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THIS PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC HEYER DEMONSTRATES WHY HE CONSIDERS THE GPO AT PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF ALL BWI POST OFFICES.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We are still staggering from a cruel financial blow dealt us by our "former" printer. When Editor Fred went to pick up the printed pages for the April issue, he was presented with a bill showing a more than 25% increase in price. There was no alternative but to pay it and look for a new printer for future issues. Fortunately, another printer has been found who will do the work for only a slight increase over our earlier rates. However, the April issue did put quite a dent in our Treasury.

As one means of helping to offset increased costs, without resorting to higher membership dues, BCPSG will conduct an auction in conjunction with our big meeting at FLOREX, November 7-9, 1969, Miami, Florida. As you know, the commission on our auction sales is a very low 10%. Several members have volunteered to donate material, with all proceeds of those lots going into the diminishing coffers of BCPSG. Other such donations will be most welcome. Since not all of the material in this Mail/Floor Sale will be donations, please clearly indicate on any lots you send to Bob Topaz whether or not they are donations. I ask your cooperation in making this Sale a success. It will help to avoid the alternatives of increased dues or a reduction in size or frequency of the Journal. Send your material to Bob Topaz now while this message is still fresh in your mind!

What are your reactions to a joint British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group - British West Indies Study Circle meeting in London, England, during PHILYMPIA, September 18-26, 1970? The seed for such has been planted, and BWISC is all for it, having discussed it at their last Annual General Meeting. BWISC has appointed a committee to start work on arrangements on their side of the ocean, and I can easily foresee this joint meeting as being the greatest ever in BWI philatelic history. I realize that the target date (yet to be determined exactly) is a long way off, but we must advise BWISC by early this Fall as to the approximate number of BCPSGers who plan to attend. Arrangements for a meeting room, luncheon, etc. must be laid on months in advance in such a city as London, especially during the time of an Exhibition such as PHILYMPIA.

Talk it over with the wife (she may want to join you, or be glad to get rid of you for a while), work up a schedule for a PHILYMPIA savings account, and please let me know within the next three months if you plan on joining us for this momentous meeting. There is work afoot by various philatelic groups throughout the country toward the possibility of chartering jetliners for some special PHILYMPIA flights. We can easily take advantage of the reduced fares available under such arrangements if I have an approximate idea as to how many of our members are interested. Let me know.

Stan

More than a dozen members have written to us expressing approval of the Index initiated with the April Journal. This is the most correspondence we have yet to receive on any matter, so it looks as though the Index is here to stay.

--EDITOR

A Visit to Barbuda

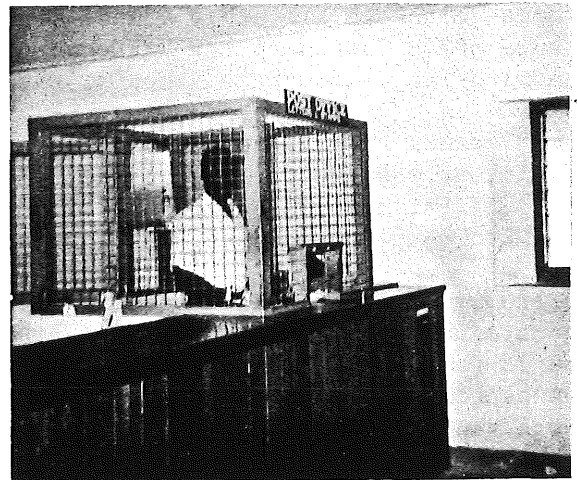
by GALE J. RAYMOND

On February 10-12, 1969, I had an opportunity to visit the island of Barbuda in the West Indies. Although the primary purpose was church business, I had an additional interest in having been for many years a student of Barbuda postal history. A light aircraft from St. John's, Antigua, only 30 miles away, set me down in about 20 minutes at the little grass airstrip at Codrington Village, where it promptly dumped me and the mail.



During the visit I stayed at the Government House with Barbuda Warden Albert L. Lewis, a photograph of whom appears to the left, and his good wife. In addition to a great many other assignments, duties and offices, Mr. Lewis was, of course, also the Barbuda Postmaster. An extremely intelligent man, he was vitally interested in all aspects of Barbuda -- past, present and future. In his role as Postmaster he extended all reasonable courtesies of the Postoffice to me, which was greatly appreciated.

The Postoffice itself is in a small concrete-block building on the Government House grounds, facing the street. It was badly damaged a few years ago by a hurricane, and in the restoration the building was widened and doubled in size and number of rooms. It serves not only as Postoffice but as the Warden's Office, Treasury Office and for the Government storage warehouse. One enters the door from the street and finds himself facing a long counter with two wired cages, one for matters postal, the other for fiscal (Treasury) matters, with separate clerks. The Postal Assistant is Mr. Burnstell Beazer. In the photo to the left, below, he is seen in front of the Postoffice. The Postal Wicket is seen in the photo at right.



While the main stock of Barbuda stamps is held in the Warden's safe, a reasonable supply is maintained in the Postoffice "workbook" in the postal cage. Other than this and the cash drawer, the cage contains a single circular metal datestamp and a rubber registry marking atop the black-ink stamp-pad. When low-value stamps inscribed "Barbuda" are sold out, fill-ins are made with low-value Antigua postage stamps. In point of fact, Antigua stamps are perfectly acceptable on all mail originating in Barbuda, although the Island residents indicate a preference to use the new stamps especially printed for Barbuda. By the same token, Barbuda stamps are acceptable at all Antigua postoffices.

Under the terms of the Antigua Government contract with the Barbuda Philatelic Agent in London, a reasonable supply of Barbuda stamps must be maintained in stock at Barbuda, sufficient to serve the needs of the local residents. The Philatelic Agent had two steel-die datestamps manufactured (Figure 1). These are markedly different from the Island's standard one (Figure 2). One of these new stamps was sent to the Island itself, and both old and new were used simultaneously for several months. The other datestamp was retained in London and unabashedly used to cancel stamps to-order for the used stamp trade. This was found unacceptable by the Barbuda Warden and the Antigua Government, which requested that the datestamp in London be turned over to the Antigua Treasury Department, with no further canceling to be done in London under any circumstance. This was done in early February 1969, and the London CDS is now stored

at the Antigua Treasury. The original Barbuda datestamp (Figure 2), in use during 1968, had no "1969" replacement date, and it too has now been returned to the Antigua Treasury, leaving only the one new CDS on the Island. The old Registry rubber stamp has now deteriorated badly and should be replaced in the near future.



FIG.1

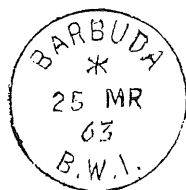


FIG.2

Since writing the above, I have been given pairs of the new Barbuda EASTER set, neatly datestamped with the OLD Barbuda (FIG.2) datestamp and dated 24 MR 69. These came from a dealer who had obtained them from a new-issue dealer in St. John's, Antigua, with close Treasury Department connections. It would thus seem that Barbuda stamps are being cancelled-to-order at the Antigua GPO with Barbuda datestamps, for better or for worse. G.J.R.

With the kind assistance of the Warden's secretary, Miss Candace Beazer, I began posting out a few covers to friends who I knew were interested in Barbuda stamps and postal history. On that first day there were no 1, 2, 3 or 6 cent Barbuda stamps, although all other values were available. However, that evening I mentioned the omission to the Warden, who assured me he did have all of the Barbuda denominations except the 5 cents, which was sold out completely.

New 35 cents and 75 cents stamps were issued on 5 February 1969 and were in fair supply, as was the Olympics issue, including the souvenir-sheetlet \$1 value. The definitive \$1.00, \$2.50 and \$5.00 values were due to be issued (and were) in March to complete the set. Antigua high values were in use until then.

In 1965, when the metal datestamp was in Antigua for repairs, a TRD was used. I inquired about this and learned that mail had briefly been datestamped then with the large rubber oval dater inscribed WARDEN, BARBUDA with date in one line across the center. This TRD is now virtually illegible, but still in use. I noted the new Barbuda stamps prominently decorating various legal and fiscal documents, deeds, etc. in the Warden's Office and cancelled by his Warden's datestamp; thus, this mark on stamps normally denotes non-postal use.

The local postal rate is 4¢ Bewee per half ounce; Seapost to U.S.A. 10¢, to U.K. 5¢; postcards anywhere 15¢; Registry Fee is an additional 15¢. Airmail to U.S.A. is 25¢ (2nd Class - 10¢), to U.K. 35¢, Germany 45¢, West Indies 15¢, and South America 25¢. Air Letter Sheets were in stock, unimprinted, 15¢ anywhere in world.

Mail is scheduled to arrive and depart three times weekly, all by aircraft from Antigua, as technically there is no longer mailboat service. There are no sub-postoffices or need for such. At the opposite end of the Island there is an ultra-exclusive resort, Cocoa Point Lodge, largely patronized by wealthy U.S. and

Canadian sportsmen, who have little or no contact with the village or Island populace. Their mail comes and goes through the GPO in Antigua.

Glancing through the tattered old Visitors' Book in the Government House, I was intrigued to note scrawled therein "This is some Island!" The signature was Adrian E. Hopkins, Capt., Royal Field Artillery (March 1919) -- a very famous name in the philatelic world!

The stamp revenue derived from the Barbuda issues goes into a special Barbuda account for the exclusive use of the island on such projects as airstrip improvements, roadbuilding, docks, etc. The Barbuda situation does not parallel that of Anguilla, and in my opinion there is no basis for comparison of the two islands, politically or fiscally.

Regarding the philatelic orders sent directly to the Island, such are of necessity referred to the Philatelic Agent in London. Sheer lack of time, help and facilities prevents this service by the Postmaster (Warden), already inundated in daily activities and paperwork. As this is written, Barbuda stamps can also be ordered from the GPO, St. John's, Antigua, at face-value plus registered reply postage. The Barbudans themselves and island visitors, however, can buy the Barbuda stamps over the postoffice counter for actual use on outgoing mail.

Despite the flatness of the island, it has a great beauty, most especially the magnificent beaches. All too soon the time arrived when both the mail and I went aboard the light plane and on to Antigua. I left with the firm opinion that this would always be one of my favorite islands in the world.

ANTIGUA ADDENDA

by WILLIAM G. CORNELL

Mark Swetland has provided much more information on Antigua SPECIMEN stamps, as discussed below. I have assigned provisional designations to the different SPECIMEN markings using "S" for SPECIMEN overprint and "P" for SPECIMEN perforation. This will ultimately be worked into Marcus Samuel's classification scheme (Robson Lowe's *Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, Vol. II pp. 424-32*). Samuel's designations include another letter denoting the probable overprinter or perforator, e.g., "W" for Waterlow, "D" for De La Rue.

The numerical designations are chronological by type. In what follows, all overprints are in sans-serif letters.

Mark begins with S1 on the first Victorian penny stamp, the rosy mauve of 1863-67 (actually sent out to Antigua by Perkins-Bacon in December 1862 and again in April 1864) with thick letter overprint measuring 14 x 2½ mm, probably a Perkins-Bacon overprint. The 1886 2½d blue, 4d chestnut and 1/- mauve have S2 with thin letters and 14½ x 2½ mm, presumably by De La Rue.

The 1903 Arms issue has S3 with thin letters and 13½ to 14 x 2½ mm, presumably De La Rue. The 1908 Arms three new colors (½d, 1d, 2½d) and the KGV 5/- of 1913 have 14 x 2½ mm, possibly again S3, and presumably by De La Rue. The three War Stamps are likewise overprinted, the ½d green in red letters.

The Small Seal NCA definitives of 1921-22 have S4 with 14½ x 2½ mm, still De La Rue, with the 1/- and 2/6 overprints in red. The initial colors and values (1921-22) of the Script CA definitives have what may be the same overprint. It

measures 14½ to 15 x 2½ mm. The 1923-27 colors and values (1d bright violet, 2½d orange yellow, 3d purple on pale yellow, 1½d carmine red, 2½d ultramarine, 2/- and 2/6) have S5 with thin letters 15½ x 1½ mm, again by De La Rue, with the 2/6 overprint in red. Note that my own guesswork in the last Journal failed to include the 1½d carmine red and the 2½d ultramarine.

At this point in time, Antigua SPECIMEN stamps changed to perforated markings, with the Waterlow-printed Tercentenary and KGVII definitive issues perforated SPECIMEN in linear array, 22½ x 4mm, and the De La Rue-printed issues perforated SPECIMEN in a semi-circle in several sizes.

The last small seal colors of 1929 (1d bright scarlet, 1½d pale red brown, 1/- black on emerald) are perforated SPECIMEN in a semi-circle. The Silver Jubilees have a 20 mm diameter semi-circle. The 1937 Coronations have a small semi-circle. The Victory issue has an 18 mm diameter semi-circle.

Thus, we now have much more data at hand on Antigua SPECIMEN stamps, thanks to Mark Swetland. He and I will continue to sort out the puzzle. Who has more data? We need descriptions and measurements of SPECIMEN and CANCELLED overprints on Victorian issues and proofs before the 2½d blue of 1886. HELP!

The Barbuda situation seems to be settling down. Stanley Gibbons has agreed to give catalogue status, on written assurance by the London agents of Carib Filatelag that plates and remainders will be handled properly. It is further said that the Barbuda agents plan to pursue a conservative policy with reasonable issues of stamps. I hope this comes to pass.

G.N. Holmes notes that future printings of the definitives will have a finer perforation, Bradbury Wilkinson having acquired a machine for that purpose. The initiative came from the G.P.O. due to difficulty with too many torn stamps.

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FIRST FLIGHTS OF JAMAICA

by DR. JOHN M. LOCKIE & CHARLES E. CWIAKALA

(Continued from April issue)

12. 19 DEC 30 GEORGETOWN, B.G. TO JAMAICA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Double-lined, 46 x 26 mm. First direct flight.
13. 2 JAN 31 TRINIDAD TO JAMAICA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: None. Via Miami.
14. 28 JAN 31 FRENCH GUIANA TO JAMAICA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: None. Flight was via Miami and was probably the first acceptance by French for West Indies flights starting 8 JAN 31.
15. 4 FEB 31 MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, TO JAMAICA. Airline: PAA (?). Cachet: Violet, 57 x 23 mm. The flight did not take place and covers were forwarded by sea-mail. No covers are known backstamped.
16. 10 FEB 31 TRINIDAD TO JAMAICA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Violet, 75 x 60 mm. Lindbergh circle flight of FAM Routes No.5 & 6. Return flight covers are dated 11 FEB 31.
17. 18 JUN 31 NEW YORK TO BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, VIA JAMAICA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Black, 60 x 35 mm. Covers known to Jamaica only for the return

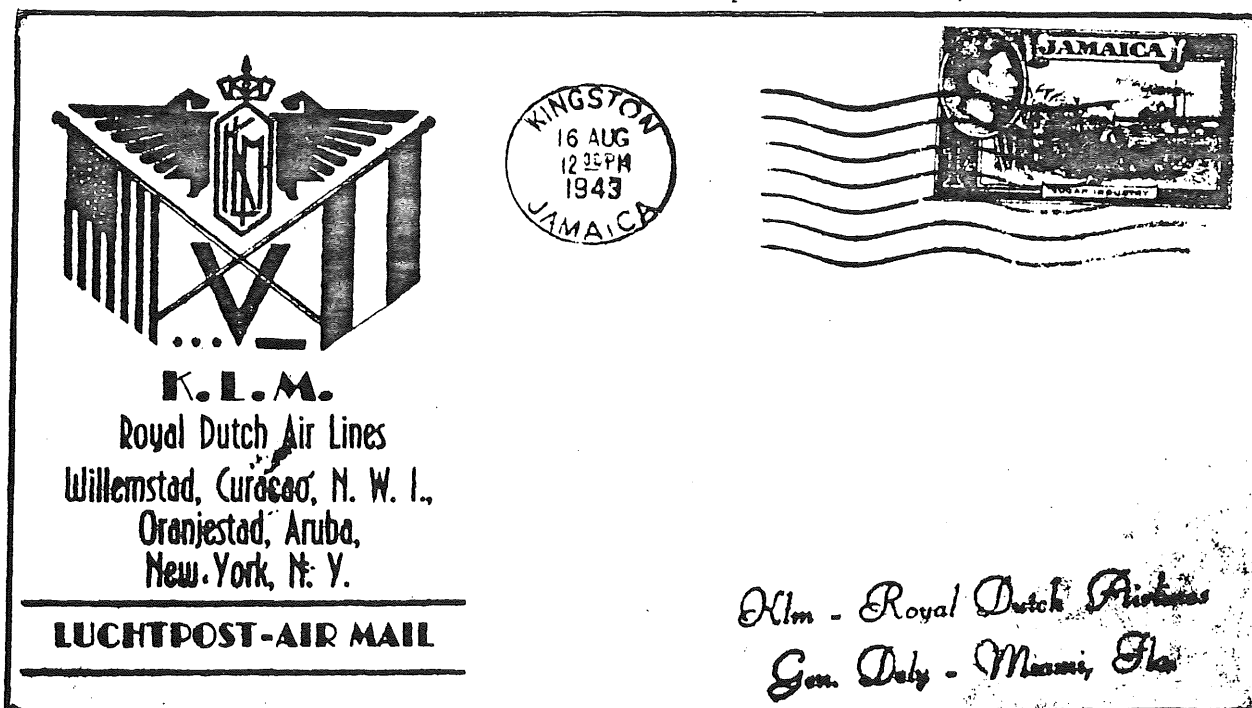
- 18. 29 JUN 31 EL SALVADOR TO JAMAICA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Violet, 55 x 25 mm. Part of FAM Route No.5.
- 19. 15 JUL 31 MONTREAL, CANADA, TO JAMAICA. Airline: Trans-Canada. Cachet: Special red cachet stating that the flight failed in Florida.
- 20. 19 NOV 31 JAMAICA TO BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Blue, circular, 45 mm. Part of FAM Route No.5. A Lindbergh Flight.
- 21. 8 AUG 32 JAMAICA TO HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PUERTO RICO. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Violet, 48 x 45 mm. FAM Route No.6. Return flight covers exist with French "Port-au-Prince — Kingston — Direct" cachet.
- 22. 10 AUG 32 JAMAICA TO MIAMI VIA CIENFUEGOS, CUBA. Same cachet and remarks as cover No.21.
- 23. 30 JUL 35 GEORGETOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS, TO JAMAICA. Airline: None. Mail sent by sea (M/S *CIMBOCO*) to Kingston, and beyond by air.
- 24. 30 JUL 35 GRAND CAYMAN TO JAMAICA. Same as No.23. Both No.23 and No.24 have two-line, violet cachet. Service dropped for lack of use.



COVER NO.27 - FIRST FLIGHT TO EUROPE

- 25. 5 MAY 36 JAMAICA TO GERMANY. Airline: Lufthansa. Cachet: Violet, fancy shield. A Zeppelin flight. Not a true first flight cover as these were forwarded and accepted from Kingston to New York, for the Transatlantic flight.
- 26. 16 MAR 38 JAMAICA TO BERMUDA VIA BALTIMORE. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Magenta, 62 x 55 mm. Part of Baltimore/Bermuda flight connection. Cachet applied at Baltimore.
- 27. 1 JUN 39 JAMAICA TO EUROPE. Airline: PAA. Cachet: Blue oval, 55 x 38 mm. Flight was via New York on the southern route to Europe.

28. 12 FEB 40 GEORGETOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS, TO JAMAICA. Airline: U.S. Army
13 FEB 40 Douglas Seaplane NC 14208. Cachet: None. Plane was to arrive
12 FEB and agreed to carry mail from the island. The letters
posted for the flight were cancelled 12 FEB. Plane arrived
13 FEB and all mail, including that posted on the previous
day was cancelled 13 FEB. Of the 346 letters carried, 37 were
for Jamaica. All mail was delivered to Miami, with 285 letters
carrying both the 12 FEB and 13 FEB postmarks.
29. 3 FEB 41 NEW YORK TO NASSAU, BAHAMAS, TO KINGSTON. Airline: American
Export Airlines. Cachet: None. This was a survey flight with
only three covers known to exist, all being backstamped with
"CRISTOBAL, CANAL ZONE, PAQUEBOT, 5 FEB 41". The covers arrived
in Nassau and were remailed to Kingston on 4 FEB, arriving there
on 5 FEB.
30. 16 AUG 43 JAMAICA TO MIAMI VIA CUBA. Airline: KLM. Cachet: None. Kingston
became a calling point on the KLM Curaçao-Miami service. Covers
also exist for the Kingston-Aruba- Curaçao itinerary, dated on
19 AUG 43. Some covers had a printed cachet, see illustration,



COVER NO.30 - KLM KINGSTON TO MIAMI

31. 14 DEC 44 TRINIDAD TO JAMAICA. Airline: BWIA. Cachet: Violet, 20 x 52 mm.
32. 16 DEC 44 BARBADOS TO JAMAICA. Airline: BWIA. Cachet: Violet, oval.
33. 18 DEC 44 JAMAICA TO TRINIDAD. Airline: BWIA. Cachet: Violet, four lines
of typed letters; this was the return flight of No.31. It made
a stop-over in Castries, St. Lucia.
34. 29 JUN 46 SOUTH CAICOS, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS, TO JAMAICA. Airline: BWIA.
Cachet: None. All covers signed by crew and passengers. This was
a survey flight by plane VPTAO. Three covers known, all addressed
to Mr. H. Coxe, BWI Airways, Jamaica, BWI.

(To be concluded in August issue).

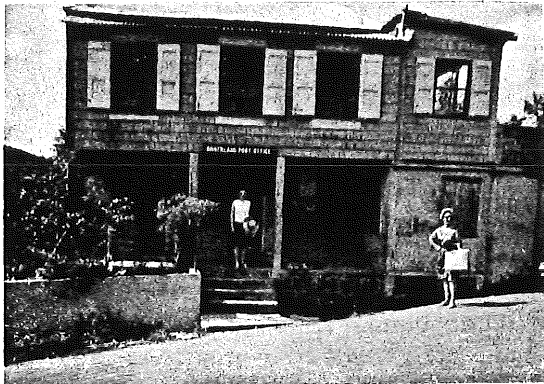
To Nevis in Quest of Ink

by STAN DURNIN

The "island hopper" of Leeward Islands Air Transport (LIAT) deposited us in front of the rather modern terminal of Golden Rock Airport, just outside of Basseterre, St. Kitts. Our delight in arriving there was greatly enhanced by our being met by relatives of fellow BCPSGer, Dennis Cartwright, who gave us a hearty "WELCOME TO ST. KITTS", a much appreciated gesture.

Since it was late on a Saturday afternoon, Elaine, Lulu, Eric and I proceeded directly to a hotel in downtown Basseterre for a relaxing evening and following day. Within five minutes of our arrival, a young fellow appeared with a huge envelope of used stamps for sale. Relaxing over a gin and tonic (or was it a rum punch?) we were in total ecstasy as we hurriedly sought out village postmarks in the bundle of material spilled out onto the hotel coffee table before us. Almost immediately Elaine spotted a nearly complete example of the Cayon TRD, and an audible exclamation escaped from me. Needless to say, we were receiving some strange inquiring glances from other guests of the hotel who were unable to appreciate our moment of triumph.

That evening after a delicious dinner with wine, Elaine and I took a 'digesting' walk along Bay Road, the street separating our hotel from the Caribbean. We



ELAINE AND LULU AT GINGERLAND P.O.

then relaxed for an hour or so on our balcony while watching the lights of a passing freighter play blinking games with the soft lights of Nevis, some distance away on the horizon. It was early to bed for it was to be early to rise the following morning.

On Monday we were scheduled to make the trip to Nevis (pronounced KNEE-vis). The Government Mail and Passenger Boat, the *M.V. Christena*, makes two daily round trips between Basseterre and Charlestown. Since the vessel was moored in the bay, right across the street from our hotel, we spent some anxious minutes watching

the crew work feverishly to get the boat's motor started. Thirty minutes late (but what is time in the islands), we started chugging across the twelve or so miles of open water to Nevis (SG #111).

The fare, possibly the cheapest in all the world, is \$1.00 E.C. (or Bewee) for "First Class", that is upper deck. Lower deck where one contends with the continual ocean spray is "Second Class" and costs but half as much, 50¢ E.C. Now I ask you, where else can you get a refreshing voyage of an hour's duration for 50¢ U.S. or 25¢ U.S. depending on class chosen?

Eric asked the captain to sign one of his prepared paquebot covers, and it was subsequently processed and postmarked at Charlestown, reaching him in fine order.

Expecting to see a quiet, serene little town, I was quite surprised to find Charlestown humming with activity at that early hour of the day. After having a substantial breakfast in the new hotel at Pinney's Beach (SG #112), we hired a taxi and headed for Gingerland, approximately five miles distant, and her sought-after postmarks.

The road to Gingerland is narrow but well paved. It threads its way through the

countryside, hugged on either side by extremely, brightly colored flowers in beds of vivid greenery. Here and there remains of old sugar mill towers dot the landscape.

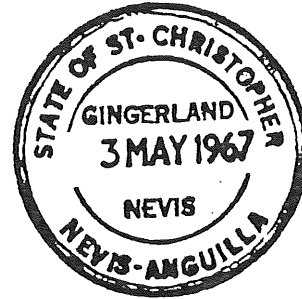
Arriving at the Post Office, we were surprised to see how busy the charming postmistress, Miss Cynthie Duporte, was kept. Not wanting to disrupt her routine too much, I obtained her permission to postmark the covers that we had all prepared. The office at Gingerland is considered a Sub-Post Office with the postmistress receiving a fixed salary plus a small percentage of her stamp sales. (This is a point to remember when sending franked covers to remote post offices for posting back to you.) Not all offices operate under this arrangement--Charlestown, for instance, does not afford its postmistress a percentage on stamp sales.



ELAINE AND ERIC AT GINGERLAND P.O.



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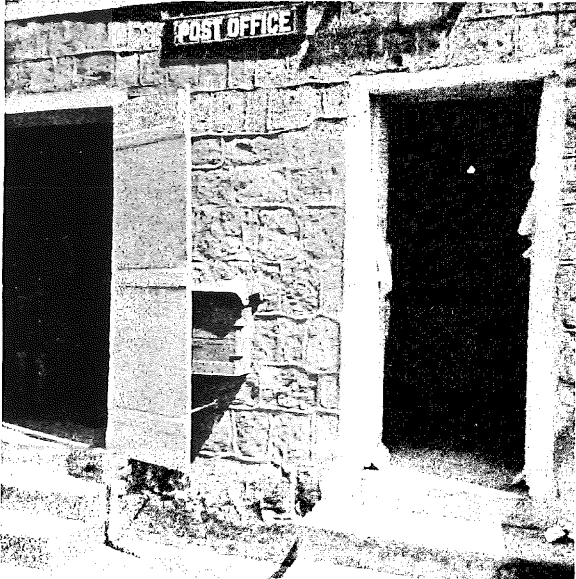
There is only one handstamp in use at Gingerland today (Figure 1). I suspect that it saw initial service early in July 1968 (*I have 9 JUL 68 cover--EDITOR*), but was unable to confirm the exact date. Two other handstamps were located in the Post Office, the Tax mark (made of brass) and the recently replaced Statehood TRD (Figures 2 & 3). We know that these TRD's went into service in the dawn of March 1967, and I can safely say that the one from Gingerland was not used later than 3 MAY 1967, as that is the date that was still in the canceller when I saw it in November 1968. I would suppose that the 'T' stamp had seen service elsewhere before being given to Gingerland, for it is of a type that was manufactured many years before the Gingerland P.O. opened on 1 June 1943.

Miss Duporte has been Postmistress since February 1959. She took over from her grandmother, Mrs. Luz Johnson, who was the original postmistress. Miss Duporte does not have a registration handstamp, but can accept items for registration. She merely records the item, affixes her manuscript 'R' to the cover and forwards it to Charlestown. There it receives the Charlestown registration strike and a recording number. While we were talking with Miss Duporte, the island's postman came to pick up her outgoing mails. His transportation is a motorcycle.

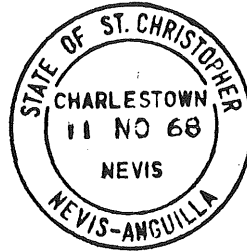
Miss Duporte advised that she never orders stamps in denominations greater than 50¢, as there is no call for higher values. All definitive stamps through the 25¢ value were available at the time of our visit, as well as the 5¢ and 15¢ air letter sheets.

Returning to Charlestown, we passed a Post Box at Brown Pasture. We later learned that there are nine post boxes on Nevis, located at Brick Kiln, Camps, Butlers, Newcastle, Fountain, Cotton Ground, Brown Pasture, Brown Hill and New River.

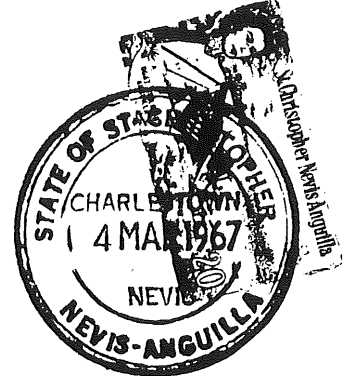
The Charlestown Post Office is centrally located and occupies the ground floor of a good-size building. I introduced myself to the gracious Postmistress, Mrs. Lorna Howell and advised her of the purpose of our visit. She most kindly took time from her busy schedule to answer my questions and cancel our covers. To my great pleasure the venerable Mrs. Luz Johnson, original Postmistress of Gingerland came into the office, and I was introduced to her. (Eric had called on her, at my request, some years previously, so they renewed an old acquaintance). Postmistress Howell is the niece of Mrs. Johnson.



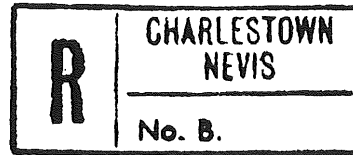
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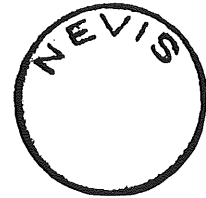
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The new Statehood CDS (Figure 4) is the only one cancelling today's mail. Its first day of use was 1 July 1968. An exact duplicate handstamp is used at the Money Order window, and I could not detect any difference between the two marks. The Statehood TRD (Figure 5) was returned to Basseterre soon after it went out of use. Like its contemporaries, it was used only for four weeks or so in March 1967.

The Registration block of Figure 6 is a rubber handstamp. I was unable to learn the reason for the 'B' after No. The familiar 'R' in oval and 'T' brass handstamps (Figures 7 and 8) were also noted. A new mark, to me, was the PAQUEBOT of Figure 9. This item obviously sees rare use.

In a table drawer was found the long out of use CDS of Figure 10. It was sans handle and date slugs, in fact, an impression was made with some difficulty by gripping the edges with the fingers. My earliest example of this CDS is dated ? DE 30, with LKD here of MY 15 51, so this 'old-timer' has had its day! It's still in pretty good shape, isn't it! Needless to say, this item is no longer in use.

Charleston is a Branch Post Office in the State's Postal System. All denominations of stamps were available as well as the two Air Letter sheets.

Our postal quest completed, we were moving on to the Charlestown Library when Elaine spotted a "different" Post Box on the Post Office wall. Where ALL of the others seen throughout our trip had been a stout Made in Great Britain type, this one sported a MADE IN CHICAGO, U.S.A. label! Two local fellows had a good laugh on me as they watched me maneuver to get a good picture of it. Imbedded in a wall, no less!

Having been to Nevis before, Eric knew the Librarian, Miss Ethel Howell, and introduced her to Elaine and me. Upon being told the purpose of our visit, she introduced me to the *LEEWARD ISLANDS BLUE BOOK*. I couldn't have been happier if I had found a treasure of gold, for to me the Blue Books are exactly that. Elaine and I spent the next four hours, or so, gleaning P.O. information from these venerable old books which, by the way, went back to 1891. (We will provide a listing of the information we obtained in subsequent articles). If you have access to a large library in your area, see if you can locate Katharine Janet Burdon's *A Handbook of St. Kitts*, published 1920 by the West India Committee, London. It too contains a wealth of postal information.

Poor Elaine had writers cramp for days after that session in the Charlestown Library. I went through four flashlight batteries recording notes on my tape recorder!

Arriving at the pier just after 5 P.M. for the return trip to St. Kitts, we came upon what at first appeared a melee of activity, but turned out to be the unloading of the vessel. And what a varied cargo it had--chairs, sacks of corn meal, furniture, baggage, even an antique sewing machine which disappeared 'inverted' on the head of a young man. The reverse process, loading the ship, was equally interesting and often amusing. Several fellows spent many an anxious moment loading a huge sea-turtle onto the bobbing deck. Have you ever seen a man walking along a pier pushing a wheelbarrow with an inverted sea-turtle tied in it? As we awaited departure, a fairly large fishing boat pulled up alongside, and we all stretched to see what type of exotic fish they might have caught. The cargo? Beer! Cases upon cases of West Indian beer! Finally loaded--the captain too, I think--off we went, thirty minutes late, as normal. The evening crossing was a bit rougher than the dawn one, but we were too tired from our day's activities to mind. Spying a couple of mail sacks on deck, I inspected their labels and saw that they were addressed to Basseterre. Undoubtedly some of our own covers were in those sacks.

There is an airplane service between St. Kitts and Nevis, but the *Christena* seemed more appealing to us. Sights that would be out-of-the-ordinary at home are quite commonplace in the islands. For instance, had you seen me walking from the boat to the hotel that evening, you would have observed a weary traveler with briefcase in one hand and a galvanized pail containing a half-filled gin bottle and an empty thermos bottle in the other hand. No, the pail and gin bottle were not mine, but you can be certain that we had a 'touch' upon reaching the hotel!

FIFTH LIFE MEMBERSHIP PURCHASED----

TOM BARROW recently became Life Member #5 upon sending in payment for the required fee. The other life members are GALE RAYMOND, ED ADELSON, PAMELA TAYLOR and MORRIS LUDINGTON. In addition, AL JOHNSON and REG LANT are Hon. Life Members. If your budget will permit, this is a good way to contribute to the financial stability of the Group. Installment payments can be arranged. Write to Treasurer Mark Swetland, 102 Woodland Road, Madison, NJ 07940, for details.

THE CHRONOLOGICAL POSTMARK HISTORY
OF THE POST TOWNS OF JAMAICA
(Continued)
BY ROBERT TOPAZ

This first entry was omitted in error from the previous list. It should be inserted after SAINT DAVID on page 62 of the April, 1969, Journal.

<u>ST. FAITH'S</u>	St. Catherine	Opened 12 March 1957	
1. TRD Type 37b	violet ink	16 MR 57	9 MY 57
	bluish ink	20 MR 57	18 OC 57
2. MSR	* violet ink	30 SP 58	12 JU 59
	* black ink	23 JU 60	15 AP 67

Forwarding Office: Glengoffe

<u>SHERATON KINGSTON HOTEL</u>	Kingston	Opened 2 August 1964	
1. TRD Special	violet ink	2 AU 64	27 AU 64

A special TRD put into use to celebrate the VI Inter-American Scouts Conference.

<u>SHEFFIELD</u>	Westmoreland	Opened 17 January 1933	
1. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters		14 MR 34	14 NO 64
2. MSR (Put into use 7 OC 55)		18 MR 61	26 JY 68

Forwarding Office: Sav.-la-Mar

<u>SHERWOOD CONTENT</u>	Trelawney	Opened 13 January 1921	
1. TRD Type 21	violet ink	1 FE 21	17 JA 22
2. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters	violet ink	3 MY 21	
	black ink	19 DE 21	29 MY 38
3. B 1 (Issued 15-17 FE 40)	*	30 SP 40	19 MR 68

Forwarding Office: Clark's Town

<u>SHIRLEY CASTLE</u>	Portland	Opened 19 September 1952	
1. TRD Type 44	violet ink	25 SP 52	7 AU 53
	(Date stamped separately)		
2. MSR	*	21 MR 57	13 DE 65
		Two separate dies were used and supposed to have been put into use on 13 AU 56.	

Forwarding Offices: Hope Bay and Swift River

<u>SHOOTERS HILL</u>	Manchester	Opened 5 February 1873	
1. S.R. 23 mm (Sent out 1873)	A index	23 FE 74	3 JA 04
2. F96 Oblit Type 0		23 FE 74	24 NO 91

3. D.R. 28 mm, 2½ mm letters dots 3 NO 04 21 JU 25
Very thin inner ring and unusually large date characters.
Shooter's is spelled with an apostrophe.
4. D.R. 30 mm, 3 mm letters 4 JU 25 12 JU 56
Shooter's is spelled with an apostrophe.
5. MSR * 23 NO 55 25 OC 68
Supposed to have been put into use on 7 OC 55.

Forwarding Office: Mandeville

SHORTWOOD

St. Andrew

Opened 22 July 1959

1. TRD Type 37a violet ink 22 AU 59 6 NO 59
On early strikes the ink has a bluish cast.
2. MSR * violet ink 25 MY 60 21 SP 61
* black ink 9 FE 61 27 NO 68
3. TRD Type 37 violet ink 28 AU 67 19 AU 68

Forwarding Office: Constant Spring

SHREWSBURY

Portland

Opened 11 November 1966

1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 18 NO 66 24 NO 68

Forwarding Office: Fruitful Vale

SIGN

St. James

Opened 8 December 1937

1. D.R. 28½ mm, 3 mm letters 22 AU 39 30 SP 68

Forwarding Office: Montego Bay

SILOAH

St. Elizabeth

Opened in October 1869

1. A46 Oblit Type H (Transferred from Highgate) 24 DE 88 12 AU 92
2. P 11 23½ mm (Issued 1870) 24 DE 88 31 AU 92
3. D.R. 26 mm (Issued 1895) dots 28 NO 95 17 OC 16
4. D.R. 30 mm dots 24 JA 17 31 JY 51
Four digit year date.
5. B 1 (Issued 15-17 FE 40) * 13 JA 41 9 SP 66
6. B 3 (Issued early JAN 1954) w/o * 15 SP 54 26 AU 67

SILVER SPRING

Clarendon

Opened 28 December 1945

1. TRD Type 39 violet ink 28 DE 45 21 DE 46
2. B 1 (Issued 23 DE 46) * violet ink 23 DE 46 JA 47
* black ink 2 AP 49 9 FE 68

Forwarding Office: Frankfield

SIMONS St. Catherine Opened 21 February 1957

1. TRD Type 37b violet ink 21 FE 57 15 AP 57
There is an example of this mark mistakenly dated 1967 rather than 1957.
2. MSR * 21 AU 57 3 AP 68

Forwarding Office: Bog Walk

SKIBO Portland Opened 24 May 1897

There is a good possibility that a TRD Type 8 exists for this office, but it has never been verified.

1. D.R. 27 mm, 3 mm letters dots 24 SP 97 14 DE 98

This office was closed on 22 FE 99 (Collett claimed 28 FE 99). Subsequently an office was opened in nearby Bybrook in 1913 which was relocated on 1 May 1924 and renamed Skibo.

2. TRD Type 22 violet ink 22 MY 24 12 JU 24
3. D.R. 27 mm, 3½ mm letters, very thin inner ring 12 OC 25 21 OC 55
4. MSR * 23 JY 56 8 AU 68

Forwarding Office: Buff Bay

SLIGOVILLE St. Catherine Opened 7 July 1930

1. TRD Type 25 violet ink 7 JY 30 31 OC 30
2. D.R. 29 mm 2 MY 31 9 JU 67

Forwarding Office: Spanish Town

SLIPE St. Elizabeth Opened 12 June 1952

1. TRD Type 44 violet ink 19 JU 52 6 AU 52
The date is stamped separately. A cover exists dated 2 JY 51, but this is a mistake in setting the year date.
2. B 3 w/o * 14 AP 53 22 AU 68

Forwarding Office: Lacovia

SMITHS VILLAGE Kingston Opened 31 October 1912

1. TRD Type 15 violet ink 12 AP 13 14 JU 13
Spelled Smith Village. "191" is in the mark.
2. D.R. 28 mm, 2½ mm letters dots 10 OC 17 16 AU 40
Spelled Smith's Village

The name of this office was changed to Denham Town in 1940.

SMITHVILLE Clarendon Opened 25 June 1927

1. D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters 5 MR 35 2 AU 68

Forwarding Office: Four Paths

SOMERSET St. Thomas Opened 3 August 1951

1. TRD Type 44 violet ink 7 AU 51 15 OC 51

2. B 4 * 20 MY 52 17 JA 66

Forwarding Office: Llandewey

SOMERTON St. James Opened 3 December 1914

1. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters 19 18 NO 40
The earlier years carry no date except the year.

2. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters 21 DE 31 6 DE 66

Forwarding Offices: Adelphi and Montego Bay

SOUTHFIELD St. Elizabeth Opened about August 1875

1. P 11 24 mm (Sent out 1876) Index BC 7 SP 84 15 OC 38
Spelled South-Field. The Index disappears about 1916.

2. 647 Oblit Type 0 (Sent out about 1876) 28 DE 87 18 NO 91

This office was closed sometime after 14 SP 18 and reopened about 1920.
Most of the TRD's are undated and the first P 11 noted after reopening
is dated 28 JA 21.

3. TRD Type 19 violet ink 20
1920 is part of the die.

4. B 1 (Issued 18 JY 39) * 2 DE 39 11 NO 68

This office was closed as a postoffice and moved to Top Hill on 8 SP 43.
It was reopened as a postal agency on 23 SP 43.

Forwarding Office: Santa Cruz

SPALDINGS Clarendon Opened 6 September 1895

1. TRD Type 8 black ink (Ms. date) 4 OC 95 23 OC 96

2. D.R. 26 mm, 2½ mm letters, dots 30 SP 96 15 AU 26

3. D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters, very thin inner ring. 6 JA 27 11 NO 68

4. TRD Type 37b violet ink 10 MR 55 7 OC 55

5. MSR (Issued 7 OC 55) 31 OC 55 20 MY 66

Forwarding Office: Mandeville

<u>SPANISH TOWN</u>		St. Catherine	Opened before 1774	
1.	T 1	3f x 12 mm	73	12 AP 99
2.	T 1	42 x 13 mm	24 DE 92	FE 02
3.	T 3a	Hyphen between Spanish-Town	17 NO 04	9 MY 31
4.	T 3b	Asterisk between Spanish*Town	15 AP 19	34
5.	T 4a	55 x 4 mm	19 JU 17	37
6.	P 1	black ink blue ink	30 MY 35 13 FE 40	19 DE 41
7.	P 2a (Sent out 1 AP 39)	black ink blue ink	10 OC 40 28 FE 40	1 FE 41 8 JY 41
8.	P 2b (Sent out 1 JA 42)		FE 42	62
9.	A76 Oblit Type H (Issued 1 MR 59)		10 DE 59	27 MY 70
10.	P 11a (Issued 16 MY 59) 21½ mm, Indices A,B,C		26 NO 59	9 DE 71
11.	A76 Oblit Type O (Sent out about 1874)		18 OC 77	1 AU 92
12.	P 11b 25 mm, Indices A,B,C		19 OC 75	21 SP 92
13.	D.R. 26 mm	No dots	1 AU 92	12 JY 99
14.	D.R. 26½ mm	dots	21 SP 92	24 AU 00
15.	S.C. Type 4	black ink blue ink	6 MY 00 4 AP 04	14 DE 23 3 OC 04
16.	D.R. 28½ mm, 3 mm letters, no dots Hyphen between Spanish-Town..		30 OC 08	25 MR 28
17.	D.R. 28½ mm, 3 mm letters, dots No hyphen in Spanish Town.		8 MR 15	1 NO 30
18.	D.R. 29½ mm, 3 mm letters		21 NO 32	5 JA 57
19.	D.R. 30 mm, 3 mm letters		25 NO 33	28 MR 57
20.	D.R. 28 mm. Appears as one heavy single ring. Probably several dies.		22 AP 29	22 FE 64
21.	B 4	*	6 MR 52	2 MR 68
22.	Electric Cancellor	7 Wavy Bars Independence Slogan Parish Addresses Human Rights Slogan	16 AP 59 2 JY 62 22 JA 67 14 AU 68	6 AU 68 28 SP 62
23.	MSR	*	3 OC 58	2 SP 67

Bahamas News & Notes

BY GALE RAYMOND

John Gavelek has presented an interesting theory which a large number of covers seem to support. The Fairfield "PAID" TRD and other similar Bahamas p.o. markings from the Out Islands apparently are not accidental substitutions for a year date. All too frequently, the sub-p.o.'s run completely out of stamps. Nevertheless, letters are accepted with a cash payment, an ink endorsement of the sum paid is written in at the upper right of the envelope, and the cover is date-stamped by the office of origin. Such mail, with total sum for its postage, is placed in the usual mailbag which is sealed. At the GPO, Nassau, correct postage stamps are applied to each letter.

For many years such letters have been cancelled by the "B" obliterations of the various types. Lately, however, some have been noted bearing the normal machine cancellation of Nassau. Eddie Adelson has reported actually seeing the latest type of "B" killer in the GPO. I have always had a fond notion that the mail-boats carried a stamp supply of some sort aboard to restock the sub-p.o.'s on request, and that the "B" was applied aboard the mail-boat. Apparently, this is not the case. Any comments?

I do have one "mail-boat" cover, addressed to a Nassau merchant (and rescued from a wastebasket there!), on which the 3d stamp is pen-cancelled "9/1/65 B.K." Return address is B. Key, Marsh Harbour (Abaco), our Postmaster-friend, Bunyan Key, who further endorsed the cover "c/o Stede Bonnet's Office". This was apparently posted aboard the mail-boat Stede Bonnet after the mailbags had been closed and sealed.

On the subject of manuscript cancels, I'm vastly intrigued by a commercial cover to Nassau in Eddie Adelson's collection. The overprinted 15¢ stamp has had the value inked out and "4 Cent" penned over the stamp. The stamp is tied to the cover with a pen-cancel, apparently "R.V.Ex./6 Sep.1967" (Rolleville?). Has any reader seen a Rolleville CDS of this period--or since?

James Hoppe reports the new P.O. of CHURCH GROVE was using a large 30 mm, steel-die CDS by 21 MAR 69. SAN ANDROS, however, is still cancelling mail with their original TRD, in red ink (MAY 5, 1969).

Thanks to a sharp-eyed California member, I've seen at last a nonphilatelic? cover from SEA FLOOR, BAHAMAS. It has a dateline new to me AUG 21 1941, and is a FOREIGN SERVICE of the U.S.A. envelope, Nassau, Bahamas, addressed to the Babcock & Wilcox Tube Co., Beaver Falls, Penn., USA. Is this the firm which built the Photosphere? Also new to me is a rubberstamp impression depicting the Photosphere itself.

I'll leave further news to the BAHAMAS BUM, who is always full of wit and surprises.

BCPSG-BWISC MEETING PROPOSED DURING PHILYMPIA----

President Stan Durnin has suggested that our Group plan to meet in London with members of the BWI Study Circle during the PHILYMPIA International Exhibition in September 1970. At its recent Annual General Meeting, the BWISC approved the suggestion. Special air rates will be available. Details will be published as available. If interested, drop Stan a line.

BAHAMAS BITS

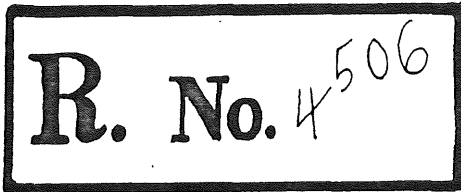
by

THE BAHAMAS BUM

From an almost illegible postmark used for the last eight years, or so, TARPUM BAY is now using a bright blue ink similar to GREGORY TOWN. MOORES ISLAND postmarks are hard to decipher; same situation also applies to WEMYSS BIGHT, MANGROVE CAY, BANNERMAN TOWN, KEMPS BAY, THE BIGHT, NICOLLS TOWN, CROSSING ROCKS and COOPERS TOWN. GREEN CASTLE's green ink always runs. SMITH POINT and UNITED ESTATES postmarks are usually on the cover, not on the stamp.

The out island mail coming into Nassau without stamps is being cancelled Nassau instead of "B". This is noted where the stamp is placed over the out island cancel and GPO 30 mm CDS applied.

The GOLD COIN set has taken off. Its popularity both in Nassau and here is apparent as the asking price for the \$1.00 stamp is now \$3.00. All of the commemorative sets in the past few years were sent out to all of the out island post offices. Where the high value is \$1.00, very few were sent to the smaller post offices, but from the larger P.O.'s like Freeport the high values show up consistently on commercial mail.



WEST END

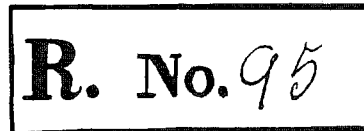
MARSH HARBOUR

R. No. 169

MARSH HARBOUR

REGISTERED
NO 151

ARTHURS TOWN



WEST END

In the past year some out 'island postmasters have found some old registry marks and are again using them. Those shown above all made their appearance in the last year. Patience here is more than a virtue. Given time, any or everything will eventually show up.

Everybody is now getting into the act trying to find out what kind of flying machine was used (land or water) on the first Nassau-Miami flight. Government records fail to show. The old bum has his own idea and will check out same on my next trip over. It's a good bet I'll be wrong, but will give it the old college try. At least five capable researchers have drawn a blank on this. Anybody with any ideas that need looking into please write the author.*

Everybody knows Bay Street is the main drag of Nassau. But did you know that some romantic streets in Nassau carry such names as Lucky Heart Corner, Pig Tail Alley, Navy Lion Road, Dead Cat Alley, Dog Flea Alley and Windwhistle Street?

**Despite certain rumors, your Editor is not the Bahamas Bum! All correspondence with either the Bahamas Bum or Out Island Otto should be addressed in care of their Forwarding Agent: E.M. Adelson, Box 333, Uleta, Florida 33164, U.S.A.*

JAMAICA POST ROADS & TOWNS 1812 & 1817

by Pamela Taylor

In his recently published book, *JAMAICA, The Postal History 1662-1860*, Thomas Foster passes rather lightly over the Inland Post, especially prior to 1840. With the thought that some of our members may be interested in further details I present herewith some notes from my files.

In *The New Jamaica Almanack and Register for 1812*, one finds listed "Postroads throughout the Island" as follows:

<u>SOUTHSIDE POST AT 4 O'CLOCK FROM</u>			<u>NORTHSIDE POST AT 3 O'CLOCK FROM</u>		
Kingston	to Spanish-Town	13 Miles	Kingston	to Spanish-Town	13 Miles
Spanish-Town	to Old-Harbour	12 "	Spanish-Town	to Rodney-Hall	14 "
Old-Harbour	to Clarendon	12 "	Rodney-Hall	to Moneague	15 "
Clarendon	to Green-Pond	16 "	Moneague	to Saint Ann's	15 "
Green-Pond	to May-Hill	5 "	Saint Ann's	to Dry-Harbour	14 "
May-Hill	to Goshen	5 "	Dry-Harbour	to Rio-Bueno	5 "
Goshen	to Lacovia	12 "	Rio-Bueno	to Falmouth	17 "
Lacovia	to Black-River	12 "	Falmouth	to Little-River	12 "
Black-River	to Robins-River	16 "	Little-River	to Montego-Bay	11 "
Robins-River	to Savannah-la-Mar	16 "	Montego-Bay	to Flint-River	12 "
		<u>119 Miles</u>	Flint-River	to Lucea	11 "
			Lucea	to Green-Island	12 "
					<u>151 Miles</u>
<u>NORTHSIDE POST AT 3 O'CLOCK FROM</u>			<u>WINDWARD POST AT 12 O'CLOCK FROM</u>		
Kingston	to Highgate	32 Miles	Kingston	to St. David's	19 Miles
Highgate	to Port-Maria	10 "	St. David's	to Blue Mountain	8 "
		<u>42 Miles</u>	Blue Mtn.	to Morant-Bay	3 "
<u>NORTHSIDE POST AT 3 O'CLOCK FROM</u>			Morant-Bay	to Port-Morant	7 "
Kingston	to Annotto-Bay	30 Miles	Port-Morant	to Bath	6 "
Annotto-Bay	to Buff-Bay	10 "	Bath	to Amity-Hall	7 "
Buff-Bay	to Lenox	10 "	Amity-Hall	to Manchioneal	9 "
Lenox	to Port-Antonio	10 "			<u>59 Miles</u>
		<u>60 Miles</u>			

The Jamaica Almanack for 1817 gives the same routes, towns and distances with the exception that Saint Ann's is spelled St. Ann, and the distance from Blue Mountain to Morant-Bay is given as 8 miles, making a Windward Post total of 64 miles.

The 1812 Almanack lists the following deputy Post Masters:

General Post Office, David Watt, Esq., Deputy Post-Master-General;
Deputies as follows:

NORTHSIDE

Spanish-Town	Mr. John Lunan	Bog-Walk	Mrs. C. Cathcart
Bagnal's	Mr. J. Moncrieffe	Moneague	Mr. J. Moncrieffe
Ocho-Rios	Mr. P. McGregor	Salt-Gut	Mr. J. Greenland
St. Ann's	Mr. Thomas Winder	Dry-Harbour	Mr. W. Codner
Rio-Bueno	Mr. Ed Higgins	Duncans	Mr. Edward Sutton
Falmouth	Mr. J.M. Clark	Little-River	Mr. Samuel Hilton
Montego-Bay	Messrs. Shergold & Guthrie	Flint-River	Mr. James Martin
Lucea	Mr. Henry Coote	Green-Island	Mr. Francis Henry

LEEWARD

Spanish-Town	Mr. John Lunan	Old-Harbour	Mr. A. Handyside
Clarendon	Mr. Donald Dingwal	Chapelton	Mr. John Bryson
Vere	Mr. J. Dingwall	Green-Pond	Mr. T. Bygrave
Mile-Gully	A. White	May-Hill	Mr. G.R. Johnson
Goshen	Dr. J. White	Lacovia	Mr. J. Holliday
Black-River	Mr. Alexander Girdwood	Robin's-River	Mr. J. Monteath
Savanna-la-Mar	Mr. James Brown		

WINDWARD

Yallahs	Mr. J. Smith	Blue-Mountain	Mr. John Stewart
Morant-Bay	Mr. A. Miller	Port-Morant	Mr. R.W. Lesslie
Bath	Mr. Alex Milne	Amity Hall	Mr. Charles Scott
Manchioneal	Mr. T. Blakely		

ST. MARY'S, ST. GEORGES, AND PORTLAND

Buff-Bay	Mr. Geo. Parry	Hope-Bay	Mr. W.F. Lagourge
Portland	Mr. J.G. Brown	Annotto-Bay	Mr. G.A. Shaw
Highgate	- - - - -	Port-Maria	Mr. James Sife

In 1817, the Deputy-Post-Master-General had changed, as Mr. John Milbourne Marsh, Esq., is listed for that office. Thirteen deputies at the smaller post offices remained the same. The changes are as follows:

Old Harbour	Mr. Gilbert Fairfax William		
Chapelton	Messrs. Walter Jos. Carruthers & Co.		
Vere	Mr. John Fra. Padmore	Little River	Mr. Joseph Head
Mile Gully	Mr. Adam White	Flint River	Mr. Thomas L. Kearns
May-Hill	Thomas Phillpotts, Esq.	Lucea	Hen. & Cha. Coote
Goshen	John Griffith, Esq.	Yallahs	Mr. William Graham
Black-River	Mr. Richard Roe	Blue Mountain	Hen. Snodgrass
Robin's River	Mr. Geo. Pillinel	Morant Bay	Mr. Hugh Spence
Moneague	Mr. Henry Longbotham	Port Morant	Mr. Jas. Tennent
Salt Gut	Mr. Edward Pyke Taylor	Manchioneal	Mr. Patrick Burke
St. Ann	Mr. Israel Lemon	Hope-Bay	Mr. John Dallas
Duncans	Mr. Richard Wood	Annotto-Bay	Charles Merrick
Falmouth	Messrs. Dunn & Dalles	Highgate	Mrs. P.E. Burrows
Port Maria	Mr. Wm. Read		

The 1817 Almanack lists two new offices on the Northside following St. Ann: Runaway-Bay, deputy, Mr. Benj. Scott Moncrieffe, and Alexandria, deputy, Jn. Alexander, Esq. Also, in place of Portland, Port-Antonio, deputy, James Drummond. There were two changes made while the 1817 Almanack was being printed, noted thus: "Insert Messrs. Arthur H. Jones & Co. Deputy Post-Masters at Port Antonio in the room of James Drummond, Esq. and Mr. Jeremiah Hewar at Bog-Walk in the room of Mrs. Catherine Cathcart (deceased)."

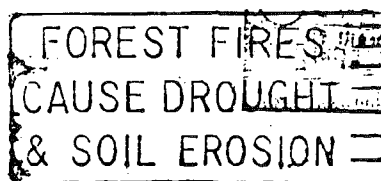
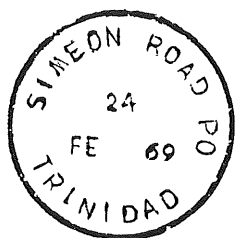
The 1812 Almanack makes no mention of the day or days when the post made trips inland. This was probably the same as in 1817 when it is stated "The Windward Post departs at 12, Northside at three, and Southside at four o'clock, every Saturday. A Post goes to Spanish-Town every morning at seven o'clock (Sundays excepted), and returns the same day. The mails for St. Mary's, St. George, and Portland depart at 12 o'clock, every Saturday."

The 1817 Almanack has this to say about the packets. "A Mail is expected from Great-Britain about the 20th of every month. The Packets sail from Port-Royal (if not postponed by the Governor) on the third Monday after their arrival. The Mail is made up at the General Post-Office, Kingston, at four P.M. the day previous. When a packet arrives in the early part of the week, the Mails for the country are sent by express."

REPORT FROM TRINIDAD

by Gerald E. Sancho

The local postal rates were increased as of 1st January 1969, while those for Commonwealth and foreign Postal Items were increased effective 1st April 1969. The new schedule is too lengthy to list here, but any member who requires a copy may obtain one from our Editor for 20¢ in U.S. postage stamps or two International Reply Coupons to cover reproduction and postage costs.



The skeleton type postmark which is being used by the new SIMEON ROAD Postal Agency in Diego Martin is shown here. As noted in the previous issue, this office was opened on 16th December 1968. Also shown above is a new slogan postmark for Port of Spain, reported by Ben Ramkissoon. It reads FOREST FIRES/ CAUSE DROUGHT/& SOIL EROSION, and was noted used on 14 APR 1969 with Warren Type E CDS to the right.

Ben also reports the YOU CAN PREVENT/FOREST FIRES slogan, previously noted used by Port of Spain and illustrated on page 24 of the February 1969 Journal, was also used at San Fernando, 24 MCH 1969, with the CDS to the left.

Both Ben and Fred Seifert note that the VISIT/TRINIDAD/& TOBAGO slogan (Warren #8) is back in use with the Type D CDS, but for the first time the CDS is to the left. The dates are 20 MAR 1969 and 6 MAY 1969. This combination was previously reported with CDS to the right for 24 JUN 1963.

Finally, Ben tells us that the Postmaster at NEW MARKET forgot to change the month on his skeleton date stamp, and by this lapse gave Ben an interesting cover. Two strikes cancelling the stamps and two more across the flap on the back read 2 AP 69. Noting his error, the P.M. lined out the AP in each of these strikes, writing MY above them. Finally, to make sure that there would be no doubt about the correct date, he reset the stamp to 2 MY 69 and put an additional strike on each front and back. The 2 was a little weak on the front strike, so he went over it in mss. Quite a project for one registered cover!

Larry Resnick has already received a number of reservation requests from members who will attend our BCPSG Meeting at FLOREX in November. Please note that Larry has moved across town. See "Our Secretary Reports" in this issue for his new address. This will be a great event, so try to be there.

A Philatelic Safari to the Caribbean

Eric H. Heyer

About May of last year as we looked at our "5 year travel plan", the Caribbean Area seemed to be quite and peaceful compared with many other areas of the world. Many events had taken place since our two previous trips to the chain of islands which make up the West Indies. Independence had come to some, Associated Statehood in the British Commonwealth for others. Furthermore, the little island of Anguilla had declared itself independent from St. Kitts & Nevis about a year earlier and seemed well on its way to becoming the "Republic of Anguilla". (A short-lived dream which ended this March.)

We corresponded with several member-friends about a possible meeting in the islands. Stan and Elaine Durnin wrote that this proposed study trip would fit their vacation plans, and a meeting was arranged for November 2nd in St. Thomas, the gateway to the British Virgin Islands.

We had offered to our member friends to process covers from small P.O.'s in the islands. I started with about 600 pre-addressed covers for the Windwards, while Stan had about 1000 covers for the Leewards. This and our study activities kept all of us very busy. During the last month of the trip, I carried a stamp moistening device to prevent "dehydration" of our tongues!

The Heyers left home on 18th October 1968 and flew non-stop from Los Angeles to New Orleans, then on to Jamaica. We had chosen this route hoping to escape an involuntary visit to Cuba. Our member-friend, Emil Campbell, had kindly made reservations for us in Montego Bay. Our plan was to drive from Mo. Bay around the west end via Lucea and Negril to Kingston. As it happened, the Montego Bay airport was closed for repairs, and we were taken directly to Kingston. There we were lucky to get a room at the "Green Gables" in Halfway Tree, where we had previously stayed.

Next morning we got in touch with Ronnie Wong, who offered to arrange a stamp session with other BCPSG members at his house. Took a walk to the Halfway Tree P.O. to see if any new cancels were in use, then visited the very old St. Andrew's Church and its cemetery to take some color pictures. There is sure a lot of history buried here, and many phases of old Jamaica come to mind reading the plaques in the Church and the dates and names on the grave stones.

The next day we had a very pleasant visit with Ronnie Wong at his office. We also looked up Andrew Aguilar, brother of our late member Everard.

In the evening we met Ronnie's charming wife, Avery, and had a wonderful dinner at his house. Following it, we had a very interesting stamp session with Ronnie and Pat Burke, the only member who could make it on such short notice. Besides their interest in the issues of other islands, Pat and Ronnie are concentrating intensely on the new issues of Jamaica. I saw nearly every existing variation of upside-down and sideways watermarks, perforations, color shades, printing errors, missing colors, etc. We sat until after midnight over stockbooks and albums.

We went to the G.P.O. to get stamps and cancels, photographed the old Government Buildings, visited the Botanical Gardens, and did not miss the famed Victoria Straw Market.

Over the weekend, we drove to Morant Bay, locale of the famous old rebellion, stayed at a friend's beach cottage nearby, and had a glorious swim. The weather

had been pleasant during the five days in Kingston, but on the way home from Morant Bay we experienced the most terrific tropical downpour. Got stuck in a mud-slide for an hour, and it took ten men from a village to lift the small car out of the mud.

On Monday morning with the sun shining again, Ronnie picked us up from the hotel to take us to the airport. We were to leave at 11 a.m. for Puerto Rico, but the plane arrived from Miami with engine trouble, and it was not until 4 p.m. that we were airborne.

After four days in Puerto Rico visiting old familiar places, we landed in St. Thomas on 31 October, where Paddy Coleman had arranged for a reservation at the Midtown Guesthouse. It took us some time to get in touch with Paddy, since the telephones in the outer districts are often on an "off and on again" basis. But we did get together and had lunch with Edna and Paddy on the balcony of our favorite Grand Hotel. We also spent a very pleasant Sunday at their home on Pelican Bay.

On Saturday, 2 November, in the afternoon we picked up the Durnins at the airport, and on Monday, 4 November, the study trip and philatelic safari really began. We departed for the island of Tortola, B.V.I., by Antilles Air Boat.

Stan Durnin has already made a very complete report on our B.V.I. visit and is covering our other Leeward visits in his continuing "In Quest of Ink" series. In the next issue I will start my Windward report with St. Lucia.

NEW EKD FOR A BARBADOS MARKING---- by Paul A. Larsen

I recently had the good fortune to find a Barbados cover, vintage 1949, with a fine example of a COLONIAL POSTMASTER, /BARBADOS, B.W.I., struck in purple on the reverse. The lines are 43 mm and 27 mm long, respectively, with letters 3 mm and 2 mm high. The marking apparently was executed with a rubber stamp.

**COLONIAL POSTMASTER,
BARBADOS, B.W.I.** This marking is identical to Type M12b in *The Postal Markings of Barbados*, by Benwell and Britnor, BWISC, 1961. Recorded dates of use (as of the 1962 supplement) were 22 SEP 1950 and 27 JAN 1953. My cover is dated 2 JY 1949, which moves the EKD back by over one year.

ST. LUCIA INFORMATION REQUESTED---- by Dr. John M. Lockie

The St. Lucia 1931 Typeset Postage Due 2d exists with pair imperforate between. These are catalogued as Gibbons No.D2b, Scott No.J2b.

There are presumed to be only 6 pairs of this imperf-between variety, numbered from 6903/4, 6913/4, 6923/4 through to 6953/4. I have traced the existence of the middle four pairs.

Can any member confirm the existence of 6903/4 and 6953/4, or more interesting, the existence and numbering of any other imperf-between pair?

IF YOUR 1969 DUES ARE NOT YET PAID, PLEASE REMIT AT ONCE. ONLY PAID-UP MEMBERS WILL BE SENT THE AUGUST ISSUE!

THE PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL

by J. CHIN ALEONG

The University College of the West Indies (U.C.W.I.) was incorporated by Royal Charter passed under the Great Seal on January 5, 1949. H.R.H. Princess Alice was appointed first Chancellor of the College, and was installed in office on February 16, 1950. The U.C.W.I. was in special relation to the University of London, and students of the U.C.W.I. read for degrees of the University of London.

Teaching began in October 1948 at the Mona campus, about 7 miles from Kingston, Jamaica, in temporary accommodations converted from army barracks. The site had been used during WW II to house refugees from Gibraltar, being known then as Gibraltar Camp. The first undergraduates were 33 medical students. In 1949 teaching was extended to the Faculty of Natural Sciences and in 1950 to the Faculty of Arts.



In August 1960, the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture at St. Augustine, Trinidad, which was founded in 1921 as the West Indian Agricultural College, was incorporated into the U.C.W.I. as its Faculty of Agriculture. In October 1961, the Faculty of Engineering began teaching at the St. Augustine campus.

In 1962, the U.C.W.I. became the University of the West Indies (U.W.I.) with powers to grant its own degrees, and Princess Alice was appointed first Chancellor of the U.W.I. In 1963, Colleges of Arts and Science were established at St. Augustine and at Cave Hill, Barbados. The permanent buildings for these colleges were opened in 1969 and 1968, respectively, those at St. Augustine being known as the John F. Kennedy College of Arts and Science.

Recurrent expenses of the U.W.I. are met by contributions from Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, British Honduras, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the British Virgin Islands. British Guiana contributed from the start until August 1963, when it withdrew because of its plans to establish what is now the University of Guyana. A little later in 1963 the Bahamas started to contribute.

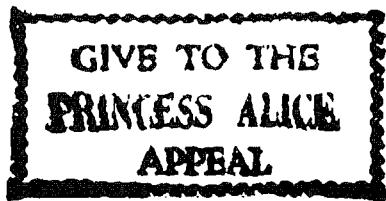
Since the humble start in 1948 with 33 students, the U.W.I. has now expanded to three Campuses in three islands with nearly 4000 students, and University Centres are being planned in the Leeward and Windward islands.

Stamp Collectors will be familiar with the 'minibus' U.C.W.I. issue of Feb. 16, 1951, consisting of 14 sets from the 13 territories then contributing to the college, and the Leeward Islands. The set for Trinidad is shown on the previous page. The low value of this set shows the Arms of the U.C.W.I., while the high value shows Princess Alice. Also familiar will be Trinidad S.G. No's. 231, 247 and 268 which show the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture. This building now houses the Library of the St. Augustine Campus, while one of its ground-floor rooms is the home of the UNIVERSITY Post Office which opened on August 3, 1966. Shown below is S.G. No.247 and a strike of the University P.O. datestamp.



There is a Mona, Jamaica, post office, but it is not on the campus. The Black Rock, Barbados, post office is the nearest one to the Cave Hill Campus.

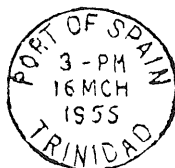
Not quite as familiar, perhaps, are the cancellations and cachets illustrated below. These were used in conjunction with the Princess Alice Appeal Fund which was launched in 1955 to raise funds for the College.



The GIVE TO THE PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL boxed handstamp shown at the left, above, was used in identical form by ANTIGUA (purple), known March through May 1955; DOMINICA (red), known March 1955; ST. LUCIA (black), known March 1955; and VIRGIN ISLANDS (purple), known March 1955. The machine slogan PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL which is shown at the right above is known used by JAMAICA in March 1955; by BRITISH GUIANA in March 1955; and by ST. VINCENT in February and March 1955. All of these are in black ink and have the then current machine CDS's to the left of the slogan.

Only BARBADOS employed the PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL/HELP WEST INDIAN/UNIVERSITY machine slogan which is shown below. Known used in March 1955 in black ink.

TRINIDAD was sole user of BE GENEROUS/AND SUPPORT/PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL. It is illustrated below. Known used in March 1955 in black ink.



The only colony to use two different slogans was JAMAICA. In addition to the single line machine slogan reported on the previous page, it later used one of three lines reading GIVE TO THE/PRINCESS ALICE/APPEAL FUND. An example of this mark is shown above. This slogan had a relatively long life, being known from May 1955 through January 1956.

It is most likely that similar marks were used in British Honduras, Grenada, Montserrat and St. Kitts. Any information on these will be appreciated.

Finally, this year the U.W.I. comes 'of age', and plans are under way to launch another Princess Alice Appeal Fund with a target of £250,000. Perhaps we shall see another set of cancellations and cachets as well.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW----

Priced Catalogue of Postal Stationery of the World. Edited by Edward G. Fladung. Pasadena, California: Higgins & Gage, Inc.

(Section 10: Jamaica to Kuwait, 1968. \$3.00)

Working down the alphabet, the publishers have now released the section dealing with Jamaica. It contains a comprehensive listing of all phases of postal stationery, beginning with postal cards and continuing through the entire compass of such items: letter cards, wrappers, printed to private order, pneumatic post, search service cards, officials and others. The listings for Jamaica are: Postal Cards, Registered Envelopes, Official Envelopes, Wrappers, Air Mail Sheets, Telegraph and Telegram forms.

The usual system of numbering is used, giving major items numbers in sequence, while letters of the alphabet identify varieties. For example, in the second issue of 1877, the 1d. post card on blue stock carries the number 5b. The various sizes of post cards and registered envelopes are designated in the descriptions as a, b, c, etc., which correspond to sizes in millimeters as given in the headings of each classification.

Many items are net priced, based on what the publishers say is a careful study of current market conditions for representative copies of each item. In regard to cancelled items, the price is supposed to represent the most common postmark, scarce town marks commanding a higher fee. The publishers claim to be able to supply most of the items listed at or near the quoted price.

The illustrations are usually good, although the practice of placing them at the end of the listing in each case, instead of the beginning under the head where one would naturally look for them, may lead to some confusion. Since each description is keyed with its numbered illustration, however, this can be remedied with a bit of searching.

Sub classes of the second issue post cards of 1877 are carried all the way through the letter "i", a total of 11 sub varieties, since the letter "i" seems to have been omitted, for each of the basic $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and 3d. cards. And this does not include the watermark varieties of the paper types. Unfortunately, these are not priced - probably rightly so, for who knows how many of this issue are around. Succeeding issues are fairly well carried through, although with some irregularity as far as varieties are concerned. The reply cards are priced mint and used, although with one exception the price does not indicate whether it is for the unsevered used card (which, of course, is seldom encountered), or for each of the separately used halves. Post cards overprinted "Specimen" are mentioned in connection with the 1883 U.P.U. card only, ignoring the more common "Specimen" marks of the later issues. Omission of any mention of the 1939, 1d. reply card, size "d", is also unfortunate.

Coming to the post cards issued during the last war, when the use of reclaimed paper changed the color of the card stock, one finds a rather full listing of all shades, with major numbers assigned, although again the "Specimen" cards are not mentioned.

Wrappers and air letter sheets are well represented, although here, again, wider sampling of representative collections would have been beneficial. The catalogue concludes with a listing of the stamped telegraph forms, forming a fairly representative portrayal of the Jamaican postal stationery items.

An item new to many Jamaica collectors will be the so-called "Official" envelopes. Under what justification these are included it is difficult to say. The catalogue description reads: "These embossed envelopes were authorized for postal use by the Collector of Revenue in Moorestown, Jamaica, to send out tax bills. No examples of unused copies are known." (*See page 53 of previous issue*).

Another matter which may cause some confusion is the note that the stamp on the current registered envelopes is the same as that used for the 1964 post cards, and the same illustration number is given. While it is true that both portray the Seal of Jamaica, a comparison will show that the current registered envelope has the Seal enclosed in the usual oval border indicating the registration rate and is very dissimilar to the post card design. Also, a brief comparison of the four $\frac{1}{2}$ d. registered envelopes of different dates will reveal quite a number of varieties in type and arrangement of the printed instructions, none of which is mentioned in the catalogue.

While all Jamaica collectors will be glad for an up-to-date listing of the Jamaica scene - the first since the 1928 Handbook - it is a bit unfortunate that the editor could not have sought a wider circle of advisers who might have been able to contribute to a more complete listing. Clinton L. von Pohle

JAMAICAN POST CARDS AND REGISTRATION ENVELOPES---- by Tom Moseley

The recently issued "J" section of the Higgins & Gage Postal Stationery Catalogue prompted me to look through my collection of Jamaican stationery. I discovered several items that were not listed. These and other discoveries have caused the editor of the catalogue, Edward Fladung, to completely revise his listing of the registration envelopes and to question his listing of the KG VI post cards. Before an addenda with these changes is published, I would like to put the information as it is now known before our Group in hope that more information can be obtained. With Mr. Fladung's permission I have used his firm's catalogue numbers and descriptions.

For the KG VI post cards the present listing is:

- # 29 ½d green on buff, 115 x 90 mm
- 30 1d red on buff, 115 x 90 mm
- 31 1d red on gray, 115 x 90 mm
- 32 ½d + ½d green on buff, 115 x 90 mm
- 33 1d red on buff, 139 x 89 mm
- 34 1½d brown on buff, 139 x 89 mm
- 35 1d brown on buff, 127 x 100 mm
- 36 1d brown on buff, 115 x 90 mm
- 37 1d redish brown on gray, 115 x 90 mm

It seems to this writer that a 1d + 1d reply card must also exist. If any member of our Group has any additional items or any comments on this list, I would much appreciate hearing from him.

The registration envelopes provide a more complex problem. A temporary, revised listing of these items is:

- # 1 2d + 1d brown on cream, size F (133 x 83 mm), head of KG V, "REGISTERED LETTER" 52 mm long, THOS. DE LA RUE & CO. LTD. PATENT. in block letters under flap.
- 1a same, size H (202 x 127 mm), THOS. DE LA RUE & CO. LTD. under flap, all in block letters but the first letter in each word is larger than rest.

(Does anyone know of the existence of a size G [152 x 96 mm] in this issue? This size was listed in the 1928 Handbook and there was no mention of a size H. Does anyone possess or have actually seen a size G?)

- 2 2d + 1d brown on cream, size F, head of KG VI, printing same as #1.
- 3 3d + 1½d brown on cream, size F, head of KG VI, printing same as #1.
- 3a same, size H, printing same as #1a.
- 4 3d + 1½d brown on cream, size F, head of KG VI, "REGISTERED LETTER" 46 mm long, THOS. DE LA RUE & CO. LTD. in block letters under flap.
- 4a same, size H.
- 5 3d + 1½d brown on cream, size F, head of KG VI, "REGISTERED LETTER" 46 mm long, THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED in thin serif letters under flap.
- 5a same, size H.
- 6 4d + 2d brown on cream, size F, head of KG VI, printing same as #5.
- 6a same, size H.

- 7 4d + 2d brown on cream, size F, head of QE II, printing same as #5.
- 7a same, size H.
- 8 6d + 3d brown on cream, size F, Coat of Arms in oval, McCORQUODALE & CO. LTD. in block letters under flap.
- 8a same, size H.

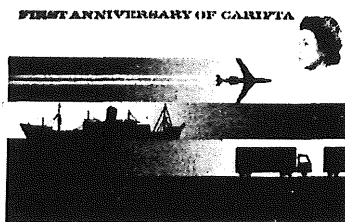
I am sure this listing is not complete, and I hope each of our members will check his collection and report to me if he can add to it. Please write me at P.O. BOX 577, EDMONDS, WASHINGTON 98020, U.S.A.

(We add our appeal for help to that of Tom Moseley. Please do send him any data that you can provide. To start things off, we can confirm #'s 2 and 3 with a SPECIMEN overprint, 41 x 4 mm block letters, diagonally downward across the center of the front. --EDITOR)

NEW ISSUES

ANTIGUA

- 14 APR 69 First Anniversary of CARIFTA. Four stamps in two designs. The 4¢ & 15¢ are in common design as illustrated, as are the 25¢ & 35¢. The issue was designed by Miss J. Toombs and printed by Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. in the Delacryl process in sheets of sheets of 25 on Block CA watermarked paper.
- 1 SEP 69 Centenary of Phosphate Industry in Redonda.

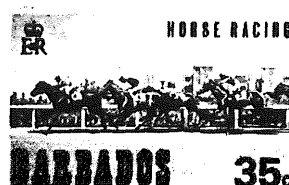
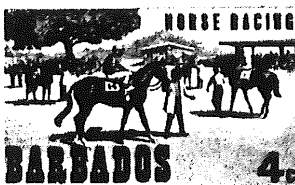


BAHAMAS

- ? Winslow Homer Paintings.

BARBADOS

- 15 MAR 69 Horse Racing. Four values plus a souvenir sheet. 4¢-The Paddock, 25¢-Starting Gate, 35¢-On the Flat and 50¢-The Winning Post. The

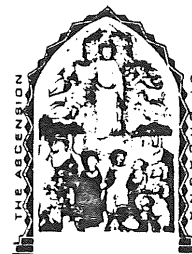


souvenir sheet shows one stamp of each value, and it was sold out on the day of issue. Designed by J.E. Cooter and printed by Format International by Format Litho process in sheets of 50 stamps. The paper is unwatermarked.

- 6 MAY 69 1st Anniversary of CARIFTA. Four values: 5¢ & 25¢ in vertical common design, and 12¢ & 50¢ in horizontal common design. J.E. Cooter was the designer, and the stamps were photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. on unwatermarked paper in sheets of 50 stamps. The vertical stamps show a map of the CARIFTA Area, while the horizontal ones show the CARIFTA symbol of Strength in Unity.

BARBUDA

24 MAR 69 Easter 1969. Three stamps, 25¢-blue, 35¢-maroon and 75¢-purple, with a common design taken from the painting by Orcagna, "The Ascension", in the National Gallery, London. The artwork was by R. Granger Barrett, and printing was in two-color offset lithography by Format International Ltd. of London. The center of each stamp is sepia-black with the frames in the colors indicated above. The sheet size is 50 stamps.



EASTER 1969

BRITISH HONDURAS

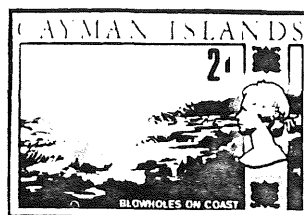
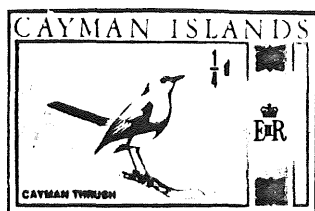
9 APR 69 Orchids. (Revised release date).
1 JUN 69 Hardwoods.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

18 MAR 69 Robert Louis Stevenson. (Revised release date).
SEP 69 Tourism.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

5 JUN 69 New Definitives. 15 values: ¼d-Cayman Thrush, 1d-Goats, 2d-Blowholes on Coast, 2½d-Map of Grand Cayman, 3d-Town Scene in Georgetown, 4d-Royal Poinciana, 6d-Map of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, 8d-Motor Vessels at Berth, 1/- Basket Making, 1/3-Beach Scene, 1/6-Straw Rope



Making, 2/- Baracuda, 4/- Government House, 10/- Arms and £1-QE II. Designs by G.L. Vasarhelyi, and printed in Format Litho by Format International in sheets of 25 on unwatermarked paper.

8 SEP 69 Decimal Currency Overprints.
1 OCT 69 Christmas.
6 JAN 70 Tourism.
17 MAR 70 Easter.
17 JUN 70 Charles Dickens Centenary.
8 SEP 70 New Decimal Currency Definitives.
1 OCT 70 Christmas.

DOMINICA

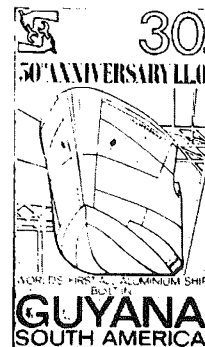
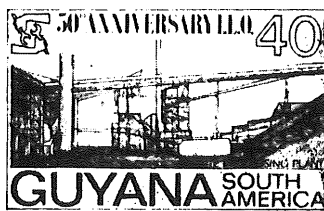
? I.L.O.
? CARIFTA.

GRENADA

1 MAY 69 CARIFTA EXPO 69. Four stamps: 5¢ & 50¢-Portrait of the Governor with view of St. George's; 15¢-Portrait of Premier Eric M. Gairy, various Agricultural products, and view of the island; 60¢-Emblems of the Various World's Fairs. Multicolor printed by Thomas De La Rue Ltd. (Date approximate as philatelic agent said "about May 1st").

GUYANA

30 APR 69 I.L.O. and CARIFTA. These might be considered two sets, although released on the same day. The 6¢ and 25¢ CARIFTA stamps were designed by J.E. Cooter and were lithographed by Perkins Bacon.

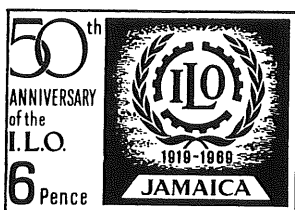


The 30¢ and 40¢ I.L.O. stamps were designed by R. Gates and were lithographed by Bradbury Wilkinson. All four stamps are in sheets of 50 on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper.

- 13 AUG 69 3rd Caribbean Scouts Jamboree. Five stamps designed by Miss J. Toombs and lithographed by Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. in sheets of 50 stamps on Lotus Blossom Bud paper. The 6¢, 25¢ and 50¢ are in common design and the 8¢ and 30¢ in common design.
- OCT 69 Centenary of Birth of Mahatma Gandhi.
- NOV 69 Christmas

JAMAICA

23 MAY 69 50th Anniversary of I.L.O. Two stamps, 6d and 3/- in common design. Designed by V. Whiteley and multi-color lithographed by Format Inter-



national Ltd. in sheets of 60 stamps on unwatermarked paper.

- 30 MAY 69 World Health Organisation (WHO). Three stamps: 6d-Nutrition, 1/- Malaria Eradication and 3/- Training of Nurses. Photogravure printed. Other details not stated.
- 8 SEP 69 Decimal Overprinting of Definitives.
- OCT 69 Christmas.
- 70 Tourism.

MONTSERRAT

27 MAY 69 CARIFTA. 4 stamps: 15¢ and 20¢ in a common vertical design and 35¢ and 50¢ in a common horizontal design. Designed by J. Cooter and printed in photogravure by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 50 on Block CA paper.



ST. KITTS

69 Sir Thomas Warner.
NOV 69 Christmas.

ST. LUCIA

29 MAY 69 CARIFTA. Four stamps: 5¢, 10¢, 25¢ and 35¢. Designed by J.E. Cooter and printed in photogravure by Harrison and Sons Ltd. on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 25 stamps.



ST. VINCENT

14 MAY 69 Methodist Conference 1969. This is an overprint issue. The 2¢, 8¢ and 35¢ of the 1967 Autonomous Methodist Church issue and the 25¢ of the current definitive issue were overprinted in gold-blocking with the legend METHODIST CONFERENCE—MAY, 1969, by Harrison & Sons Ltd.

PERSONAL MENTION----

DICK HIGGINS continues to win awards with his Barbados. In March he took a Gold Award at the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs show as well as a Second at the Park Forest, Illinois, PARFOREX.

Also in March, the DURNINS took awards at SEAPEX VI, New Bedford, Mass. ELAINE took a First Award in the topicals with her Mozart, while STAN gleaned a Second with his Leewards.

BILL BUCHANAN has extended his tour in Viet Nam where he is an advisor to the V-N Air Force. While he has no time for "Stamps", he says he really enjoys receiving the Journal and asks us to keep up the good work.

"Life begins at 40" says WARREN BUCHANAN in announcing that he has joined the ranks of the benedicts. As a true BCPSGer, Warren took his bride to the Caribbean.

REG & HELEN LANT are enjoying another European holiday (Even us retired blokes take holidays) highlight of which will be a Rhine Steamer trip from Basle to Rotterdam.

We were pleased to note that GEOFFREY OSBORN was named Managing Director of the new Robson Lowe (Bermuda) Ltd. We trust he will still find time to provide a few words of wisdom for these pages now and again.

DOTTIE STAPP, whose Leewards collection has grown to 32 pages, took a First Award at WESEX (Westfield, NJ) as well as a Bronze at SOJEX in Atlantic City.

We heard from Stan Durnin that a BCPSG member took the Gold Award in the British Commonwealth Section at SOJEX, but he failed to mention the name. Will the unknown member please step forward and take a bow.

GEORGE TURNER was awarded the Anna Marie Chemi Trophy for "Best of Topicals" at the ARPEX show in Tucson, Arizona.

Speaking of ARPEX, we dropped in on it and were pleased to meet DICK & GLADYS HIGGINS, GEORGE TURNER, DAN VOOYS and SAMUEL RAY, all there for the A.P.S. Spring

Meeting. We attended a breakfast of the A.P.S. Writers Unit, A.P.S. Unit No.30, and duly signed up for membership, with Dick Higgins sponsoring us. It was a real pleasure to meet these members who now become more than names on the roster to us.

KEN WOOD took time off from his Western Stamp Collector editorial duties to be a judge at SOPEX in Medford, Oregon, 12-13 April. The busiest folks always seem to be able to find time to do a little more.

And that reminds us that a busy U.K. member, AL BRANSTON, also manages to spread his talents over a broad area. We note that he spoke recently before the Dublin Philatelic Society as well as before various other groups.

PHIL HALWARD is another busy man who has found time to expand his activities. In addition to editing The Stamp Lover, he writes a stamp column for a London paper, and has recently initiated a "United Kingdom Comment" column in Western Stamp Collector.

Blessings be upon the head of DICK HAMILTON without whose help this Journal might never reach you. Were it not for his preparing the approximately 325 address labels required to mail this issue, we doubt that we get the job done.

TOM FOSTER initiated a series of quarterly JAMAICA NEWSLETTERS in the Feb. 6th issue of Stamp Collecting (London). Covering the stamps and current postal history of the island, it should help to keep Jamaica a popular country.

We are fascinated by mention, from time to time, in the British Philatelic Press of the Roses Caribbean Society. Could someone tell us more about it? We note that at the final 1968 meeting RON WARD, KEN WATSON and FRED STEPHENS were among those giving presentations.

EARL P.L. APFELBAUM is President of the recently organized American Academy of Philately, while GEORGE T. TURNER is Vice-President and SAMUEL RAY a Director.

We were pleased to receive a letter from RONALD WARD reporting on his current philatelic activities. Much of his time has been occupied with preparations for the 23rd Annual Convention of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association and the Opening of a GPO Philatelic Counter, both of which took place on 3rd May. Now that they are out of the way, Ron is arranging for the Sheffield Philatelic Society's 75th Anniversary Dinner, Dance and Exhibition to last at least three weeks from 2nd October 1969. Between times, Ron found time to make up a display on Anguilla, now being shown at the Graves Art Gallery.

BYRON CAMERON recently returned from a short trip through several of the Bahamas as well as the Turks and Caicos. Says he discovered lots of old records, but no stamps or covers of any value.

There has been a suggestion that we eliminate this Personal Mention column and the New Issues column to cut the size of the Journal and save on the production cost. ANY COMMENTS? If we have to cut to live within our income, where shall it be.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE ONLY BEEN THREE NOMINATIONS FOR THE THREE TRUSTEE POSITIONS, WE DO NEED A RETURN OF BALLOTS. PLEASE VOTE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.

INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT

My report in the February Journal indicated the status at year end and the results of last year's operation. Now is a good time to bring you up-to-date on the first five months of 1969.

The cost of producing the Journal has increased, although not by the 25% that was first feared. Fred has been able to locate a new printer to keep our cost only a slight amount over that for last year.

The Trustees are studying several ways to increase the income. These will be put into effect this year where feasible. A dues increase is under study, and the majority of the Trustees favor this, unless there is some alternative. My strong feeling, however, is that we should determine the results of other methods of increasing income before acting on a dues increase.

Our last increase in dues for members in the USA and Canada took place in 1968, and for those in the Sterling Area, in 1969. We believe that the Journal alone is more than worth the cost of membership, but it should be possible to create enough other sources of income to hold the dues at their present level, not only this year, but next year. By that time we will know how successful we are, and can then decide if it is necessary to recommend a dues increase to the membership.

MARK W. SWETLAND, Treasurer

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CHANGE COLLECTING INTERESTS FOR ARNELL, DR. J.C. TO READ "Bermuda (all aspects) and stampless transatlantic mail.

ADD TO COLLECTING INTERESTS FOR LARSEN, PAUL: German Colonies of East Africa and Togo, Barbados.

FPO COVERS FROM ANGUILLA ARE REPORTED---- by Fred F. Seifert

As was expected, the Occupation Forces on Anguilla established a Forces Post Office, and the first report of a cover came from Gale Raymond. He credited Jack Field with having originated it, and described the postmark as the standard modern Birmingham with F.P.O. at top and 1046 at the bottom. We have seen several other covers, and have a report from England that *The Beacon* for April 12th was mailed through F.P.O. 1046. This may have been due to the U.P.U. declaration, after prodding by St. Kitts, that Anguilla adhesives were not valid in St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla.

Eric Heyer advises that he is again getting *The Beacon* each week, with only two weeks in March missing. Franking is with the un-overprinted Anguilla definitives, so apparently the U.S. Post Office, at least, is ignoring the U.P.U. mandate.

The future postal status of Anguilla is uncertain. Assuming that the British adhere to their promise not to force Anguilla back under St. Kitts, the best guess is that some new adhesives will be forthcoming, designed to show that Anguilla is still under the British Crown.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS----

We almost forgot to mention a recent trip to Houston, Texas, where we spent a few days with Al Johnson and a few more with Gale Raymond. Got to see Ed Doak, Roger Guthrie, Charles Sawyer, Paul Edwards, a recent applicant - Paul Bondor, and Rick Rodgers. Gale had just returned from a visit to British Honduras where he made a trip into the boondocks and discovered some small P.O.'s that the GPO appears to have forgotten, as they were not shown on the official list! He has a bundle of photos and postmark info and promises to give us a full report. Needless to say, we had a great time in Houston.

While we were at Gale's, Rick Rodgers was making final plans for a trip to Anguilla and some of the other islands in that end of the Caribbean. We hope to get a good report from Rick on the situation down there.

Just back from Grand Cayman, one of our newer members WERNER FRAMKE writes us of his visit there. Although his primary purpose in going there was to get in a bit of skin diving, he did get to spend quite a bit of time in the GPO with the Postmaster, Mr. Bodden. Except for the new machine canceller, all the postmarks are the same as previously reported. We thank Werner for info on the new Caymans definitives and forthcoming issues.

While passing out our thanks, we do not want to forget to acknowledge the help of the Crown Agents Representative in Washington in sending us new issue data as well as specimens for illustrations. We can always depend on them to send us information as soon as it reaches them from London.

Not so dependable, unfortunately, is the agent for some of the other Caribbean territories. Despite several requests, all we have received thus far has been a few outdated releases and promises that have yet to be fulfilled. Thus, we ask that you excuse our weak reporting of Dominica, Grenada and Trinidad & Tobago.

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In Guyana, the effect of the Atkinson-Mackenzie Highway on river traffic on the Demerara continues to be felt. The latest victim of the switch to motorlorry freight hauling has been the *Independence* which will make its last voyage between Georgetown and Mackenzie on 29th June.

Larry Resnick reports that the prospectus for FLOREX 69 will go to press within the next month. He also says that the United Postal Stationery Society is also joining the show, so it should be a great one.

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