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From the Editor....

Things are moving a lot
quite nicely for our group

With this issue we have passed the twenty-five member mark! Additionally, a new member from our northern neighbor - **CANADA** - has recently joined. PUSASG becomes enriched all the more when we can enjoy sharing a world-wide outlook on an area of common and keen interest. Adding our Swiss member-George van den Hurk-we are able to see that there is a broad need and interest to learn more about that which each of us specializes in.

The recent "Call for papers" most of you received, indicated that it is now time for PUSASG to formalize. This is essential for our group in order to apply for affiliate status with the American Philatelic Society. And more than that, in order for PUSASG to have continuity, a set of guiding principles is necessary. I will develop a draft of a constitution and by-laws.

Another important step for us to take is the selection of officers. Since time is of the essence, it would seem logical to have a Board of acting officers who will serve on an interim basis until we have our first formal meeting. It has been proposed that our initial gathering take place at the 1989 APS STaMpsHOW scheduled for August 24-27, 1989, at the Disneyland Hotel. It is at that event when PUSASG will receive its APS affiliate status. We will be electing our first Board of Directors at that meeting. I have communicated with APS about arrangements for a meeting room and have been assured that we can reserve a room. PUSASG is on the mailing list for information on the 1989 show. As I learn more, I will pass the information on to all of you.

Concerning the interim officers, it only seemed logical that I perform in the role of acting Secretary-Treasurer, since I edit our journal and maintain the group's account. Founding member Syl Tully, has agreed to serve as acting President. We are also in need of an acting Vice President or two, plus two directors-at-large. The two Vice President

positions would be responsible for membership

and communications respectively. The V.P./Membership would provide application information in response to inquiries. The V.P./Communications would be responsible for sending press releases to the philatelic press, e.g., *The American Philatelist*, *Linn's* and *Stamp Collector*. I will furnish all of the necessary information and materials to the two V.P.'s. Concerning the acting Directors, Louise Van Ingen has volunteered to act as the Group's Program Chair. Perhaps there are areas one or more of you would like to assist with or take responsibility for.

The primary responsibility of the acting officers will be to develop a final draft of the constitution and by-laws which will be sent to each member for final review and comment. In addition, this group will develop an election procedure including a nomination methodology. Ballots will be distributed in time for voting to occur and the returns tabulated at the STaMpsHOW meeting. PUSASG's first elected officers will be installed at that meeting to officially open our program.

To make things work, Syl, Louise and I now need some of you to volunteer to help out in one of the capacities listed above. The success of our efforts from this point on requires commitment. By dividing the labor, no single member will be unduly loaded down with responsibilities. Those of you willing to "pitch in", please contact Syl or myself. We would appreciate hearing from you in the very near future. Remember, PUSASG is **YOUR group** and its future growth and success depends upon each member's commitment and support.

A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR BOARD

"Random Jottings From The President" Syl C. Tully



When I accepted the position of interim President of PUSASG, I

told Bill Brooks that it would be easy-presidents do not do the work. Such has not turned out to be the case. Little did I know that I would be expected to -chum out words of wisdom for each issue of our journal, **Forerunners**. Even

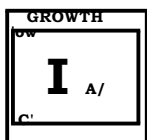
the title of this column was left up to me. A few things come to mind. One is the question of possibly merging with the recently formed RSA-SWA study group. I feel this should be left to the consensus of our membership and theirs. Many of our members have interests in philately, postal history and related items which are not limited to the pre-Union period. In **particular, there appears to be a great interest** in the interprovincial period of the Union. Now that postal history has become a recognized category of exhibit by the FIP, I expect an expansion of this interest. Many very attractive mixed franking covers of the 1910-13 period have surfaced and are a little less expensive to acquire than pre-Union mixed franking.

I would like to digress from straight philately a little at this point. As a co-founder of the Telegraph & Telephone Stamp Society (which has now merged with the Telegraph Study Circle which existed in the UK prior to the Society's foundation), I wish to call attention to the fascinating field of telegraph stamps and telegraphic usage of postage stamps in Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal. An unusual item came into my possession recently—a block of five one shilling Transvaal "disselboom" attached to a fragment of a telegram form and cancelled by the star punch typical of telegraph usage. In addition, the block is tied by a handstamp and the number 95. The handstamp reads:

VERANTW KLERK'S
KANTOR
FLORIDA
Z.A. REPUBLIEK

Items such the above, open a further field to collectors and students of the pre-Union period. They are not common, but may be found in mixed bag accumulations once-in-a-while. A little serendipity goes a long way, especially if dealers have no idea of what some of these items are.

I am sure all of us like to find that specialized item that dealers do not have time to learn about. That is one of the beauties (to me) of being a specialized collector. Comments on this topic would be most welcome, with letters addressed to: P.O. Box 5627 Hamden, CT **06518**



"Facts, figures & other matters"
Bill Brooks Secretary-Treasurer

To achieve a better sense of "who we are", I thought perhaps some geographical insight **might** prove to be of interest. The following is our membership distribution on a **percentage basis**.

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- *Western US. - 32% (All in California)
- *Eastern U.S. - **28%** (**Connecticut, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania & Rhode Island**)
- *Middle U.S. - 16% (Michigan & Ohio) *Southern U.S. - 8% (Arkansas & Florida) *Other Countries - 8% (Canada & Switzerland)

On another topic, I am sure that you have noticed a change in the journal's format and construction. The cost is slightly higher but the result is a definite improvement in both appeal and professional appearance.

The enclosed membership survey asks for your opinion on: (1) *Forerunners'* "new look", (2) **whether PUSASG should expand its focus** to include the Union of South Africa and South West Africa and (3) whether or not you would be willing to serve on the Board and in what capacity. Please complete and return.



-----"From Your Program Chair"-----
Louise Van Ingen
Programs is a rather broad

subject, and we will be discussing the many aspects of the subject from time-to-time.

One aspect deals with educational programs at our study circle meetings, the first of which will **take place at StaMpsHow '89, in Anaheim, August 24-27**. We hope you are all making plans to attend. At that meeting we will officially become a Chapter of the APS. It would be nice to show them that PUSASG has substance. We should have a good attendance, a well-planned brief meeting and at least one-maybe two-informative programs to lure the public and possibly new members.

Another aspect is planning informal gatherings such as luncheons, etc. It is amazing how much knowledge is disseminated at these informal affairs.

There is also the possibility of organizing our own library of slide programs to be circulated to stamp clubs. This is another way to entice other collectors to join PUSASG. The more members we have, the more we can learn from one another.

Two slide programs with tapes, presently in my own personal library, deal with the Union Period of South Africa. Should they be of interest, these programs will be made available. They are: (1) The Penny Ship and (2) Postal Stationery of the Union, with some **Interprovincial examples**.

All of the above, of course, is leading up to asking for volunteers. If you plan to attend **STaMpsHOW '89**, and could present a program, please let me know. If you have slide programs, would you make them available to other clubs and groups? We can set up an actual library of programs, under the administration of the Program Chairman, or prepare a listing of programs that indicates how to contact the owners.

We all joined this study group to learn, and to teach, about our special collecting interest. I am pleased to volunteer for the job of promoting this phase of our activities. Please send me your input, suggestions, offers of assistance, etc., to: P. O. Box 369, Placentia, CA 92670.

ABOVE ALL, PLEASE, WE NEED PROGRAMS FOR OUR FIRST MEETING AT STaMpsHoW '89. WHO WILL SO HONOR US? (P.S. Rumor has it that Dave Wessely is an exhibitor of **Bechuanaland fame.)**



Don't forget your DUES! Your membership fee is due in August, so mark your calendars!

NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP



"WELCOME ABOARD"

***Dr. May Harrie/San Bernardino,** California. Interest is in Union of South Africa errors. Affiliations: American Philatelic Society and the Arrowhead Stamp Club.

***Arthur L. Knoch, Jr./Westland, Michigan.** Interests include Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Griqualand West, Orange Free State, Stellaland, New Republic, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa, Bechuanaland and Zululand. Member of the American Philatelic Society.

***Robert A. Mason/Utica, New York.** Interest is in revenue and railway stamps of the world. Affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, American Revenue Society, Bureau Issues Association, British North American Philatelic Society, State Revenue Society, Essay-Proof Society and the Rhodesian Study Circle.

***David Wessely/Columbus, Ohio.** Interest is in British Bechuanaland and Bechuanaland Protectorate. Affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, Bechuanalands Society, Ohio Postal History Society, Columbus Stamp Club, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, American Philatelic Congress and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.



MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES *

Ralph Myerson, founding member, is a Physician who received his medical degree at Tufts University. Ralph is

married to Pat and has two children - Pam & Paul. His primary philatelic interest is the Boer War. In addition to collecting, Ralph enjoys traveling-all 50 states, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, North Africa and the Far East; playing bridge, beachcombing, baby-sitting the grandchildren and reading the works of John McDonald and Agatha Christie. Ralph was born on July 21st in New Britain, Connecticut.

***William R. Wallace** was born in San Francisco on November 5th. Bill is married to Janice and is self-employed. His primary collecting interest is Rhodesia and the related areas of postal history, aerophilately and postmarks.. Bill is an avid traveler and has visited South Africa in '1968, '71 and '86. He will be traveling to Zimbabwe in the near future.

THE FORERUNNERS FORUM

"Questions & Answers"



By: *Syl C. Tully Hamden,*
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Question #1: 1 have a Transvaal, SG #218, with an

Army PO 50 South Africa postmark dated JY-19-00. Notice that this stamp is not the overprinted #228. Since only the overprinted stamps (VRI) were authorized after 18 JUN 1900, how would I classify this stamp? Would I call it a **missing overprint or an unauthorized use?** Are there any other such unauthorized usages known? (Morgan T. Farrell)

Answer: I cannot answer completely. My partial response is that there is no way to prove that the overprint was omitted. Thus, the real question becomes: "What is the latest date known for. usage of un-overprinted Transvaal by British Forces in the Boer War? **(Well folks, here an opportunity for the Boer War buffs amongst us to share what they know about the topic - Please write Syl with the "facts" which will be published in the next issue.)**

Question #2: Why did the Cape of Good Hope use a triangular design for its early issues? (Bill Brooks)

Question #3: Why did Natal use embossed stamps? (Syl Tully)

Question #4: How can one differentiate the reprints and revenues of embossed Natal from the originals, in mint condition? (Syl Tully)

FEATURE ARTICLES



"Looking at Pre-Union Literature".... by

George van den Hurk

A masterly work by Robert Goldblatt, RDPSA, FRPLS, was

published in 1984 by Reyger Publishers of Cape Town. The book deals with the postal history and markings of the Cape of Good Hope and Griqualand West, 1792-1910. A wealth of information is contained in sixteen chapters describing exploration, discovery and early settlement postal and ancillary services, postal rates, postmarks, etc.

Apart from an impressive list of philatelic journals, standard reference works, official, general and miscellaneous publications, the author lists in the bibliography also a number of philatelic publications which are of interest(1) The postal markings are clearly illustrated, described and classified. Goldblatt's method of coding postal markings could service as an excellent example to others. It would be beneficial if generally a more uniform codification of South African postal markings would be used. Here follows an example of the coding used by the author:

- O = Official letter handstamps
- BONC = Barred Oval Numeral Cancellor
- CDS = CIRCULAR DATE STAMP
- SC = SQUARED Circle date stamp
- TDC = TRUNCATED Double Circle date stamp
- DCDS = Double Circle date stamp
- CO = Cork Obliterator
- TPO = Travelling Post Office markings
- RO = Rail Post Office date stamps
- TO = Telegraph Office hand stamps PS = PAID Stamps RL = Registered Letter section
- SP = Special Purpose postal markings
- RLO = Returned Letter Office markings

Such codes are much easier to follow than, for instance, referring to Mathews type 9a, 12c or 12b. Using the Goldblatt system one would refer to Mathews type RL 9a, SC 12c or TPO 16b, enabling the reader to recognize at a glance the type of canceller, marking or postal service. There are many more codes used in

Goldblatt's Postmarks of the Cape of Good Hope than shown in the above list, most of them shown in the above list. Most of them are very good but there are also examples which should possibly be changed, i.e., missent letters, late letters, unstamped and insufficiently prepaid letters, tax marks, re-directed letters are all classified under the code SP (Special Purpose). No doubt, it would, be more descriptive to code Late Letters' differently and T Tax handstamps T1, T2, etc. Also, describing machine **Cancellations -as'** machine Roller Defacers (MRD) is a bit odd.

Question #5: 1 have a copy of the 1902 1/2d green Bechuanaland Protectorate with a specimen overprint which is similar to that applied to stamps of Natal, Cape, etc., for presentation to the Empire Society in 1910 at the time of the forming of the Union. The provincial issues are fully described in Samuels,

"Specimen Overprints of Crown Agents" as type SA5. The Bechuanaland Protectorate is not mentioned. Could it have been part of the same presentation printing? (Syl Tully)

Any members) who can be of assistance and provide an answer to any or all of the above questions (2, 3, 4 or 5), please write to Syl. We will publish them in the next issue.

Syl would also like to know how many members, besides Glenn Terry, Bill Wallace and himself have an interest in Rhodesian postmarks? He just picked up two choice ones, partial only sad to say, for 5c each at the Meridan show. In the Rhodesian specialized they list at Zimbabwe \$100 or more.

Would anyone like to do a feature article showing the distinguishing **characteristics** of stamps, forgeries or otherwise? Syl can provide one set of prints for each type of the Orange Free State TF overprint, if a member has a way of reproducing them. (The prints of course would have to be returned.) Actually, the prints are enlargements (in color) from the OFS Study Circle and may xerox well enough for cheaper reproduction.

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Comments On Articles"

On Sid Goldfield's excellent article on the New Republic and Stellaland...Many authorities have been of the opinion that the **exceedingly rare "Twee"** handstamp was not an authorized issue. Most concur that it is an ancient philatelic concoction, probably about the time the remainders were sold to Whitefield King & Co. Also, imperforate varieties exist on all five denominations. These are attributed by Robson Lowe as being printer's **remainders** or proofs. It should be noted that forgeries abound in all denominations. Robson Lowe tells how to distinguish them by length of inscription. Another way is to look at the Z in **POSTZEGEL** Those illustrated in Sidney's article are the genuine issue. The forgeries have a larger and more regular Z. Also, a projection of the center vertical line of the shield will cut through the P in **PENNY** or **PENCE** on the forgeries, almost centered. As can be seen from the illustrations, the same line on genuine stamps clears the P barely. (Syl Tully)

Bill Wallace has brought up an interesting item. He would like to know how members mount their stamps - printed albums, viso-o-grip, etc., and which numbering systems are used - Scott, SG, SACC, etc. (This information is requested in the enclosed survey, results to be published in the next issue.)

Not mentioned by Goldblatt, but nevertheless of interest to collectors of machine cancellations is the fact that the first cancelling machine used in South Africa was a Bickerdyke machine. In 1897 sixteen Bickerdyke machines were used in the Canadian postal service. Eight machines were exported to England where they were used in London and Liverpool. In 1899, another Bickerdyke was installed in Cape Town, Goldblatt type MRD 1. (F. Langford, *Flag Cancel Encyclopedia*, published by the author, Pasadena, California, 1976).

An earlier work dealing with the postal history of the Cape of Good Hope, is Jurgens, A. A., *The Handstruck Letter Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope 1792-1853* and the *Postmarks From 1853-1910*, published by the author, 1943. Jurgens was undoubtedly at the time an expert on the stamps, postal history and many postmarks of the Cape of Good Hope but unfortunately his name came under a cloud when many faked covers manufactured by him were discovered. One of the typical Jurgens' concoctions is an 1870 O.H.M.S. cover addressed to the Master of the Supreme Court (1), Cape town ex-Grahamstown (backstamp FE 5 70) and with Cape Town arrival on front. The envelope was a fiscally used and cleaned 6d Hope Seated, subsequently applied and tied with a forged triangular C. G. H. defacer. (2)

Often Catalogues published in respect to auction sales of some of the great collections are of great interest. One such superb work is Sotheby's 1982 auction catalogue for the Sir Maxwell Joseph collection. The history of lot 897, the 1861 woodblock four pence error of color used in a block of four with normals, is described as: "ex-Ferrary" (sale 2, lot 57, L685, 1921), Riesco, Stevenson (lot 233, 11950.-, 1950), D'Arcy Hall (lot 164, L3400.-, 1962) and Maria de la Queillerie (lot 287, L8250.-, 1970). The block of four was sold for Br £39600

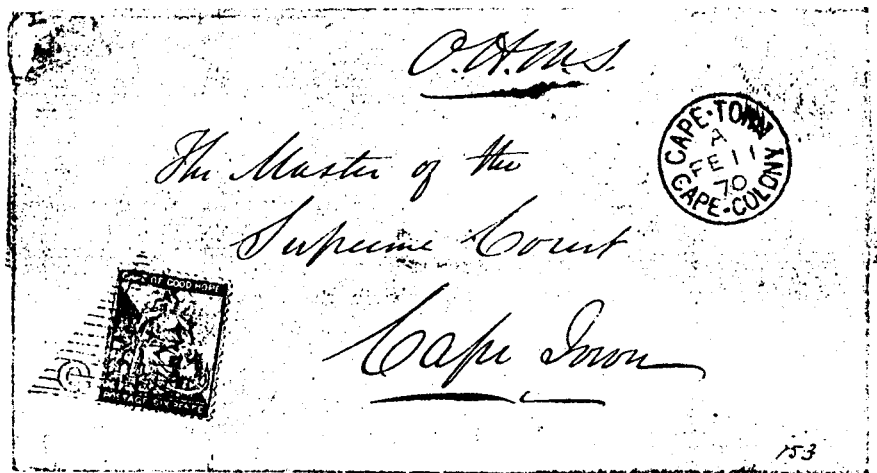
Noted from the American Philatelist 1987 December, 101 (12), 1145-1146, in 1865 Philippe von Ferrary, one of the first owners of the above block, at the age of seventeen, published the first of his rare contributions to philatelic literature, writing on Cape of Good Hope triangles!

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1870 O.H.M.S. Cover with 'Jurgens' Addition addressed to The Master of the Supreme Court C. Town ex Grahamstown (backstamp 'FE 5 70') and with C. Town arrival on front, envelope has fiscally used and cleaned 6d Hope Seated subsequently applied at bottom left tied forged triangular C.G.H. defacer, one of the typical Jurgens concoctions,

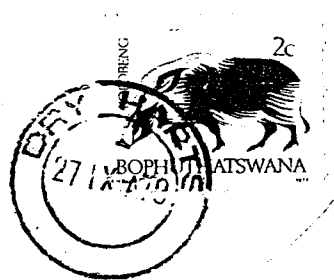
Examples of Forerunner/Bophuthatswana Town Cancels Compliments
of
Roy Setterfield --- Secretary, Bechuanalands & Botswana Society

Parts of **Bophuthatswana** were once in **British Bechuanaland, Cape** of Good Hope anew Orange Free State. The cancellations shown below, give examples of town cancels occurring both in the forerunner period as well modern day.

The Editor received a very nice letter from Mr. Sutterfield with the above comparisons enclosed. I felt that the material might be of interest to members as a demonstration of the longevity of certain communities and postal markings. If further information is requested, Mr. Sutterfield may be contacted by writing to him at: 18 Goldsmid Road, HOVE, East Sussex, BN3 1QA, England, U.K.



Dry Harts
1894 1979



Taungs
1890 1979



Morokwen, B.B. at first, then
Cape of Good Hope



1896 1979



Thaba Nchu
Orange Free State



1901 1983



Background to Basutoland

by Kay Wood

(This article is an excerpt from the February '88 issue of *Stamp Lover*, published by the National Philatelic Society of Great Britain.)

Basutoland is an African native territory 11,716 square miles in area, lying between the provinces of Orange Free State, Natal and Cape Province. It owes its origin to a Bechuana chief, Moshesh, who resisted the Zulu aggression and established a nation in this high plateau area. French missionaries first visited the territory in 1833, and it was the presence of these outsiders that led to the need for a postal service. An early report which they made states: "Till the town of Colesberg was established (1838), the nearest post was at Graaf Reinet." In the 1840s mail came to Colesberg and, in 1859, mail for Basutoland came via Winburg. Moshesh made the missionaries welcome. He already employed a few white men - mainly deserters - as stonemasons and armorers. Some Boers had made their home in the territory as the boundary between Basutoland and the Orange Free State (Boer territory) tended to change as rivers dried up or changed their course and nomadic tribes moved their villages in search of fresh pastures or more fertile ground. In 1858 there was a convention between the Orange Free State and the Boer government over boundaries and, in 1860, Moshesh met the Duke of Edinburgh who was on an African tour, to seek the protection of the British government. On the 12th of March, 1868, Basutoland was proclaimed a British protectorate. Mail came to Basutoland from the Cape. In 1872, two missionaries travelling by ox wagon from Port Elizabeth to Basutoland reported meeting two natives on horseback, half frozen by the cold; one proved to be the postal messenger, the other, the local witch doctor. In April 1873, it is recorded that missionaries travelling to Basutoland used the post cart to Aliwal but, from Aliwal onward, they had to use horses, as no post cart ran beyond there. A Hut Tax had been levied by the British, and part of this was used to finance the postal service. An official record claims that, from July 1871, "The Government's postcard starts running between Maseru, Aliwal North, Leribe and Moshaleshoek", though the missionaries' experiences recorded above suggest that the prediction may have been optimistic, and probably a mounted postal messenger rather than a postcard transported the mail. A post office was organized at Maseru in 1871. The first postmaster, Richard Bright, had a salary of L6 per annum. His postal duties were additional to his work as Assistant Magistrate and Clerk to the Court. Bright kept no money orders or postal orders, and had to obtain his

stamps from Aliwal North. It is probable that stamps from of the Cape and, after, 1878, or Griqualand West, were used in Basutoland. Until 1877 mail within the protectorate was carrier free, and only mail going beyond the border:

was charged. A number of postal agencies were established, and the local missionaries were often appointed as postmasters in addition to their being village school teachers and assistant magistrates. The native police were responsible for the actual handling of the mail, and it was in Basutoland that the native runners carried a letter in the end of a split reed held aloft like a banner as an indication of the importance of the errand and that they should be allowed to pass without any interference.

From 1910, stamps of the Union of South Africa were used in Basutoland and, at least in theory, those of all the provinces were valid. These may well have been used on "philatelic" covers. It has also been stated that stamps of Great Britain were used in the protectorate, but leading postal historians do not consider that this was ever so except in the case of soldiers at the time of the Boer War.



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Syl Tully would like to exchange numeral or town cancels of Orange Free State. He does not need any 16-bar cancels, but would welcome the following numbers: 23, 28 and any number above 30. These are all 11-bar cancels.



NOW 'TIS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUBMITTING AN ARTICLE, AD, COMMENTS ON ARTICLES PUBLISHED' IN THE JOURNAL, ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, HIGHLIGHTS OF USEFUL REFERENCES, NOTES ON OTHER STUDY GROUPS AND SOCIETIES, ETC., FOR THE NEXT ISSUE-DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1ST WHICH IS ALSO OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY! HOW ABOUT RECRUITING A NEW MEMBER OR TWO? AND PLEASE COMPLETE ENCLOSED SURVEY.

BITS & PIECES: A COVER THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Founding member Ralph Myerson sent in a copy of this Cape of Good Hope cover which he thought fellow members might enjoy. As Ralph wrote: "Hankey is of course the legitimate post mark."



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Transvaal