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## EDITORIAL

Since no volunteer has yet come forth seeking the job of Editor, your President finds it necessary, for the moment at least, to assume the task of putting the Journal together. We hope that none will be overly critical of our efforts until we have had the opportunity to gain a bit more of experience in this work.

If you miss the familiar green paper, we hasten to inform you that the change to white is both a matter of economy and a necessity. The job of printing this issue is being done by a commercial firm in Missouri, and while they can provide colored paper at an additional charge, the only choice is blue, pink or buff. However, since we will want to take full advantage of the offset printing by maximum use of illustrations, white paper will provide the best background.

It is too early, as this page is being written, to determine the results of the two ballots that were mailed out early in July, but we do hope that each of you has taken the trouble to vote.

We thank those who have written to us pledging their support of our efforts to keep the BCPFG functioning, and will do all we can to merit such support.

Assuming a majority of you approve the increase in dues that is required to continue to publish a Journal of sufficient size and quality to be worth the effort, our most urgent need will be for more articles. Some of the smaller countries of our area of interest which have not been too well covered could provide the subject matter for much material.

We must also continue to recruit new members. At this time there is a special advantage to doing so. Our printing cost is based upon even hundreds of copies, so that while our requirement is only for about 230 copies, we obtain 300 for the same price. Thus the only expense that we incur by addition of a new member is for postage and envelopes to mail the Journal. This excess can also be used to provide samples of the Journal to prospective members. If you have a friend who might be interested, let us know.

## Group Honors Al Johnson



**ALFRED N. JOHNSON**

The Trustees of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group have unanimously approved the suggestion of Reg Lant that our retiring Editor, Alfred N. Johnson, be given an Honorary Life Membership. He is the first member of our Group to be thus honored. The Board has made this award as a token of appreciation of the members of Al's more than six years of service as Editor and as a Trustee of the BCPSG.

It is realized that this is but small compensation to Al for the many hours he has labored in composing, editing and performing all of the tedious tasks of production and distribution of 38 issues of the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal and its predecessor, The West Indies Federation Journal. Al has often told us this was a labor of love. We hope that he finds great satisfaction in the knowledge that his efforts have brought much pleasure to his fellow members, and that he has been largely responsible for the continued growth in size and prestige of our Group.

From our association with Al, we know that he is not the type to allow a few assorted 'miserics' to get him down. Relief from the strain of working on the Journal and on various civic committees in Baytown has already resulted in an improvement in his health. A few words of encouragement and appreciation from his fellow BCPSG members might accelerate his return to normal. If you haven't sent him a note, why not do so. Al has been generous to us, so let's return the favor.

BRITISH GUIANA MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

By Col. Fred F. Seifert

Of the Post Offices in British Guiana, only the G.P.O. at Georgetown and those at New Amsterdam and Mackenzie have handled a sufficient quantity of mail to warrant the use of electric cancelling machines. The postmark applied by these machines is similar to that of most of the Post Offices in the U.S. and the U.K. as well as many other countries. It consists of a small circular date stamp (CDS) having the name of the P.C. and (except for Mackenzie) the Colony name, as well as the time and date of postmarking. To the right of this CDS, so positioned as to fall on and cancel the postage stamps, there is an obliterator consisting of either five to seven wavy lines or a slogan.

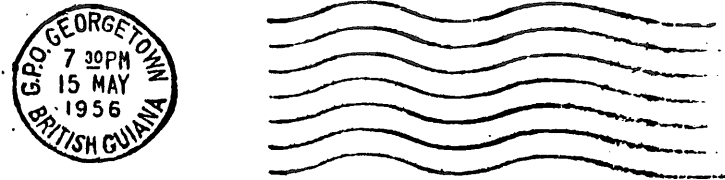


FIGURE 1.

Both the CDS and the Obliterator are removable, and it is not unusual to find strikes with one part or the other in an inverted position.

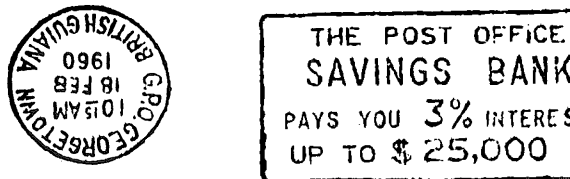


FIGURE 2.

Dates or portions of them are also found inverted, and one strike has been seen with time and date normal but town name and Colony inverted.

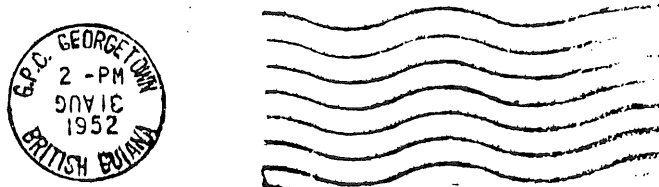


FIGURE 3.

Based upon study of all the strikes I have been able to find, and what information I could obtain from other B.G. enthusiasts, it appears that the first electric cancelling machine was put into use at the G.P.C. sometime in 1934. My earliest strike is dated 13 OCT of that year and employs a slogan inviting the traveler to "VISIT KAITIETEUR WATERFALL/ BRITISH GUIANA/WORLD'S WONDER."

While strikes of Georgetown are quite common, some of the slogans were short lived and are quite difficult to find. Neither New Amsterdam nor Mackenzie appears to have made much use of its machine. While hand struck marks of the last several decades are very common for both of these offices, machine strikes are seldom seen. It is apparent that their normal volume of mail is more easily accommodated by handstamping and the machines are reserved for periods of unusually heavy mailing.

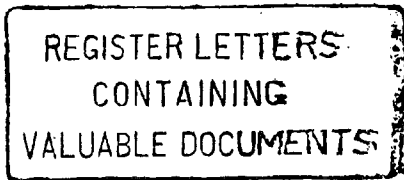
Six different CDS types are known to have been used by Georgetown and one each by New Amsterdam and Mackenzie. In each, the center format is the same with Time/Day and Month/Year in Full.

CDS TYPES.

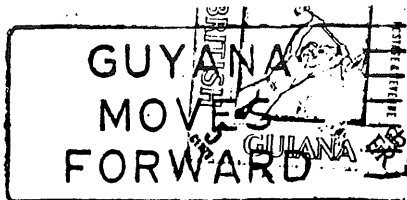
TYPE MC1.



TYPE MC2.



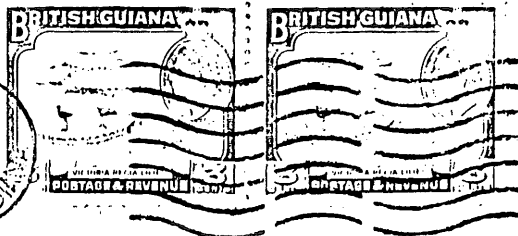
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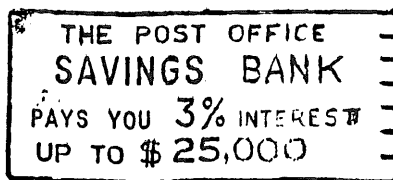
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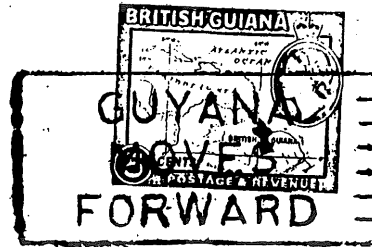
TYPE MC6.



TYPE MC7.



TYPE MC8.



CELLITERATOR TYPES.

- TYPE OBL1. - Five wavy lines spaced 4 mm apart. (See MC8<sup>7</sup> above)
- TYPE CBL2. - Seven wavy lines spaced 3½ mm apart. (See Fig. 1.)
- TYPE CBL3. - Six wavy lines spaced 3½ mm apart and broken into three sections. (See MC4 on previous page)
- TYPE CBL4. - Seven wavy lines spaced 3½ mm apart and broken into three sections. (See MC5 on previous page)

It will be noted that the strike of CBL2 in Fig. 3 is inverted when compared to that in Fig. 1. The former has a wave crest in the center, while the latter has a trough. This is merely a matter of the die being inverted.

SLOGAN TYPES.

- TYPE SLO1. VISIT KAIETEUR WATERFALL  
BRITISH GUIANA  
A WORLD'S WONDER With MC1, 1934-40
- TYPE SLO2. REMIT BY MONEY  
OR POSTAL ORDER  
THROUGH THE POST  
NOT BY NOTES With MC1, 1935-41
- TYPE SLO3. WINTER IN  
BRITISH GUIANA FOR  
HEALTH-GIVING SUNSHINE With MC1, 1935-40
- TYPE SLO4. DEPOSIT & SAVE  
BRITISH GUIANA  
P.O. SAVINGS BANK With MC1, 1934-41

TYPE SLC5.

DRINK  
DEMERARA  
COFFEE

With MC1, 1937-40

TYPE SLO6.

CABLE AND WIRELESS  
"VIA IMPERIAL"

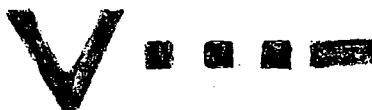
With MC1, 1940-41

TYPE SLC7.

RENT A PHONE  
AND SAVE TIME  
AND MONEY

With MC1, 1940-41

TYPE SLC8.



With MC1, 1941

TYPE SLO9.

PREVENT TB  
WITH BCG

No copies with CDS  
but identical mark  
used in Jamaica,  
1951-52

TYPE SLO10.

REGISTER LETTERS  
CONTAINING  
VALUABLE DOCUMENTS

With MC2, 1954-57

TYPE SLO11.

DO NOT ENCLOSE  
MONEY IN LETTERS

With MC3, 1954

TYPE SLO12.

CLEAN FOOD WEEK  
SEPT. 9TH-15TH  
JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

No dated copies seen

TYPE SLO13.

PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL

With MC2, 1955

TYPE SLO14.

THE P.O. SAVINGS BANK  
PAYS YOU 2.4% INTEREST  
UP TO \$15,000

With ? , 1955

TYPE SLO15.

DEPOSIT YOUR  
SAVINGS IN THE  
P.O. SAVINGS BANK

With MC2 and MC3,  
1951-60

TYPE SLO16.

ADDRESS YOUR  
LETTERS CLEARLY

With MC3, 19??-66

TYPE SLO17.

RENEW YOUR  
RADIO LICENCE  
BEFORE JAN 31

With MC3, 1955-57

TYPE SLO18.

THE POST OFFICE  
SAVINGS BANK  
PAYS YOU 3% INTEREST  
UP TO \$25,000

With MC3 and MC6,  
1958-63  
Also MC4, 1960

TYPE SLO19.

ROAD  
SAFETY  
PAYS

With MC6, 1960-61  
Also MC3, 1960

TYPE SLO20.

APPLY FOR YOUR  
TELEPHONE  
NOW

With ?, 1960

TYPE SLO21.

FREEDOM  
YEAR  
1962

With MC4, 1962

TYPE SLO22.

LET'S GET TOGETHER  
AT THE  
BRITISH GUIANA FESTIVAL

With ?, 1961

TYPE SLO23.

YOU  
PURCHASE PROGRESS  
WHEN YOU  
BUY GUIANESE

With MC3 and MC4,  
1961-66

TYPE SLO24.

GUYANA  
MOVES  
FORWARD

With MC3 and MC8,  
1966

CDS AND CBLITERATOR COMBINATIONS RECORDED

MC1. with OBL1.	1938-43
MC1. with OBL2.	1943
MC2. with CBL2.	1946-52
MC3. with OBL2.	1955-56
MC4. with OBL3.	1959
MC5. with OBL4.	1958-65
MC7. with OBL1.	1944-47
MC8. with OBL2.	1957-59

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### GROUP AUCTION NEWS

The second auction of our Group was closed on June 15th 1967, and the results encourage us to continue this venture. This 2nd Sale grossed \$879.00, and 88 of the 90 lots were sold. The material was supplied by 12 vendors. There were 36 bidders, and 25 were successful. It is quite apparent that postal history material (postmarks, covers etc.) realize the best prices. It is also fairly obvious that we are not doing well with mint stamps.

We are badly in need of material from all of the B.W.I. for future sales, especially from other than Jamaica. Please note that we are not able to accept material of countries outside our scope.

Also note that bidders from the Sterling Area may pay for their material in Sterling currency or drafts. We will also accept bids that specify a maximum for total purchases.

Our Auction Manager, Bob Topaz, would appreciate your comments as to how he might improve our service in this venture.

#### LIST OF PRICES REALIZED - JUNE 15, 1967

111	\$23.00	141	\$30.00	171	\$22.00
112	15.00	142	35.00	172	10.00
113	6.00	143	19.00	173	15.00
114	5.00	144	3.00	174	5.00
115	6.00	145	16.50	175	8.00
116	4.00	146	7.00	176	15.00
117	2.00	147	5.50	177	2.75
118	N.S.	148	9.00	178	6.00
119	1.00	149	7.00	179	20.00
120	3.50	150	4.50	180	6.50
121	9.00	151	11.00	181	3.25
122	19.00	152	7.50	182	15.00
123	8.00	153	5.50	183	4.00
124	16.50	154	8.00	184	7.00
125	8.00	155	5.00	185	5.00
126	10.00	156	6.50	186	1.50
127	7.50	157	11.00	187	30.00
128	8.50	158	1.00	188	6.00
129	12.00	159	11.00	189	20.00
130	5.00	160	5.00	190	6.00
131	5.50	161	10.00	191	10.00
132	9.00	162	10.00	192	9.00
133	6.00	163	16.50	193	20.00
134	1.25	164	7.50	194	2.00
135	16.50	165	21.00	195	16.00
136	5.50	166	25.00	196	6.00
137	4.00	167	4.50	197	2.50
138	11.00	168	16.50	198	N.S.
139	16.50	169	7.50	199	2.50
140	20.00	170	10.00	200	2.25

The catalog for the next sale which will close Oct 20th 1967 is being mailed to Group Members with this Journal. If there is enough material available for a 4th Sale, it will be mailed with the November Journal. Our Group will net a bit over \$60.00 from our last sale, and we hope that we can continue adding to Group Income with these sales.



## ANTIGUA ADDENDA

by William G. Cornell

On 18 May 1967 a set of three stamps appeared, commemorating the inauguration of the Caribbean and Americas Methodist Conference. The values are 4, 25 and 35c, inscribed ANTIGUA, bearing a vignette of the Queen's head, of long horizontal format--50<sup>1</sup> x 25<sup>1</sup> mm across perfs. I think that overseas Methodism, or at least in BWI, began in Antigua. I shall look into the history.

Matters philatelic bode well for the future on our island, as reported in Stamp Collecting magazine of 19 MY 67, in a letter from W.D. Cribbs, Financial Secretary of Antigua, quoted as follows---"Following the recent 'Statehood' issues from St. Lucia, it seems that it may well be of interest to you and to your readers to note that the Honourable Premier of Antigua has authorised me to inform the philatelic press of a decision taken in the Cabinet of Antigua on the 29th March. This was to revise the issue policy with regard to Antigua postage stamps to limit special issues to an average of not more than three per year after 1967. Following on this cabinet decision I can add that the general intention is to avoid so far as possible 'omnibus' issues and overprinted series, and if stamps are again issued on an international theme, the intention is that they should be specially designed to be relevant to Antigua. Stamp denominations are to be directly related to postage rates. The current year's programme was arranged before the above-mentioned decision and there will, therefore, be a total of four issues in 1967; these are the Constitution Day stamps already issued in February, Methodist Church stamps for issue this month, 300th anniversary of the Treaty of Breda, for issue in July, and a proposed issue to commemorate the settlement of Barbuda. All these issues have however direct relevance to Antigua. At present, only one issue has been planned for release in 1968; this to be a specially-designed series of four to five stamps aimed at advertising Antigua and its tourist attractions and with a total face value of approximately five shillings."

The 15c Statehood stamp has been found with reversed watermark. Any information on quantities known will be appreciated.

The Antigua Monograph project is progressing. I have completed the first draft of the index to the monograph--giving the outline of the contents--and have gotten Mark Swetland's comments on it and am busily weaving them in. I am anxious to hear from further volunteers for the project and will dispatch by return mail a copy of the draft index for review and comments before publication of the final index in the Journal. I have begun to assemble a draft of a philatelic bibliography of Antigua as a second step. This will likewise be circulated to the project team for review and comments before publication of the final version. Let me hear from you!

The unusual St. John's cancel described by Stan Durnin in this issue is brand new and most interesting. I have hypothesized to Stan that this might be a parcel cancel. A second even less likely hypothesis is that a TRD might have been used just before the introduction of the "large double ring with dots" Tercentenary Year cancel. I hope we can learn more about this unusual cancel. Cheers to Gale Raymond for the find.

In my last set of ANTIGUA ADDENDA, I began an up-dating of data on ranges of dates known of the markings of the pre-adhesive period of Antigua by listing for the hand struck stamps of "postmark" type, i.e., predecessors of later date stamps and obliterators, by listing data known to me and by asking for contributions of additional data. I now want to backtrack chronologically and do the same for earlier letters. Robson Lowe in the Codrington Correspondence notes letters with hand struck stamps of Great Britain and Ireland applied on arrival from Antigua as early as 1755 (Haverford/West), some of these being ship letter stamps, some town stamps and some combined types. Adrian Hopkins in the Regent Empire Stamp Encyclopedia (Robson Lowe 1935) describes a September 7th 1723 cover on which the only stamp was a Bishop Mark of arrival dated 23 NO. The October 1964 Robson Lowe sale of the Reginald Urrick

collection contained an L.L. (complete entire with letter) to Mr. George Moore, Merchant, London, dated Dec. 15, 1716, without any postal markings. This letter is the earliest letter of which I know. Any information on earlier letters will be appreciated, either directly to me or by a note in the Journal.

Continuing with Antigua's hand struck stamps, a second class is that of the ship letter stamps used ca. 1789-1857. These stamps are predecessors of Steamship Company stamps and three types are known, as follows:

ANTIGUA SHIP LER 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ x5 mm Known 6 NO 1789 Cod. Corr.

ANTIGUA SHIP LETTER 71x3 $\frac{1}{2}$  mm Known 30 NO 1799 Cod. Corr.

ANTIGUA/SHIP LETTER Dims ? Known 1841-1857 per R. Lowe.

All three have serif capital letters. The first of the above is an arrival mark on a letter from Gloucestershire to Antigua, while the second is a mark of origin on a letter going the other direction between the same two points. It is believed that the three stamps were probably applied at the Ship Letter Office in Antigua. Robson Lowe designates the three types respectively as S1, S2, S3.

A third type of Antiguan hand struck stamp is evidenced by the "Crowned-Circle Paid" marks, general post stamps which are predecessors of adhesive postage stamps applied to show prepayment of postage. Two types are known, struck in red--R.Lowe Type D, double circle surmounted by a crown, with PAID/AT in two lines within, above ANTIGUA on an arc at the bottom, and R.Lowe Type D1, single circle surmounted by a crown, with PAID/AT in two lines within, above and enclosed by ENGLISH HARBOR ANTIGUA on an arc within the outer circle. All letters are sans-serif. The first type has an overall vertical height of 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  mm and the circle diameters are 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  mm. A hard look at a clear strike shows that PAID is not on a line, but rather on an arc of larger radius than that of ANTIGUA. These stamps are known used between 1850 and 1869. In the initial period of 1850-57 these are true pre-adhesive paid stamps, as they are in the 1861-62 period between the use of Great Britain adhesives and the first adhesives of Antigua in 1862 and in the Antigua adhesive period following. In the two adhesive periods it is thought that the use of the paid stamps indicates temporary shortage of adhesives. I have an example of Type D on a piece of a circular to Barbados, along with a strike of R.Lowe Type PR (small circle with straight line ANTIGUA above two line date with code letter B above ANTIGUA) dated - - - 1 67, in black. It would seem reasonable that other date stamps, possibly Type PH, may have been used from time to time along with the paid marks. Any further information on the Crowned-Circle-Paid marks would be much appreciated.

NOTE: The Crown Agents announcement of the Antigua Methodist Church issue which was mailed with the July Journal verifies that Antigua was the "Birthplace of Overseas Methodism" and provides other information on this issue. -Editor.

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We were saddened to learn of the death on 8th June of Geoffrey W. Groves of Farnham, Surrey, England. Although not a member of our Group, he shared our interest in the B.W.I., specializing in Antigua and St. Vincent. For the last two years he was President of the B.W.I. Study Circle, having succeeded the late G.W. Collett to that office. At the recent AMPHILEX 67 in Amsterdam, his entry of Antigua was awarded a Silver Medal. Mr. Groves was 70 at his death, and he had retired in 1957 after 40 years of service in the Admiralty in London. He was a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Groves and his daughter and two sons. For some time Mr. Groves had been working on a comprehensive study of Antigua, and we hope that some means will be found to carry this project to completion as a tribute to this distinguished philatelist.

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# A ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA TRD?

by Stan Durnin

Leave it to one of our chief 'Philatelic Prospectors' to have come up with still another 'find'. Gale Raymond has unearthed an Odd-ball cancellation from St. John's, Antigua. (see Fig. 32.) It has all of the earmarks of a mutation. Dissecting our 'specimen', we find that it's diameter is  $26\frac{1}{2}$  mm with the lettering of ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA B.W.I. being  $2\frac{3}{4}$  mm in height with ink spread extending some of the letters to 3 mm. The T in ST. is not shorted and underlined as in all contemporary St. John's CDS. ST is 4 mm apart from JOHN'S - a great distance when it is compared to its coetaneous cancels. The same can be said of the distance between the final A of ANTIGUA and the B. of B.W.I. - quite pronounced. The fascinating date measures 4 mm in height except the T in OCT which is  $4\frac{1}{4}$  mm tall and the 93 in 1931 which is  $3\frac{3}{4}$  mm tall; all of these figures and letters are much wider than the location lettering. The exact date is OCT 15 1931. (Notice also the three digit month abbreviation.) To add to the quandary, a horizontal line can be found  $\frac{1}{2}$  mm above the top section of the CDS. Part of a slogan rectangular block? Examples of cancels in my collection approximating the date in topic are all quite normal. My before and after dates are OC 9 31 and NO 12 31 (both being as my Figure 16 in BCPSG Journal for Sept 1962. Herewith an urgent plea is issued for information on all items that are cancelled between OC 10 31 and NO 11 31 in St. John's, Antigua in order to narrow the gap and pinpoint our specimen's lifespan.

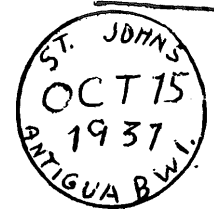


FIG. 32

After reading this and giving the illustration some thought, what do you make of it? Someone's idea of a joke, or a truly scarce TRD. You tell me.

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The St. Lucia Government recently issued what might be considered as an apology for the Statehood Overprint fiasco in which certain values were never available for sale at the Post Office but turned up in the hands of an agent at fantastic premiums over face value. It appears that this was a case of the very naive officials of a "New State" being victimized by the promoter, for the St. Lucia Government made no profit on the deal, but ended up in the philatelic doghouse when the philatelic press and a great many dealers joined philatelists in screams of protest. St. Lucia has now promised that all future emissions will be distributed through the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau. Unfortunately, this will not clear the slate, for as long as the several values of the Statehood Overprint issue continue to be available only at a huge premium, many collectors will shy away from St. Lucia.

With St. Lucia back in the fold, Grenada is the next New State that seems to need watching. Its Government recently signed a contract giving to Manfred Lehmann's Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation the exclusive world-wide distribution for philatelic sales of Grenada stamps. Lehmann states that all Grenada stamps will be freely available at face value to dealers. What remains to be seen is whether Grenada will be influenced by its agent to abandon its conservative new issue policy, as has been the case with many of the African States.

On a happier note it is good to see, as reported in the ANTIGUA ADDENDA on Page 92, that Antigua has pledged to limit its issue to reasonable amounts. We hope that others will follow their lead.

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# ANGUILLA QUILTS KITTS!

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL June 17, 1967

## Independent Fleck of Coral

# Island Asks To Join U.S.

SAN JUAN, P. R. (UPI) — Anguilla Island, a tiny, 35-square-mile fleck of coral in the Caribbean, declared itself independent of Britain Friday and asked to become a U. S. territory.

Peter Adams, 56-year-old spokesman for Anguilla's 8000 inhabitants, had to fly to San Juan to declare his island's independence. There are no communications facilities on Anguilla — nor, for that matter, are there any lights or running water.

Anguilla, legally a part of the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla Federation seceded May 30 after chasing a garrison of 17 St. Kitts policemen from the island. Britain granted home rule to the federation Feb. 27, but retained control of its foreign affairs and defense.

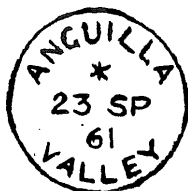
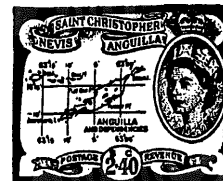
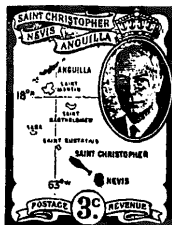
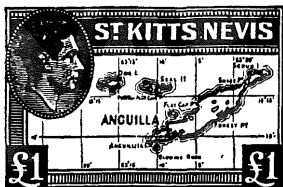
Adams asked Britain to resume control of Anguilla

and grant it a special status independent of the federation. He turned to the United States when his petition was apparently ignored.

At the same time, Adams sent a cable to United Nations Secretary General Thant asking for UN "guidance."

(In Washington, officials said the United States would never negotiate directly with Anguilla on the question. "The United Kingdom still handles Anguilla's foreign policy as far as we are concerned," sources said.)

The little island, 160 miles east of Puerto Rico, barely subsists on a lobster-exporting industry and a 50-acre salt pond. Adams said he appealed to the United States because Anguillans "recognize the indefensible and precarious position in dependence places them in."



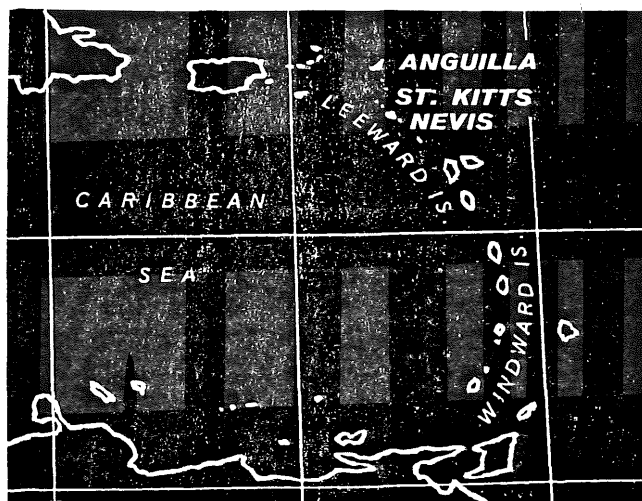
ANGUILLA

ANGUILLA

TERCENTENARY  
1650-1950

TERCENTENARY  
1650-1950

Map by courtesy  
of Crown Agents



More Anguilla info  
in July 1965 issue

# Bahamas News & Notes

BY GALE RAYMOND

As usual this time of year, letters and news from the Islands become downright scarce! Examples are slowly trickling in of the new Bahamas Definitive Set, however. The Decimal Overprints were in use a year and in considerable quantity, but the European stamp mags are advising that mint sets put away now may turn into good property in years ahead.

We in Houston were most fortunate June 25-29 to have the huge KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION here, with many fine Delegates and visitors from the World over. Naturally Kiwanians Al Johnson and I quickly volunteered as hosts to the men and families from Nassau and Freeport, BAHAMAS, Kingston and Montego Bay, JAMAICA, in particular, forming some lifelong friendships. Another Kiwanian-BCPSG member, Bob Halliday of Nassau, missed this trip, alas --

A late letter in from McLEANS TOWN, on Grand Bahama, says only that the new post office opened in October, 1966, at the schoolhouse; and that C.A. Farrington is Postmaster. Mail arrives weekly, on Thursdays, by mail truck from Freeport. Current population is about 300, and a high literacy rate. The single-ring TRD is still the sole datestamp in blue ink.

A small handfull of "pieces" recently came in from commercial mail to Nassau, with May-June 1967 dates, and a surprise was the number of CAT CAY postmarks, which has been virtually a dormant P.O. Eddie Adelson has found HATCHET BAY is using a new oval TRD, and the old steel-die CDS still in use at GAMBIER. A recent magazine just in from Nassau advertises the SEAFLOOR AQUARIUM there on Columbus Avenue; I wonder what happened to plans to re-open the old SEA FLOOR P.O.? There has been recent strong pressure to change Bahamas laws to permit postage-meter machines, for large mailings, but to my knowledge none have yet materialized, thank hevins.--

The new Bimini TRD is turning up regularly on commercial mail, although the 30 mm CDS predominates. The SAN SALVADOR Commissioners Office TRD continues as the standard postal cancel, although Eddie has recently seen the CDS "frozen" at 12 Nov. 1966 on June 1967 mail!

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The SEA FLOOR post office mentioned above by Gale was the recent subject of an article in Western Stamp Collector. This feature of the July 8th issue of that publication pointed out that Jacques Minkus arranged for the postmarking at SEA FLOOR of covers with a cachet for the May 6th 1940 100th Anniversary of Britain's Penny Black postage stamp. Thousands of these were sold through the stamp department of the Gimbel's store in New York. However, strikes for dates other than the above are quite rare as this office was only open in the Autumn of 1939 and again for a brief period from May 6, 1940. The Williamson Photosphere in which the SEA FLOOR post office was housed is shown on the Bahamas 5 shilling stamp of the 1965 series which was overprinted with \$1 last year. The recently issued \$1 definitive also carries its picture.

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**PERSONAL MENTION:**

It seems that EDDIE ADELSON can't find time to answer our letters, but he makes up for it by a phone call every now and then. We look forward to seeing you in Jamaica in November, Ed.

LLOYD BRANDON has been helping out those few of us who collect Jamaica Postage Meter marks, and every now and then we receive a packet of them salvaged from his office mail. Our thanks, Lloyd.

We are grateful to AL BRANSON for volunteering to assist our Treasurer by acting as our UK Representative. Al and Mark are now discussing the details, and these will be published when available.

BILL CORNELL is to be commended for trying to get work started on an Antigua monograph. How about a few more of you Antigua fans offering him some help on this project. We will do all we can on this end.

A report from BOB DEVAUX tells us that he is working on a project that is several hundred miles from his home, and that he only gets home on week-ends. We had the same problem frequently during our long military service, and can appreciate that Bob has little time for stamps.

DR. ED DOAK says that he is getting some interesting U.S. postage on the Dues Referendum Ballots returned thus far. Other than the personal satisfaction of having helped the Group, that's the only compensation you can expect for acting as Teller, Ed. We hope the overseas ballots provide additional useful franking. Ed asks that we correct his ZIP Code on the membership list to read 77027.

His current Air Force assignment does give STAN DURNIN a bit of travel. On a recent trip he managed to spend some time in Miami with Eddie Adelson. He had hoped to stop overnight in Trinidad and visit with some of our members there, but we understand he only had a short stop for refueling at Piarco Airport.

ICM FOSTER mentions that he has had very little mail from the U.S. of late. Send us another article, Tom, and maybe we can stir up a bit of correspondence for you.

We are pleased to report that plenty of rest and a bland diet are getting AL JOHNSON back to normal. Al said that after a recent sale of some of his surplus material to a Houston dealer he was about to celebrate on cottage cheese and milk. Ugh!

REG LANT says that living in an apartment does have some advantages, but he misses the storage space of his former residence. Reg has to run clear down to their locker room in the basement when he wants to get material to send out to new members. Let's help keep Reg spry by getting lots of new applicants!

Returning home from a European trip, MORRIS LUDINGTON has found the usual mountain of mail awaiting replies. Any new discoveries about Bermuda while abroad, Morris?

JAMES R. McFARLANE has left Annotto Bay, Jamaica, and is now located in Barbados. His new address is: c/o D.M. Simpson & Co., Trafalger Street, Bridgetown J, Barbados, W.I. We would appreciate your passing on any information on P.C. activities in Barbados, Jim.

DICK MCUNSEY promises to come up with "something short and simple on Barbados" soon. Anything you can work up will be most welcome, Dick. Our Barbados specialists seem to be keeping their discoveries to themselves of late.

In this age of numbers for everything, it is not surprising that we ended up with the Blue Shield ID#, 62220, of DR. MORRIS SCHWARTZ in place of his ZIP Code, 12527. Please correct this on your list of members. Thanks for telling us, Doc. We wouldn't want your Journals to get lost in the Belleville, Illinois, post office, which is where 62220 would route them.

BERT & PAM TAYLOR have been very quiet of late, and we hope that all is well in Naples, Florida. Anything new on Nevis or British Guiana?

Somehow, the given name of DICK THAYER became Edward in the last list of members. Sorry about that, Dick. While we consider that Edward is an excellent name, we are sure you do not want to make a change at this stage of your life. We will see that it goes back to Richard in our next revision.

BOB IOPAZ finds that the job of Group Auction Manager leaves little time to spare, especially when it becomes time to mail out lots to the purchasers. However, Bob has managed to complete his listing of Jamaica Obliterators which is being mailed with this issue. He also promises to have the Jamaica postmark list for the "N" towns ready for the November Journal.

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WILLIAM B. STITT advises that his address is changed to 99 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016

Mail addressed to BILLY G. BUCHANAN and DAVID M. MAYNARD has been returned with the indication that they have moved and left no forwarding address. If any member knows the new location of either, please advise your Editor.

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Enclosed with this Journal are the final three maps of the series supplied by Dr. Ed Doak. These cover Antigua, St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Our sincere thanks to Ed for having supplied these maps at his own expense. We are not alone in this appreciation, for in his "Review of Reviews" in the April 1967 issue of Robson Lowe's The Philatelist, Ian T. Hamilton writes "Three excellent maps of Trinidad, Tobago and Jamaica are provided by Dr. Edmond K. Doak, and we are promised similar maps from the other islands in this group: they are of excellent reference value." This is indeed high praise coming from Mr. Hamilton who is not known for his generosity in reviewing the works of others.

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In the article on Leeward Island Remainers in the May 1967 Journal, the figures showing remainders of the 3d cards did not print completely. Having had a query as to these, we give them here:  
ANTIGUA 239 $\frac{1}{2}$  (the  $\frac{1}{2}$  being  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a reply card); ST. KITTS 2058;  
NEVIS 985; DOMINICA 204; MONTserrat 737 and VIRGIN ISLANDS none.

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# New Issues

ANTIGUA Grant of New Arms and 300th anniversary of Treaty of Breda. Released 21 July 1967 in 15¢ and 35¢ values with common design. See Crown Agents sheet enclosed with this issue.

ANTIGUA recently released its first Air Letter Sheet, date and other details not known.

BERMUDA Opening of New G.P.O. Building. Released 23 June 1967 in 3d, 1/-, 1/6 and 2/6 values with a common design showing the New Post Office Building. Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd. with design by G.L. Vasarhelyi. Watermark Block CA.

GUYANA which has been using up its supply of British Guiana Postage Due stamps without overprinting them as was done for the adhesive postage stamps, has now released its own 4¢ and 12¢ Postage Dues.

GREANADA Achievement of Statehood by Grenada issue. Released 3 March 1967 in 2¢, 3¢, 8¢ and 25¢ values.

ST. LUCIA applied the Statehood Overprint to 2 air letters, but these appear to be companions to the rigged adhesives which were produced for the sole benefit of an "agent." There has been no report of this set in the philatelic press, and our information comes from the advertisement of them in London by a New York dealer who states that 1,000 sets were sold out at the day of issue and asks 55/- a pair.

## FORICCOMING ISSUES

BAHAMAS Diamond Jubilee of World Scouting - 1 September 1967

BERMUDA Telephone Link with Virgin Islands - 14 September 1967

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS Telephone Link with Bermuda - 14 September 1967

DOMINICA National Day - 3 November 1967

GUYANA Definitive Issue - Late 1967 or early 1968

ST. KITTS West Indies Methodist Conference - about September 1967

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO Fifth Anniversary of Independence - 31 August 1967

### Additional New Issues:

ST. KITTS Achievement of Statehood. Released 1 July 1967 in three values; 3¢ - Government Headquarters, Basseterre, 10¢ - National Flag and Maps of the three islands and 25¢ - The Coat of Arms. Printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on Block CA paper and inscribed "St. Christopher - Nevis - Anguilla Statehood 27th February 1967."

GREANADA EXPC-67 Issue. Released June 1967? Consists of overprinted definitives in 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, \$1 and \$2 values. This is the first issue by Grenada since it turned distribution over to an agent, and inclusion of the two high values makes it obvious that our concern over this agent deal as expressed on an earlier page of this Journal was warranted. To discourage this practice, your Editor has asked his New Issue Service to delete Grenada from his subscription.



We had to read Western Stamp Collector to learn that Paul Larsen has been elected President and Elaine Strauss, Treasurer, of the Park Forest Stamp Club. Their club will host the 1968 convention of the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs on 30 and 31 March. We beg you, dear members, please let your Editor know of your accomplishments and honors so that he doesn't have to dig them out of other news media.

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Two more of our members have moved and here are the new addresses:

Thomas R. Neville, Jr., 3807 Youngstown-Wilson Road, Wilson, N.Y. 14172

Dr. John M. Buckner, P.O. Box 487, Gainesville, Florida 32601

Did you shift jobs boys, or just get tired of the old neighborhood?

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There was an error in the designations of two figures of the illustrations for Tom Foster's Canadian Forces in Jamaica article in the May 1967 Journal. N-CA2 and N-CA3 should be M-CA2 and M-CA3 to agree with the text. Perhaps we can blame this on the Yorkshire accent of Tom's printing.

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Lloyd Brandon writes us that Lower Buxton was left off of the Jamaica Postmark List. Thanks to Bob Topaz we can provide the following info:

LOWER BUXTON	St. Ann	Opened - October 1959
1. TRD Type 37c	Violet ink	10 OC 59 25 JU 61
2. MSR	* Violet ink	4 DE 61

Closed and renamed Orange Hill in 1964.

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The Trinidad Philatelic Society held its Silver Jubilee Exhibition, TRINIPEX 1967, on 13-15 May at the Queen's Park Hotel in Port-of Spain. From all reports it was quite a success. Mrs. Arlene Van Dahl, the publisher of Western Stamp Collector, who served as a Judge of the exhibits, devoted three pages of the June 10th issue of WSC to reports of the Exhibition. The illustrations to her articles included a photograph of two of our BCPSSG members, Harold E. Box and J. Chin Aleong. Joe's exhibit of 19th Century St. Vincent was rated First in the BWI Class and judged Best in Show. Harold received a First Prize for his Venezuela and a Second Prize for his France.

Postmaster-General G.K. Lee provided a special post office at the Exhibition which employed a distinctive postmark of the "skeleton" type, reading TRINIPEX 60 at the top and TRINIDAD at the bottom. The date is in two lines in the center. Special covers were available.

Harold E. Box was accorded additional honor at TRINIPEX when he was presented with an award plaque for his long service to philately in Trinidad.

We extend our sincere congratulations to Harold, Joe and the T.P.S.

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**JAMAICA**  
**OTTINGS** by Robert Topaz

SQUARED CIRCLES are a matter of some interest this month with several new EKD's finding their way into the light of day. New Kingston EKD's are:

Type 1a	Index	1 R	27 NO	90	Type 2	Index	3 V	31 JY	90
2		1 C	9 AP	90	1		1 P	24 FE	85
2		1 T	8 JY	90					

The BIRMINGHAM marks are slowly disappearing, but some town employing a B4 mark was using violet ink in late May of this year. Unfortunately the town name is not completely visible, but it looks as if it might be GRANVILLE. Can anyone verify this usage or amplify the dates of May 20 and May 22 1967?

The TRD's are showing some unusual activity, and it does appear as if VALLEY PIECE, TORRINGTON and possibly FLAGSTAFF have received additional type 37 TRD markings. The VALLEY PIECE mark - similar to the mark used in 1963 - now measures about 30 mm along the bottom of the name, while the 1963 mark was only about 26 mm. The TORRINGTON mark seems to have the left hand asterisk centered pretty well while on the older mark it was well below center.

UNITY VALE has a violet ink type 37 TRD, noted 13 JY 67.

CLOVER HILL is using a new type 37 TRD which differs considerably from the same type mark used in 1946.

ALBANY has a violet ink TRD type 37, first noted on 3 JU 67.

Several towns are apparently having trouble with their regular markings, as in the case of Albany above, and have turned to new TRD's in black ink. Among them are WHITEHOUSE - first noted on 20 MY 67, SEAFORTH - first noted on 11 JY 67, and LUMSDEN - first noted on 3 JY 67. Incidentally, we have seen proof of usage of the old double ring of Seaforth on 10 JY 67.

LONGWOOD has finally reopened on 30 MY 67 and is using the violet ink type 37 TRD, noted 13 JU 67.

The GLASTONBURY TRD shows the effect of the short time they used black ink and is well distorted.

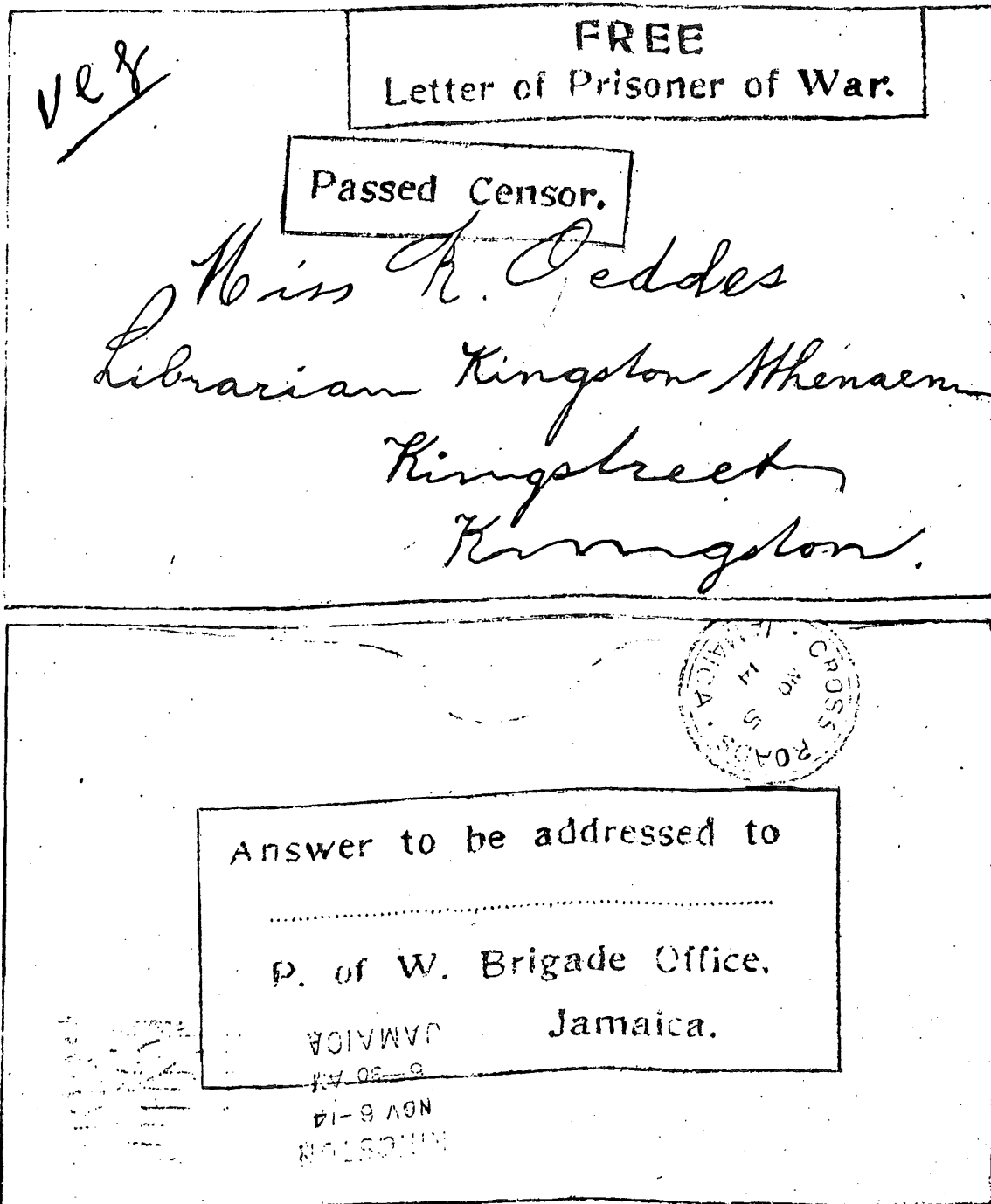
MONGRAVE P.A. has been closed - date unknown.

An interesting PRISONER OF WAR letter came across our desk recently, and I thought some of you might like to know of the markings on it. The letter is franked by an oblong, about 90 mm x 19 mm, and reads FREE/Letter of Prisoner of War. It is cancelled by a circular mark about 34 mm in diameter and reading "POST FREE" around the top and "PRISONERS OF WAR" around the bottom. Across the center are the letters "P.C." flanked by a pair of asterisks or dots. On the reverse there is stamped the following inscription prior to the flap being sealed, "Answer to be addressed to/...../P. of W. Brigade Office,/Jamaica." The frame around this inscription is about 100 mm x 45 mm. All markings described are in violet ink. The letter is postmarked Cross Roads and

Kingston on 30 March 1915. I would appreciate news of any similar covers.

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In your Editor's Jamaica collection there are three P.O.W. covers as the one previously described except that in place of the circular P.C. mark they bear a singleline "Passed Censor." mark in a 55 mm x 15 mm box. One of these is a post card from a camp official and is written from Fontabelle, Up Park Camp, which indicates the location of the camp. Dates are 5 NO 14, 16 NO 14 and 4 MR 15. Several years ago Clint von Pohle advised me that he had a similar cover with date 14 OC 14. One of these covers is shown below.



## OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

### NEW MEMBERS:

BIEDA, STANLEY J. Home address 860 Laburnum, Sunnyvale, California 94086; MAILING ADDRESS Box 326, Sunnyvale, California 94086. Occupation, Engineer. Collects West Indies and Caribbean Countries. Specialties, First issues of above. Member APS, ATA, JSG, France & Colonies, SPA, AFDCS, LERA, KIWI and PLS.

CURTISS, JOSEPH T., Roast Meat Hill, Killingsworth, Conn. 06417. Collects all Caribbean Islands. Occupation, Retired Professor, Yale University. Member APS.

DODWELL, OSCAR JOHN, 56 Smitham Downs Road, Purley, Surrey, England. Occupation, Civil Engineer. Collects British Caribbean (Islands only). Specialty, Jamaica. Member of Purley P.S.

FASHINGBAUER, ROBERT Home address 14540 Kedvale, Midlothian, Illinois 60445; MAILING ADDRESS Box 736, Midlothian, Illinois 60445. Occupation Salesman. Collects Bahamas, Switzerland; Specialty, Bahamas Postmarks. Member Chicago P.S., APS, PLA.

GOSNEY, HAROLD GORDON, 194 Maplehurst Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada. Occupation, Accounting Supervisor, City of Toronto Finance Dept. Collects Malta, Bahamas, St. Kitts-Nevis, key type issues of Br. Honduras, Caymans, Leewards, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada and Virgin Islands. Specialties De La Rue Postage and Revenue Key Plates. Member Philatelic Specialty Soc'y of Canada, Royal P.S. of Canada and North Toronto Stamp Club.

OSBORN, GEOFFREY ALAN, Home address Rosapenna Cottage, Devonshire Bay, Bermuda; MAILING ADDRESS Civil Aviation Department, St. Georges West, Bermuda. Occupation, Asst. Director of Civil Aviation. Collects pre-1880 material, entires and postal history; Specialty, Bermuda; Member Society of Postal Historians (London).

### NEW APPLICANTS:

HOEY, S. GRAHAM, 115 Balshagray Avenue, Glasgow, W.I., Scotland, Occupation, Managing Director, Departmental Store. Collects Everything in Bahamas; Member Caledonian P.S. (Past Pres.), BWISC.

MILLER, DUNCAN MACKAY, Home address 15 Wainwright Street, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, W.I.; Mailing Address P.C. Box 158, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, W.I. Occupation, Chartered Accountant; Collects Great Britain and B.W.I.; Member of Trinidad P.S.

WRIGHT, DONALD ALEC, Home address 10 Golf Course Road, Maraval, Trinidad, W.I.; Mailing Address P.O. Box 158, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, W.I.; Occupation, Chartered Accountant; Collects Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Trinidad. Member of Trinidad P.S.

The above named applicants have applied for membership in the Group in accordance with the Constitution, and their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received by the Secretary within thirty days, their names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for full membership.

## The Last Roundup

Some of the pages of this Journal are being printed considerably in advance of the issue date. This helps your Editor to spread the work over the two months between issues. To assure that each issue contains the last word, the earlier pages will be reviewed just before the press deadline, and any changes or additions will be given on this final page.

On page 99 we were unable to provide details of the Antigua Air Letter Sheet. While we still do not know the date of issue, we can state that this item is a 15¢ pictorial. The stamp shows a map of Antigua and the silhouette of an aircraft. In the lower left corner of the address panel there is a windmill and palm trees. The reverse has a map of the West Indies, while inside there is a Hannau beach scene and an invitation from the Antigua Tourist Board to write for further information.

At the bottom of page 99 we mentioned the Grenada EXPO 67 issue, but could not provide its release date. We have since received a "First Day of Issue" cover from a friend in Grenada which bears the three low values of the set in question. The postmark is dated 1 JY 67. All of the stamps of this set consist of current definitives overprinted with the EXPO 67 symbol. However, while the 2¢ definitive was used for the 2¢ of this set, the 1¢ and 3¢ were produced by revaluing the 15¢ and 10¢ definitives, respectively. We have not seen the \$1 and \$2 stamps of this set, since our correspondent displayed good sense in not wasting money on them.

Dr. Ed Doak advises that as of 2nd August the Vote for Increasing the Annual Dues stands at 94 FOR and 1 AGAINST.

In Jack Arnell's Bermuda article in the July 1967 Journal, on page 64 second SANDY'S should read SANDYS as this refers to the corrected 3d. Two lines lower, the received date, 3 Mar 56 should probably be 30 or 31 Mar 56, according to Jack.

We are sorry to report that Verner R. Willemsen passed away suddenly at his home on July 1st. He had been a member of our Group since shortly after its founding in 1961. He was Chairman of Sterling Offices of Canada Limited in Toronto.

John D. Mitchell has moved to Canada from Jamaica. His new address is 188 Duncan Road, Thornhill, Ontario, Canada. Thornhill is on the outskirts of Toronto. Desmond says the move is a permanent one, according to Reg Lant whom he visited recently.

Dick Hamilton has volunteered to prepare the address labels for the Journal, an offer which we have accepted with thanks. Dick is already well occupied supporting the activities of local and area philatelic groups. This confirms our theory that the most likely source of help is the member with the least time to spare.

Robson Lowe's superb monthly, THE PHILATELIST, is publishing "The Mail Boat Service in the West Indies" by Leonard Britnor, with the first installment in the July issue. Future attractions will be Tom Foster's "The Postal History of Jamaica" and "The Postal History of St. Vincent" by Arthur Pierce. Some years ago we purchased a life subscription to The Philatelist, and we have come to consider it one of our wisest philatelic investments.