it is to be the crowning jewel of our Tenth Anniversary Year. Support can come in many forms such as volunteering to help staff our double-sized display booth, presenting a program, entering a British Africa exhibit and/or sending in a contribution. Our US International Representative, Dave Wessely, has volunteered to put together the Society's one-frame exhibit to be on display during PACIFIC 97. He is ably assisted by Dr. Frederick Lawrence who was responsible for our one-framer at WORLD COLUMBIAN STAMP EXPO '92. We have invited all British Africa specialty groups to submit their own one-frame exhibits and will assist them where we can. If you belong to one of these other groups, please encourage them to consider an exhibit. With PACIFIC 97 attendance expected to exceed 155,000, the membership recruitment opportunities will be great.

Society Meetings

Report of Society regional session at SESCAL 95. . . Sparse attendance did not dull the enthusiasm of those present. Show-and-tells included Cape Triangles (Marc Milzman), Bophuthatswana stamps and postal history (Will Ross) and a complete, used collection of the 1953 QEII Coronation Omnibus Issue (Bill Brooks).

Will is looking forward to coordinating future SESCAL sessions now that he has assumed that role. The first order of business will be to move our meeting to Saturday, instead of the traditional Sunday time. If any of you might be interested in putting on a Society program at SESCAL in the future, please contact Will at 6079 Fragans Way, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

STaMpsHOW 96 - August 22-25 - Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Florida. APS annual national. champion of Champions exhibit and open competitions. **PSGSA program and meeting.** Program offerings invited. Write to our Director of Programs, Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Dr., Sanford, NC 27330.

SESCAL 96 - early October - Wyndam Hotel at LAX, 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles. **PSGSA Fall Regional meeting.** "Show-and-tells" and/or an organized program are the order of the day. Programs invited. Contact Will Ross, meeting coordinator at address listed previously.

Northern California Joint Sessions with the Rhodesia Study Circle - Each January and July, interested collectors gather to "show-and-tell" what they are currently working on. Meetings are held in private homes in the area. Group luncheon outing. If you are going to be in the greater San Francisco Bay area and would like to join this gathering of the clan, please contact Bill Wallace, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116.

CAPEX 96 - June 8-16 - Toronto, Canada. **Society table and program planned.** If you plan to attend, please contact Tony Davis, PSGSA Meeting Coordinator, 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5 (see "The International Scene"

for more detail).

PACIFIC 97 - May 29-June 8 - San Francisco, California. PSGSA's Tenth Anniversary Convention - **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately.** Contact PSGSA Event Manager, Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Dr., Sanford, NC 27330

(additional details in "The International Scene").

ILSAPEX 98 - October 20-25 - South Africa. Efforts will be made to have a PSGSA meeting during this FIP

International (additional details in "The International Scene").

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Study Group Updates

Members are encouraged to establish communications with others who have similar interests. This feature is available in each issue for that purpose.

Any member wishing to form a study group/circle should send a short entry for "...Updates" to the Editor. Once formed, a group can use this feature for recruitment purposes, information releases, and the like.

Michael Wigmore/South Africa desires to hear from readers interested in the idea of a **Natal Study Group.** This is a fascinating pre-Union state deserving of some long overdue attention. Write to Michael at Post Office Box 294, Montague 6720, South Africa.

Will Ross/USA is interested in forming a **Homelands Study Group.** If these former stamp-issuing entities are of interest to you, please write Will at 6079 Fragans Way, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

On a closing note, is it not curious that there is no known specialty group focusing upon the Cape of Good Hope?

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Society Translation Service

Readers willing to provide translation assistance, please contact the Editor. The following members have graciously volunteered to provide translations on a time available basis:

- **Afrikaans & German to English** - Bob Hisey, 7337 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33872 USA
- **Afrikaans & German to English** Dr. H.J. Bantz, Post Office Box 6913, Westgate 1734, South Africa
- **Dutch to English** - Piet Mulder, Ruimzicht 300, 1068 CA Amsterdam, Netherlands

Society One-Frame Exhibit

PACIFIC 97 has invited specialty groups to display single frame exhibits during the World Exhibition in San Francisco. David Wessely would appreciate hearing from readers who would like to loan material for the frames 16 individual pages. If you would be interested in assisting David, please write to him at 125 Elma Dr., Elyria, OH 44035. Ideas and suggestions are always welcomed.

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Finland Opens New Postal Museum

This philatelic institution opened 1 March at the main post office in Helsinki. Progress of the Finland Post through its 357-year history is presented. Exhibits include part of President Kekkonen's stamp collection. In addition, visitors are allowed to ride on a mail horse of the 1770s and carry letters in different centuries.

The location of the museum is Manerheimintie 11 B (Station Square). Hours on weekdays are 10 a.m. to 7 p. m., weekends - [11a.m. to 4 p.m.](#)

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

The RMPL has more than 1800 volumes, runs of 75 philatelic periodicals, catalogs from 150 auction houses and a large collection of USPS publications. Located at 3055 S. Peoria St., Aurora, Colorado. Donations of duplicate/unwanted material or Western history literature welcomed. Write RMPL, CS27 Box 906, 8007 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood, CO 80215.

SUPPORT PSGSA - RECRUIT A MEMBER OR 2!

The 1996 Mail Bid Auction Guidelines

Based upon the size and scope of the 1995 auction (as shown in the catalog you received as part of the previous issue), there should be no question about the need for "rules-of-the-road" that are strictly adhered to. Whether you plan to participate as a buyer or vendor, you are encouraged to take a few moments and review the guidelines discussed below. (For detailed information on bidding per se, those rules are listed in the catalog.)

The closer the guidelines are adhered to, the more assurance the catalog listings will be accurate and fairly valued. This helps assure that bidders have a fairly good idea of what they are going after. Another important benefit is that our Auction Manager's life will be made a little easier. You have seen the quality of catalog listings improve as a result of these guidelines. (Some members indicate that listings have become valuable for reference purposes.) The guidelines are as follows:

- All inquiries and shipment of lots are to be addressed to: Tim Bartshe, Auction Manager, 13955 West 30th St., Golden, CO 80401 USA.
- Matters regarding catalog copy orders and advertising are to be directed to Bill Brooks, Director/Editor, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698 USA.

- **Lot submission deadline is 31 May 1996.**

Material will be accepted beginning 1 April - Not before.

- **Potential vendors, please review the following guidelines BEFORE preparing lots to be entered in the auction.**

- **Non-members may participate as vendors.**

Vendors who are members of PSGSA are assessed a 10% sales commission. Non-members are assessed 15%.

- **Appropriate Material for Submission** - Any and all material pertaining to the greater British and German southern Africa area is suitable. Periods covered go from the pre-adhesive period through the post-independence era. Material representing contiguous countries such as Angola, Mozambique and St. Helena is acceptable if the material is postal history with a clear greater southern Africa connection. Historically, postal history and B-O-B material receive that largest number of bids. Postage stamps and literature also sell well.

- **Type of Material NOT Accepted** - Material pertaining to stamp-issuing entities falling outside our area of interest WILL NOT be included in the auction. Lots not meeting this criteria will not be accepted. Return postage costs will be the responsibility of the vendor.

- **Individual Stamps & Sets** - Lots of this nature should include the following: (a) BOTH Scott and SG catalog numbers; (b) general description of condition - especially any faults; and (c) present value from the catalog and year quoted.

- **Collections, Bulk Lots** - Description is the sole responsibility of the vendor. Descriptions should: (a) be general with an estimate of the number of items involved; (b) the catalog value or a reasonable estimate of same; and (c) an estimate of the sale price. Remember to be reasonable in your expectations about prices realized. Lots of this nature generally command only a small fraction of Catalog Value. **Overvalued lots WILL NOT be entered.** Return postage will be the responsibility of the vendor.

- **Setting A Reserve** - Vendors are to indicate **the lowest price** they are willing to accept for each lot; or the vendor may leave it up to the auctioneer's discretion in listing the estimate. By not setting a minimum bid, the vendor agrees to the auctioneer's estimate. The estimate is what is considered the **fair market value** of the material being offered. Unreasonably low bids, e.g., 60% of estimate, will be rejected out-of-hand. If a vendor DOES NOT set a minimum acceptable bid (the reserve), the vendor should indicate what he considers the fair market value. This will assist the auctioneer in assigning a realistic estimate.

- **Minimum Acceptable Realization Value** - A lot must have a realization value of at least \$3-\$5. Lower value items are to be included in larger lots or sets to keep the number of lots within reasonable bounds. There is no upper limit as to the number of individual lots a vendor may submit.

- **Postal History Lots** - Vendor should include any commentary that the vendor wishes to be used as the description. The better described lots will set a more accurate image in the mind of the bidder. The auctioneer does not always have the knowledge of the material that the vendor does. Any specialized description will help increase realizations.

- **Donation lots are encouraged** - Sales revenues are used to underwrite costs for putting on the auction.

- **The Catalog** - Always included in the Jul/Oct journal issue as a appendix. Bid submission deadline - 1 November.

- **Paid Commercial Advertisements** - Ads are solicited for the auction catalog. Submission deadline for ad copy is 30 May. The single issue rates and payment procedures are listed in "The Classifieds".

The International Scene

The Reciprocal Listings Exchange

Any specialty group whose focus includes British and German greater southern Africa is invited to participate in this publication and information exchange.

General information about a fellow specialty group, its activities, and special events, is welcomed for publication in this feature. All that is required is that PSGSA be provided the same courtesy on a reciprocal basis. Exchange of publications between participating groups is encouraged to enhance one another's libraries.

Aerophilatelic Society of Southern Africa - Contact G. Caretzoglou, Hon. Secretary, Post Office Box 84636, Greenside 2034, South Africa.

Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society - Contact Peter M. Prime, Hon. Secretary, 56 Mount Way, Waverton, cheshire CH3 7QF, UK.

Bechuanalands & Botswana Society - Contact David Wall, Hon. Secretary, 8 Walkwood Rise, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1TU, UK.

Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa - Contact Secretary FVZA, Jan Stolk, Post Office Box 33223, 3005 EE Rotterdam, Netherlands.

East Africa Study Circle - Contact Roy Dustan, Chantry Court, Warminster, Wilts BA32 9AL, UK.

Greater Basutoland/Lesotho Philatelic Study Circle - Contact Roy W. Simcox, P.O. Box 1212, Cape Town, RSA.

Orange Free State Study Circle - Contact J.R. Stroud, 28 Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 1LQ, UK.

Postmark and Postal History Society of Southern Africa - Contact Dr. D. Mordant, Box 21161, Helderkruijn 1733, RSA.

Rhodesian Study Circle - Contact Keith Harrop, Hon. Membership Secretary, 817 Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 8RT, UK.

St. Helena, Ascension & Tristan Da Cunha Philatelic Society - Contact J.L. Havill, Secretary, 205 North Murray Blvd., Apt. #221, Colorado Springs, CO 80916 USA.

South Africa Collectors Society of Great Britain - Contact A.R. Chilton, 56 Framfield Rd., Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL.

Transvaal Study Circle - Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Woolgar, 132 Dale St., Chatham, Kent ME4 6QH, UK.

South West Africa Stamp Study Group - Contact Dr. H.U. Bantz, President, P.O. Box 6913, Westgate 1734, RSA.

West Africa Study Circle - Contact Robert Nelson, Hon. President, "The Old Rectory", Greatham, Nr Liss, Hampshire GU3 6HA, UK.

Show Reports

"The International Scene" invites readers to report of their experiences when attending any of the shows and exhibitions listed below. Please write-up your experiences and send them to the Editor. Also, if any reader has additional information pertaining to one of the listed events, please send it in. No reports were received this publication cycle.

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Events of Note

INDONESIA 96 - March 21-26 - Bandung, Indonesia. FIP, Youth Philately. Commissioner to be announced.

ESPAMER 96 - May 8-15 - Seville, Spain. FIP, aviation and space theme. Special, competitive section will feature all aspects of aerophilately and astrophilately. U.S. Commissioner: Reuben A. Ramkissoon, Box 606, Hinsdale, IL 60522-0606.

CAPEX 96 - June 8-16 - Toronto, Canada. FIP world Exhibition, 4,000 frames of competitive exhibits. Official participants include the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, Canada Post and the Canadian National Postal Museum. Literature competition as well - *Forerunners will* be there.

PSGSA meeting and program!

Canadian members Alan Hanks and Tony Davis are busy planning for a formal Society presence at this international event. They need to hear from members who are planning to attend - especially anyone who would be prepared to offer a program on some aspect of southern Africa philately. "Show and tells" are also welcome as these experiences have been found to be most enjoyable at other Society gatherings.

Tony and Alan also hope to have a Society table where PSGSA can promote itself and gain new members as a result. Volunteers to staff the table are needed. Contact Tony at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 5L5.

Further information about CAPEX 96 itself is available by writing CAPEX 96, P.O. Box 204-Station Q, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4T 2M1.

OLYMPHILEX 96 - July 19-August 3 - Atlanta, Georgia. Olympic and Sports philately. FIP. Held during the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. U.S. East Commissioner, Cora

Collins, Box 2183, Norfolk, VA 23501; U.S. West Commissioner, James Bowman, 3459 Township Ave., Simi Valley, CA 93603,

ISTANBUL 96 - September 27-October 6 - Istanbul, Turkey. U.S. Commissioners: John Livesay, 20 Center Drive, Old Greenwich, CT 06870; Peter McCann, 201 Defense Highway, Suite 260, Annapolis, MD 21401-8961.

NORWEX 97 - April 16-21 - Oslo, Norway. FIP. U.S. East Commissioner, Roger Schnell, 4800 ME Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308-4568; U.S. West Commissioner, Paul Nelson, 620 Wellesley Drive, Claremont, CA 91711.

PACIFIC 97 - May 29-June 8 - San Francisco. FIP World Exhibition - 5000 frames of exhibits. **THE Celebration of British Africa Philately**, sponsored by PSGSA, is a participant in this international event. Over 20 other groups, organizations and postal administrations have been invited to participate. Planned activities include: a 1500-lot British Africa specialty auction, awards, banquet, use of a hospitality suite, programs, lectures, informal social gatherings, meetings of various specialty groups and a double-sized display booth.

Volunteers needed to staff **THE Celebration** display booth. If you are thinking about coming to **PACIFIC 97** and may be interested in volunteering a little time at the booth, please write Booth Manager, Bill Wallace, P.O. Box 16381, San Francisco, CA 94116.

Planned activities will include programs, seminars and lectures. Anyone interested in putting on a presentation, please contact Event Director, Bob Taylor, 674 Chelsea Drive, Sanford, NC 27330.

Potential exhibitors are encouraged to contact the Exhibits Coordinator for **THE Celebration**, Dr. Frederick Lawrence, 5016 South Kenneth Place, Tempe, AZ 85282.

Bulletin 1 for **PACIFIC 97**, listing all individual country commissioners, is available by writing: **PACIFIC 97, Inc.**, Quinby Bldg., Top Floor, 650 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, 90017.

MOSCOW 97 - August 30-September 8 - Moscow, Russia. Commissioners to be announced.

ISRAEL 98 - May 12-21 - Tel Aviv, Israel. Commissioners to be announced.

JUVALUX 98 - June 18-21 - Luxembourg. FIP. Youth and Postal History themes. Commissioners to be announced.

PORTUGAL 98 - July 25-August 2 - Lisbon, Portugal. FIP World Exhibition. Main sponsor is the Portuguese Post Office. Contact **PORTUGAL 98**, General Secretariat, A. Casal Ribiero 28, 2, Lisbon 1000, Portugal

ITALIA 98 - September 18-27. FIP World Philatelic Exhibition. . Postal history, thematics, aerophilately and literature. Contact **ITALIA 98** Organizing Committee, Viale Europa 190, Rome 00144, Italy. Commissioners to be announced.

ILSAPEX 98 - October 20-25 - South Africa. FIP World Exhibition. There is talk about having a Society meeting and program at this event - stay tuned. U.S. Commissioners: Colin Fraser, 502 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10022 and Dr. Frederick Lawrence, 5016 South Kenneth Place, Tempe, AZ 85282.

IBRA 99 - April 27-May 4 - Nuremberg, Germany. FIP. Commissioners to be announced.

CHINA 99 - October - Beijing, China. FIP. Commissioners to be announced.

News & Notes

CAPEX 96 Update. . . Tony Davis, Society meeting coordinator writes: PSGSA has now booked a seminar room during **CAPEX 96** in Toronto on June 10 from 2:00 p.m. We intend to conduct either one lengthy presentation or two brief talks, in addition to a few warm and wonderful words about the Society. If there are any members who intend to visit **CAPEX** and may be interested in giving a talk, please advise. Audio-visual equipment can be made available. This international show will be a prime venue to showcase our Society as well as *Forerunners*. We have already received word that two international members, Dr. Franco Frescura of South Africa and Mr. Wilson Wong of Hong Kong, will be at **CAPEX**. Write to Tony at 41 Karen St., Thornhill, Ontario, Canada L4J 515.

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South Africa becomes a UPU member. . . The Universal Postal Union, a representative body that regulates international mail, reports that its membership grew to 189 with the admittance of South Africa as a member on August 22, 1994. The announcement was made in the first 1995 issue of *Union Postale*, a review of the UPU's activities published quarterly by the International Bureau of the UPU.

Museum of Postal History in New York

Located in New York City in a 750-square-foot office on the third floor of the James A. Farley Building. Mr. Joe Cohen is the volunteer curator of the Museum. Call (212) 330-3291 for further information and hours of operation.

The Bookie Reports

Readers are invited to submit bibliographies, reviews of books, journals, etc., for inclusion in this feature. Send entries to The Editor, Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406.

Follow-up on recent sale of Bridger & Kay Commonwealth KGVI Catalog entry appearing in last installment... Member Dickon Pollard of Murray Payne Ltd. recently wrote: "It is indeed our intention that the catalog should be our price list, for mounted mint and fine used, at least in the first year after publication. I am aware that Gibbons' catalog is also their list. The difference is that it is simple to buy hinged KGVI material at 35-40% of SG figures. Our quoted prices will be at these levels to begin with: a proper markek figure but *also* our price."

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July/Sept 1995 issue of The SPRINGBOK quarterly journal of the South African Collectors' Society (SACS). . . Cover-to-cover there were 26 pages. Key entries included "More On South African Weather Stations" (great illustrations); "Eleventh Row Flaws (Id Penny Ship)" which illustrates and discusses further "flaws" not shown in previous articles in the journal; numerous other bits and pieces also appeared, e.g., Union Coils. SACS membership information is available from A.R. Chilton, 56 Framfield Rd., Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2AL, England. Reviewer - The Editor.

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September 1995 issue of The Journal of the Rhodesian Study Circle (RSC)... Total of 46 pages cover-to-cover. Contained a nice entry about PSGSA's hosting THE Celebration of British Africa Philately at PACIFIC 97. Other entries in the issue included "Literature To Look For", "Members Ask", "Indian Troops in B.C.A. 1902", "First Day Cover Cachets of Southern Rhodesia, The Federation and Rhodesia" (by our very own Bill Wallace), "Rhodesian Petrol Rationing", "Madam Joseph Forgeries", "Southern and Northern Rhodesia: Surface Rates 1892-1964", "Postmarks", "Zambia Today", and "Some Observations on the Rhodesia 1910-13 Double Head Rouletted Stamps". For those with a keen interest in the Rhodesias, you may wish to consider membership in RSC. Write to Keith Hanman, 71 Keswick Dr., Lightwater, surrey GU18 5XF England.

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The Transvaal Philatelist, August 1995, Transvaal Study Circle (TSC)... Total of 52 pages. Very nice entry about THE Celebration being sponsored by PSGSA at PACIFIC 97. Key articles included "Some Examples of Pre-Stamp Mail",

"Winnaarspoort", "Specimen Overprint on Second Republic Issues", "The Third Printing of the ½d Pietersburg Stamp", "The Enschede £5 Overprinted V.R.I.", "Johannesburg Numeral-Coded Double-Circle Datestamps", and "The 1905 Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science". As always the journal was well-illustrated and referenced. TSC membership information is available from Jeff Woolgar, 132 Dale St., Chatham, Kent ME4 6QH, England. Reviewer - The Editor.

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Scott Catalog Input

Each year, the Society assists Scott's in its valuation efforts in regard to catalog listing falling within our scope. Readers specializing in any of these areas, who would like to provide input to Scott's, should send a letter of interest to the Editor. Tear sheets and valuation process information from the publisher are sent to Society valuers during each October. This feature publishes excerpts from previous valuation inputs to Scott's. Comments and reactions from the reader are invited. Please send yours to the Editor.

This issue's installment highlights the late Athol Murray's missive regarding Cape "officials". It reads as follows:

"I am enclosing photostat copies of official stamps which were used by the Cape Printing and Stationery Department for a few years after 1906, together with a photocopy from page 115 of Alice's book on the Cape published before the War. (This excerpt reads: 'In 1906 the Cape Government Printing and Stationery Department adopted a system of perforating in connection with the stamps used by their Department upon their Foreign Mail matter. The stamps so used were first passed through a machine and a device, consisting of eleven round holes in the form of two triangles, having the common apex meeting in the hole at the center of the stamp. . .Definite information as to all the denominations of the stamps so treated is not available, but the following have been seen: One Penny, Two Pence, Three Pence, Four Pence, Six Pence, One Shilling and five Shillings.)

The only catalog which refers to these stamps is Robson Lowe's encyclopedia which was published nearly 50 years ago. I think these stamps are worthy of inclusion in your catalog as they were used for postal purposes. Value-wise, they are very few and far between. I have only made two purchases of them in 40 years and I would think they are certainly worthy of a catalog value of \$40-50 each. The Five Shilling value might be double that amount as I have never even seen one."

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The Back of YOUR Book

Editor: R. Timothy Bartshe

Editor's Note: Reactions, comments and entries for this feature are most welcome. Write me at 13955 West 30th, Golden, CO 80401.

Forged Overprints on the Union Official Stamps

This installment finds a contribution from member Bob Hisey. In reading the *Bartolemeu Diaz* of our Dutch reciprocating society FVZA, Bob ran across an article from another member Jan Stolk. His translation and comments follow:

Recently it was announced by J. Stolk of Amersterdam in the Netherlands Society publication "Bartolemeu Diaz" that forgeries of many of the rarer varieties of the "Offisielell Official" overprint have been found.

All the forgeries had two distinguishing features: (1) The length of the word "Offisieleel" is only 15mm long (not counting any stop which may be present), whereas the genuine overprint is 16.5mm long; and (2) The letter "c" in "Official" differs from the genuine. The genuine "c" has a straight back whereas the false "c" has a very rounded back looking like the "c" in the last issue, the one with the larger letters (the so-called "stereo" overprint).

Varieties found with forged overprints are as follows:

These are the only items reported, but it would be well to be careful of other items, such as mint #4. I have not found any of these in my rather extensive Officials collection, so they might not be widespread.

I look forward to receiving any other items or material of interest from other members. This subject of B-O-B is so vast, the possibilities are almost endless. For those interested in last issue's article by Bill Wallace, dealing with the railway newspaper stamps of the Rhodesias, more detailed information can be found in a three-part series written by H.C. Russel in the *Rhodesian Study Circle Journal* from June, September and December, 1994. Copies of these can be gained by contacting your Director/Archives (namely me) and requesting copies.

Other areas of B-O-B interest recently dealt with in the philatelic press includes Ken Lewis' discussions on South African war label and philatelic cinderellas from *The Springbok* in 1989 and 1991, respectively. Ken details the issues and describes their meaning and purpose. These fascinating labels crop up every now and then in auctions or collections. Armed with such information, they can become a welcome addition to any collection. . .All for now, Tim.

| Value | Description | SACC # | SG # | Scott # |
|-------|---|----------|----------|---------|
| 1/2d | Stop after "Offisieleel" on English stamp. | 11a | 11a | 12d |
| | Same on Afrikaans stamp. | 11b | 11b | 12f |
| 2d | "Diaresis" on 2nd "e" of Officieel. | 27ab | 27ab | 29 NL |
| 1/- | "Diaresis" on 2nd "e" of Officieel. | 29aa | 29aa | 33h var |
| 2d | Overprint reading up. On SACC #133. The present Catalog Value is R8,500 for this. | 35 | 35 | NL |
| 1d | 1st issue reading upwards, Pretoria stamp. | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 2/6 | The 1930-47 issue in green and brown with 21mm spacing on SACC #48. Forged with stops after both "Official" and "Offisieleel". Not listed in SACC or in the Haggard Handbook. | 20var NL | 20var NL | 20 NL |

Key: var = variety, NL = Not Listed, SACC = South African Color Catalog, SG = Stanley Gibbons

The Classifieds

The ad submission deadlines are the 15th of January, May and September. The ad placement guidelines

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Cape of Good Hope - Boy Scout Issues, Scott #s 178-80, mint for sale. Ronald G. Carr, 60 Robinhood Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15220-3014 or call (412) 561-6562 (V9N2).

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Botswana - Mint/used postal stamped and formula stationery sought, especially stampless and stamped aerogrammes, postcards, registered envelopes, postal orders, EMS envelopes. Peter Thy, P.O. Box 73112, Davis, CA 95617 USA (V8N3).

1/- GNUS - Scott #43/SG #48 needed for study of issues I and II. Wish to acquire/borrow material, or photocopies of information/stamps - especially Issue II. Morgan T. Farrell, P. O. Box 1064, Hamilton, MT 59840 USA (V8N2).

Join the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa (PFSA) Society members are allowed to enter South African national exhibitions. Use of Stamp Expertising Committee. Reduced subscription rate for *The South African Philatelist* Write PFSA, P.O. Box 375, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa.

Swaziland - Private treaty sale of 1933 KGV definitive issue (SG 11-20), unmounted mint (MNH) - \$230. Also Swaziland *forerunners* wanted. Franco Frescura, INTERSAPA, Private Bag X505, Pretoria 0001, South Africa (V8N2).

Swaziland, Basutoland, Transkei - Desire postal history items prior to 1930. Send offers to Steven Gardiner, 15 Barrydale Rd., P.O. Box 15294, Miramar 6070, RSA (V8N1).

British Africa Collection - Breaking-up extensive collection that is mostly complete through KGV. Send want list to: Tim Bartshe, 13955 W. 30th, Golden, CO 80401 (v4N3)

Need back issues of South African Philatelist - issues from April 1983 through December 1991. Will photocopy needed information and return quickly. Will reimburse any postage costs. Larry Standridge, 4365 Rolling Hills Drive, Nacogdoches, TX 75961 or call (409) 564-3584 (V4N3)

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South African Air Force Museum Commemorative Covers - Museum has issued a series of covers commemorating SAAF events in both world wars and current squadrons/units. Attractive cacheted covers. Price list: SAAF Museum, AFB Swartkop, Post Office Valhalla 1037, South Africa

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Journal Index Needed - Volunteer sought to compile and maintain an index for *Forerunners*. Assistance available from the Publications Program Committee. Contact the Editor, P.O. Box 2698, San Bernardino, CA 92406-2698

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Wish to exchange for **covers from/to/through Mafeking**, 1885-present. Frederick Lawrence, Ph.D., 5016 South Kenneth Place, Tempe, AZ 85282.

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Desire to trade for **postal orders and postal notes** of all countries, reigns, any condition, single or quantities. have philatelic material of all sorts for exchange. Jack Harwood, P. O. Box 32015-Midtown Station, Sarasota, FL 34239

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Programs are being sought for this Northeast Regional meeting of your Society. A number of members, such as yourself, have expertise and material which would be welcomed in the form of a lecture. Audio-visual equipment is available if needed.

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One of the activities which has always been a success at Society regional meetings in the past has been the "show-and-tell". Members attending PHILATELIC SHOW are encouraged to bring their material to show and discuss. Bring your questions also. Member knowledge may prove of great assistance in answering that "burning" question that has been haunting you.

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If nothing else, by attending a Society regional meeting you will have the opportunity to meet old friends and develop new philatelic relationships. * * *

Inquiries about PHILATELIC SHOW 96 and our regional meeting are to be directed to:

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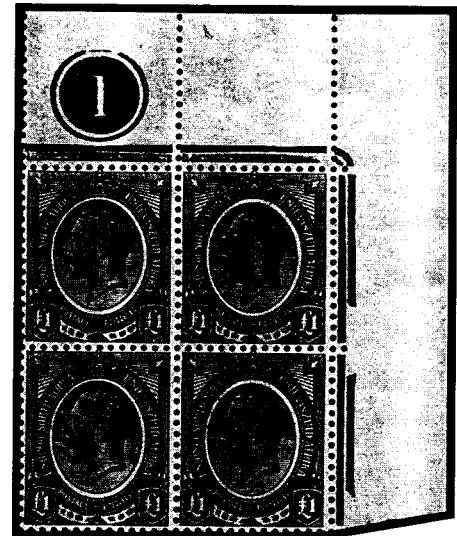
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3. The exhibits will be judged by APS accredited judges, whose decisions will be final. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits on an open show basis. There will be five levels of awards. A grand award will be awarded to the best exhibit in the show. A Junior award will be awarded to the best exhibit in the junior section. Special awards will be awarded if the required criteria are met. All exhibitors will be given a complimentary pass and exhibition program.
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5. An exhibitor may enter more than one collection provided a separate entry form is submitted for each entry. The maximum number of frames per exhibit is 10 (Junior 3). The minimum number is 2. Collectors who have not reached their 18th birthday as of April 26, 1996, may exhibit, at their option, in the Junior section. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit. All fees paid will be refunded in case of refusal.
6. All exhibits should be mailed to Guy R. Dillaway, Exhibit Chairman, Box 181, Weston, MA 02193, to arrive not earlier than April 18, nor later than April 24. Persons wishing to send their exhibits by means other than USPS must make prior special arrangements.
7. Personally delivered exhibits will be accepted at the Registration Desk of Philatelic Show (Holiday Inn Boxborough) on Thursday, April 25, from 4 to 8 P.M.
8. All exhibits not delivered in person must be forwarded prepaid. Any exhibitor who is not going to pick up his collection in person (or have his designated agent do so) must include prepayment for the return of his exhibit. The name of the agent picking up the exhibit must be provided the Exhibit Chairman prior to April 15, 1996. If you want your exhibit returned by some method other than registered/insured mail, detail the instructions and fees on the application. Please include \$1.00 for wrapping.
9. Owners must provide their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of the exhibits. However, no responsibility shall be attached to Philatelic Show, the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc., or the Holiday Inn Boxborough including their officers, members, or employees, for any loss whatsoever.
10. No exhibit will be removed until after the exhibition closes on Sunday, April 28. No exhibit will be removed from the frames until the exhibit area is cleared of all visitors. Exhibitors will be assisted in dismantling their exhibits.

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April 25, 1996

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