

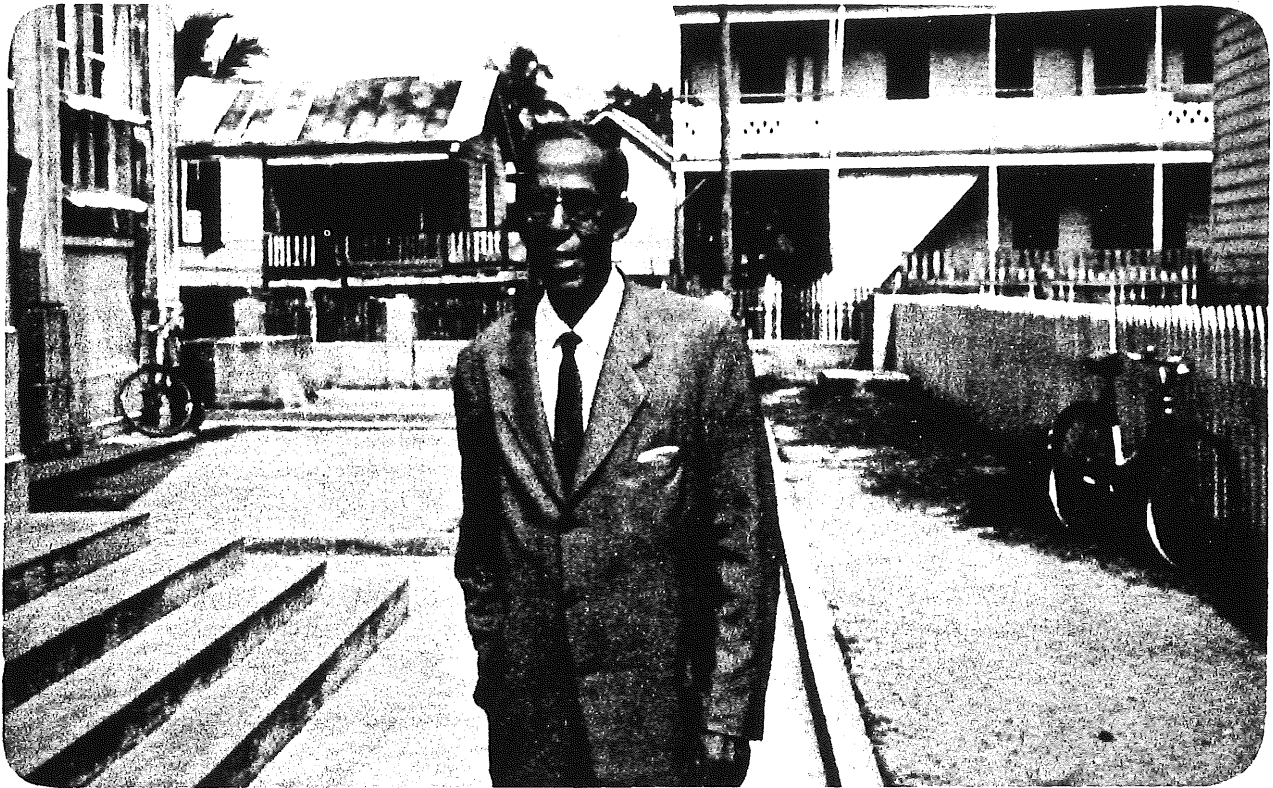
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

With Summer gone, the stamp season is again with us. We of BCPSG are fortunate in that we can start the season off with a bang - a gathering of enthusiasts at FLOREX '69, just around the corner in November. If you haven't completed your plans to attend, now's the time to get cracking. Should you need any help on the local scene, contact one of our members in the Miami Area, and I am sure that they will be happy to assist you.

Have you mailed your ballot on the incorporation proposals to Bryan? If not, please do it now. Show us that you are really interested in your Group and not just a subscriber to the Journal. Study the proposals and vote Aye or Nay, but PLEASE VOTE!

Plans are forging ahead for the BCPSG-BWISC joint meeting in London, England, during the international stamp show PHILYMPIA, 18-26 September 1970. Put a big red circle around the date of September 21st, and work both ways from there, for that's the date of our joint meeting. The American Philatelic Society has already announced that it is organizing a number of group flights to London from various U.S. and Canadian cities at greatly reduced air fares. Round trip fares will be: from New York-\$212; Washington, DC-\$237; Philadelphia-\$225; Chicago-\$292; Los Angeles-\$342 and Montreal-\$198. To take advantage of these rates, one must have been a member of the APS for at least six months prior to departure.

It is essential that I have an approximate idea as to how many of you plan to join us at PHILYMPIA so that I can advise BWISC. They must have this information to lay on the many preparations. This promises to be the event of a lifetime. Please drop me a card with an Aye, Nay or Maybe.

Having arrived at my new overseas duty station, I now have a new address:
Hqs USMTM, Box 8
APO New York 09616.

My new duties will require a bit of travel away from here, so if I am a bit slow in answering your letters please understand my problem. However, I love to hear from you so please do write.

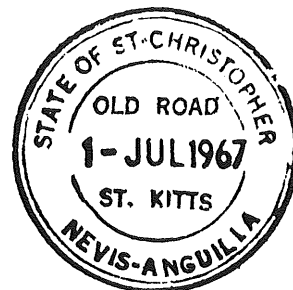
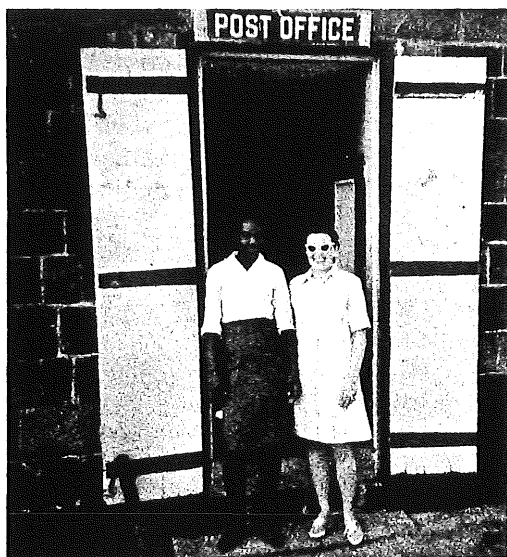
Stan

Your Editor regrets the delay in sending the August Journal to members. The issue was printed on time, but mailing was held up to be able to include the ballot on Incorporation and the FLOREX Prospectus. Despite several long distance phone calls and the best efforts of Larry Resnick, the FLOREX printer fouled us up, and we finally had to give up and mail the Journal without the Prospectus on August 21st. The Prospectus finally reached us, mailed by the printer in Florida nearly a month after the promised date, and sent parcel post although instructed to use airmail.

Around St. Kitts in Quest of Ink by STAN DURNIN

Rafael, our guide and driver, picked us up on schedule at our Basseterre hotel for our Post Office visit around the Island of St. Christopher. The circumference of the island, approximately 32 miles, is lined with a paved, quite smooth, narrow road through very picturesque sugar cane fields, along the beautiful Caribbean beaches, and through the villages of cane workers which have sprung up near to each great estate.

Proceeding westward from Basseterre, Rafael faithfully pointed out Post Boxes as we went - there are 18 such boxes on the island including the four in Basseterre. This, without a doubt, was the first sight-seeing tour that he had ever had with this requirement! Boxes at Pine Town (Palmetto Point) and Challengers were seen prior to our entry into the village of OLD ROAD (SG#101).



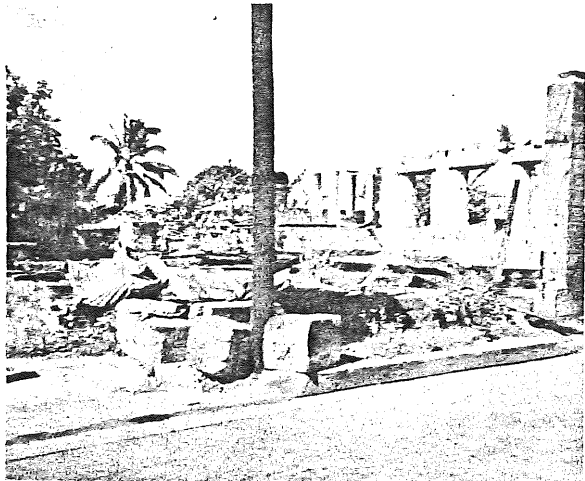
The OLD ROAD Post Office is located right on the main road through town, so is easily found. The very charming Postmistress, Mrs. Daphne Morris, who is shown with Elaine in the above illustration, disrupted her normal work to answer my many questions. She had only one handstamp in current use, the new Statehood steel CDS (above, center) which came into use on 1 July 1967. Through query, the short-lived Statehood TRD of earlier 1967 came to light, and it was noted to still bear the date 1- JUL 1967. This mark is shown above, right. The only other handstamp located by Mrs. Morris, after a search in her small table drawer, was a vintage postage due marking shown above. While it had been around for quite some time, it had rarely, if ever, been used during the last couple of decades. There is presently no requirement for its use as all postage due is assessed at Basseterre.

Registration is indicated by the familiar rectangular R labels inscribed with the village name - a fact that has not always been so. There is no parcel post service from Old Road. Parcels must be taken to Basseterre for posting. Since there is no call for stamps of high denominations, Mrs. Morris does not order any above the \$1.00 value. Mail is picked up from and delivered to the Old Road post office (as is true of all the St. Kitts village P.O.'s) once a day, six days a week. Office hours are 8 - 12 A.M. and 1 - 3:30 P.M., daily.

A bit of information gleaned from the original container of the Statehood TRD is

of postal history interest. The box read: "All Square Deluxe - Cushion Die - Plate Date Stamp; Plate No.12; Matt Silver; Made in England".

Proceeding northwestward, we made a short stop at Middle Island where Sir Thomas Warner was laid to final rest (SG#100). There is a Post Box at Middle Island as well as one at Half Way Tree. A half-mile or so before reaching SANDY POINT village, we passed the entrance to the fortifications on Brimstone Hill (SG#132), the Gibraltar of the West Indies.



RUINS OF SANDY POINT POST OFFICE

The Post Office, or what remained of it, at Sandy Point was soon located and photographed. As far as I could learn on the island, this Post Office burned down during the night of 14th September 1967, and has not been rebuilt. The Post Office shared its building with the village library, courthouse, and a gasoline station. One line of thought contends that the fire was caused by combustion in the gas station, but as far as I was able to ascertain the real cause is still undetermined. There is not a Post Box at Sandy Point, so all mail now goes to Old Road for posting, we were told.

Making the northern arc of the island, we located Post Boxes at Newton Ground and St. Paul's before entering the village of DIEPPE BAY. The Post Office, located in its own building next to the police station, is under the direction



DIEPPE BAY POSTMISTRESS GLADYS STEVENS

of Miss Gladys Stevens. She has only one canceller for present day use - the steel Statehood CDS shown below. Her 1967 TRD has been returned to the G.P.O. at Basseterre. Registration is again indicated by properly inscribed labels. Since the P.O. has no parcel post facilities, stamps above the \$1.00 value are not ordered. The building was constructed in 1963. Prior to that time the P.O. was located in the respective homes of the current postmistresses.



While we were chatting with Miss Stevens, the Chief Postman and Post Office Van driver, Mr. Noel Clarke, arrived, and we had the good fortune of being able to talk with him for a while. A most congenial gentleman, Mr. Clarke has been with the St. Kitts Postal System for 31 years. He informed me that there are two mail delivery systems on the island - the "Fast Mail" and the "Slow Mail". That is, one week he would drive around the island in one direction and in the following week he would drive in the reverse direction. Thus the offices served last in the one week would be first in the

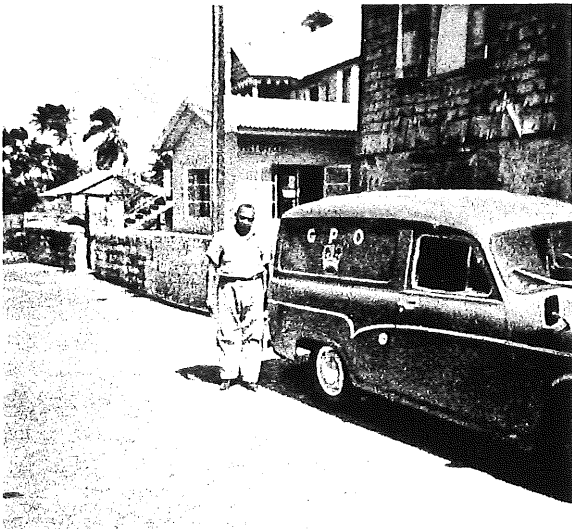
following week. Mr. Clarke has his own steel Statehood handstamp which he uses on mails picked up at the rural boxes. His canceller, shown below, appears to be identical to that used at the G.P.O., Basseterre, which explains why there is so precious little mail from St. Kitts bearing postmarks other than Basseterre.



In the photograph below, Mr. Clarke is seen with his P.O. van, the building in back of him being the Dieppe Bay Post Office.

Keeping Mt. Misery (SG#135) always on our right, we turned southward on the eastern side of the island. Rafael diligently pointed out Post Boxes at Sadlers, Tabernacle, Mansion, Molyneux and Lodge. All of them bore the EIIR cypher. Soon after leaving Sadlers we arrived at the Belle Vue and the very interesting natural phenomenon known as Black Rocks. Driving directly onto a pasture amid staked goats, we were afforded a breath-taking view of the Caribbean pounding majestically against the black lava rocks below us. A lovely area for a picnic.

Arriving in the village of CAYON (pronounced kay-ON), we located the Post Office. It is housed in the same building (actually the same room) as the telephone exchange. Much to our delight we learned that these two means of communication



CHIEF POSTMAN CLARKE AND G.P.O. VAN



CAYON P.O. AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

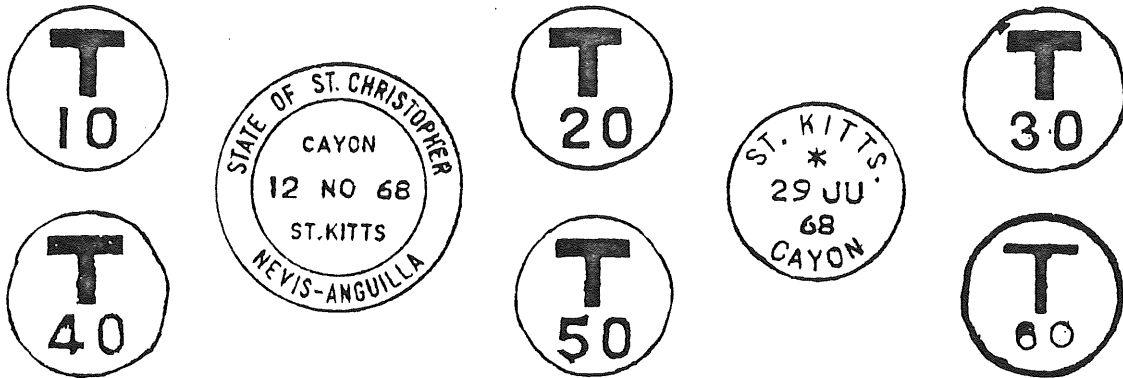
occupy a room in the home of the venerable Mrs. Helen Osborne, Postmistress from 1921 through 1949! We found her to be a most delightful and witty lady, and we could have spent hours just listening to her.

The present Postmistress, Miss Mabel Vaughan, has filled that office since 1954. While conversing with Mrs. Osborne, I could see that Miss Vaughan was kept extremely busy conducting postal business through the only avenue to the Post Office, the window at the head of the stairs on the side of the building. Apparently, she had just broken down that day's mail, for callers were quite heavy for a time. In spite of her active office, the busy Miss Vaughan afforded us her time and the knowledge of her Post Office.

Her one handstamp impressing the outgoing mails was naturally Cayon's steel Statehood CDS. The Statehood TRD had been returned to the G.P.O. My one example of the latter mark is quite smeared and not suitable for reproduction here. However, it is of the same format as that shown for Old Road. Registration here is also designated by the R label.

I was thoroughly shocked and quite excited when I spied a neat row of six hand-stamps lined up at the back of Miss Vaughan's table-desk. These turned out to comprise an entire set (10 through 60 centimes) of Tax stamps. Their excellent condition makes it obvious that these old-timers haven't seen much service over the years. Miss Vaughan was delighted by my excitement on discovery of these handstamps. She informed me that she still uses them "sometimes".

My postal adrenalin got an additional jolt when the stalwart of many years of use came to light. The old single-ring, narrow-lettered CAYON CDS was 'resting' in the back of the drawer. As can be seen in the illustration, its condition is still quite prime--they just don't make 'em like they used to! The EKD of this CDS is 7 JY 52, and I would assume that the date of 29 JU 68 which was still in the canceller could be considered LKD.



As with her sister Postmistresses, Miss Vaughan stocks stamps only through the \$1.00 value. I would have liked to obtain photos of Miss Vaughan and Mrs. Osborne for our Postal History Library, but Mother Nature dictated otherwise by gracing us with one of her life-giving showers.

Resuming our drive, we viewed the Post Box at Key and were informed that one is also located at St. Peter's, near Monkey Hill further inland. On the outskirts of Basseterre we passed the other of the two P.O. vans which was enroute to the Golden Rock Airport. There is also a Post Box at the airport.

We had contemplated continuing southward to the Salt Pond Estate on the southern finger of St. Kitts, and Dennis Cartwright's nephew had kindly offered the use of a jeep, the only means of making such a trip. However we decided to forgo the 'adventuresome jostling' of such a journey.

The drive around the island is quite scenic--not only the view of the volcano, but also the flowers (SG#136), trees and plants which jockey for prominence along the roadway. Coconuts, frangi-pangi (they are called "pangi-pangi" locally), sweet potatoes, peanuts, breadfruit, kasava and of course the ever-present sugar cane are seen everywhere. The cane is cut by hand in January and February.

The late afternoon was delightfully spent with the enthusiastic Miss Woods, M.B.E. who conducted me on a knowledgeable tour of the offices in the new and impressive Government Headquarters (SG#182) in Basseterre. As a token of her enjoyment in helping me to learn a bit about her beloved St. Kitts, Miss Woods gave Elaine and me a jar of guava jelly. A very friendly gift indeed.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND FLOREX, MIAMI, NOVEMBER 7TH THRU 9TH.

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

<u>SPRING GARDEN</u>	St. Thomas	Opened 1 December 1933	
1. D.R. 30 mm, 3 mm letters		7 OC 35	25 NO 65
2. MSR 1968	*	4 JU 68	23 AU 68

Forwarding Office: Morant Bay

<u>SPRING HILL</u>	Portland	Opened 1 September 1894	
1. TRD Type 8 "94" is in the die.	black ink	7 SP 94	24 AU 95
2. D.R. 26 mm, 3 mm letters	dots	19 DE 94	14 OC 29
3. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters, thin inner ring		3 MR 30	20 SP 53
4. B 3 (Issued early JAN 1954)		7 OC 54	20 MR 68

Forwarding Office: Buff Bay

<u>SPRING VALE</u>	St. Catherine	Opened 2 February 1959	
1. TRD Type 37c	violet ink bluish ink	21 FE 59 12 MR 62	27 SP 59 DE 62
Some marks in the later period are ms dated-some are not dated at all.			
2. TRD Type 37	violet ink	22 AP 63	12 NO 64
3. MSR	*	1 FE 65	17 DE 65
4. TRD Type 37	violet ink	22 SP 66	27 SP 66
The letters in this mark are spread apart much further than those in #2.			

Forwarding Office: Linstead

<u>SPUR TREE</u>	Manchester	Opened 2 March 1885	
This office was called MAYHILL prior to that date.			
1. P 11 23 mm		11 JU 85	30 AU 00
2. A53 Oblit Type H, Original Die			4 AP 92
3. A53 Oblit Type H, Reissue		4 JY 90	2 OC 93
4. S.C. Type 4		14 SP 00	27 FE 18
5. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters, dots		14 MY 20	21 FE 28
6. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters		16 MY 32	3 MY 55
7. MSR (Put in use 7 OC 55)	*	1 DE 55	22 FE 68

Forwarding Office: Mandeville

STEER TOWN St. Ann Opened 9 May 1967
1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 12 MY 67 4 MY 68
Forwarding Office: St. Ann's Bay

STEWARTON Clarendon Opened 1964
1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 23 FE 63 1 MR 65
2. MSR * 25 JA 65 14 AP 67

STEWART TOWN Trelawney Opened in October 1850
1. P 6 (Sent out 24 OC 50) 6 NO 55
2. A77 Oblit Type H (Issued 1 MR 59) 24 JU 59 23 JY 75
3. P 11 22 mm (Indices A and C) 16 FE 59 12 NO 86
Also known with no discernible index 1874-1886.
4. S.C. Type 1 22 AP 90 30 MY 25
5. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters 24 14 DE 60
6. MSR w/o * 26 SP 61
* 5 SP 65 25 MY 67

Forwarding Office: Claremont

STONEHENGE St. James Opened 25 November 1933
1. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters 15 DE 33 27 MY 67

STONY HILL St. Andrew Opened 5 June 1890
The name was changed from Golden Spring on the above date.

1. TRD Type 5 violet ink 29 MY 91 27 AP 92
2. A41 Oblit Type H violet ink 27 AP 92
Originally issued to Golden Spring.
3. D.R. 26½ mm, 3 mm letters 6 AU 92 12 FE 10
4. D.R. 28 mm, 3 mm letters 5 JA 12 9 NO 37
5. D.R. 29 mm, 3½ mm letters 5 MR 40 24 AU 68
6. B 3 w/o * 11 FE 67
7. MSR w/o * 8 DE 55 14 NO 68

STRATHBOGIE Westmoreland Opened 23 March 1946
1. TRD Type 37 violet ink 23 MR 46 22 DE 46
Date stamped separately.

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| 2. | B 1 (Issued 24 DE 46) * violet ink | 31 DE 46 | 24 FE 47 |
| | * black ink | 7 MR 51 | 25 MY 67 |
| 3. | MSR * | 7 AU 68 | 12 NO 68 |

Forwarding Offices: Montpelier and Montego Bay

STRAWBERRY Westmoreland Opened 21 December 1964

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|----|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | TRD Type 37 violet ink | 2 JA 65 | 24 JU 67 |
| | The letters are close together. | | |
| 2. | TRD Type 37 violet ink | 21 MY 68 | |
| | The letters are well spaced apart. | | |
| 3. | MSR 1968 * | 23 OC 68 | |

Forwarding Offices: Sav La Mar, Frome and Montego Bay

STURGE TOWN St. Ann Opened 5 December 1913

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|----|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | D.R. 28 mm, 2 3/4 mm letters dots | 10 JY 19 | 30 AP 34 |
| 2. | B 1 (Issued 15-17 FE 40) * | 15 JA 41 | 14 AP 67 |

Forwarding Office: Browns Town

SUCCESS Hanover Opened 31 March 1952

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|----|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | TRD Type 50 violet ink | 3 AP 52 | 13 JU 52 |
| 2. | B 4 * | 31 MR 52 | 15 AP 67 |

Forwarding Office: Great Valley

SUMMERFIELD Clarendon Opened 1963

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|----|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | TRD Type 37a violet ink | 30 JA 63 | 18 MY 68 |
| 2. | MSR 1968 * | 20 AU 68 | |

Forwarding Office: Chapelton

SUNNING HILL St. Thomas Opened 1 April 1930

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|----|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters | 16 AU 32 | 11 JU 65 |
| 2. | MSR * | 5 FE 59 | 28 FE 68 |

Forwarding Office: Morant Bay

SUTTONS RAILWAY Clarendon Opened about 1913

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|----|--------------|---------|----------|
| 1. | S3a blue ink | 8 SP 14 | 14 DE 23 |
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SWIFT RIVER Portland Opened 6 June 1912

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| 1. | TRD Type 16 (1912 is in die) violet ink | 29 JY 12 | |
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SWIFT RIVER (cont.)

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| 2. D.R. 27 mm | 30 SP 22 | 27 JU 29 |
| 3. D.R. 28 mm, 3½ mm letters | 20 JU 39 | 8 AP 68 |

Forwarding Office: Hope Bay

CORRECTION: Under the listing for SKIBO on page 105 of the June 1969 Journal, Item 4. MSR should read w/o *.

ANTIGUA ADDENDA

 by WILLIAM G. CORNELL

The Edwardian village postmarks of ST. PAUL'S are scarce and postal data are sparse. It is known that the canceller was sent out from the G.P.O., London on 7 NO 04, along with the ST. MARY'S canceller. This information comes from proof strikes in the G.P.O. records, described by Jaffé (*BCPJ*, FEB 68, p.13).



Known dates of ST. PAUL'S use are AU 15 05 (Durnin) to -E 7 1- (Cornell), where the second digit in the latter year date looks like 3 but is uncertain. Whence, the period of use was at least 1905-10. C.W. Meredith in the *BWISC Bulletin* of April 1956 notes a ld red Antigua arms type of 1908-12, clearly cancelled 61 for year, which could be 1916 or ?? The ST. MARY'S cancel is shown to the left. It should be noted that the index "C" is concave

downward, but it is also known in the normal position as well as concave to the left.

The ST. MARY'S and ST. PAUL'S marks are of 25 mm diameter and 2½ mm letter height, (T of ST. is 1½ mm), and are larger cancels than the Victorian village cancels of ALL SAINTS and ST. PETER'S. The latter were sent out 10 OC 98 per Jaffé and are known 16 JA 99 to 16 JY 20 and 6 DE 98 to 7 JA 31, respectively. The Edwardian cancels carry B.W.I., consistent with the first ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA, B.W.I. strike which is known from 1903. However, the Victorian cancels carried only ANTIGUA.

It is conjectured that the Post Office chronology in St. Paul's Parish may be as follows: ENGLISH HARBOUR 1857-86 (?), ST. PAUL'S 1904-10 (?), ENGLISH HARBOUR 1910 (?) -1932, FALMOUTH 1932-37. Any further information on this score would be appreciated.

The MAIL DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE RAIN cover of Bob Devaux arose from a torrential downpour of 18 MY 69. According to Don Cribbs, the drought in Antigua happily broke in early May, and reasonable rains began.

POSTAGE PAID

MAIL DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE RAIN

POSTMASTER

Then, on the fateful day, they had the "Grand-pappy of them all", a tremendous downpour--a real tropical storm, with thunder, lightning, etc. Many people caught in the storm abandoned their cars due to a very rapid water rise. At least one of the dams failed, and one under

construction had retained about 600 million gallons in late June. The flat roof of the G.P.O. was designed to catch rain, and it DID function perfectly!! On Monday morning the place was swimming, with the greatest depth in the mail box room which collected over a foot of water. All letters posted on Saturday or Sunday were damaged to some degree, those on the bottom being worst. It was

nearly a week's job to dry the damaged mail and forward or return those items that were still legible. Most of the adhesives had floated off or came adrift in the drying process. Thus the Postmaster procured the rubber stamp shown on Bob Devaux' cover and shown again in the illustration on the previous page. I have another cover addressed within Antigua and cancelled like Bob's cover, 22 MY 69 with the double ring, line arc (New Birmingham) cancel. The POSTAGE PAID slogan of the electric cancelling machine had been supplied for just this sort of an emergency, among other purposes, but in the "wet of the moment" the Postmaster went the TRD route to the immense delight of us Postal Historians.



A new ST. JOHN'S cancel has been added as shown at left. First used on 18 MY 69, it was introduced after complaints that the double ring marks were more of the nature of obliterations. Two identical cancellers exist and are mainly used by the philatelic section of the G.P.O. My FDC of the Centenary of the Redonda Phosphate Industry issue is so cancelled.

Stan Durnin called my attention to a very basic article by Peter Jaffé in the January 1955 issue of *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*. Shown are portions of Folios 152 and 153 from the records of the G.P.O., London, illustrating proof impressions of the two groups of A01-A15 horizontal obliterations sent out respectively on 14 April 1858 and 28 April 1858. The figure shows the two A02's of St. John's, and definite differences can be seen. Other pairs show even greater variance.

Date when sent	Stamps			Date when sent	Stamps		
	(A01)	(A02)	(A03)	1858	(A01)	(A02)	(A03)
	(A04)	(A05)	(A06)	April 28 th	(A04)	(A05)	(A06)
	(A07)	(A08)	(A09)	1858	(A07)	(A08)	(A09)
	(A10)	(A11)	(A12)		(A10)	(A11)	(A12)
	(A13)	(A14)	(A15)		(A13)	(A14)	(A15)

Has anyone any idea whether the A18 and the vertical A02 went out with twins as well?

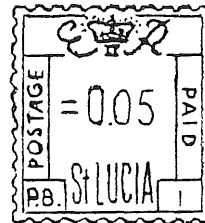
Gil Holmes says that an Antigua FPO exists apropos the Anguilla incident, but I have not yet seen the cancel. My FDC of the Barbuda Scout issue is postmarked with the old cancel with the * above date.

ST. LUCIA METERS & MACHINES

by ROBERT J. DEVAUX

The meter postage machine was first introduced into St. Lucia in 1960 by the Pitney Bowes Company. At present only two firms employ this system of franking their mail.

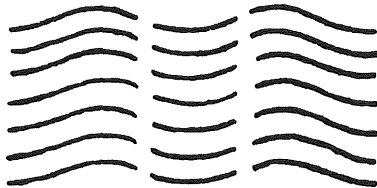
Meter P.B.1 is used by J.E. Bergasse & Company. An imprint of this meter is illustrated below.



Mr. Francis Devaux,
Messrs. Sunbilt Ltd.,
P.O. Box
Castries.

Meter P.B.2 is used by Barclays Bank D.C.O. of Castries. The CDS and "stamp" are identical to the illustration except, of course, for the meter number. However, at the left is a rectangular box, 26 mm high and 46 mm wide, reading: "If undelivered please return to / BARCLAYS BANK D.C.O. / P.O. BOX 101 / CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA, / WEST INDIES".

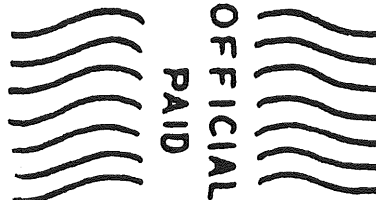
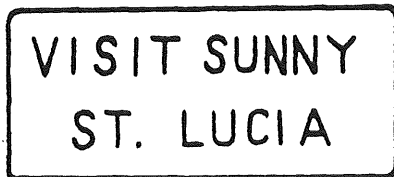
In 1957 an electric cancelling machine was introduced at the G.P.O., Castries. It can cancel letters only. The postmark consists of a CDS to the left and an obliterator of seven wavy lines as shown below.



The circle is 20 mm in diameter with "CASTRIES" above and "ST. LUCIA" below both fixed. The time and date are all removable. From several thousand covers checked between 1957 and 1969, the following information was gleaned: The time of cancelling is changed on the hour, every hour thus:

8-AM, 9-AM, 10-AM, 11-AM, 1-PM, 2-PM and 3-PM. Both 11-AM and 3-PM occur far more often than any other hour.

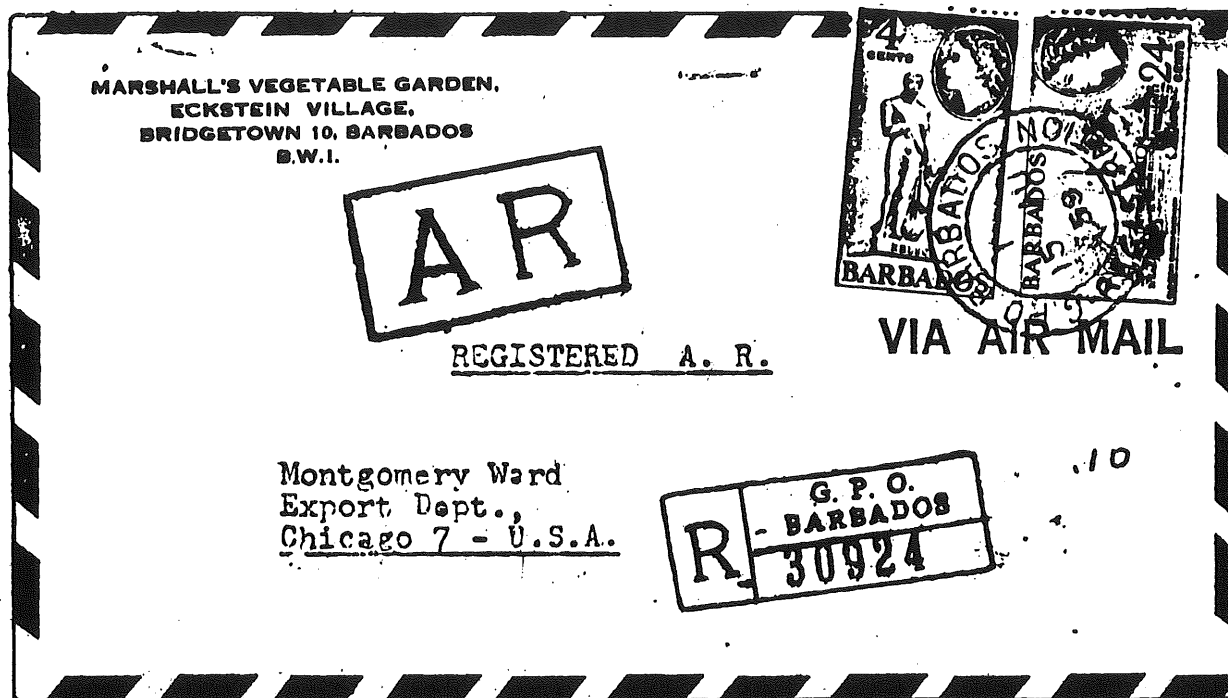
The normal position of the date is in three lines with the time on the first line, day-month on the second and year on the third. Since these are removable, varieties sometimes occur, and I have seen strikes with the day-month above the time. I have also seen strikes with no CDS, inverted CDS, misplaced type, shifted lines and double strikes. No doubt other varieties will turn up.



The wavy lines can be replaced with the VISIT SUNNY / ST. LUCIA slogan or with the OFFICIAL / PAID mark, both as shown above. The latter is extremely rare.

A BARBADOS "AR" MARK by PAUL A. LARSEN

Occasionally some interesting items can be extracted from your friendly dealer's ten-cent cover box. The 1959 vintage cover shown below may not induce much of a reaction from the casual viewer, but if one has an interest in the postal history of Barbados, the boxed AR marking and the words REGISTERED A. R. proclaim this to be something out of the ordinary. Although I am sure that at least a few of our members will be aware of their significance, both the written word and the marking were entirely new to me.



The boxed AR is not to be found among the multitude of items recorded in *The Postal Markings of Barbados* by Benwell and Britnor, or in the April 1962 Supplement to that work. My curiosity regarding the type of service called for by "AR" finally prompted me to query the Postmaster in Bridgetown as to its meaning, current status, and whether the boxed AR had indeed been applied at the point of origin or elsewhere along its route to Chicago.

Curiously enough, before I received my reply from Bridgetown, AR was defined by two separate sources--an exhibit of Austrian Levant at COMPEX '69, and a parcel received via Uncle Sam's postal service. In French, the official language of the U.P.U., AR is the abbreviation for Avis de Réception; in English, Advise of Receipt. In U.S. Post Office terms, this becomes Return Receipt Requested.

The kind assistance of the Postmaster of Barbados and his staff brought some further amplification of the service rendered. I quote: "This service (i.e. A.R.) is used when the sender of a registered letter requests an acknowledgement of receipt by the addressee. A special A.R. card which accompanies the registered letter is prepared by the dispatching office. The card is signed by the recipient of the letter and is returned to the sender through the Post Office. A fee of 10¢ for this service is charged. This service is not frequently used but is still available"

The AR marking is applied by means of a rubber stamp. There is no record of when the service was introduced, but it was sometime prior to 1959. I have seen only

one other example of this mark. Dick Higgins has an almost identical cover dated 10 OC 58. Can anyone extend the useage?

As for the other markings on the cover, the Registration block is a Type R.10 and is struck in purple. A double ring Type R.7, G.P.O. BARBADOS / REGISTRATION



CDS ties the cover's franking. There is another strike of this mark on the reverse of the cover, and it is shown at the left. The date, 15 AU 59, extends the previously reported LKD of 26 JU 58 by over one year. The "1" above the day-month line could be the time of posting with the usual AM or PM omitted. However, it is possible that the G.P.O. which has been rather lax in inserting the time in this stamp may have abandoned the time completely and inserted the "1" as

indication of the G.P.O. "Office Number". Some of the parish marks still carry these numbers which originated in the days of the "Boot-Heel" postmarks.

My reply from Bridgetown bears a crown-in-oval Type 12e POSTMASTER GENERAL / G.P.O. BARBADOS strike in purple. The impression of the oval and lettering is clear, but the crown looks worn. This cover is dated 26 JU 69.

All in all, a sizeable slice of postal history for a dime!

ANOTHER JAMAICA TELEPHONE CO. PERFIN REPORTED----

When Thomas Foster wrote about the Jamaican Perfins (*BCPJ Oct.1968, page 189*) he was able to cite only one known example of the JTC of the Jamaica Telephone



Company. Now, thanks to Bernard Chin, we have seen another stamp with this rare perfin. Bernie's specimen was found in the stock-book of a dealer at the recent SANDIPEX in San Diego. The stamp is an SG61, and the perfin is in the normal upright position. An illustration of the back of the stamp is shown to the left. One hole at the top center of the T is only partly cut and the paper did not punch out. The stamp is undated, being cancelled with the bar canceller of the first Kingston automatic cancelling machine.

Bernie also showed us another interesting Jamaica item, a copy of 1/2d claret, Crown CC stamp, SG7, with a FANNING ISLAND, MY 27 06, postmark. A very faint A01 oblit can be seen under the Fanning Island mark. Undoubtedly, the second mark was applied at the addressee end of the trip when a Fanning Island postal clerk decided that Kingston hadn't done a good job of obliterating the stamp. Fanning Island is one of the Line Islands, now a part of the Gilbert & Ellice Group. In 1906 its postal facility was a New Zealand Postal Agency, established because of the importance of the island as a cable station. A neighbor of Fanning, Christmas Island, was much in the news a few years ago when the British used it as a nuclear weapon test site.

If you haven't already mailed your ballot regarding incorporation of the BCPSG to our Secretary, please do so now. It is essential that at least 50% of the members cast their votes on the proposals, but we would like to see it closer to 100%.

The Guyana airport, Atkinson Field, has been renamed Timehri Airport. The name is of Amerindian origin, but we have not been able to discover its meaning.

MACHINE CANCELLATIONS OF ST. VINCENT

by J. CHIN ALEONG

These notes are being submitted in the hope that other members will provide us with additional information to enable a fuller account to be given at a later date.

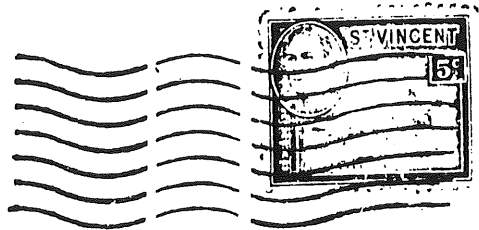
The electric cancelling machine at the G.P.O. in Kingstown, St. Vincent appears to have come into use sometime in the 1930's. The earliest strikes that I have seen have been from 1937. Two types of CDS have been noted. While both have the same text, the first employs wider letters than the second and consequently has much less unused space at the sides between the upper and lower lettering. From the illustrations below, it can be readily seen that no measurements are required to distinguish one from the other.



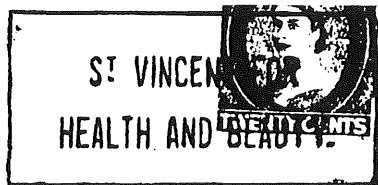
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In the following listing, the first number refers to the type of CDS while the second number refers to the 'Slogan' part of the cancellation. Slogan Type 4 is not illustrated but is similar to the PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL slogan of Jamaica which was illustrated on page 117, bottom right, of the June 1969 BCPJ. All strikes seen of these various machine marks have been in black ink.

<u>TYPE NO.</u>	<u>SLOGAN</u>	<u>DATES OF USE</u>
M1-1	Seven wavy lines	?
M1-2	ST. VINCENT ARROWROOT A WHOLESOME FOOD	1937
M1-3	ST. VINCENT FOR HEALTH AND BEAUTY	1937
M2-1	Seven wavy lines	APR 1955-JAN 1958
M2-3	ST. VINCENT FOR HEALTH AND BEAUTY	NOV 1957-MAY 1958
M2-4	PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL	FEB 1955-MAR 1955

M2-5

SEA ISLAND COTTON
FOR
QUALITY AND COMFORT

DEC 1957

Please check your material and let me know any discoveries of other St. Vincent machine markings as well as extensions of the dates of use of those listed here. My address: P.O. BOX 576, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, W.I.

BRITISH HONDURAS P.O. LIST

While visiting in British Honduras last April, GALE RAYMOND checked at the G.P.O. and in the field for information regarding the names and dates of establishment of the Post Offices currently in operation. This then is his "On-the-Spot" status report as of 26 April 1969.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, BELIZE CITY, C.B. Hyde, Postmaster General, 1962 to date. All others are Sub-P.O.'s; Dates of Establishment are from the Official Index.

BELIZE DISTRICT:

CAYE CAULKER
CROOKED TREE
DOUBLE HEAD CABBAGE
FREETOWN, SIBUN (29 OC 65)
BURRELL BOOM (1925)
GALES POINT
GRACIE ROCK
HATTIEVILLE (22 AU 62)
LADYVILLE (1 MY 63)
MASKALL
LUCKY STRIKE (8 JA 54)
SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAYE
SAND HILL (1 MR 61)
SANTANA (1967)
STANLEY FIELD AIRPORT (2 FE 60)

STANN CREEK DISTRICT:

STANN CREEK TOWN (1879)
INDEPENDENCE (JU 64)
MULLINS RIVER
SEINE BIGHT
SITTEE RIVER
POMONA, S/C V. (Reopened 7 DE 65)
18½ MILES, S/C V. (2 MR 63)
HOPKINS
PT. PLACENCIA
SILK GRASS (1967)

COROZAL DISTRICT:

COROZAL TOWN (1879)
CALEDONIA
LIBERTAD (PEMBROKE HALL) (22 NO 65)
LOUISVILLE
SARTENEJA (15 NO 51)
SAN NARCISO (18 NO 68)

ORANGE WALK DISTRICT:

ORANGE WALK TOWN (1879)
HILL BANK (6 DE 65)
SAN ESTEVAN (1900)

CAYO DISTRICT:

SAN IGNACIO (as CAYO, 1879)
BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN
CENTRAL FARM (as BAKING POT, 1 MY 50)
ROARING CREEK
SAN LUIS (29 SE 65)
NEW CAPITAL (MOPAN) (1967)
UNITED VILLE (7 DE 67)
SUCCOTZ (16 NO 68)

TOLEDO DISTRICT:

PUNTA GORDA TOWN (1879)
BARRANCO
MONKEY RIVER
SAN ANTONIO (1 JA 63)

TO BE OPENED IN 1969: MAYA BEACH (Stann Creek Dist.), ONTARIO (Cayo) and SAN PABLO (Orange Walk).

SPECIAL NOTES: 18½ MILES was using "20 MILES" mailbag seal as sole cancel. CENTRAL FARM uses "BAKING POT" CDS. MANGO CREEK closed JU 64. GALLON JUG open only 22 OC 63-5 DE 65 and now a very scarce postmark. LUCKY STRIKE uses an old "ROCKSTONE POND" CDS. Only a small percentage of Sub.P.O.'s postmark mail at all serving mainly as receiving stations. Most ink pads are dry as dust!

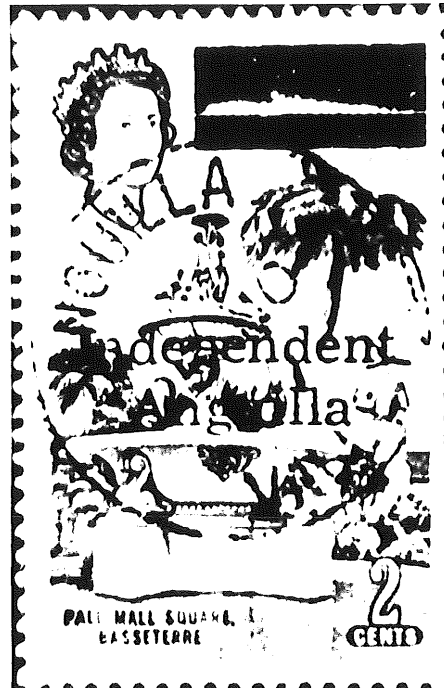
Anguilla Overprint Varieties

by DR. WALTON VAN WINKLE, JR.

In the August 1968 *BCPJ* (page 139), Kenneth Rowe described the finding of a 3 cent "Independent Anguilla" overprint with the "Anguilla" shifted $\frac{1}{2}$ mm to the left. Rick Rodgers (*BCPJ*, October 1968, page 193) described the same shift on the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent and 2 cent denominations. I described a similar overprint shift on the 2 cent (*BCPJ*, December 1968, page 221), but the overprint was shifted to the right. The editor noted that Ben Ramkissoon had found the left shift (Rowe variety) on the 15 cent and 20 cent. I can now report that, as expected, it is also found on the 25 cent.



NORMAL



SHIFT RIGHT

Gale Raymond has reported that two plates were used for the overprinting, one for the vertical and one for the horizontal format. Since, however, I have found the right shift on both the vertical (2 cent) and horizontal (10 cent) format stamps, it would seem possible that the same slugs of type were used to make both plates. Therefore, it would be worthwhile to look for the left shift on the horizontal format stamps, although it could be in a different position.

In the case of the left shift, all of the letters in "Anguilla" appear to be shifted to the left. In the case of the right shift, this also appears to be true, judging by the location of the "A" relative to the "d" above it, and the relation of the "l" to the "d" above it. With the other letters, the shift is less clear, and the variety may have occurred due to variation in spacing between letters in "Anguilla".

The position of the right shift in the sheet has not been determined, but in the case of the horizontal format, it occurs in the block of four of the 10 cent variety as the upper right hand stamp. This eliminates positions 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

In the block of four of the 10 cent variety shown below, the upper right stamp shows the shift right, while the other three stamps have the normal overprint.



There is an interesting feature of the vertical format overprints that I have not seen previously mentioned on these pages. It will be noted the overprint which obliterates the "St. Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla" at the top of the stamps consists of two horizontal bars.



There is considerable variation in the appearance of the line between the two bars. The thickness varies, and for some positions, the bottom of the upper bar is quite irregular. In the case of the Rowe (shift to left) variety, the lower bar shows a very pronounced shift to the left, as can be seen in the illustration to the left. Here the separating line is fairly regular, in marked contrast to that of the "shift right" stamp illustrated on the previous page. It can be seen that a good clue as to the position of a particular stamp is provided by the appearance of its obliterating bars.

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NEW STANLEY GIBBONS CATALOGUES RELEASED----

The 1970 edition of the Stanley Gibbons Postage Stamp Catalogue, Part One, is now on sale. Although we have not seen a copy, we learn from a publisher's press release that there have been a number of revisions in the older listings. Of main concern to the British Caribbean collector is a complete relisting of St. Vincent up to 1897. The basic lists have been expanded by 54 pages, and the total pages number 716.

Released at the same time as Part One was the 1970 Elizabethan Catalogue. It covers the current reign stamp issues in specialized detail. Although published at the same time as Part One, it contains an additional two months' new issues, plus price changes during that period. Barbuda is listed for the first time in this volume.

As might be expected with a larger book and another year of inflation, the price has been raised. Part One sells for £2, while the Elizabethan costs £1.7.6.

RAMBLIN' AROUND IN BRITISH HONDURAS

by GALE RAYMOND

Needless to say, in my recent ramblings around British Honduras I took every opportunity to look into the postal history side of the country. One of my first visits was to the G.P.O., just a few steps from my small hotel, "across the creek". The G.P.O. occupied the lower floor of a large 3-story building and was extremely busy, frequently with long lines at the stamp windows.

I quickly found friends among the P.O. personnel, and was welcomed most cordially by Postmaster General, Mr. C.B. Hyde, who had taken office in 1962. Mr. Hyde is a highly conscientious public official who personally has had much to do with the actual stamp designs in local use. The quality of these stamps has attracted considerable attention throughout the world, and has strongly increased collector interest in British Honduras stamps by their topical and colorful nature.



POSTMASTER GENERAL HYDE & SECRETARY

I was privileged to be accorded the freedom of the G.P.O. "backstage" and found it unusually well staffed and well run compared with some other G.P.O.'s I have visited in other nations. An ever increasing volume of mail, however, has given it the same growth problems that plague other postal administrations.

In the records section, I was able to find answers to postal history questions in a matter of minutes which would have taken years of correspondence to otherwise resolve. At this first visit, Mr. Hyde most graciously gave me a letter of introduction to all B.H. sub-postmasters authorizing their cooperation in my quest for postal history data and postmarks.

At the G.P.O. stamp windows, by far the best seller was the new orchid set which had just been released, and which proved highly popular with the B.H. population.

I was also given a complete current list of B.H. Post Offices and sub-Post Offices as well as information on three new proposed Post Offices authorized for 1969, which please see on page 182 of this issue.

Certainly the leading stamp collector in British Honduras is our old friend and BCPSG member E.O. Bunting Barrow whose photograph graces the front page of this issue. His home was only a half block from my hotel, and it was no problem in locating him through local residents, as he is one of the most highly respected persons in British Honduras. Although retired from a long and brilliant career in B.H. Government Service, he is an active business man. His British Colonial stamp collection, begun many, many years ago, is definitely outstanding and one to which he is still adding constantly. Becoming friends with Bunting Barrow is one of my finest memories of British Honduras.

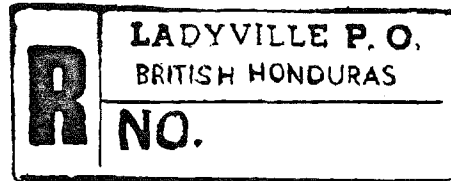
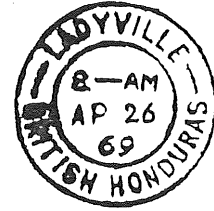
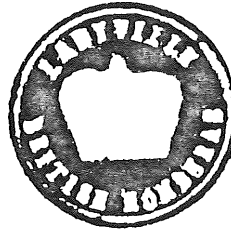
One of my earliest arrangements included an auto trip up-country (North) to the ancient Mayan city of Altun-Ha, with its many pyramids and edifices in the early stages of excavation. This trip was shared with two other collectors also visiting in B.H., Lieut. and Mrs. Jon Flowers from Washington, D.C. They were particularly intrigued with our stops at the tiny sub-Post Offices, and availed them-

selves of the opportunity to acquire postmarked covers as special souvenirs of British Honduras.

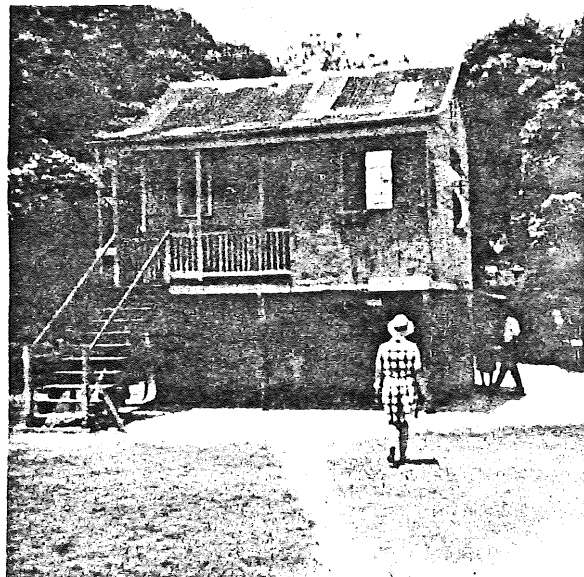
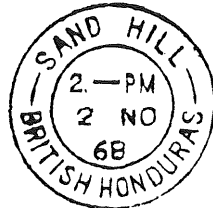
Driving West from the coastal capital of Belize City, we made our first stop at LADYVILLE settlement. The Sub-Post Office here proved to be contained in two



LADYVILLE POSTMASTER JOSEPH LOUIS



small cigar boxes in a tiny cafe under the Postmaster's house. The steel die cancel was readily forthcoming and utilized on the covers, but a bit of digging was necessary to unearth the oval rubber, undated TRD. The latter item was also used with great enthusiasm, much to the amusement of the bystanders at the bar.



SUB-POST OFFICE AT SAND HILL

Somewhat farther up the road we located another farm home displaying a "POST OFFICE" signboard. This proved to be SAND HILL. It also was in a tiny store beneath the home which stood on pilings, high above the ground, as though it were awaiting another hurricane such as "Hattie" which devastated this whole coast far inland in October 1961. Postmaster Reneau was well aware of the

idiosyncrasies of postmark collectors, and willingly cancelled our covers with his steel datestamp. In a small glass cabinet, I just happened to spot his old rubber TRD, now badly deteriorated, bone dry, and unloved. We temporarily resurrected it, after which it was retired back to the glass cabinet for an uncertain future. It was undated, a separate datestamp having been used to insert the date in its center during its regular period of use. Actually, these rubber cancels are supposed to be retired to the GPO when a permanent steel die CDS is received, but this is not always done.



"ROCKSTONE POND" SUB-POST OFFICE



Rambling North again, with many interesting stops along the countryside, we reached the village of LUCKY STRIKE, where again the Sub-Post Office was in a tiny store beneath the main dwelling. This proved to be utilizing the old cancel reading ROCKSTONE POND. We learned that Rockstone Pond is an area rather than a specific location. The Sub-Post Office has moved many times among the small villages in the area, but continues to use the Rockstone Pond datestamp.

The Altun-Ha ruins near Lucky Strike were extremely interesting, and alone are well worth a trip to British Honduras. Time passed swiftly, but on the way back to Belize City we managed to squeeze in a visit to one more tiny village, SANTANA. There was a Sub-Post Office of this name elsewhere in the neighborhood by 1951, but the present office dates from 1967. The datestamp was sharp and new, and ink plentiful. We took our envelopes postmarked here and at the other Sub-Post Offices back with us to Belize City, as the mails travel only once or twice a week to the G.P.O. In actual practice the B.H. Sub-Post Offices serve primarily as distributing offices for delivery rather than posting of letters. Busses and trucks of varying degrees of condition and preservation travel these back-country roads daily, and it is much easier and speedier for anyone with a letter to simply hand it to someone going down to "de city" where it is posted at the G.P.O.

Much publicity has been given to the new road developments in B.H. However, this is a relative thing, and the word "road" does not carry the same context as in most other nations; suffice it to say they are normally passable.

In the November Journal, space permitting, we will present the final chapter of our British Honduras ramblings.

NEW ISSUES

ANGUILLA

OCT 69 Commissioner Definitives. A set of stamps in single colors bearing the Queen's portrait and the inscription H.M. COMMISSIONER ANGUILLA in a common design by V. Whiteley. Fourteen denominations from the ½¢ through \$1.00. Distribution to the trade will be by the Crown Agents, but it is understood that the set will also be available on St. Kitts.

ANTIGUA

69 Definitives with new perforation. The eight definitives from the ½¢ through the 10¢ were recently reprinted and are perf. 13½. Earlier printings were perf. 11½ x 11¼.
15 OCT 69 Christmas 1969. 2, 10, 25 and 75 cents.
19 JAN 70 40th Anniversary of Air Services in Antigua.

BAHAMAS

26 AUG 69 Tourist Issue. Four values as illustrated were issued in conventional sheets and a souvenir sheet containing one of each value and with illustrated borders. Printed in photogravure by Format International. 3¢-Game Fishing Boats; 11¢-Paradise Beach; 12¢-Sunfish Sailboats and 15¢-Rawson Square. The set was issued to honor the 1,000,000th visitor to the Bahamas.



BARBADOS

10 NOV 69 Boy Scouts Association.

BARBUDA

7 AUG 69 3rd Caribbean Scout Jamboree. 25, 35 and 75 cents depicting Scout Activities. Designed by R. Granger Barrett and offset printed by Format International in sheets of 50 on unwatermarked paper.

BERMUDA

29 SEP 69 Treasure Issue.



Designed by V. Whiteley and photogravure printed by Harrisons in sheets of 30 stamps on Block CA watermarked paper. The 4d and 2/- are in a common design, and the 1/3 and 2/6 in a second common design. The intent of this issue is to call attention to the vast store of treasure and historic artifacts valued at more than two hundred thousand pounds that have been recovered from ships sunk off the island. It is estimated by Bermudian diver, Teddy Tucker, that as many as 350 ships have been wrecked on the Bermuda reefs. Of these 120 have been identified. Jewels, gold and historical items recovered by Tucker were bought by the Bermuda Government in 1961

to be displayed in the Museum of Natural History at Flatts Village.

BRITISH HONDURAS

- 1 SEP 69 Hardwoods. 5¢-Ziricote; 10¢-Rosewood; 22¢-Mayflower; 25¢-Mahogany. Designed by V. Whiteley and printed by De La Rue in Delacryl on Block CA watermarked paper. Sheets consist of 9 stamps of same value and have a tree motif border. Stamps have a wood grain background of the particular tree illustrated.
- 1 OCT 69 Christmas. 15, 20, 22 and 25 cents.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- 1 SEP 69 Tourism. 2, 10, 20 cents and \$1.00.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

- 8 SEP 69 Decimal Overprint on Definitives. The new definitive set released on 5 JUN 69 has now been overprinted with C-DAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 1969 and new decimal values.
- 1 OCT 69 Christmas. Two designs with the ¼, 5 & 12 cents in one and the 1, 7 & 20 cents in the other. Designed by G. Drummond and photogravure printed by Harrisons on Block CA watermarked paper in sheets of 50 stamps (2 panes of 25). The ¼¢ stamp is produced in 4 different background colors-red, mauve, green and blue-thus making 4 different stamps.
- 6 JAN 70 Tourism.

DOMINICA

- 30 JUL 69 I.L.O.-CARIFTA Issue. (See August Journal for details.)
- OCT 69 New Definitives. Set of 19 denominations from ½ cent to \$4.80.

GRENADA

- 1 AUG 69 Cricket Issue. 3, 10, 25 and 35 cents, illustrating cricket players in various actions. Designed by Mr. Shamir and L.W. Denyer and photogravure printed by Harrisons in sheets of 9 with designs on margins.
- SEP 69 Apollo 11 Moon Landing Issue. ½, 1, 2, 3, 8, 25, 35, 50 cents & \$1.00 showing seven actions of Apollo 11 from Lift-off through Splash-down, and the plaque left on the Moon. The ½¢ and \$1.00 are in common design. There is a souvenir sheet of the 3¢ and \$1.00. Photogravure printed from designs by G.L. Vasarhelyi. Printer not stated.
- 1 OCT 69 Centenary of the Birth of Mahatma Gandhi. 6, 15, 25 cents and \$1.00 featuring Gandhi in various positions. Designed by Alfonso Robledo of Colombia and printed by Bradbury Wilkinson. There is also a souvenir sheet of the 4 values with margin illustrations of Buckingham Palace and the Parliament Clock Tower.

JAMAICA

- 8 SEP 69 Decimal Overprint on Definitives. The current definitives (except for the 1½d, 2½d & 8d which have been withdrawn from use) have been overprinted with C-DAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 1969 and new decimal currency values. Overprinting was done by Harrison & Sons Ltd. The basic stamps for this issue were taken from various printings, thus there will probably be a variety of types. The 2¢ on 2d appears on both P.V.A. and gum arabic paper.
- 8 SEP 69 Decimal Postal Stationery. Aerogramme-8¢; Postcard-1¢; Registered Envelope-11¢ and Wrappers-1¢ & 2¢.

MONTSERRAT

- 69 The 1, 3, 4, 10, 15, 20, 25 & 50 cents Current Definitives have been recently reprinted and the watermark was found to be sideways BLOCK CA. Previous printings were BLOCK CA upright. It will be noted that

three of these stamps, the 15, 25 & 50 cents, are changed-value provisionals. Since their upright watermark version has only been in use since 6 MAY 68, the originals could be rather scarce.

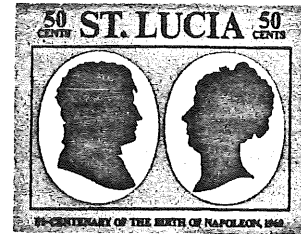
69 FISH.
1 NOV 69 Christmas 1969. 5, 15, 25 and 50 cents.

ST. KITTS

1 SEP 69 Sir Thomas Warner. 20¢-The Warner Badge; 25¢-Warner Tomb on St. Kitts; 40¢-His Commission from Charles I. Designed by V. Whiteley and lithographed by Format International in sheets of 50 on Block CA watermarked paper.
17 NOV 69 Christmas 1969. 10, 25, 40 and 50 cents.

ST. LUCIA

22 SEP 69 Bi-centenary of the Birth of Napoleon. Four values, 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents in a common design as illustrated. Lithographed in sets of 25 stamps on unwatermarked paper by John Enschede en Zonen from a design of their studio artist.
16 OCT 69 Christmas 1969.

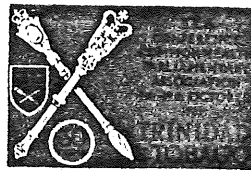


ST. VINCENT

OCT 69 Statehood. 4, 10 and 50 cents.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

1 AUG 69 CARIFTA. 6¢-Cornucopia; 10¢-Flags of CARIFTA Countries; 30¢- Map of Caribbean; 40¢-BWIA VC 10 Aircraft. Printed by Austrian State Printery, Vienna, in sheets of 50 on unwatermarked paper
1 SEP 69 Moon Landing. (See August Journal for printing details.)
13 OCT 69 15th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference. 10¢- Interior of Parliament; Kennedy Complex at Univ. of W.I. is shown on the 15¢; 30¢- Maces of Senate & House of Rep. of Trinidad; 40¢- Fort King George, Tobago. Photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 50.



TURKS & CAICOS

8 SEP 69 Decimal Overprint of Definitives. New values will run from ¼¢ through \$2.00.
1 OCT 69 Christmas 1969. 1, 3, 15 and 50 cents.

SPECIAL FLOREX ANNOUNCEMENT

THE BAHAMAS BUM IS REQUESTING THAT ALL BCPSG MEMBERS ATTENDING FLOREX ASSEMBLY IN PLENARY SESSION AT HIS DIGGINGS PROMPTLY AT 6:30 PM, FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER. THE BUM SAYS "DON'T EAT BEFORE YOU COME" AND ADVISES THAT WIVES AND GIRL FRIENDS ARE ALSO WELCOME. FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT ED ADELSON AT THE EVERGLADES HOTEL WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON THE SCENE. IF ALL ELSE FAILS, ED'S PHONE NUMBER IS 947-8515.

THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE AUCTION FLOOR SALE WILL BE SET AFTER WE REACH MIAMI.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS

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BEGBIE, FREDERICK A., 7 Viewpark Gardens, Bonny Rigg, Midlothian, Scotland. Depute Registrar. BWI and GB. Sponsor: Al Branston.

CANTENS, AGUSTIN J., 626 N.E.61st St., Apt.5, Miami, FL 33137. Accountant. Latin Amer., Canada, Spain & Cols., BWI, Neth. Antilles. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

DUNN, WILLIAM R., P.O. Box 94, Floyd, VA 24091. Philatelic Dealer. Sponsor: Charles E. Cwiakala.

HAYES, CDR. JANE L., USCG (RET), 2060 W. Acapulco Dr., Miramar, FL 33023. Coordinator, Community Services. Br. Carib. and Canada. Sponsor: Byron Cameron.

HAYWARD, CHARLES W., 2134 G St. N.W., Washington, DC 20037. Retired. Sponsor: Fred Seifert. Collects BWI and Crown Colonies.

HOLLOWAY, JACK H., 102 Thunderbird Dr., Marshalltown, IA 50158. College Teacher. Used stamps, covers, blocks, pmks. Spec: BWI, BNA, Cent. Europe. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

LIMRICK, BRIAN, 33 Pinefield Crescent, Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland. C.P.O. Royal Navy. BWI from 1953 and postmarks. Sponsor: Al Branston.

SHEPHERD, ANTHONY, 3 Willowfield Rd., Halifax, Yorkshire, England. Auto Body Technician. Postal History & used BWI. Spec: Barbados, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Grenada. Sponsor: Al Branston.

TATHAM, WILLIAM C., 11835 Whitley St., Whittier, CA 90601. Engineering Planner. Jamaica from pre-stamp through Victoria and RR. Sponsor: Jay Fredrick.

WILSON, DR. KENNETH A., 5910 Auckland Ave., N. Hollywood, CA 91601. College Adm. (Associate Dean). Brazil, US, UN, Br. Caribbean. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

New Applicants:

CLARK, JOHN N., Route 2, Box 22-N, Bishop, CA 93514. Forest Ranger. BWI. Sponsor: Fred Seifert.

DREW, THOMAS D., P.O. Box 1388, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, Canada. Secondary School Teacher (Electronics). Canada, Nfld, BWI & Brit. Cols. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

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MONTGOMERY, FRANK H., Box 153, Tustin, MI 49688. Engineer. Trinidad & Tobago. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

POWELL, DAVID H., P.O. Box 640, Schefferville, P.Q., Canada. Mechanical Field Foreman. BWI. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

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WADE, DALE D., 738 Blanton Blvd., Macon, Ga 31204. Research Forester. British Western Hemisphere. Sponsor: Al Johnson.

New Addresses:

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PEATMAN, ALFRED N., 22 Second St., Renforth, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada.
POOLE, MRS, MARIAN L., c/o V.G. Kallander, 3220 Mack Rd., Everson, WA 98247.

Resignations:

MILTON COHEN, JESS N. THOMPSON and GODFREY WINSTON have resigned, all in bad standing, owing for 1969 dues.

PERSONAL MENTION:

PAUL AMAN returned home from a Summer vacation to find that a thief had ransacked his house, taking all of his Jamaica postmark collections except the Oblits which were in a bank vault. Paul says that although this has knocked the stuffings out of him-emotionally, he will start collecting again.

Our hard-working Public Relations man, CHUCK CWIAKALA, says that his boss responded to his appeal for a little less travel by sending him off to New York. Chuck did get some good from the trip, though, as he managed to call on MARK SWETLAND with the obvious BCPSG Conventionette resulting.

DAN WARREN plans to visit your Editor while enroute through Albuquerque to Santa Fe where he will attend SOUTHWESTPEX. We are pleased to announce that Dan has been promoted to Major in the Army Medical Corps.

Also planning to visit us is one of our new Southern California members BILL TATHAM. He collects Jamaica, so we will have a lot of notes to compare.

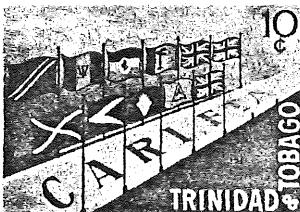
HOOTON MITCHELL suffered a mild heart attack recently and spent a bit of time in the hospital. We hope all is well again. While checking the membership list, we noted that Bert's given name was incorrectly spelled as Hooten. Checking further we found that this error had been started on our first list in 1961 and repeated on each new list. We promise to rectify this if we can ever find the time and funds to make up a new roster.

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According to BYRON CAMERON who visited Barranquilla, Colombia, on a vacation in July, the area has a lot to offer. Beer at 8¢ a bottle and gasoline at 11¢ per gallon helped to compensate for the fact that no stamps could be found, and Byron says the weather was great.

TOM GIRALDI is thankful that he is left-handed. While he was changing a tire on his car, the jack slipped dropping the car squarely on the end of his right thumb. At last report the wounded digit was coming along well, but Tom says that he will be sans thumbnail for a considerable period.

S. GRAHAM HOEY informs us that the Caledonian Philatelic Society of which he is a Past President gave a combined display to the Royal P.S. in London on May 22nd. Three BCPSG members, H. MORETON BLACK, LT.COL. G. SAVILLE SMITH and Graham all showed BWI. Graham carried out the organizing of the show and also compiled the catalogue of the more than 600 sheets that were on display.

GALE RAYMOND proudly announces the engagement of his daughter, SUSAN, to RICK "ANGUILLA" RODGERS, both students at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Gale insists this isn't just a gimmick to garner Rick's collection into the family!

When we suggested dropping this Personal Mention column as an economy move, quite a few members informed us that this bit of gossip is one of their favorite parts of each issue. JOHN MUNTINGA convinces us that the column must stay when he writes us from the Netherlands, "Personal Mention and Presidents Page are items that never must be cut out! The way Personal Mentions are written gives one a feeling of belonging to the Group, even if one does not know the members. Please keep it!" Keep it we will, but we ask that you all help by sending us reports of your activities, problems, or any sort of gossip that might be of interest to your fellow members.

G. MORGAN JONES III gets our vote of thanks for a donation to help defray the cost of incorporation.

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DON WELSH visited Tobago this Summer, but just to relax, and the philatelic aspects of his holiday were limited to posting a few cards.

The July 1969 *London Philatelist* features an article by PHIL HALWARD on Plate Flaws of the KG VI 1938-50 series of Barbados.

MILT ERICKSON deserves the plaudits of the Group for the work he is doing on the proposed incorporation. Milt donated the cost of printing the ballot and the info sheets mailed with the August Journal as well as paying more than \$10 in postage to airmail them to us.

The August 1969 issue of *The Philatelist* contains an interesting article in which KAY HOROWICZ describes some of the covers from the GB "Used Abroad" collection of the late Grant Glassco.

AND AS WE GO TO PRESS----

We had thought that the June 10th Flowers issue of Anguilla would be the last set distributed by John Lister Ltd., since it had been announced that the "Commissioner" stamps were on the way. Thus it was very much of a surprise to receive an FDC of a Sea Shells set, dated 22 SEP 69 in today's mail (24 SEP). There are four values to the set: 10, 15, 40 and 50 cents, each illustrating a type of shell found in the West Indies.

Also in today's mail was another application for membership:
SLATE, WILLIAM H., 697 Eglinton Ave. West, Suite #207, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada. Postal History Dealer. Sponsored by Reg Lant.

HENRY S. COLE has finally concluded that snow and cold weather are not for him and his NOV 1st to MAY 1st address will be: 3580 Polo Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

New member TONY SHEPHERD is Secretary of the Roses Caribbean P.S. and promises to keep us informed of the activities of that society. We have his first report at hand but for lack of space will have to hold it for the next issue.

NEXT STOP, MIAMI, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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