

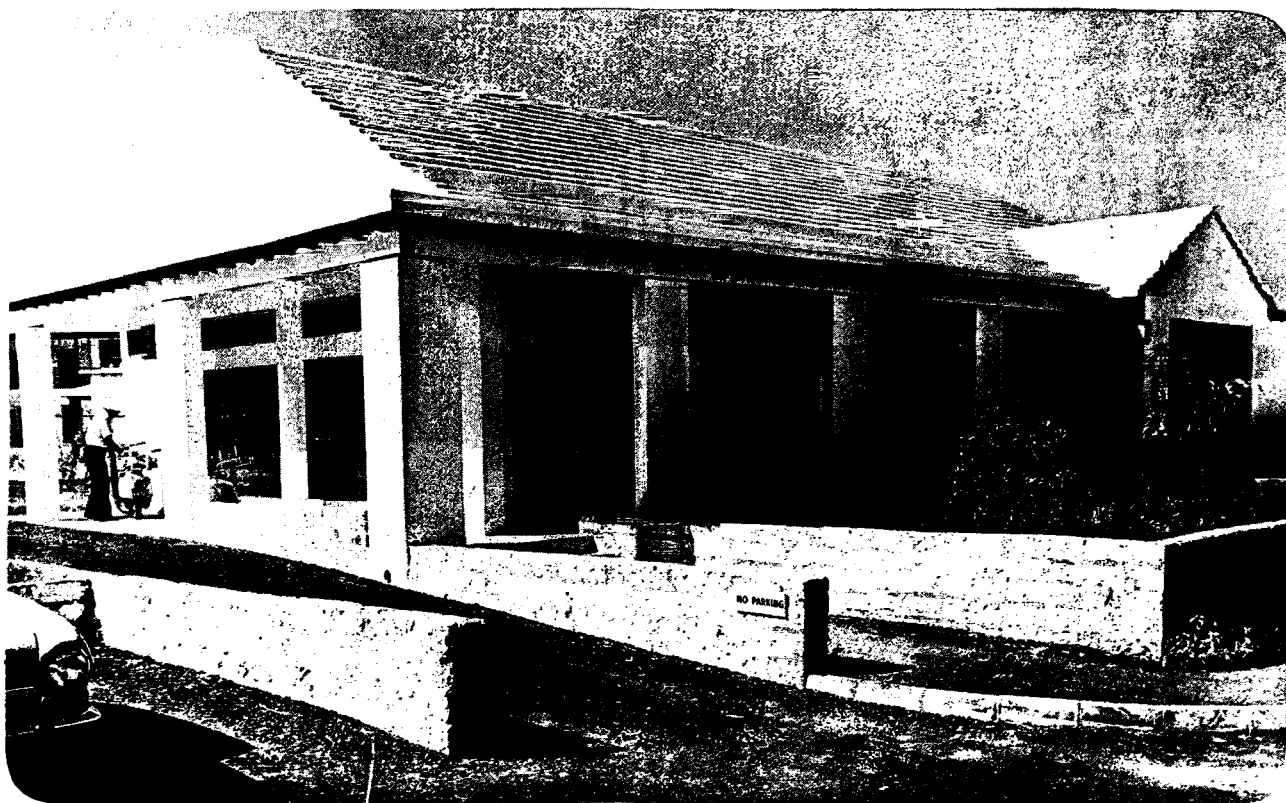
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It has always seemed to us that no philatelist interested in British Caribbean postal history could afford not to become a member of our British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. The obvious advantages of being associated with the many others sharing one's interests, should constitute sufficient incentive to sign up with the BCPSG. Thus we can't quite understand why some who could not fail to benefit from and enjoy BCPSG membership do not join our Group.

One of our U.K. members writes that he doesn't think that we have done enough to publicize the Group in the U.K. If so, we would appreciate suggestions as to anything more it is possible to do in this respect. Our able Public Relations Officer, Chuck Cwiakala, has been successful in having a high percentage of his frequent press releases published in the major British philatelic magazines. Each has had as a final paragraph, a 'plug' for our Group, telling the readers where and how to find out more about the BCPSG.

The same British member comments that he thinks our low membership fees cause some to write us off as second rate without bothering to investigate further. This could be, for many other societies in which we maintain membership do have higher dues, yet provide lesser membership benefits.

Setting the rate of membership dues is no easy matter, for it is difficult to determine how much members are able and willing to pay. If dues are set too high, membership drops and total income decreases. If too low, the activities must be restricted to fit the limited income. There is no doubt that our present dues of \$5 per year, or about £2, are too low. The only question is how high they should be. What is BCPSG membership worth to you? Your comments will be greatly appreciated.

Our Journal received a Gold Medal at SOPLEX-HIPLEX in Lubbock, Texas, in April.

Fred

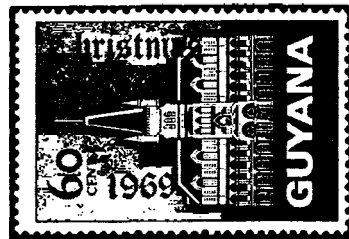
A Guyana Overprint Variety

by Donald M. Winegar

On 17th November 1969, Guyana released a set of four stamps as a Christmas issue. They consisted of two designs, 5¢ and 25¢ depicting "Mother Sally Dance Troupe", and 6¢ and 60¢ showing "City Hall". The four stamps were overprinted in black "Christmas 1969". They had been printed by Waddington's sometime previously, possibly intended for release in the un-overprinted state as two separate sets, "Arts and Culture Week", and "Public Buildings", scheduled for 1969 and 1970, respectively, but which never appeared. The overprinting was done locally by the Guyana Lithographic Company, the same firm that produced the 1967-68 "Independence" local overprints.



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The Scott Catalogue lists this 1969 Christmas set as #'s 102-105, showing no varieties, and by note indicates that they were not issued without the overprint. However, in the Commonwealth QE II Catalogue where they are designated S53 through S56, several varieties of the overprinting are given. The type apparently was hand set, and in positions R2/2, R2/10, and R5/4 for the 5¢ and 25¢, and R4/2 for the 6¢ and 60¢, the first "s" of Christmas is inverted. This is easily spotted, as the type face is "Black Letter" or "Old English", in which the "s" has a thin line joining the top and bottom ends of the letter and extending above the top. With the inverted letter this line, of course, extends downward. Since the second "s" is upright in all cases, we have a built-in standard for comparison.

Commonwealth also shows "Overprint omitted" for the 5¢, 6¢, and 25¢, double overprint for the 5¢, and inverted overprint for the 6¢. No explanation is given for the omitted overprint, and I cannot say if copies reached philatelic hands by accident, fraud, or favor.

In the Stanley Gibbons Elizabethan Catalogue, the stamps are listed as #'s 511-514, with the omitted overprint varieties shown as "a" suffix numbers. The inverted "s" varieties are not listed, but a "broken h" variety of the 60¢ is listed as # 514 V21. The break consists of a bit of the right leg of the "h" of stamp R5/2 missing, as illustrated above.

In examining some copies of these stamps in my collection, I noted that on one of the 6 cents overprints there is a fill at the bottom of the "h" joining the two legs together. I might have dismissed this variety as a non-constant one, had I not found an identical one on a copy of the 60 cents stamp. Since this "joined h" shows up on two different denominations, it appears to me that it must be due to a defect in the overprinting plate. Since the catalogue publishers did not record it, I must assume that it did not show up on all sheets, for it would be hard to miss. All elements of the original "h" appear intact, and the joining of the two legs could be due to something becoming lodged in the type. Perhaps it appeared at the end of the printing run of one denomination, and was corrected only after a number of sheets of the other value had been run off. Having only these two single examples, I can't tell the sheet position. The "joined h" variety is shown above at left, with a normal overprint at right for comparison.

Any reader having copies of this 1969 Christmas set is urged to check his copies to ascertain if he has examples of this "joined h" variety. Reports will be greatly appreciated.

Boer P.O.W. Literature Available

by C. Kilbourne Bump

A very comprehensive and interesting article "The Handling, Censoring and Distribution of Boer Prisoners' Mail: 1901-2" was published in the Winter 1972 issue (Vol. XXIX, No. 4) of the Bermuda Historical Quarterly. It was written by Colin Benbow and Neil Snowden, both members of the Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society, and is profusely illustrated with photographs of covers and post cards bearing censorship and other markings, and with examples of the various markings applied in Bermuda to Boer P.O.W. mail.

As might be expected, the names of several BCPSG members appear in the article, including Morris Ludington, Henry Pattiz, and this writer. While some of the information repeats that found in Ludington's "Bermuda", there is much other data provided, and those interested in Bermuda postal history would do well to obtain a copy of this publication. It may be obtained from the Editor, Mrs. Terry Tucker, P.O. Box 1051, Hamilton, Bermuda, the price being \$1.25 for a single issue, or \$5 for an annual subscription. I am placing a copy in our BCPSG Library, from which it is available for loan to members.

Under the sponsorship of the Bermuda Historical Society, Colin Benbow has written a booklet bearing the title "Boer Prisoners of War in Bermuda" (Occasional Publication No. III of that Society). Also available from Mrs. Tucker, it contains maps and plans of the islands in the Great Sound occupied by the prisoners in 1901-02, as well as prison scene photographs. The price of the booklet is \$1.25.

ROSES WIN BCPSG AWARDS AT YORKSHIRE CONVENTION -- by Thomas Foster

Three BCPSG members received BCPSG Medal awards at the 27th Annual Convention of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association, held in the Victoria Galleries, Kingston upon Hull, on 12th May 1973. A BCPSG Bronze Medal went to Malcolm D. Watts of Wetherby, Yorks. for his Jamaica Postal History entry. BCPSG Pewter Medals were awarded Dr. Geoffrey G. Ritchie of Harrogate, Yorks. for St. Lucia, and to A.P.D. Sutcliffe of Huddersfield, Yorks. for his display of Jamaica Airmails.

All three of these members have been very active in the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, their entries being part of the Roses competitive entries in the Y.P.A. annual competitions. Over 22 societies competed in each class at this convention, the standards for awards being very high.

A FAKED BERMUDA BISECT -- by Col. Lynn D. Wallace

In the April 1970 BCP Journal, James B. Hale in his article entitled "Bermuda 'Cancelled to Order' Stamps" reported having two sets of G VI Coronation issue that were stuck down on a sheet of note paper and cancelled-to-order with Bailey's Bay cds dated May 14, 1937. M.H. Ludington stated that he had not seen this usage, and that it was definitely against regulation. Hale indicated that he would be interested in knowing if any other readers had similar items.

I have one item that might be considered in this class. It consists of a bisect on cover that is cancelled with a CTO Bailey's Bay cds dated 11 April 1959A. The bisect is one half of the 3d map stamp, Scott 149. The cover bears no address, but is backstamped with a Crawl cds of

11 April 1959B. All that would be required to complete the fraud would be the addition of the name and address of some person living in Crawl!

The cover was prepared by a young airman, who said he did it as a joke. He obtained the cooperation of the Postmistresses of both Bailey's Bay and Crawl, without their realizing just what the young man was doing. I believe they were only trying to be accommodating. I was given one of the two covers the airman had, and I kept it as evidence of this fraud. If you are offered any Bermuda 'bisects', view them with a jaundiced eye! My cover is evidence that a fake is not too difficult to produce, and others may be floating around.

Leeward Islands Coils

by William G. Cornell

With reference to George Bowman's query in the April Journal about Leeward Islands stamp rolls, as what we call coils are known in the U.K., I can add a bit of additional information. I have vertical pairs of SG 96, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d blue-green of 1938, and SG 99, the 1d scarlet (Die B) of 1940. These were sold to me as coils, although they are not "coil-join" pairs where strips from the parent sheets are pasted together. That these stamps did exist as coils is indicated by the Crown Agents' records.

Through the kindness of Frank Saunders and Michael Boyle, I recently obtained transcripts of the shipping records covering the period 31 March 1937 (Coronation issue) and 9 December 1943. Included are the following entries relative to Leeward Islands coils:

Requisition 901, 12 stamp rolls of 1d value, each containing 480 stamps (48 sheets; 5,760 stamps), shipped 18 August 1938 (included also are 54 sheets of 120 stamps each of KG V 1d stamps).

Requisition 894/1, 50 stamp rolls each of KG VI $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d values, each containing 480 stamps (200 sheets; 24,000 stamps each), shipped 6 October 1938, along with sheets of all values of KG VI between $\frac{1}{4}$ d and 10s and various items of postal stationery.

Requisition 948/1, 25 stamp rolls of 1d value, each containing 480 stamps (100 sheets; 10,000 stamps), shipped 13 July 1940.

Requisition 976/1, 12 stamp "reels" of $\frac{1}{2}$ d value and 24 stamp "reels" of 1d value, each containing 480 stamps, shipped either on 19 August or 9 December 1943, along with sheets of all KG VI values between $\frac{1}{4}$ d and £1.

Since the initial date of issue of the KG VI definitive stamps was 25 November 1938, and the 1d Die B stamps did not appear until 1940, it is deduced that the stamp rolls recorded above comprise the following stamps: Requisition 901, KG V 1d, SG 83; Requisition 894/1---KG VI $\frac{1}{2}$ d, SG 96, and 1d, (Die A), SG 98; Requisition 948/1---KG VI 1d, SG 98, (Die A) or SG 99, (Die B); Requisition 976/1--KG VI $\frac{1}{2}$ d, SG 98, and 1d, (Die B), SG 99. Thus Leeward Islands coil stamps known to exist are SG 83, 96, 98, and 99. Further probable coils are KG V $\frac{1}{2}$ d, SG 82, and possible coils are $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d values as shipped by the Crown Agents subsequent to 9 December 1943 of KG VI and QE II Leeward Islands definitives.

The May 1973 GEOSIX features St. Kitts-Nevis 1938-50, and Frank Saunders says copies of it and other issues after #66 are available to non-members of the KG6 Collectors Society, at \$1 each. Write Frank at 65 Westbrooke Avenue, Hartlepool, Co. Durham TS25 5HU, England.

Antigua War Tax Variety

by George W. Bowman

Collectors of BWI material are well aware of the great number of catalogued varieties of the WAR TAX stamp overprints for certain islands, particularly Jamaica and St. Vincent. For Antigua, however, the WAR TAX issue is quite regular, and clean to the point that neither Scott nor Gibbons lists any varieties whatsoever. I was fortunate in recently being able to inspect and purchase some large multiple pieces of the 1½d Antigua WAR TAX overprint, and was surprised to see that these blocks, or at least some of them, contain what appears to be an incomplete "S" in the word STAMP. In this "variety", if I may use that word for the time being, a portion of the bottom loop of the "S" is missing.

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The basic stamp issue, as well as the companion pair of ½d green stamps overprinted WAR TAX in either black or red, was produced by De La Rue in sheets of five horizontal rows of twelve subjects. Plate No. 1 (a white numeral in a circular colored background) appears in each corner. Interrupted jubilee lines surround the stamp group, and an arrow-type figure is located in both the top and bottom selvedge between the sixth and seventh stamps.

The stamp with the bad "S" is Number 9 in the fourth row. I have a total of four lower right corner plate blocks of eight of this stamp (SG #54), and the variety shows in three of these blocks in the noted position, i. e., stamp No. 45. The fourth block, strangely, contains the word stamp with a normal "S". The bad "S" does not appear on stamp 45 in sheets of either of the ½d green stamps (SG #'s 52 and 53) that I have been able to examine.

A sketch of the approximate appearance of the "S" as seen under a magnifying glass is shown above. Also illustrated is one of the affected blocks, the stamp in question being the one in the top left position of the block.

Perhaps some reader will be able to verify that this could be considered a constant variety. Is it evidence of a cracked letter or damaged electroplate, later replaced, or showing up in the latter part of the printing run, or would it be possible for under-inking to produce a few identical incomplete impressions of the "S"? Comments from readers having copies of this, or any other abnormal overprint variety of SG #54, would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps it will be possible to establish the character of my broken "S" overprint.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Response to the President's letter in the February Journal has been most gratifying, but before giving you further details, let me acquaint you with an urgent need facing the BCPSEG. Our Editor, Fred Seifert, has requested that a new editor take over his work with the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal at the end of 1973. While Fred will gladly cooperate with the new editor on the first issue of 1974, and will be a frequent contributor to subsequent issues, he has most reluctantly said that he cannot continue beyond that time. Knowing the time that this labor of love requires, I am most sympathetic to Fred's decision, but our existence as a strong and vital philatelic group depends on our locating a member with both the desire and dedication to take over as editor in 1974.

Whoever takes over from Fred will not be expected to copy Fred's style. Rather he will have the same opportunity to exercise his own creativity as Fred did when in 1967 he relieved Al Johnson. The strength of our Group depends upon the communication between members, much of which stems from the Journal. This communication is far more important than the particular style of the editor, and in no way does this statement reflect on Fred's remarkable achievements which have resulted in continuing improvement throughout his tour in this position.

If you think that this work would appeal to you, please hasten to contact me immediately. The transition from Fred to the new editor can be made easy with sufficient time. The position is not without its rewards, and the editor is provided with necessary equipment and materials to do the job, including our superb IBM Executive typewriter.

Correspondence from the February Journal led to Louis E. Zell becoming Group Leader for the Turks and Caicos Islands, to cover the period of issue by these islands under the joint title beginning in 1900. All members with an interest in this colony are asked to forward any data and queries to Louis at 22 Larchmont Road, Binghamton, NY 13903. Other responses to the February Journal are in the process of being firmed up, and details will be forthcoming in future issues.

The BCPSEG Awards Program under the direction of Paul Larsen, who is being assisted by Al Branston, has been bringing the BCPSEG to the attention of a wider and wider audience. Both in the USA and in England, we have made awards available to coming shows. Our medals will be awarded at ROPEX '73 in Rochester, NY, June 22-24, 1973. A combined meeting at the invitation of the "Roses" is planned for September 21-23, 1973 at Leeds, England. BCPSEG medals will be available for this meeting. Let me urge all BCPSEG members to support these shows, particularly by exhibiting. There is also a need for qualified members of the BCPSEG to assist in the judging at those shows which will award the BCPSEG medals to assure that the criteria are met. Please respond favorably if you have the opportunity.

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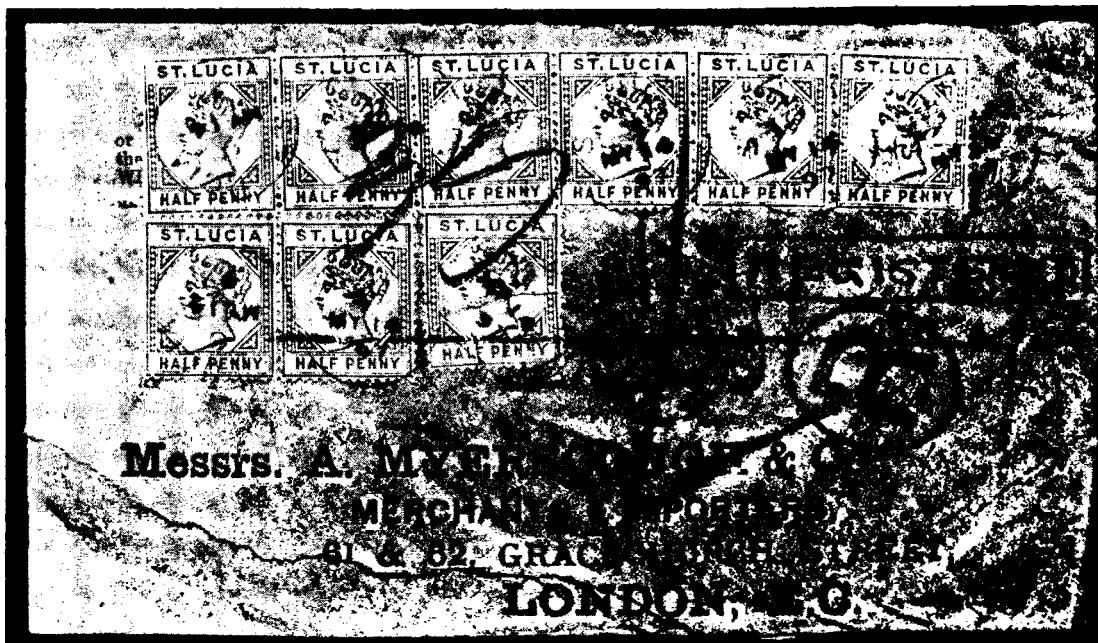
WINSTON G. BROWN RETIRES AS JAMAICA'S PMG----

Winston G. Brown, a good friend of the BCPSEG, retired recently as Postmaster General of Jamaica. Those who attended our Jamaica meeting in November 1967, will remember that he allowed us access to the inner-workings of the G.P.O., and provided a TRD for the event. He also addressed our meeting at the Institute of Jamaica. Mr. Brown is succeeded as PMG by R.I. Knight, who is now the acting Postmaster General, but is expected to be confirmed in that office when the powers that be get around to it, according to Lloyd Brandon.

The 21mm St. Lucia "C" Code

by Dr. Geoffrey G. Ritchie

The mystery of the "C" coded date stamps of St. Lucia was mentioned in the April 1972 BCP Journal (page 52), namely, from what office did the 21 mm "C" code marks originate? This mark was first recorded by Robert J. Devaux in the May 1965 issue of this Journal, but as it appears to be comparatively rare and hitherto known only on loose stamps, there is yet no conclusive proof for the theory that it was used at Choiseul, or Canaries, or both. The latest date quoted for this mark was 15 JA 04, but the writer now has a very clean strike of 6 OC 14 on a KG V $\frac{1}{2}$ d value. This is many years later than the latest known date of the Castries 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm "C" mark (11 NO 98), and Jaffé (Stamp Collecting, 13 July 1951) stated that the Castries date stamp which succeeded it, still with "C" but with the name now in full at the top and St. Lucia at the bottom was dispatched from London on 15 February 1899.



This is in accord with the LDK for the 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm "C" mark of 11 NO 98, and with the writer's earliest strike (11 AP 00) of the new mark with the full name. Now, Jaffé also states that the Canaries date stamps in this new type were dispatched from London on 15 August 1906 and 29 September 1909, but he makes no mention of any similar Choiseul mark. The earliest date I know for this Choiseul stamp (but with an asterisk, not a C) is 20 NO 15. The finding of the date 6 OC 14 mentioned above for a 21 mm "C" code ST. LUCIA stamp is therefore consistent with it being from Choiseul, but not from Canaries or Castries!

Since publication of our April 1972 article, a member has written that he has several covers bearing strikes of the 21 mm "C" code mark, but details are not yet available. Recently, I obtained my first such cover, illustrated above. The strikes are dated 14 MY 97, but as the place of origin is not shown on the envelope, no solution is provided as to where the postmark was applied. However, used on the reverse as a transit mark is the normal 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm "C" code cds of Castries of the same date, and the difference between the impressions of these marks leaves no doubt that they were struck at different offices. The blue lines for registration and the blue figures over the stamps would have been added in London. The British Post Office has long had the reputation of spoiling stamps from abroad with blue pencil markings, and it is only comparatively recently that the regulations for registered letters have ceased to demand the crossed blue lines.

Perhaps a word on the "Myerscough" covers may be of interest. A considerable amount of correspondence addressed to this firm of merchants came on the market about three years ago. A large portion of this "find" was from the smaller British Colonies in Africa, as well as in the West Indies, but what was unusual was the large number of letters that were franked with multiples of $\frac{1}{2}$ d values. This was due to a request printed on the brown-paper envelopes provided for the customer's reply. Normally covered by the stamps, in this case a bit of the wording can be seen to the left of the adhesives, and it reads as follows:

THE HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR USED STAMPS OF ALL KINDS SEE PRICE LIST/EVERY DESCRIPTION OF GOODS SUPPLIED ILLUSTRATED PRICED CATALOGUES POST FREE ON APPLICATION/Kindly put (for postage) on your letters and parcels HALFPENNY Stamps ONLY or provisionals, /or receipt stamps that may be used for postal purposes. The stamps can if necessary be put on/the back of this envelope as well as the front. PLEASE COVER THIS PRINTED MATTER/WITH STAMPS. All stamps on letters and packets will be paid for at the same rates as others./ESTABLISHED NEARLY TWENTY YEARS.

Evidently A. Myerscough & Co. preferred quantity of stamps to quality, presumably for the packet trade, but luckily they never got around to using them all, and from this source have come covers which otherwise would be rarities, if they existed at all. I have, for example, a cover of 12 October 1897 from Soufriere with a block of 12 and a pair of halfpenny stamps to pay the 7d double-weight registered rate to London.

Finally, the LDK for the M (Micoud) code stamp must be later than the 1911 given in our 1972 article, as the writer now has it on a KG V halfpenny. Unfortunately the only part of the date visible is JY 1, but the year could be no earlier than 1912. Guy Kilburn provides an LDK for the VF (Vieux Fort) code, with a clear 25 SP 12 strike on a post card.

WAR COVER CLUB PUBLISHES NEW A. P. O. GUIDE---

The War Cover Club has announced the publication of the Third Edition-1973 of its "Locations and Assignments, U.S. Army Post Offices, World War II and Later". It is a book that will be a most useful addition to your philatelic library, if you have any interest whatsoever in the mail emanating from A. P. O.'s, many of which operated in British Caribbean countries.

The book was compiled by the late Kevin P. Rogan and Thomas F. McGrath. Those who were at our NOJEX meeting several years ago will remember meeting Kevin whose bright Irish personality and friendly manner impressed all who came into contact with him. The book has been dedicated to Kevin, who unfortunately did not live to see it completed.

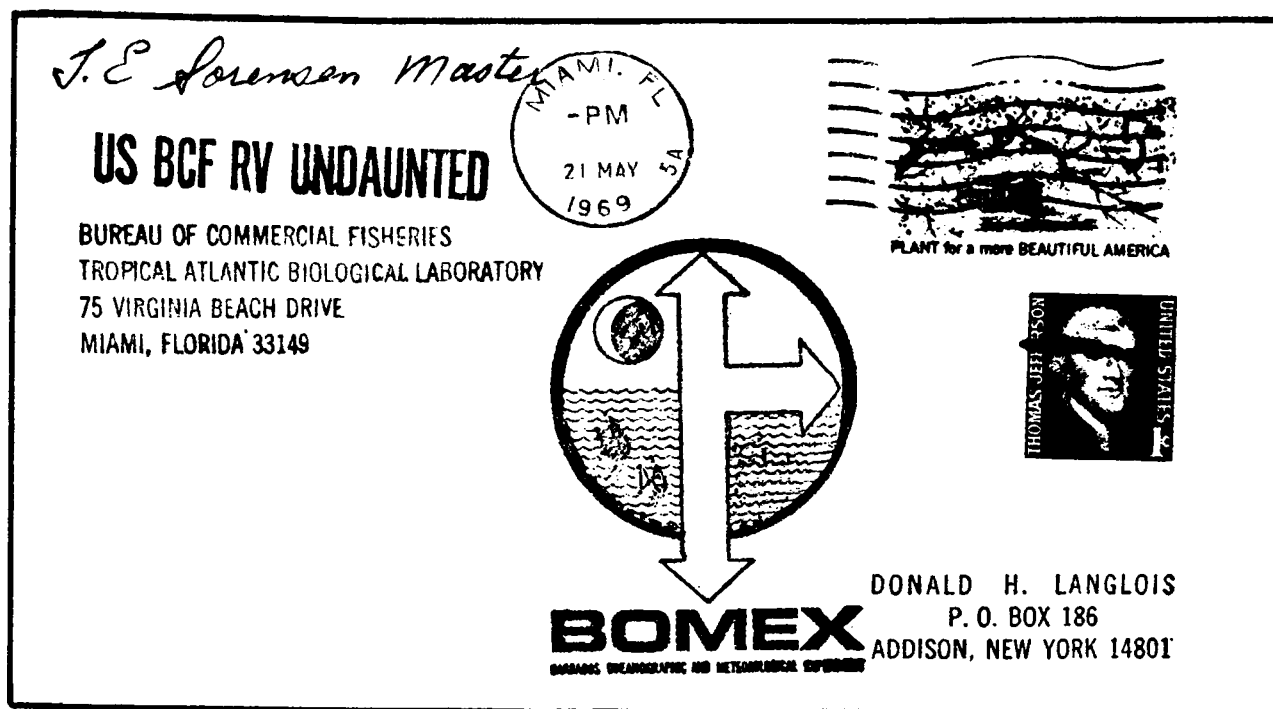
For each A. P. O., dates of establishment and closing at all of the locations from which it operated are shown. Special features that facilitate use of the book and add to its usefulness are a flow chart of mail from overseas and a page of explanatory notes which are invaluable in helping the postal historian untangle the confusing story of A. P. O. mail transmission.

It is clearly printed in $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" size, and its 102 pages contain enough information both to encourage the novice and satisfy the expert. The price is \$5.00 to non-members of the War Cover Club, while members of that club are offered a special price of \$4.00. Copies can be obtained from our fellow-BCPSGer, Lincoln E. Kieffer, P.O. Box 352, Montvale, NJ 07645. Lincoln is Secretary-Treasurer of the War Cover Club, and he may be contacted for further information regarding that club.

BOMEX

by Reuben A. Ramkissoon, M.D.

BOMEX is an acronym, standing for Barbados Oceanographic & Meteorological Experiment, a three-month-long, massive oceanographic project, which took place in the tropical Atlantic in 1969. The project officially started on May 3, 1969, and it utilized the services of about 1,500 people, 13 ships, various aircraft, buoys, and satellites. Its purpose was to study the links between sea and air, and it was a cooperative effort of the U.S. and Barbados. BOMEX was part of a much larger program called GARP (Global Atmospheric Research Program), a cooperative effort of 12 nations in a World Weather Watch. Only 10% of the earth's surface has adequate weather observing stations. Focal point of BOMEX was a 90,000 square mile area of the tropical Atlantic, east of Barbados.



Ships taking part in BOMEX were: SS ADVANCE II, USCGC COURAGEOUS (WMEC-6220), USC&GSS DISCOVERER (OSS-02), R/P FLIP, USS SALISH (ATA-187), USC&GSS RAINIER, USNS GILLISS (T-AGOR-4), USCGC LAUREL (WAGL-291), USC&GSS MT. MITCHELL (MSS-22), USNS LYNCH (T-AGOR-7), USC&GSS OCEANOGRAPHER (OSS-01), R/V UNDAUNTED, and USCGC ROCKAWAY (WHEC-377) & (WAGO-377). In addition to the above ships, the USS KALMIA took part to a point, towing the R/P FLIP from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in California to the Pacific side of the Panama Canal. Covers exist documenting this trip. The USS SALISH towed R/P FLIP through the Canal and to the Barbados work site where she was on station from May 2nd through early June.

The FLIP is well named, for by flooding internal tanks a portion of its hull can be flipped 90 degrees to a vertical position, thus providing an underwater observatory. It is operated by a unit of the University of California, the Marine Physical Laboratory, at San Diego.

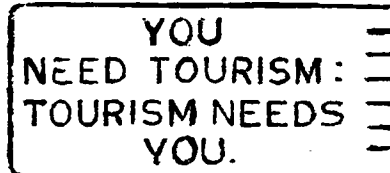
Each of the ships serviced covers with a specially designed BOMEX cachet, one such cover being shown above. Interested collectors may find it of value to contact Mrs. Irene Faser, 4004 Bay-to-Bay Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609, the Editor of "One Half Fathom", a monthly paper devoted to all aspects of oceanographic philately.

Eagle Hall's Cancelling Machine

by Frank L. Gibbons

At sometime in 1971, an electrical cancelling machine was installed at Eagle Hall's new Post Office. In trying to track down the exact date, I ran into a dead end, but did come up with a bit of interesting information.

This machine apparently was a second hand one, handed down from the G. P. O. No record of



the date on which it was installed was kept, but Mrs. Newton who was Post Mistress at that time, as well as the senior postmen who are responsible for cancellations, recall that it would not work satisfactorily so

was sent to the Emtage Electrical Company for repairs. It can be established that it was returned in satisfactory condition in May of 1971. There is some uncertainty as to the earliest date of its use, but Mrs. Newton thinks it may have been May 15th 1971. In any event, we do know for sure that the month, May, and year, 1971, are correct.

KANSAS CITY CLUB TO STAGE SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION---

An appeal for a few British Caribbean entries in MIDAPHIL '73 has been made by our BCPSG member, Paul Oesterly, who is Exhibition Committee Chairman of that show. This affair is sponsored by the Collectors Club of Kansas City, which staged its first show last year. It is being held at the Ramada Townhouse Hotel, Kansas City, Kansas, the dates being September 7th to 9th, 1973. Paul points out that while entries in the 1972 show were of high quality, no British Caribbean countries were included. He would like to show visitors to their 1973 show just how interesting it is to collect British Caribbean material.

For the Prospectus and Entry Form, write to Paul at 400 West 61st Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113, BCPSG Medals and Certificates are being made available for MIDAPHIL '73, a good opportunity thus provided for you to win one of our highly prized BCPSG Awards.

COLIN BAYLEY WINS HIS SECOND BCPSG MEDAL---

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The May 1973 issue of the "American Philatelist" features an illustration of a Jamaica cover on its front cover. The illustration is in connection with an article "Jamaica Aeroplane Fund Labels: 1915-16" by George A. Blizil, which appears in that issue.

THE POSTMARKS OF GRENADA

by John A. Cronin & W. Danforth Walker

Chapter IV, Section III (continued)

BYELANDS Opened 1 JY 1960.

C.23 EKD 28 SP 58 LKD X

CALLISTE Opened 1970.

C.22 EKD 16 NO 70 LKD X

CHANTIMELLE Opened 1 MR 1957.

C.20 EKD 1 SE 58 LKD X

(The "I" in B.W.I. is serified).

CONCORD Opened 1 OC 1890.

C.5 EKD ? OC 90 LKD 8 OC 45

(Generally in blue before 1900).

C.22 EKD 21 AU 47 LKD X

CORINTH Opened 15 JY 1944.

C.12 Use reported but not seen.

C.17 EKD 13 NO 45 LKD X

C.21 Only seen once dated 18 AU 59.

CROCHU Opened 3 JA 1903. (Type C.5 sent out from London 15 NO 1902).

C.5 EKD 12 DE 03 LKD 10 DE 15

(Without index letter).

C.5 EKD 14 JY 20 LKD 21 AU 47

(With index letter "C").

C.16 EKD 8 MY 51 LKD X

(Year slugs missing for most of 1960's).

DOVER Opened 12 MY 1937; Closed 1 AU 1946, its postmark being transferred to Belvidere and used there until a Belvidere postmark became available.

C.8 EKD 21 OC 37 LKD 26 JY 48

DUNFERMLINE Opened 1 SP 1927.

C.7 EKD 7 DE 27 LKD 21 AU 47

C.21 EKD 18 JY 61 LKD X

DUQUESNE Opened 1 NO 1969.

C.22 EKD 29 JU 70

FLORIDA Opened 1 MR 1957. Apparently closed, although no official notice has been seen.

C.20 EKD 4 NO 61 LKD 11 NO 65

(Struck in blue 29 SP 64. The "T" in B.W.I. has serifs).

FONTENOY Opened 1970.

C.22 EKD 15 JU 70 LKD X

GRAND ANSE Opened 1 NO 1948.

C.11 EKD 28 DE 51 LKD 4 MY 62

C.21 EKD 4 SP 63 LKD X

GRAND ROY Opened 2 AP 1900. (Type C.4 sent out from London 23 MY 1903).

C.4 EKD 18 AP 00 LKD 27 DE 46

C.22 EKD 12 DE 37 LKD X

The C.22 postmark of Grand Roy is found with the asterisk omitted at times in the 1940's.

HAPPY HILL Opened 1 JA 1925.

C.7 EKD 9 JA 27 LKD 21 AU 47

C.21 EKD 18 JY 61 LKD X
(Exists with 'T' in B.W.I. in both forms).

HERMITAGE Opened 17 AU 1903. (Type C.4 sent out from London 23 MY 1903).

C.4 EKD 9 SP 03 LKD 26 OC 12
(22½ mm diameter).

C.16 EKD 20 AU 52 LKD 10 AU 64
(Year slugs missing for period 1958-1961).

C.12 EKD 12 JY 28 LKD 22 AU 47

C.21 EKD 10 AU 64 LKD X

HOPE Opened 2 FE 1914.

C.12 EKD 30 OC 23 LKD 21 AU 47

C.21 EKD 18 JY 61 LKD X

C.16 EKD 9 NO 55 LKD ?

LA DIGUE Opened 1 JA 1946.

C.5 EKD 21 AU 46 LKD ?

C.21 EKD 26 OC 61 LKD X

C.8 EKD 27 MR 47 LKD 18 JY 61

LA TASTE Opened 1946.

C.20 EKD 21 AU 47 LKD X

(The 'T' in B.W.I. is serified).

L'ESTERRE Opened 1 NO 1968.

C.24 EKD 16 JU 69 LKD X

MT. MORITZ Opened c. 1957.

C.22 EKD 29 MY 62 LKD X

MT. PLEASANT Opened c. 1945.

C.19 EKD 4 AP 55 LKD X

MT. ROSE Opened c. 1945.

C.21 At the time this is written, only one example of a postmark from this office has been brought to the notice of the authors. This was a C.21 strike dated 13 NO 45.

MORNE FENDUE Opened 1959.

C.22 EKD 3 FE 59 LKD X

MORNE JALOUX Opened 24 MY 1946.

C.13 EKD 21 AU 47 LKD 8 SP 64

C.21 EKD 29 MY 62 LKD X

MUNICH Opened 1 MR 57.

C.20 EKD 2 MY 62 LKD X

(The 'T' in B.W.I. has serifs).

NEW HAMPSHIRE Opened 1 JY 1960.

C.23 EKD ? AP 61 LKD X

PARACLETE Opened 1 MR 1957.

C.20 EKD 22 MR 57 LKD X

PETIT MARTINIQUE Opened 1 JY 1905. (C.6 sent out 13 FE 1907).

C.6 EKD 31 MY 26 LKD 25 AU 47 C.21 EKD 27 NO 53 LKD X

PIEDMONTAGNES(1) - PERDMONTEMPS(2). Opened in 1915 as a postal station. Area was served in earlier years by St. David's (G) Post Office. See Chapter V for details.

C.12 EKD 30 ?? 23 LKD 25 FE 29 (1) C.21 EKD 7 NO 70 LKD X (2)
C.9 EKD 19 AU 59 LKD ? AU 70 (1)

PLAISANCE Opened 1971.

C.22 EKD 16 SP 71 LKD X

POMME ROSE Opened 6 AP 1971.

C.22 EKD 7 MY 71 LKD X

POST ROYAL Opened 1 DE 1962.

C.22 EKD 27 DE 62 LKD X

RIVER ROAD Opened 1969.

C.22 EKD 21 DE 70 LKD X

ST. GEORGE'S Opened c. 1889. Closed c. 1945.

C.5 EKD 7 MR 89 LKD 19 FE 07 C.15 EKD 12 MY 37 LKD 18 JY 42
(Early strikes have index "C" and are in blue). C.18 EKD 6 MY 38 LKD 11 SP 45
C.3 EKD 12 SP 95 LKD 29 SP 09
(Sent out from London 9 MY 95).

ST. PAUL'S Opened 2 OC 1899. See Chapter V.

C.6 EKD 19 OC 07 LKD ? C.7 EKD 22 SP 26 LKD 16 FE 52
(Sent out from London 22 FE 07). C.21 EKD 23 AU 58 LKD X

SNUG CORNER Opened 1893.

C.4 EKD 14 SP 94 LKD 7 DE 28 C.21 EKD 8 MR 63 LKD X
(Sent out from London 4 NO 93). (Reads SUNG CORNER).
C.7 EKD 19 SP 32 LKD 18 JY 61 C.22 EKD 14 MR 68 LKD X
(Exists without asterisk). (Reads SNUG CORNER).

SPRINGS Opened 1968.

C.22 EKD 11 DE 68 LKD X

TEMPE Opened 1 MR 1957.

C.20 EKD 15 NO 62 LKD X
(The "T" in B.W.I. has serifs).

TIVOLI Opened c. 1959.

C.22 EKD 20 AU 59 LKD X

UNION Opened 1 NO 1917.

C.14 EKD 11 ?? 18 LKD X

VENDOME Opened late 1970?

C.22 EKD 11 MR 71 LKD X

VINCENNES Opened 1 MR 1957.

C.20 EKD 18 AU 59 LKD X
(The "T" in B.W.I. has serifs).

WINDWARD Opened 1 NO 1968.

C.24 EKD 1 NO 68 LKD X

WOBURN Opened 15 MY 1916.

C.12 EKD 7 OC 18 LKD 18 JY 61 C.21 EKD 6 JU 64 LKD X

CHAPTER V
THE RARE "G" POSTMARK OF GRENADA

From the limited number of Grenada covers available of the period of Grenada's First Inland Post, October 1, 1861 to December 31, 1862, it has generally been established that the double circle "G", type P.O.1, postmark was occasionally used at the GPO, St. George's, as a date stamp during that period. When the First Inland Post was abolished on December 31, 1862, this postmark was withdrawn from use, as were the other double circle alphabet postmarks (types C.1 "A" to "F").

It had been assumed by most collectors that when Grenada established its Second Inland Post on October 1, 1872, the double circle "G", type P.O.1, was returned to use at the GPO in St. George's. Since this "G" postmark is not recorded as a datestamp after the First Inland Post and is one of the rarest Grenada postmarks, there was little evidence to back up that belief. Peter Jaffé, in the February 27, 1953 issue of "Stamp Collecting", presented the theory that this postmark was not reissued to the GPO in 1872, but in fact the double circle "G" was used at a second post office established in the sparsely populated parish of St. David. Jaffé argued that in addition to the double circle "E" being assigned to the chief St. David Parish town of St. David's, the small St. David Parish village of Perdmontemps was given the double circle "G" postmark.

The authors were not able to discover any further research on this subject subsequent to that of Jaffé in 1953. However, while working at the British Museum Newspaper Library late in 1972, we uncovered evidence which fully supports Jaffé's theory. A Post Office Notice dated October 26, 1872 announced that an additional Inland Post Office would be set up in the Parish of St. David as from November 1, 1872, at the premises of Mr. Samuel St. Bernard, who was also appointed District Post Master. All subsequent postal notices concerning St. David Parish referred to either St. David's (E) or St. David's (G) post offices. Thus the question of the allocation of the rare double circle "G" postmark during the Second Inland Post was settled.

Pinning down the actual location of the St. David's (G) post office has required a bit of further research. In Peter Jaffé's February 27, 1953 article is the following quote: "On March 29th 1886, J. Griffith, the Colonial Postmaster, announced the removal of District Post Office 'G' (St. David's) from Perdmontemps to Park River Road on the boundry between St. David and St. George Parishes". From this quote we can conclude that the premises of Samuel St. Bernard were located in the small village of Perdmontemps when the St. David's (G) post office was opened on November 1, 1872. St. Bernard was still listed as District Postmaster in 1896 and 1897, so it appears that the change in location of the St. David's (G) post office on March 29, 1886 was due to a change of residence on his part. A fortunate contact with several present-day residents of Grenada, has enabled the authors to discover the precise spot to which this office was moved in 1886.

With the active help of the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of the West Indies, St. George's, the authors were put in touch with Miss Ivy St. Bernard of Perdmontemps. She had a vague recollection of the name Samuel St. Bernard, although she could not confirm just which member of the family he might have been. However, in talking to her next-door neighbor, Miss Sarah Robertson, who happens to be one of the oldest members of the village, she came up with the required information. Quoting from Miss St. Bernard's letter: "While Miss Sarah Robertson, an old lady who has lived all her life within a few hundred yards of the place where Samuel St. Bernard resided, does not remember when the house was destroyed, she has shown me the spot where the house in which he lived, kept a shop and ran the post office was. This place is approximately 40 ft from Park Bridge, on the St. Paul's, St. George's side (not on the Perdmontemps side). The Park Bridge is regarded as the boundary between St. Paul's and Perdmontemps."

Sometime between 1897 and 1899, Mr. St. Bernard was replaced as the Postmaster by a Miss Hiloria Catto. The exact location at which Miss Catto operated is unknown, but is believed to have been on the Perdmontemps side of the boundary between St. David and St. George. The 1899 Post Office Annual Report informs us that "...Miss Catto, the District Postmistress at Perdmontemps, was dismissed, and the Post Office removed from her premises there to the shop of Mr. Jonathan Ellis, near the entrance to Montpelier and the Morne Delice Road, in St. Paul's, with Mr. Ellis as District Postmaster". This transfer took place on October 2nd 1899, and the new post office is always referred to as the St. Paul's post office located in the Parish of St. George's. Since a postmark with the village name of St. Paul's was not sent out from London until February 13, 1907, it can be assumed that the single circle "G" postmark, type C.1 (G), was transferred from the closed Perdmontemps post office to the new office at St. Paul's, and that this postmark remained in use until the spring of 1907. Since St. Paul's was also a small village, this second "G" postmark doubtlessly saw little use there.

The two "G" postmarks were always located in a post office handling small amounts of mail, thus the rarity of both marks. Even when the double circle "G" was in use at the G.P.O., it was employed as a datestamp, with the P.O.2 obliterator cancelling the stamps.

THE "G" POSTMARK



P.O.1



C.1 (G)

G.P.O. ST. GEORGE'S Used as a datestamp.

P.O.1 EKD ? LKD ? In use 1 OC 1861 to 31 DE 1862

PERDMONTEMPS, ST. DAVID'S Used to cancel stamps.

P.O.1 EKD ? LKD ? In use 1 NO 1872 to c. 1886

C.1 (G) EKD 9 JA 1891 LKD ? AP 1897 In use c. 1886 to 2 OC 1899

ST. PAUL'S, ST. GEORGE'S Used to cancel stamps.

C.1 (G) EKD ? JU 1902 LKD ? ? ? 1906 In use 2 OC 1899 to 1907

As indicated in the previous chapter, Perdmontemps (or Piedmontagnes) ultimately obtained a postal facility in its own right when a postal station was opened there in 1915.

More about Trinidad Meters

by Fred F. Seifert

Response to our appeal for more information on Trinidad Postage Meters, voiced in the BCP Journal of October 1972, pages 147-152, was far greater than anticipated. Many gaps in the lists have been filled, and much other interesting information on meters has been provided.

René Léotaud, who can speak with authority on just about anything connected with Trinidad & Tobago philately, overwhelmed us with data on meters. He managed to locate an amendment to the Post Office Ordinance which first authorised use of "postal franking machines" in 1931, many years earlier than we had thought they came into use in Trinidad. He also reported the actual use of meters in 1932, with two examples of N 3. The earliest of these bears the date 30 VIII 32, and one shows the value as $\frac{1}{2}$ d, the other as 1d. An N 4 strike for 28 III 38 shows the postage as 1c, and René believes that this switch to cents came in 1935, since the change to decimal currency on stamps came in that year. However, there may have been no retrofitting of meters already in use, at least until some later date, as René has a strike of N 1 of 2 X 38 showing the value as 1d.

The 1931 amendment authorising the use of meters, mentioned above, reads as follows:

The following section shall be inserted as Section 13A of the Principal Ordinance:

(1) The Postmaster-General may grant licences to use postal franking machines in the Colony on such terms and conditions (including the payment of fees) as may be set in the licence.

(2) The Postmaster-General may cancel a licence granted under this section if any of the terms and conditions thereof or if any regulation made under this Ordinance in relation to postal franking machines is contravened.

(3) Any person using a postal franking machine without having a licence in force therefor shall be guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction before a Magistrate shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100 and in case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of £20 for each day during which the offence continues.

Passed in Council this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord 1931.

J. W. Day
Clerk of the Council

A non-member of our Group, Mrs. Maria de Freitas of Trinidad, saw our meter article at the Trinidad Philatelic Society, and sent us data on the 70 or so meters in her collection, a number of items being new to us. Brian Renshaw also confesses to being interested in this not too popular area of T & T philately, and provided a two-page list of his holdings.

Bill Matthews, who is employed at Texaco Trinidad Inc., Pointe-a-Pierre, wrote to explain how mail from there is handled. It seems that the Pointe-a-Pierre Post Office was located just inside the Texaco Camp, and it was closed when the Marabella P.O., just outside of the Camp and towards San Fernando opened about ten years ago. Two meters are used at Texaco Pointe-a-Pierre, U 77 (Pointe-a-Pierre) in the Shipping Office, and U 64 (San Fernando) in the Administrative Building.

According to Bill, Texaco mail is delivered and dispatched by special mail bag on the Port of Spain - San Fernando Mail Van, which in effect makes the Texaco office a private P.O. Bill

also notes that the Forest Reserve P.O. is located inside Texaco's Forest Reserve Field, so is not available to the general public. This is also true of the Abyssinia P.O., located inside Texaco's Guayaguayare Field.

Useful information also came from Reg Lant, Ben Ramkisson, Jim Chalmers, John Cronin, and Paul Bondor. All of this new data has been put together to prepare supplementary lists of Trinidad & Tobago postage meters, which follow.

N TYPE METERS

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| N 1. EKD 30 VIII 32 | N 4. EKD 28 III 38 | N 6. EKD 20 XII 52 |
| N 7. EKD 15 VI 38 | N 10. EKD 25 II 53 | N 12. EKD 29 XII 52 |
| N 13. EKD 14 IV 59 | N 16. EKD 26 IV 56 | N 17. EKD 3 IX 53 |
| N 18. EKD 29 X 53 | | |
| N 20. T. Geddes Grant Ltd., Port of Spain (4 VIII 56) | | |
| N 21. Central Water Distribution Authority, Port of Spain (28 IV 60) | | |
| N 31. National Employers' Insurance Assn. Ltd., Port of Spain (9 III 59) | | |

All reported N marks of Port of Spain have the cds with Port of Spain at the top and Trinidad at the bottom, except N 4. It has Port of Spain, Trinidad at top and an arc at the bottom. It was possible with the N machines to print several side by side stamp impressions, with only one cds at the left. This was necessary when the postage exceeded the amount that could be franked with a single impression.

RN TYPE METERS

- RN 23. EKD 6 XI 59; LKD (Grell) 28 V 71;
- RN 24. Trinidad Publishing Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (28 III 61) Slogan; (22 VIII 71) Slogan
- RN 26. Trinidad Turf Club, Port of Spain (19 II 58) (20 VIII 70)
- RN 27. Confederation Life Association, Port of Spain (23 III 59) (23 II 70) Slogan
- RN 28. EKD 31 VII 58
- RN 30. Trinidad & Tobago Electricity Commission, Port of Spain (4 VI 60) (6 IV 61) Slogan
- RN 32. Nestle's Products (Trinidad) Ltd., Port of Spain (1 VI 62)
- RN 36. (unknown) Port of Spain (16 VIII 72)
- RN 37. L.J. Williams Marketing Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (10 VII 63) Slogan
- RN 41. EKD 17 IV 64; LKD 5 XI 69;
- RN 45. B.G. & Trinidad Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (- VI 64)
- RN 50. T. Geddes Grant (Trinidad) Ltd., Port of Spain (31 V 68) (26 XI 70)
- RN 51. EKD 20 XII 63; LKD 16 VIII 72;
- RN 54. Agostini Brothers (Insurance) Ltd., Port of Spain (14 III 60) Slogan; (25 X 71)
- RN 56. EKD 28 VIII 63; LKD 2 III 73;
- RN 57. Trinidad Building & Loan Association, Port of Spain (7 IV 60) Slogan
- RN 62. Sprostons (T'dad) Ltd., Port of Spain (21 X 71) Slogan (1 VIII 72)
- RN 65. British School of Careers Ltd., Port of Spain (23 VII 71)
- RN 66. N.E.M. (West Indies) Insurance Ltd., Port of Spain (23 VII 60)
- RN 67. Standard Motor Supplies Ltd., Port of Spain (8 IX 65)
- RN 68. Fitzwilliam, Stone & Alcazar, Port of Spain (27 IX 61)
- RN 70. Trinidad Publishing Company Ltd., Port of Spain (25 V 72) (30 VII 72) Slogan
- RN 71. EKD 12 VI 64
- RN 72. Standard Distributors Ltd., Port of Spain (5 V 64) (22 IX 70) Slogan
- RN 76. Wm. H. Scott & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (18 XII 62) (22 II 73) Slogan
- RN 78. EKD 26 III 63

- RN 79. U. S. Information Service, Port of Spain (27 IX 67)
- RN 80. (unknown), Port of Spain (17 VII 67) (3 VIII 71)
- RN 82. The Metal Box Co. of Trinidad Ltd., Port of Spain (10 XI 67) (4 VIII 72) Slogan
- RN 83. Trinidad & Tobago Television Service, Port of Spain (11 VI 71) (14 VIII 72)
- RN 88. M. Hamel-Smith & Co., Port of Spain (11 VIII 64) (13 VI 70)
- RN 90. (unknown), Port of Spain (8 VII 69)
- RN 92. Chas. McEneaney & Co., Port of Spain (20 VIII 69) (17 VI 71)
also McEneaney Business Machines Ltd., Port of Spain (9 VI 71) (24 VII 72)
- RN 95. Pan American World Airways, Port of Spain (7 V 71) Slogan
- RN 96. Trinidad Ropewalks Ltd., Port of Spain (23 III 71)
also Trinidad Shipping Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (16 VI 71)
- RN 97. North American Life Assurance Co., Port of Spain (13 VII 70)
- RN 99. Guyana & Trinidad Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (6 III 71) (3 III 72)
also Trinidad Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (22 III 71)
- RN 100. National Life of Canada, Port of Spain (13 VII 71) (21 XII 71)
also United Security Group of Co's., Port of Spain (4 IV 72)
- RN 101. T. Geddes Grant (Trinidad) Ltd., Port of Spain (14 VII 72)
- RN 102. Trinidad & Tobago Insurance Ltd., Port of Spain (29 X 71)
- RN 103. Pannell, Fitzpatrick & Co., Port of Spain (15 IV 71) (15 VIII 72)
- RN 105. (unknown), Port of Spain (4 VIII 72) (22 II 73)
- RN 107. West Indian National Insurance Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (29 II 72) (30 III 72)
- RN 108. British High Commission, Port of Spain (16 VI 72)
- RN 110. (unknown), Port of Spain (3 VII 72)
- RN 111. (unknown), Port of Spain (23 II 73)
- RN 112. (unknown), Port of Spain (20 II 73)

Since the RN meters came into use about 1958, none of them should have the G VI cypher.

NE TYPE METERS

- NE 1. American Life Insurance Co., Port of Spain (19 10 64)
- NE 2. Royal Bank of Canada (Park St.), Port of Spain (9 10 65) Slogan
- NE 3. Co-operative Citrus Growers Assn., Port of Spain (1 4 69) (26 8 71)
- NE 4. EKD 25 7 67
- NE 5. Industrial Agencies Ltd., San Fernando (18 3 69)
- NE 6. LKD 23 2 73
- NE 7. Geo. Wimpey (Caribbean) Ltd., Couva (San Fernando cds) (6 7 70) (30 3 71)
- NE 10. Advertisers' Association of T & T, Port of Spain (8 8 69) (8 12 70)
- NE 13. EKD 5 2 69
- NE 14. Royal Insurance Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (25 8 69) (27 2 70)
- NE 16. United Nations Info. Centre for the Caribbean Area, Port of Spain (16 8 66) (19 5 71)
- NE 18. Barclays Bank (Trustee Dept), Port of Spain (9 11 72)
- NE 20. T & T Federation of Chambers of Industry & Commerce, Port of Spain (27 II 60)
also Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Inc., Port of Spain (11 VI 69) (3 VIII 72)
- NE 22. Fitzwilliam, Stone & Alcazar, Port of Spain (26 1 68)
- NE 23. University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (U.W.I. cds) (24 I 73) (9 III 73)
- NE 24. (unknown), Port of Spain (13 VIII 72)
- NE 25. Sissons Paints, Port of Spain (15 VIII 70) (27 VII 71) Slogan
- NE 28. N.E.M. (West Indies) Insurance Ltd., Port of Spain (26 V 70) (3 VIII 72)
- NE 30. Royal Bank Trust Co. (T'dad) Ltd., Port of Spain (7 VIII 70)
- NE 32. General Motors Acceptance Corp. (U.K.) Ltd., Port of Spain (14 IX 70)
- NE 33. Standard Distributors Ltd., Port of Spain (19 XI 71)

- NE 35. (unknown), Port of Spain (22 X 71)
- NE 39. Co-operative Citrus Growers Association, Port of Spain (22 I 72) (17 VI 72)
- NE 41. Barclays Bank, 40 Frederick St., Port of Spain (31 I 73)

René Léotaud has seen one of the NE machines and confirms that they are Neopost machines, Model 205, the agents being T. Geddes Grant Ltd.

U TYPE MACHINES

René disagrees with some of Aguilar's listing of the Universal Type meters, as follows:

- U 1. Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd., Port of Spain (25 IX 41)
- U 5. Esso Standard Oil, Port of Spain (27 II 58)
- U 7. Charles McEneaney & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (29 VIII 55)

It is possible either that these meters changed hands, or that Aguilar had incorrect data.

Additional listings of the U Type are:

- U 12. United British Oilfields of Trinidad Ltd., Port of Spain (9 III 49) Slogan
- U 19. Trinidad Agencies Ltd., Port of Spain, (15 VIII 53)
- U 21. Furness, Withy & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (9 II 53)
also Pereira & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (2 VIII 69)
also Federated Agencies, Port of Spain (20 X 70)
- U 24. Port of Spain City Council, Port of Spain (14 VII 61)
also City Treasurer's Office, Port of Spain (9 VI 70) Slogan
- U 26. Watkins, Phillips, Bynoe & Partners, Port of Spain (16 IV 70) (19 VIII 70)
Note: Both dates have the month of date inverted!
- U 27. St. Mary's College Union, Port of Spain (27 X 69)
also Smith Robertson & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (14 V 71)
- U 29. British West Indian Airways, Port of Spain (1 IV 55) (2 VIII 61) Slogan
- U 31. Alstons Ltd., Port of Spain (2 IV 54)
- U 32. Dominion Oil Ltd., Port of Spain (19 VI 63)
- U 34. Quesnal and Fernandez Ltd., Port of Spain (14 VII 71) (9 VII 70)
- U 35. Canadian Bank of Commerce, Port of Spain (14 IV 60)
also Liquid Carbonic (W.I.) Ltd., Port of Spain (29 II 68)
- U 38. Crown Life Insurance Co., Port of Spain (27 X 69) (26 XI 71)
- U 40. Shell Trinidad Ltd., Port of Spain (13 VII 62)
- U 43. Caroni Ltd., San Fernando (16 X 64)
- U 44. Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, Port of Spain (15 XII 58) (19 V 70)
- U 47. Alstons Ltd., Port of Spain (14 V 63) (27 XI 70)
also Trinidad & Tobago Insurance Ltd., Port of Spain (10 IX 70)
- U 48. E.P. Gibbs Ltd., Port of Spain (9 V 61) Slogan
- U 49. Hand, Arnold (Trinidad) Ltd., Port of Spain
- U 50. Port of Spain Corporation Electricity Board, Port of Spain (23 V 61)
also Trinidad & Tobago Electricity Commission, Port of Spain (21 VI 63)
- U 51. Alcoa Steamship Co. Inc., Port of Spain (12 X 62) (16 VIII 72) Slogan
- U 53. Colgate-Palmolive (Trinidad) Ltd., Port of Spain (16 XII 63)
- U 54. Barclays Bank D.C.O., Park Street, Port of Spain (15 I 60) Slogan
- U 55. Hardware & Electric Supplies Ltd., Port of Spain (25 IX 63)
also Rest-Rite Ltd., Port of Spain (3 XII 71)
- U 56. Geo. F. Huggins & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (2 XII 58)
- U 58. Rust, Trowbridge & Co., Ltd., Port of Spain (14 IX 65)
also Esso Standard Oil, Port of Spain (22 VIII 60)
- U 60. LKD 24 VII 72

- U 61. LKD 29 VI 71
- U 62. J.T. Johnson Ltd., Port of Spain (27 II 62) (20 VII 72)
- U 63. Thomas & Sons Ltd., Port of Spain (20 I 71)
- U 64. LKD 15 VIII 72
- U 65. Canning & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (22 XII 66) (17 VII 72)
- U 68. Neal & Massy Ltd., Port of Spain (19 VI 61) (28 II 73)
- U 69. LKD -4 VI 70
- U 71. LKD 28 II 70
- U 72. High Commissioner for India, Port of Spain (26 IV 68)
- U 73. Trinidad Guardian, Port of Spain (29 I 68) (18 VII 72)
- U 74. Esso Standard Oil S.A. Ltd., Port of Spain (24 IX 62) (16 XII 63) Slogan
- U 76. LKD 28 VII 72
- U 78. LKD 22 II 72
- U 79. LKD 14 VII 72
- U 80. First National Insurance Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (25 V 66) (21 XI 66)
- U 82. First National City Bank, Port of Spain (16 XII 67) (1 VIII 72)
- U 83. Chas. McNearney & Co. Ltd., San Fernando (5 XII 67) (25 XI 71)
- U 84. United Dominions Corp. (E.C.) Ltd., Port of Spain (26 II 65)
- U 85. (unknown), Port of Spain (13 XII 61) (27 VII 72)
- U 86. AFIA Worldwide Insurance, Port of Spain (5 V 69) Slogan
- U 91. George F. Huggins & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (4 IV 63) (20 II 73)
also Brinks, Port of Spain (28 II 73)
- U 93. Furness Withy & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (1 VI 66) (11 V 68) Slogan in 66.
- U 94. British Overseas Airways Corp., Port of Spain (24 I 73) Slogan
- U 95. Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., Port of Spain (21 VI 65)
- U 97. Angostura Bitters Dr. J.C.B. Siegert & Sons Ltd., Port of Spain (7 XII 67) (13 IX 71)
- U 98. Amoco Trinidad Oil Co., Port of Spain (3 IX 70)

PB TYPE METERS

- P.B.1 American Embassy, Port of Spain (11 6 71)
- P.B.4 IBM World Trade Corporation, Port of Spain (22 VII 70) (27 VII 72)
- P.B.5 Bank of Nova Scotia (Park St.), Port of Spain (22 XI 72)
- P.B.7 Bank of Nova Scotia (Frederick St.), Port of Spain (26 III 68) (28 XI 70)
- P.B.9 American Life Insurance Co., Port of Spain (6 V 71) (23 VII 71) Slogan
- P.B.12 Bank of Nova Scotia, Princes Town, (22 XI 72)
- P.B.13 Pereira & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain (7 IV 71)
- P.B.15 (unknown), Port of Spain (17 VIII 72)
- P.B.17 Stephens Ltd., Port of Spain (15 III 71) (21 II 73)
- P.B.18 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Port of Spain (13 VII 70) Slogan
- P.B.19 Trinidad Co-operative Bank Ltd., Port of Spain (10 X 71)
- P.B.20 Trinidad Express Newspapers Ltd., Port of Spain (2 II 71)
- P.B.23 (unknown), Port of Spain (17 VIII 72)
- P.B.25 EKD 6 VIII 71; LKD 15 VII 72
- P.B.27 Water & Sewage Authority, Port of Spain (1 VII 71) (19 VIII 71)
- P.B.28 (unknown), Port of Spain (17 VIII 72)
- P.B.30 Crown Life Insurance Co., Port of Spain (21 IX 72)
- P.B.32 (unknown), Port of Spain (16 VII 72)
- P.B.33 (unknown), Port of Spain (17 VII 72)

Our contributors have confirmed the use of an S Type meter as well as two further types, RV and P, not reported in our previous article. They will be described in a future article.

DEAKIN WINS SILVER-GOLD AT MUNICH--- by John F. Ayre

Visiting the recent IBRA International Exhibition, Munich, Germany, I noted there were only a few BWI exhibits, but the quality was high. It was especially pleasing to note that a BCPSG member, H. Frank Deakin, was awarded a Silver-Gold for his Barbados display. The only BWI entry to receive a large Gold, was the Trinidad of Hiroyuki Kanai of Japan.

Two other British Caribbean entries took awards; William Frazer of England was presented a Gold for a British Virgin Islands display, and Dr. K. Havelka of Czecho-Slovakia received a Silver for his Bermuda entry. As is normally the case for exhibitions on the Continent, a great majority of the entries were of the European countries.

In the Court of Honour, the Royal Philatelic Society, London, had a display of Bahamas and Nevis material.

ROSES DISTRIBUTE NEW EDITION OF "CARIBBEANA"---

To inform U.K. collectors of the merits of Caribbean Philately, the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society has published a fourth edition of "Caribbeana". This well-printed brochure was produced for the 27th Annual Convention of the Yorkshire Philatelic Association at Hull, and the Roses Caribbean/BCPSG Convention in Leeds on 22nd September 1973.

In its 16 pages, are a number of articles on Caribbean countries by various members of the Roses. The booklet was edited by Geoffrey G. Ritchie, and anyone who would like to have a copy should send postage to cover 4 ounces (or 4 IRC's) to Malcolm D. Watts, 18 Linden Way, Wetherby, Yorkshire, England.

NEW ISSUES

ANTIGUA

1 JUL 73 MILITARY UNIFORMS 1973. A set of five values, plus a souvenir sheet which contains one of each value. $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ - A Private of the late Colonel Zacharia Tiffin's Regiment of Foot, 1701; 10¢ - A Private in the 63rd Regiment of Foot, 1759; 20¢ - A Light Company Officer of the 35th Sussex Regiment of Foot, 1828; 35¢ - A Private of the 2nd West India Regiment, 1853; 75¢ - A Sergeant of the Princes of Wales' Regiment, Hertfordshire, 1858. The stamps were designed by John Waddington's Studio, and lithographed in panes of 25 stamps on Block CA water-marked paper.

BAHAMAS

10 JUL 73 INDEPENDENCE ISSUE. 3¢ - C.P. Bain, National Hero; 11¢ - Coat of Arms; 15¢ - New Flag of the Bahamas.
1 AUG 73 GOVERNOR GENERAL ISSUE. \$1 - Hon. M. Butler, First Governor General Designate. On this date a souvenir sheet containing this \$1 stamp and the three stamps of the Independence Issue will be released.

BRITISH HONDURAS (BELIZE)

1 JUN 73 OVERPRINTED DEFINITIVE SET. The current definitives have been reprinted with "Belize" overprinted in black on a silver background obliterating the words

"British Honduras". Values are ½¢, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 50¢, \$1, \$2, and \$5. The printing and overprinting was done by De La Rue, and stamps are in panes of 25 on Block CA sideways watermarked paper.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

30 JUN 73 **FIRST COINAGE ISSUE.** A set of six stamps each of which features the B. V. I. coin of the same value as the stamp. 1¢ - Green-throated Carib and Antillean Crested Humming-bird; 5¢ - Zenaida Dove; 10¢ - Ringed Kingfisher; 25¢ - the Mangrove Cuckoo; 50¢ - the Brown Pelican; and \$1 - Magnificent Frigate Bird. Designed by Gordon Drummond, and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.



CAYMAN ISLANDS

15 MAR 73 **EASTER 1973.** The set consists of four stamps telling the Easter story as it is shown on stained-glass windows. 10¢ - The Way of Sorrow; 12¢ - Christ Resurrected; 20¢ - The Last Supper; 30¢ - Christ on the Cross. There is also a souvenir sheet of all four values. Designed by G. Drummond and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper. It should be noted that this set was released in the Caymans on 11 April 1973, as the stamps did not arrive there in time for issuance on the publicized date. They were, however, released by the Crown Agents to the stamp trade on 15th March.

GUYANA

GUYANA

19 APR 73 **EASTER 1973.** 8¢ and 50¢ - Pomegranate, symbolising fertility and the hope of immortality and resurrection; 25¢ and 40¢ - Map of Guyana with Cross and Worshippers. Designed by Emerson Samuels and lithographed by Format International in panes of 25 stamps on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper.

MAY 73 **POSTAGE DUE LABELS.** The 1¢, 2¢, 4¢, and 12¢ postage dues have been reprinted in panes of 60 on Lotus Blossom Bud watermarked paper. This is the first time the 1¢ has been issued with the Guyana heading, previous printings of this value having had the British Guiana heading.

JAMAICA

9 JUL 73

FLOWERS. 1¢ - Euphorbia punicea; 6¢ - Hylocereus triangularis; 9¢ - Columnnea argentea; 15¢ - Portlandia grandiflora; 30¢ - Samyda pubescens; 50¢ - Cordia sebestena. Designed by Sylvia Goaman and lithographed by Questa on Block CA watermarked paper in panes of 25 stamps.

MONTSERRAT

16 JUL 73 **480TH ANNIVERSARY OF DISCOVERY BY COLUMBUS.** 10¢ - The Montserrat Monastery at Montserrat, Spain; 35¢ - Columbus sighting Montserrat; 60¢ - Columbus's ship off Montserrat; \$1 - A map tracing Columbus's second voyage of discovery, together with the Badge of the Colony. Designed by J.E. Cooter and lithographed by Format International on Block CA watermark paper in panes of 25 stamps. There is also a souvenir sheet.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS

31 MAY 73 VISIT OF H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES. The "Sir Thomas Warner" set of 28 January 1973 has been overprinted in black with the words: "Visit of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales 1973".

ST. LUCIA

19 APR 73 STAMP REELS FOR VENDING MACHINES. Coils of 480 stamps of 5, 10, & 25 cent values, of identical design, featuring the Crest of St. Lucia. Designed and lithographed by Harrison & Sons on watermark C.A. paper.

EASTER 1973 **EASTER 1973** **EASTER 1973**



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ST. VINCENT

19 APR 73 EASTER 1973. Three stamps, 15¢, \$1, and 60¢, printed side by side to form a triptych of a stained-glass window featuring "The Last Supper". The window is found in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Designs are by J. E. Cooter and stamps are lithographed by Questa in panes of 45 on Block CA paper.

11 JUL 73 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF WILLIAM WILBERFORCE. William Wilberforce (1759-1833) campaigned for the abolition of the slave trade, and he was informed just three days before his death that the House of Commons had passed a bill extinguishing slavery in the British Colonies. 30¢ - Wilberforce seen against a contemporary poster advertising a slave auction; 40¢ - Scene of a sugar plantation, with slaves at work. Taken from a contemporary mezzotint; 50¢ - Portrait of Wilberforce, and a medallion struck in 1834 to commemorate the first anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British Empire. Designed by Jennifer Toombs, and lithographed by De La Rue in panes of 25 on Block CA watermarked paper.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

JUN 73 GENERAL ANNIVERSARIES ISSUE. A set of four stamps: 19¢ - 25th Anniv. of Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA); 20¢ - 50th Anniv. of International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); 30¢ - Centenary of World Meteorological Organization (IMO/WMO); 40¢ - 25th Anniv. of the First Intake of Students in the University of the West Indies. There will also be a souvenir sheet of all four values.

30 AUG 73 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. A set of four stamps featuring the

- four Silver Medals issued in 1972.
- 8 OCT 73 COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE OF POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS. A set of two stamps to commemorate the Conference being held in Trinidad from 8 to 20 October 1973.
- 22 OCT 73 CHRISTMAS 1973. One or two stamps. No details available.
- 73 PRODUCTIVITY YEAR - 1973. A probable issue.

TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS

- 19 JUL 73 OLD VESSELS. Six stamps and a souvenir sheet. 2¢ - A Bermuda Sloop; 5¢ - H.M.S. "Blanche"; 8¢ - The U.S. Privateer "Grand Turk", and the Post Office Packet "Hinchinbrooke"; 10¢ - H.M.S. "Endymion"; 15¢ - R.M.S. "Medina"; 20¢ - H.M.S. "Daring". Designed by R. Granger Barrett, and lithographed by Questa in panes of 25 on C.A. watermarked paper.

Information in the foregoing listings has been provided by the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, StanGib Ltd., and the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation. The 1973 Bahamas stamp program information was supplied by Joseph V. Lleida, and the Trinidad & Tobago program by the Trinidad Philatelic Society.

OUR SECRETARY REPORTS:

NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed on page 59 of the April 1973 Journal have been admitted to membership.

NEW APPLICANTS:

- BRAHAM, Stephen W., "Kingsley House", 109 Kingsley Rd., Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 4AL, England. Stamp Dealer. Covers, British Commonwealth, Foreign. By T.J. Chara
- GOODNER, Ross, 18-75 Corporal Kennedy Street, Apt. 1-M, Bayside, NY 11360. Editor-Writer. US, GB, British Commonwealth - esp. Bermuda & Bahamas. By J.M. Ferguson
- GRAHAM, William A., 22 Lowther Avenue, Aintree Village, Liverpool L10 6LS, England. Marine Surveyor. Ant., Barb., Gren., Jam., St. Vin., Trin. By A.P.D. Sutcliffe
- KELLNER, Mark A., 98-40 64th Ave., Rego Park, NY 11374. Student, Philatelic Journalist British Virgin Islands and various others. By S.C. Durnin
- KINABREW, John M., Jr., 17 Oriole St., New Orleans, LA 70124. Retired. Great Britain, British America, U.S. & Possessions. By F.F. Seifert
- de MAURIAC, Henry M., 1 Muffin Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Interested in all British Western Hemisphere Countries. By C.E. Cwiakala
- MINK, Ellsworth B., III, 2548 Middle River Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305. Student. British Caribbean and Falkland Islands. By E.M. Adelson
- MORGAN, Ian C., 22 Holton Ave., Westmount 217, P.Q., Canada. Retired. Airports, BWI, Bermuda, U.S. Bases, Airport Viewcards. By L.E. Kieffer & W.D. Buchanan
- ROOT, William E., Tower Mall Books, 5411 East Mill Plain, Vancouver, WA 98661. Book Store Owner. BWI and British Pacific. By A.N. Johnson
- TOWERS, Robert P., Merlyn, 4 Sydney Parade Ave., Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Eire. Consultant Pathologist. Grenada (highly specialized), BWI, Br. Comm. to 1962. By J.A. Cronin

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

- COTTMAN, Ronald J., Jr., 2050 Langley, Oxnard, CA 93030.
- FRANCIS, William D., Route 5, Box 580, Conroe, TX 77301.
- FREDRICK, J.L., Apt. Y101, 2775 Mesa Verde East, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (cont.):

GORDON, James H., 16 Henry Circle, Rochester, NY 14624.

IRWIN, Robin W., Flat 22, Park Place, Park Parade, Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

McCANN, Dr. Peter P., Merrell International Research Center, 16 rue d'Ankara,
6700 Strasbourg, France.

ROHLOFF, Paul C., 1019 Keystone, River Forest, IL 60305.

ZANES, Helen L., 17320 Quaker Lane, Apartment B 20, Sandy Spring, MD 20860.

ZEHEITNER, Werner, 35 High Park Ave., Apt. 1005, Toronto, Ont., Canada M6P 2R6.

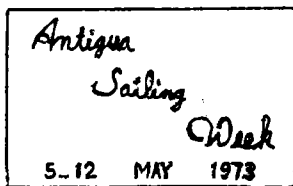
RESIGNATION:

MILLINGTON, Thomas V., of St. Thomas, USVI, has resigned in good standing.

BITS & PIECES from HERE & THERE

ANGUILLA -- The Philatelic Squad at Scotland Yard is trying to track down a small quantity of imperforate color proofs of Anguilla stamps up to 1969. The proofs which are on different paper than that used for printers' working proofs, were pulled without authority. Anyone who is offered such material is asked to notify Scotland Yard.

ANTIGUA -- On a cover to St. Lucia posted sometime in January, Guy Kilburn found a boxed handstamped slogan, "Antigua/Sailing/Week/5-12 May 1973". The strike is in light blue, an illustration from a tracing by Guy being shown below.



BERMUDA -- Lynn Wallace reports a new first flight to Bermuda. In the monthly magazine "The Bermudian" for April 1973, he found the following notice: "A new air service between Atlanta, Georgia, and Bermuda will be inaugurated on April 29 by Eastern Airlines. There will be one flight each way every day of the week via Newark, NJ, with no change of plane en route...." Have any first flight covers been seen?

In the October 1972 BCP Journal, Bruce Walker reported a MISSENT TO BERMUDA mark of 4 MAY 1967. Bruce has since found several later strikes of this mark, and says that it was badly deteriorated by the latest use of 23 SEP 1970, with the A of Bermuda hardly visible and the T's looking like I's. The initial M was badly distorted, and Bruce comments that either there is a large amount of mail missent to Bermuda, or the clerks don't take very good care of their handstamps.

GRENADA -- A handstamped slogan GRENADA/INDEPENDENCE/1974 has been appearing on mail from that island recently. Gus McVicker reports that about half of the mail he received from there in April and May bore this mark. Tom Giraldi has found a number of covers that show this handstamp, and strikes are in both black and violet over the period of use noted, so it appears that there are at least two of these stamps in use.

Al Piringer has shown us a copy of the 10¢ AIR MAIL overprinted definitive of Grenada which has the overprint double. Al also reports having the 15¢ with double overprint, but says that the doubling is not as obvious as on the 10¢.

Arthur Maudens reports having an entire letter from Grenada to Trinidad postmarked 23 FEB 1859. It is franked with a 4d GB adhesive, cancelled with the "A15" obliterator. The strike is smudged, but looks like Type A.13. This betters the Cronin/Walker EKD by two months.

JAMAICA -- A copy of the Jamaica Philatelic Society Newsletter that was postmarked at Half Way Tree, 25 May 1973, and endorsed "Via Surface Mail", was delivered to us on 31 May!

Not only the small offices are guilty of inverted dates on postmarks. Bert Schaffner reports a Cross Roads machine cancel with both date and time inverted, while a recent letter that we received has the entire cds of the Half Way Tree machine mark inverted. Even our local PO here in Albuquerque is not above an occasional upside-down date.

ST. LUCIA -- Tom Giraldi reports a new EKD for the GPO oval, Figure 13 of Geoff Ritchie's article in the February 1973 BCP Journal. Tom's strike is dated 28 MAR 1967. Tom also provides LKD's for Figure 16 and Figure 17 of Geoff's article, the new dates being 19 JAN 1971 and 28 MAR 1967, respectively.

TRINIDAD -- According to the Trinidad Philatelic Society's Bulletin, the current 1¢ and 5¢ definitives on glazed paper have been found with watermark sideways inverted.

A new slogan "BE ACCIDENT FREE/IN 1973" has been noted from both Port of Spain (March) and San Fernando (March, April, May).

SILVER WEDDING OMNIBUS -- To meet the demand for copies, the SW Omnibus was printed in two batches, and in some instances the colors of the second printing do not exactly match those of the first one. The April issue of the Philatelic Magazine (London) reports that the Anguilla second printing of the 25¢ was in a much paler olive, and the 40¢ in a paler maroon. The Dominica 5¢ was a paler olive, while the Grenada 8¢ was a deeper olive. The Turks & Caicos 20¢ came out as a much paler green.

JAMAICA --- KG VI, 1938 2/- definitive with diamond-shaped "Perfin" on cover. A small lot available at \$2 each. JOHN B. WHALEN, P.O. Box 3321, CROFTON, MD 21113.

POST MARKS

In the past two years we have supplied fellow members of the B.C.P.S.G. with manuscript cancels of Ville Case and Wesley, Dominica- the very rare Peruvian Vale of St. Vincent-Anageda B.V.I. TRD the second recorded in copy — the 1967 St. Kitts TRD of Anguilla and many, many more.

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Personal Mention:

In listing the STAMPEX winners in the April Journal, we somehow left MIKE SHEPPARD's name out. Mike won a Bronze-Silver with his Barbados Postal History display. Thus, four of the five BCPSG members taking awards at STAMPEX, did so with Barbados entries!

The Manned Spacecraft Center Stamp Club is now known as the Johnson Space Center Stamp Club, and its officers for 1973 include two of our BCPSGers. GALE RAYMOND serves as Vice-president, while ALAN DOYLE is one of the Board of Directors.

JOHN GAVELEK is getting around to most of the major stamp exhibitions lately, helping a Miami dealer man his bourse tables. At the recent COMPEX in Chicago, as well as at the HOUPEX show in Houston, Johnny got to meet with some of our members in those towns.

The alibi offered by JOHN WHALEN for being unable to get to our meeting in Rochester, NY was the wedding of his son. We call that very poor planning, for had we been told sooner, it might have been possible to get Andy Hale to include the wedding in the ROPEX program!

MIKE SHEPPARD has taken over as Editor of the BWI Study Circle Bulletin, the June issue being his first solo effort. Mike says it was surprising to find out what a lot of work there is in preparing and publishing an issue, but he thinks he shall enjoy the job. He plans to get up to Leeds for the Roses/BCPSG Convention, and is trying to persuade BERT LATHAM and REYNOLD RADFORD to join him.

Travelling to far places seems to be routine for CHUCK CWIAKALA. In June he dropped us notes from such places as Manila, Bangkok and Tokyo. He also mentioned visiting Pusan and Osaka. Chuck seems determined to make the world a cleaner place with DIAL soap.

DAVID POTTER tells us that it was not until late April that his December Journal arrived, and he wonders if this sets a record of some sort for slow delivery. Not quite, as a few of that issue finally reached UK members in the first week of May. This is a record we don't enjoy seeing set, but can do nothing about.

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JACK and MARY ARNELL are doing a bit of pioneering at their home in Paget, Bermuda. It seems the ship carrying their belongings is undergoing repairs after breaking down about 40 miles from Montreal, and as a result Jack and Mary are living out of their suitcases. It is giving them time to get the homestead fixed up a bit before the furniture arrives, but Jack had all his books and papers in the shipment, so his philatelic activities are quite limited.

Jack went to a meeting of the Bermuda Stamp Club recently, and ran into JACK FERGUSON, who was in the island on business and staying at the hotel where the club holds its meetings. Jack (Ferguson, that is) says he is moving to Miami and will start work there in September or October. (Bahamas Bum take note!)

ERIC and LULU HEYER had planned a trip of about 2 months in the BWI earlier this year, but after checking the effects of devaluation of the U.S. dollar and inflation on the cost, they concluded that it would be more economically feasible to "See America First".

JIM GORDON has changed his Air Force blue for civilian attire, and is now an employee of Eastman Kodak in Rochester.

A recent change of duty assignment has taken ROLFE DANIELS from Barbados to an island across the Atlantic, São Miguel in the Azores. Serving with the Department of State is about on par with being in the Armed Forces as far as frequent changes of station are concerned, but it's a great way to get to know the peoples of other countries.

We learn from PETER McCANN that he will be moving to France in July. Peter provided no details as to what takes him there, but his new address (see page 92) gives a clue.

STAN DURNIN had to miss our ROPEX meeting, as WSC duties took him to another show taking place at the same time. He promises to get to SESCAL, though, and has already let his boss know that he will be 'unavailable' for duty between the 11th and 14th of October!

The BWI forgery collection of AL BRANSTON is growing vastly, and Al is currently working on the Jeffryes forgeries of Grenada with help from DAN WALKER.

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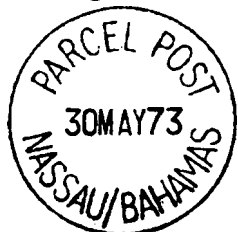
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AND AS WE GO TO PRESS:

The 100th Anniversary of the World Meteorological Organization provides the most recent excuse for Dominica and Grenada to milk the unwary collector. Grenada's eight stamp set, plus a souvenir sheet, carries a face value of \$4.66½, while Dominica is a little less hungry and settles for \$3.68½ for seven stamps and a souvenir sheet in its emission. The sets are scheduled for release in June.

When listing Alejandro Bermudez as applicant for membership in the February 1973 Journal, we inadvertently transposed two of the figures in his address. The correct address is 2640 N. Spaulding, Apt. 1 E, Chicago, IL 60647.

A new Parcel Post cds is in use at Nassau, a specimen strike being shown below, thanks to



Joe Lleida. Joe has also sent us a number of strikes of Official date stamps, and these will be reported in a subsequent issue.

Bill Bogg has sent us a clipping from the 19th April issue of the Montserrat Mirror, which contains an advertisement from LIAT inviting applications for the position of Air Stewardess on their aircraft. The qualifications for that position are listed, and Bill points out one of them which requires no comment: "Swimming Competency"!

We have only a few BCPST Rubber Stamps in stock, and we expect to pay more when we re-order. Get one now while the \$3 price holds.

The SESCOAL Committee has reserved a room for us to meet on Sunday, October 14th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The room assigned us, the "Detroit Room" of the Hilton Hotel, has a seating capacity of fifty. We had requested a room for Saturday, but several major events are scheduled for that day. Of course, it will be possible for us to get together at any time in the course of the show, in our hotel rooms or other convenient locales. Plan to attend!

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