

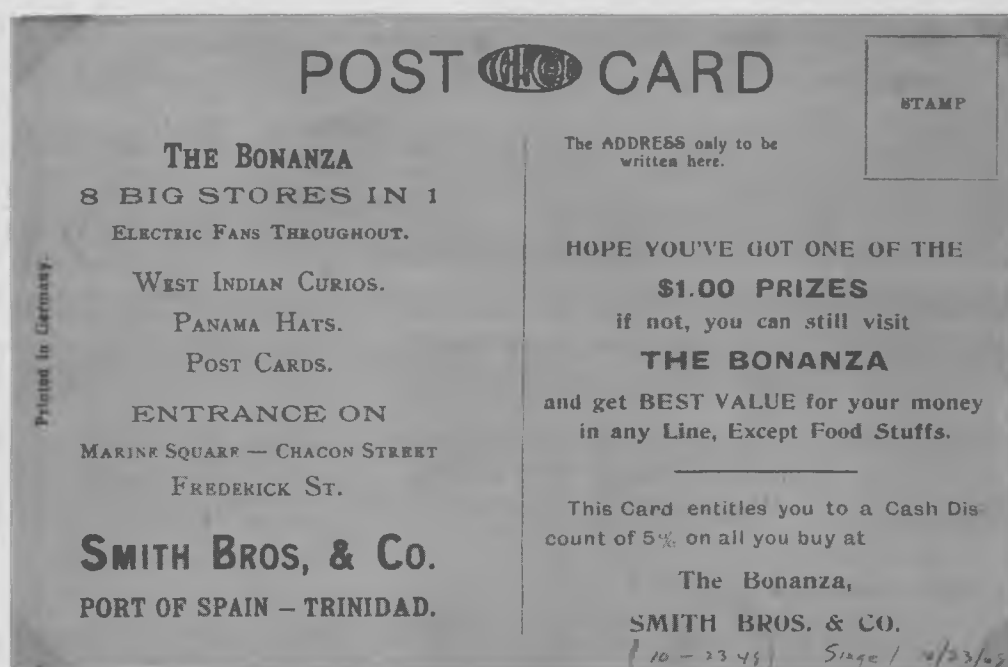
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President's Message

Well, this is Dan Walker's first President's Message and it is appropriate to begin with a hearty congratulation to George Bowman for the first Journal under his Editorship. It was certainly excellent. I suspect that George has been editing journals for a long time; he just kept it under his hat. I also want to thank Dan Warren for his turn as Editor. The Group was in a good bit of trouble when Dan took over, and he pulled us out of it. I have been delegated all the responsibilities and duties of the President, so I ask that you get in touch with me on matters requiring the attention of the President. We will leave the office of Vice President vacant until elections at the end of this year.

I want to invite all members as well as their families and friends to join us at LONDON 1980 from Tuesday, May 6th, to Wednesday, May 14th. Our International Director Al Branston has been hard at work to make our stay an enjoyable one. A highlight will be a joint meeting with the BWI Study Circle and the Roses P.S. This event will be held on Saturday, May 10th, from 10:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. at the Bonnington Hotel. The BWISC has arranged for a wine and cheese party on Friday, May 9th, to get things rolling.

The year 1980 will be a full year for our members. We are also planning a meeting at FLOREX 1980. Dates and location are not firm; it is hoped the dates will be from Friday, November 7th, to Sunday, November 9th, at a hotel in Daytona Beach. I will have firm dates and the location by the time this Journal reaches you, so drop me a note and I will send particulars.

DAN

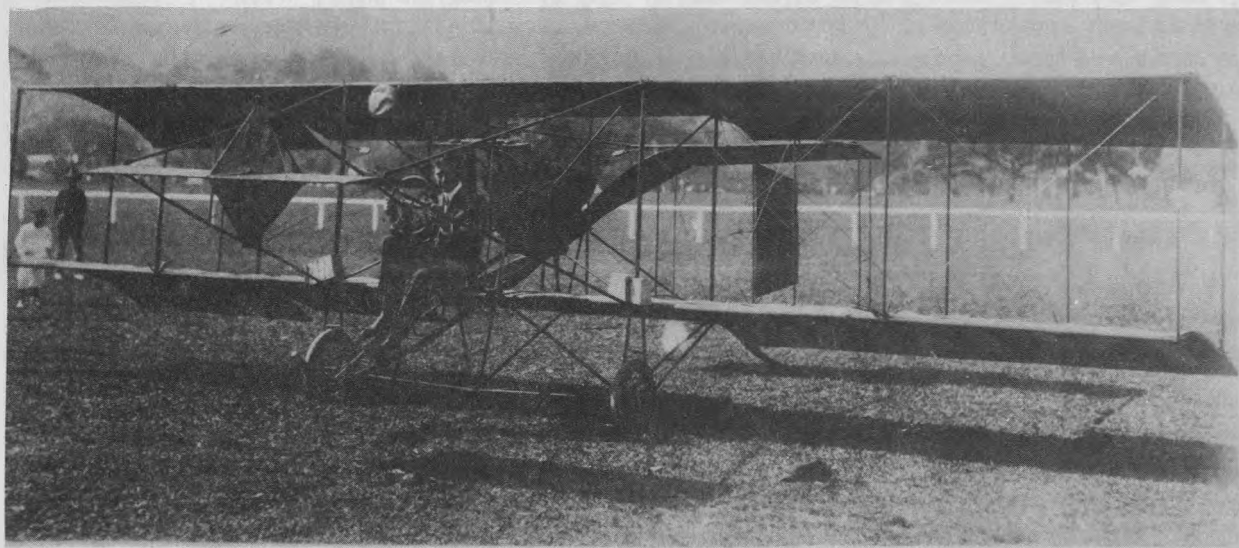
The Trinidad "Drop Card" Flight by Ron Wike

Although the first recorded airmail from Trinidad and Tobago was on 7 April 1927, there had been earlier aeroplane flights. The first recorded flight was late in 1912, when Pilot Frank Boland, who was giving an exhibition flight, was killed when his plane crashed in the Maraval Valley. Of more interest to postal historians of Trinidad, however, is the flight of George Schmitt.

Schmitt, who made a barnstorming tour of the Caribbean in the Spring of 1913, made an historic flight in Trinidad on 27 February 1913. Quoting from the Port of Spain Gazette of 28 February of that year:

"At about half past eight, the course in front of the grandstand (on the Savannah) was cleared with some difficulty, and a moment after the Red Devil was brought out of its enclosure; and the loud 'whirring' made it evident that the motor was at work. Without any fuss the machine, with Schmitt within, started rolling towards the stand and, as it gained speed, gently it glided off from terra firma and was in space, accompanied by deafening applause of the delighted thousands of spectators."

During research into the activities of George Schmitt, Judge Thomas J. Sullivan, of the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut, came across a photograph of the plane on the Savannah. On the underside of one wing of the plane was clearly visible the word 'MAIL'. Thinking that he had discovered an early mail-carrying pioneer, he followed up his researches. Unfortunately his hopes were dashed, for in the same article in the Port of Spain Gazette was the disappointing news that the word painted on the plane was 'MAILLARDS', the name of a sponsoring store in Port of Spain. However, the plane did carry advertising cards for two Port of Spain stores---Maillards and Smith Brothers & Company, the latter occupying the site now



George Schmitt at the controls of the "Red Devil". The word MAIL can be seen on the underside of the lower right wing. (Photo courtesy of Ron Wike)



Note boxes on wings for releasing Drop Cards.

(Photo courtesy of Ron Wike)

occupied by the Salvation Building. These "Drop Cards" cannot be classified as air-mail cards, as they were unstamped and bore no official Post Office approval. However, they are of considerable interest to specialists in early pioneer flights. Judge Sullivan was extremely fortunate to have acquired one of the Port of Spain "Drop Cards"---that of Smith Brothers & Company. To date no other cards from this historic flight have been found.

Judge Sullivan was aided in his research by the then Secretary of The Trinidad Philatelic Society, Harold Box. I am indebted to Judge Sullivan for the material he made available to me for this brief article. If any reader can throw further light on this flight (or the earlier one), I would be interested to hear from them, particularly of any other examples of the "Drop Card" or photographs of the event.

Two of the four Journals published in 1979 contained articles by Mike Vokins on Jamaica postal history. His "Single Postcards of Queen Victoria" appeared in the February issue, followed in August by "The 'Arms of Jamaica' Issue, 1903-1920". Mike continues his contributions to Jamaica philatelic literature on the next page, with an analysis of Victorian reply cards.

You will note that, near the bottom of Page 29 of the February Journal, Mike states "At the same time (24th November 1882) 1/2 d., 1d., and 1 1/2 d. reply cards were ordered for the first time." Therefore, the following article can be considered as "taking off" from that point.

Jamaica Queen Victoria Reply Postcards

by michael vokins

Reply postcards for Jamaica were ordered on 24th November 1882---1/2 d. and 1d. for inland use, and 1 1/2 d. for international use. The plates and first printings were invoiced on 11th April 1883; as usual, at that date Specimens are not mentioned in the record books. Only three requisitions from Jamaica during the 1880's included reply cards, but in 1890 changes became necessary. In a requisition passed to de la Rue on 22nd December of that year, the size of the order for 1/2 d. reply cards was greatly increased, requiring de la Rue to propose the enlargement of the existing printing plate to 12 set, at a cost of £9.

Because of new postal rates, the 1d. reply card would now be needed for Postal Union use. De la Rue pointed out that the cards had to be of the larger international size, requiring a new reply plate (2 set) at a cost of £3. The production of these plates was authorized by the Crown Agents on 30th December 1890. The new 1d. international reply card was invoiced on 10th April 1891, together with 400 Specimens.

The stock of 1d. inland reply cards in Jamaica was overprinted 'HALF-PENNY', so that the stock could be used up at the new reduced inland rate.

CHECK LIST OF PRINTINGS

INLAND CARDS

1/2 d. Reply Cards

1883	11 APR	2,112
1885	21 JAN	2,500
1888	22 OCT	2,400
1891	10 APR	12,120
1894	28 NOV	12,240
1896	19 OCT	24,480

TOTAL 55,852

1d. Reply Cards

1883	11 APR	5,280
1884	11 JAN	6,120

TOTAL 11,400

INTERNATIONAL CARDS

1 1/2 d. Reply Cards

1883	11 APR	3,120
1884	11 JAN	1,032
1885	21 JAN	1,014

TOTAL 5,166

1d. Reply Cards

1891	10 APR	6,084 (plus 400 Specimens)
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1896	19 OCT	6,000
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TOTAL 12,084

I don't know how it happened, but the following errors crept into the February BCPJ:

Page 3, NOTES FROM NOJEX: In the 8th line of the 2nd paragraph, "Wal" should be "Walt".

Page 18, NOJEX REPORT: In the 5th line of the 5th paragraph, Bill Bogg is from Florida, not California. (Sorry about that, Bill.)

Secretary's Report

1979 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERS AT END OF 1978	500
Less: Members resigned	20
Members dropped for non-payment of dues	28
Members deceased	1
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	49
Plus: New members	31

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All applicants listed in the February 1980 Journal have been admitted to membership.

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DEATHS:

The January 1980 American Philatelist reported the death of former BCPSG member ALEX L. TER BRAAKE of Charleston, West Virginia. An eminent philatelic writer and postal historian, Alex's accomplishments included receiving the American Philatelic Congress Barr Award in 1965 and 1967, the Klein Award in 1970, and the McCoy Award in 1971. He was a founder member of the American Philatelic Research Library. He was presented the coveted APS Luff Award in 1972, and in 1976 was elected to the Hall of Fame of APS Writers' Unit No. 30. We are deeply saddened by the passing of this distinguished scholar, but we are proud that he was, for a while, part of the BCPSG.

JOHN M. WILLEM, of Port Washington, New York, passed away suddenly on 15 December. A keen philatelic student of the BWI field, John's exhaustive research into the now famous Tudway Correspondence opened a valuable source of data for the benefit of all students of Antigua postal history. (Readers may recall that three chapters of John's fascinating analysis of the Tudway matter appeared in the BCPJ between June 1978 and June 1979.)

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THE POSTAL SERVICES AND STAMP ISSUES OF ANGUILLA

(The following article, the first of two parts, is reprinted from the 1978 Government Information Service Monthly Bulletin, prepared by the Department of Information and Broadcasting, Anguilla. It has been made available through the courtesy of the John Lister Company, Ltd., 37 Bury Street, St. James, London, S.W.1, England.)

This story is not only of interest in itself, but is closely linked to the history and constitutional events affecting Anguilla over the past two decades, and hence provides an interesting background to those years. The story started in 1861 when Nevis, which was administered separately from St. Christopher, issued its first postage stamps, leaving St. Christopher (which at that time administered Anguilla) then to issue its own stamps in 1870. In 1882 St. Christopher, together with Anguilla, was formally united with Nevis to form the Presidency of St. Christopher-Nevis, and the first St. Kitts/Nevis postage stamps were issued with three designs only: the head of Queen Victoria, a picture of Christopher Columbus (the discoverer of St. Kitts), and a view of the medicinal spring of Nevis. It was not until 1952 that the first stamps to bear the words St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla were issued, when the name of the Presidency was officially changed to include Anguilla.

In 1904, the first post office in Anguilla opened in The Valley, remaining the only post office in use for 23 years. In 1927, four sub-post offices were proclaimed at The Forest, East End, The Road, and Blowing Point. Unfortunately, little business resulted and in 1931 these sub-post offices were closed, leaving The Valley Post Office once again as the only one in Anguilla (though in later years a travelling branch post office was instituted).

During this period the stamp issues of St. Kitts/Nevis (and Anguilla after 1952) did little to publicize Anguilla. They portrayed a map of Anguilla in the 1938 definitive set, carried an Anguilla Tercentenary (1650-1950) commemorative set in 1950, and included another map and a view of the first Sombrero Lighthouse (built in 1868) in the 1952 definitive set. The 1963 definitive set included an Anguillan boat-building scene, yet another map of Anguilla, and a view of the second Sombrero Lighthouse, which was completed in 1962.

In 1958, when the short-lived West Indies Federation was formed, Anguilla, which for a long time had been discontented with its subordinate role in the St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla relationship, formally petitioned for a "dissolution of the present political and administrative association of Anguilla with St. Kitts", but to no avail. She remained part of the St. Kitts/Nevis grouping, and together with that unit formed a part of the West Indies Federation from 1958 to 1961, and reverted with St. Kitts to Crown Colony status in 1962. When in the late 1960's Britain began to negotiate a new form of association (short of actual independence) for her smaller colonies in the West Indies, it became clear that St. Kitts had little sympathy for any semi-autonomous role for Anguilla. Hence, when the new Associated State of St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla came formally into being on 27 February 1967, Anguilla decided to do something about it herself. She unilaterally broke away from the Associated State on 30 May 1967, expelled the force of St. Kitts police on the island (the symbol and pow-

er of State authority), and, following a referendum in July of that year, declared herself an Independent Republic.

This break with St. Kitts led, of course, to a break in the normal routing of mail to and from Anguilla through St. Kitts. For a time, letters were posted through contacts in the neighboring islands of French and Dutch St. Martin, and in the U. S. Virgin Islands, using the stamps of those territories. Later the U. S. postal authorities agreed that letters with stamps of St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla could be accepted in St. Thomas (U. S. Virgin Islands). The local stocks of the St. Kitts/Nevis/Anguilla 1963 definitive stamps, ranging from 4,250 copies of the 2¢ stamp to 100 copies of the 60¢ stamp, were taken to a private printer in St. Thomas. There, under strict security conditions, they were overprinted "Independent Anguilla" on 4 September 1967 and then sold for normal use. This set is now very difficult to obtain and commands high and ever-increasing prices in the stamp world.

Meanwhile, there arose a political impasse, as the problems posed by Anguilla's "Declaration of Independence" were discussed by all concerned. Eventually, at the end of 1967 agreement was reached whereby a Senior British Official would be permitted to work with and to advise Anguillan authorities with a view to reaching some possible agreement over Anguilla's break with St. Kitts. Following this interim agreement, mail services through St. Kitts were again resumed. However, despite the presence of the British Official in Anguilla through 1968, no agreement to the main problem could be found, and the official was withdrawn at the end of the year. On 9 January 1969 Anguilla reaffirmed its independence by overprinting its first definitive stamp issue INDEPENDENCE JANUARY 1969. Again, all postal links with St. Kitts were severed. This overprinted set, which is of great historical interest, was limited to 15,000 copies and can still be obtained, though with some difficulty.

Although Britain now formulated certain proposals, indicating its desire to ensure that Anguilla was administered in a way acceptable to its people, these proposals came to naught when a Senior British Minister who went to Anguilla to explain these proposals was forced to leave the island at gunpoint. A week later, on 19 March 1969, British troops were landed on Anguilla by land and sea, in a well organized and efficient operation, and a British Commissioner was installed on the island with wide-ranging powers to maintain public safety and order. These events attracted worldwide publicity on press and radio. The 1969 overprints were taken out of circulation, but Anguilla's definitive set was permitted to continue in use, as were the five commemorative sets that had already been issued by Anguilla---the "ships", the "birds", the 35th Anniversary of the Girl Guides, Christmas 1968, and the salt industry.

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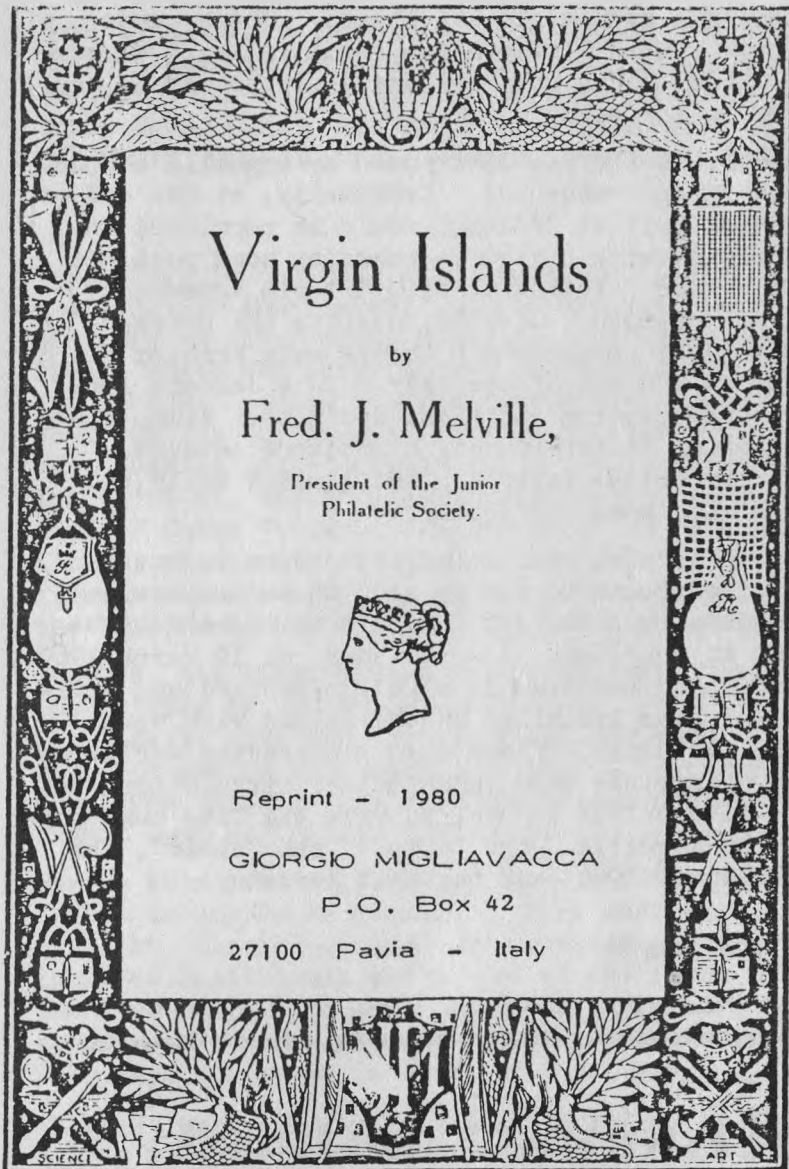
Melville's 'Virgin Islands' Reprinted

Our new member Giorgio Migliavacca, of Pavia, Italy, has forwarded a copy of his 72-page reprint of Fred J. Melville's classic handbook "Virgin Islands". The book (a handy 4½" by 7" page size) begins with a preface, dated January 1980, by Vernon Pickering, a native of the Virgin Islands and a collector of the colony's early stamps.

A copy of the original Melville work is in the BCPSG Library, and this second volume will be a welcome addition to the library's holdings. As was pointed out in the Secretary's Report in the August 1979 BCPJournal, Giorgio is a postal history dealer and publisher, with the Leewards and specifically the Virgin Islands his collecting

specialty. No price was given for the reprint, but members interested in purchasing a copy should contact Giorgio at the address shown in the illustration.

Those of you who are familiar with Melville's original publication will probably gain no benefit from any words of mine in describing the reprint. For readers who have not seen the original, I will here merely list the titles of each of its 21 chapters.



CHAPTER I - The Virgin Islands and their Post Office

CHAPTER II - The Nissen and Parker Stamps

CHAPTER III - The One Penny

CHAPTER IV - The Four Pence

CHAPTER V - The Six Pence

CHAPTER VI - The One Shilling

CHAPTER VII - Messrs. De la Rue Take Over

CHAPTER VIII - One Penny Green

CHAPTER IX - The Key-Plate Issues

CHAPTER X - The Return of the Virgins

CHAPTER XI - The 4d. on 1s. Provisional

CHAPTER XII - The Interregnum

CHAPTER XIII - Our Lady of the Lilies

CHAPTER XIV - King Edward Issue

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GEORGE

Personal Mention

BILL ASHLEY wrote from St. John's, Antigua, where he was spending a few days seeking data on Dominica postmarks (particularly pre-1934 items). This would look like a good spot for such a study, he says, as St. John's was the administrative center of the Leeward Islands, of which Dominica was a part prior to 1940. Bill believes that a set of Leeward Islands "Blue Books" from 1887 to 1945 is in St. John's. (Ed: When I visited Antigua in 1970, I found a fairly complete run of LIBB's in the old St. John's Library, but I forget which years were included.) Bill's plans, after Antigua, will take him to Barbados and Dominica.

A letter dated January 27th from MALCOLM WATTS indicates just how busy he is with stamp activities these days. Mal is now in his second term as President of two separate groups---the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society and the Otley Philatelic Society. At Otley last September, he presented a display of Jamaica postal history, strong in the pre-adhesive section. The following month he took home a bronze medal at NORTHEX with a 12-page entry of Jamaica Street Letter Boxes. Currently, Mal is organizing the Civil Censorship Study Group Meeting to be held on 15 March. The theme of that meeting will be "Transit Censorship in Bermuda", and displays will be given by BCPSPG'ers RICHARD HEAP and BRIAN RENSHAW.

Mal also reports that sale material is rolling in, and that he expects a total of between 300 and 400 lots for the BCPSPG auction at LONDON 1980.

TOM ANDERSON reports on visits to Tobago at Christmas 1978 and in January 1979. In addition to seeing relatives, he made the rounds of a number of post offices and wrote to each of them, receiving 26 replies out of 31 village postal agencies. The Mount Pleasant Office actually enclosed the outdated "79" slug from the village date stamp! Tom also took photos of a number of offices to tie in with his collection. He has sent the Group a full set of xeroxes of covers he obtained during his stay on the island. Many thanks, Tom---it was mighty kind of you!

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Editor's Message

The June issue will feature the first part of the long-awaited monograph by Walton Van Winkle, Ed Addiss, and Ben Ramkissoon concerning the town cancels of Trinidad and Tobago. I first saw the draft of this deeply-researched study at NOJEX, and at that time I told Walton that I couldn't wait to see it in print.

Speaking of the June Journal, under normal circumstances it would have been back from the printer by 30 April and, hopefully, in the mail no later than the first week in May. However, my wife and I are leaving for LONDON 1980 on 3 May, and we won't be back for Journal processing until around the 20th. Translated, this means: Sorry about that, folks, but it appears that your June BCPJ will be about three weeks late.

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ST. VINCENT "PROBLEM" POST OFFICES

by JOE CHIN ALEONG

In an article entitled "Problem St. Vincent Post Offices", published in the October 1975 BCPJ, information was requested concerning the date stamps used at Bridgetown, Troumaca, Orange Hill, New Adelphi, and New Ground. Members may be interested in the information since received concerning these post offices and the conclusions reached. The writer would like to thank all those who provided information and help, especially Bill Bogg, Vincent Duggleby, Barry Friedman, Arthur Griswold, Bobbie Messenger, and Bruce Walker.

The known usage dates of the date stamps illustrated in the October 1975 article are now as follows:

	EKD	LKD
(a) UNION	2 JUN 1884	10 APR 1905
(b) BRIDGETOWN/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - Code B	1 APR 1908	4 MAY 1929
(b) BRIDGETOWN/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - Code A	17 APR 1930	29 DEC 1936
(c) BRIDGETOWN/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - asterisk		6 MAY 1954
(d) TROUMACA/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - asterisk	3 SEP 1931	25 MAY 1964
(e) TROUMACA/ST. VINCENT.WEST INDIES	31 MAY 1967	in use - 1972
(f) ORANGE HILL/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - Code C	6 SEP 1912	in use - 1972
(g) NEW ADELPHI/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - asterisk	5 SEP 1931	1 FEB 1933
(h) NEW GROUND/ST. VINCENT - asterisk	13 APR 1933	18 DEC 1940
(i) NEW GROUND/ST. VINCENT B.W.I. - asterisk	8 NOV 1963	in use - 1972

The following questions, originally posed in that October 1975 article, still remain unanswered by the above information:

1. What date stamp did Bridgetown use from 21 JUL 1905 to APR 1908?
2. What date stamp did Troumaca use from 1 APR 1910 to SEP 1931?
3. What date stamp did New Adelphi use from 1 JUL 1913 to SEP 1931?

To find answers to these questions, we now examine in greater detail the dates of use of the small ST. VINCENT date stamps described in Section 2 of Chapter VI of the publication Saint Vincent, by Pierce, Messenger, and Lowe (PML). In particular, we must look at PML No. 12 and PML No. 17, illustrated as Figures j and l respectively in the October 1975 BCPJ. Known periods and dates of use of these small ST. VINCENT CDS's are now:

	EKD	LKD
First Period (j) (i) ST. VINCENT Code A in black	13 MAR 1867	10 JUN 1868
First Period (j) (i) ST. VINCENT Code A in red	25 NOV 1868	27 JAN 1873

Second Period (j) (ii) ST. VINCENT - Code C	31 JUL 1905	27 JAN 1908
Third Period (j) (iii) ST. VINCENT - Code C	2 JUL 1910	NOV 1930
First Period (l) (i) ST. VINCENT - Code A	26 SEP 1901	22 MAY 1911
Second Period (l) (ii) ST. VINCENT - Code A	7 JUL 1920	2 SEP 1931



Cover with Small ST. VINCENT CDS, Code C, backstamped G.P.O./ST. VINCENT.B.W.I., 22 NOV 1930. This item can be positively identified as originating from Troumaca by the straight-line REGISTERED handstamp, which is known to have been in use only at Troumaca.

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AN UNUSUAL BRITISH HONDURAS CENSORED COVER...

IAN MATHESON reports that he has a cover sent from Belize to Holland with a KGVI 5¢ definitive cancelled at Belize on 5 DE 39. The cover has been opened and resealed with a brown paper strip. A straight-line OPENED BY CENSOR handstamp is struck in violet twice, tying the strip to the cover.

Ian goes on to state that the wording OPENED BY CENSOR was used in only a few colonies and only up to 1942. Since the cachet is in English and the cover bears no

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THE ORGANIZATION OF

THE POSTAL SERVICE IN BELIZE

by ERIC W. KING

The first mention of a postal service in Belize is in 1805, when a meeting of magistrates there passed the following resolution: (Ed: The grammar here is confusing and flowery, but that's the way those old documents were generally written.)

"In order to prevent the inconvenience that hitherto arose and the bad effects which there is reason to apprehend individuals have sustained from the improper management in the delivery of the letters brought to this settlement by masters of vessels, that in order to prevent the like in future all masters of vessels, arriving in this settlement shall, as speedy as possible and previous to their being admitted to an entry at the different offices, deliver to the Clerk of Court's Office all such letters as they may have brought with them and, at the same time make an oath that they are the whole of what they received--- And that such letters so deposited shall be delivered to the persons applying for the same on paying the fee of two pence for each and every letter so delivered---under the penalty of five pounds for each neglect of these injunctions that can be proved." (i)

By 1809 the growing need for an organized postal service resulted in a decision being taken at a Public Meeting held on the 31st October, with 38 members present to establish a Post Office (ii). Research has so far failed to reveal any action resulting from this decision. Indeed it was unlikely that any Post Office was established, for in 1826 the Superintendent of the settlement found it necessary to issue a proclamation forbidding anybody to visit ships arriving in the harbour, prior to the Fort Officer's visit because "there is no branch of the General Post Office at this settlement, and many irregularities having arisen from persons boarding vessels arriving in this harbour---and improperly demanding letters therefrom---" (iii).

The great difficulties of sustaining communications is conveyed in a complaint made by the Superintendent in 1823, to the effect that dispatches between London and Belize "not infrequently remain in Jamaica for months waiting for a conveyance to this colony" (iv).

A British Post Office notice of 18 November 1829 details the beginning of a regular mail service to and from Belize. This Notice stated: "A Bag of Mail will be sent to Honduras by the Mexican Packet on the third Wednesday in each month, beginning on the 16th December. The rate of postage will be 2s. 1d. per single sheet which must be prepaid."

The Acting Superintendent of the Settlement, Lt. Col. Alexander McDonald, on the 4th of January 1830, appraised the settlers of this mail service in a memorandum addressed to the Chairman, Legislative Meeting. The memorandum stated "That His Majesty's Government has arranged for the extension of a Packet Communication to the Settlement by diverting the British Mexican Packet to touch at Belize monthly on her way from Jamaica to Vera Cruz; that he the Superintendent has appointed an officer of the West India Regiment to be Post Master for the prompt performance of the duties entailed and requests the Legislative Meeting to provide accommodation for the Post Office and adequate remuneration for the Post Master". (v)

A Special Public meeting was held that same day, with 37 members present. The meeting resolved that the Postmaster receive a postage of 5 pence on each single letter,

10 pence on each double letter or newspaper, and in the event of such postage not amounting to £200 per annum, the deficiency to be made good from Public Funds (v).

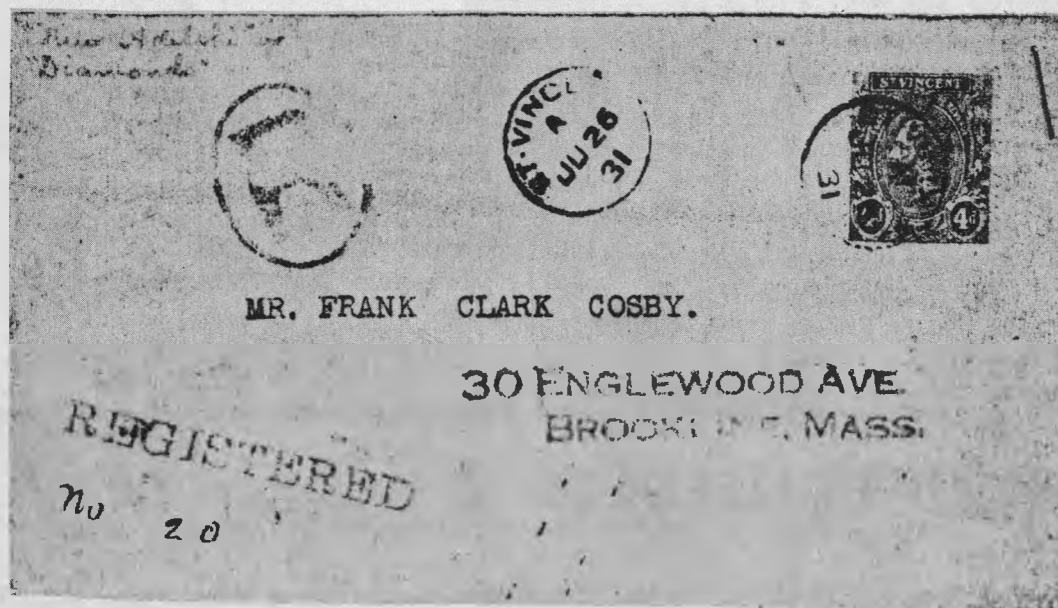
The Postmaster, the first for Belize, was Captain Moriarty of the 2nd West India Regiment (v). It is probable, but not certain, that Captain Moriarty was the Fort Officer whose duty was to board all ships at the time of their entering the harbour. This appointment of Postmaster by the Superintendent was later to be queried from London.

The start of a supposedly regular mail service no doubt gave much comfort to the settlers; in practice, however, the service proved very uncertain and unreliable, as will be evidenced later.

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 - (ii) Burdon, Sir John, Archives of British Honduras, 1931-1934.
 - (iii) Honduras Gazette and Commercial Advertiser, 1826 1 5 (29 July) Supplement.
 - (iv) Records 6a, pp 42-43, Archives of Belize.
 - (v) Records 8b, pp 6-8, Archives of Belize.

(Ed: Eric has promised further chapters in this account of the early postal history of Belize. Since British Honduras/Belize seems to be one of our generally "forgotten" places, insofar as the production of articles is concerned, we'll be looking forward to his next installment.)

ST. VINCENT "PROBLEM" POST OFFICES (Continued)



26 JUN 1931 cover with Small ST. VINCENT CDS, Code A, backstamped G.P.O./ST. VINCENT.B.W.I., 29 JUN 1931. (Friedman collection)

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The "Unpaid and Tax" Markings of Jamaica

by Reg Lant

PART II - CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 1980 JOURNAL

SINGLE TRIANGULAR "T" FOR "TAX" MARKINGS

These markings were the first attempts made by the Postal Authorities to utilize a standard handstamp indicating a postal deficiency at the point of mailing. They were always accompanied by the "CHARGE" expressed either in m/s or by an "AMOUNT DUE" handstamp applied at the GPO, Kingston.

They were, in all probability, made from steel or brass and possibly issued to all the larger post offices, similar to the Oval "R" handstamps indicating "REGISTRATION". Only the major types are listed, but there are minor differences to be found in each type, which would tend to bear out this theory.

Type "D 5".



1879



1936

A handstamp composed of a sans serif capital "T" enclosed within a single triangular frame with sides each measuring 14 mm. The letter "T" is 6 1/2 mm in height and several dies have been recorded, all in black ink.

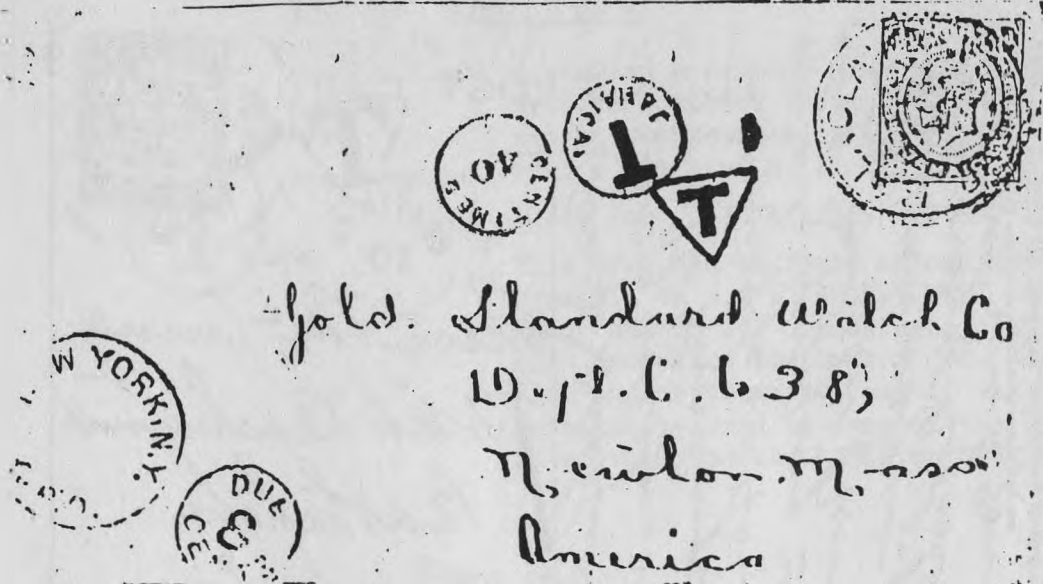
Black ink 13 MAR 1879 14 OCT 1939 N

In use about 60 years and apparently issued to offices other than the GPO, Kingston, as several items are known despatched from post towns with slight variations in the die. Reported used in conjunction with Types D7, D7a, D9, D9a, and D9b, but usually with the "AMOUNT DUE" expressed in m/s.

MANUSCRIPTS NEEDED!

I put those two words in big black letters because I want to emphasize them. My stock of articles is pretty low and needs replenishment. So, whether you've got a ten-page study or a one-page personal opinion, please send it to me!

GEORGE



Commercial cover, Balaclava, Jamaica, to Newton, Massachusetts, USA, 17 OCT 1936, franked with King George V 1d. definitive tied with Balaclava double ring in black ink. Postage underpaid and Tax Marking Type D5 applied, Balaclava also in black ink. Subsequently upon arrival Kingston the Duplex Mark D9a in violet ink was added.

TYPE "D 5a".

A similar handstamp to Type D5 but in a larger format. The heavily seriffed letter "T" is 10 1/2 mm in height with much thicker components, and the triangular frame has sides of 17 mm. Known in both black and blue inks.



Black 1897

Black ink	25 APR 1897	20 APR 1912	S
Blue (Kgn)	16 JULY 1903	15 JUN 1904	R



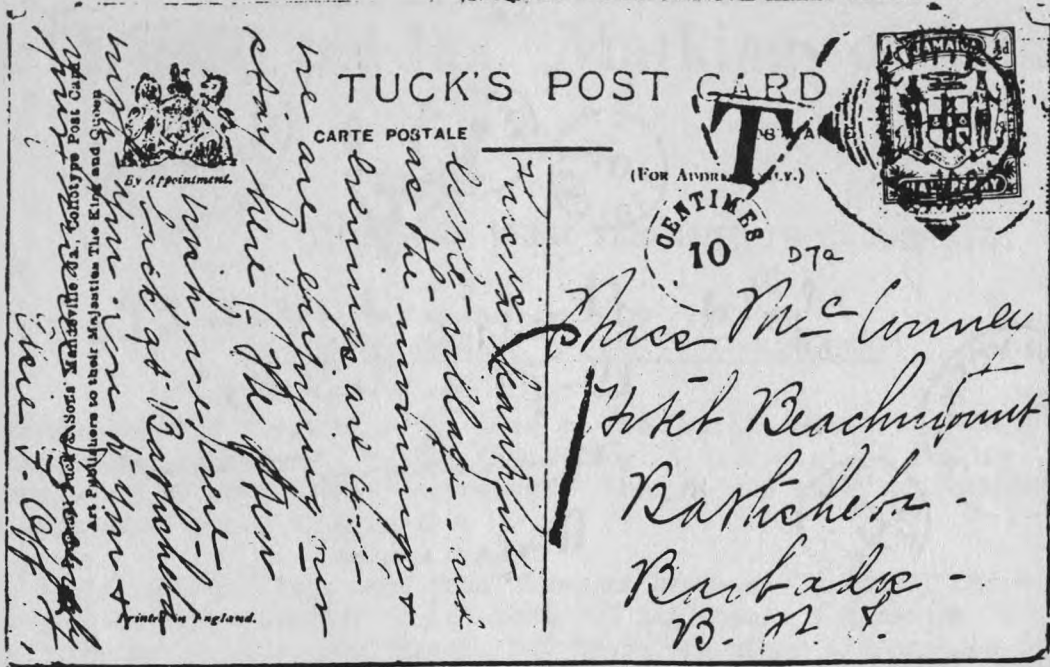
Blue 1903



Black 1911

Usually accompanied by the "AMOUNT DUE" expressed in m/s, although many examples, mainly from the post towns, have been recorded used in conjunction with Type 7a, which type was applied at Kingston. Several dies exist, and it was probably supplied to the larger post offices the same as Type D5. See following example.

It's unbelievable that any member wouldn't have ordered a Group button by now, but if you haven't, you should read the top paragraph on Page 26 of the February BCPJ. Then turn to Page 28 and look at pictures 5, 6, 9, and 14. Those people are all wearing Group buttons. You don't want to be left out, do you?



Local view postcard from Mandeville to Bathsheba, Barbados, SEP 4 1911, franked with 1/2 d. green Arms issue tied with Mandeville squared circle mark in black. Postcard rate to BWI destinations 1d. and as a deficiency of 1/2 d. tax due mark D5a applied and amount due 1d. in m/s blue crayon added. Upon arrival at Kingston GPO, Tax amount due 10 centimes Type D7a applied in violet ink. Type D5a is in black ink, similar to the Mandeville squared circle, indicating that both were applied at that P.O.

SINGLE CIRCULAR "T" FOR "TAX" MARKINGS

The year 1905 brought a major change in the design of the "TAX" markings from the unusual Single "T" Triangular handstamps to modern Circular versions with the letter "T" enclosed therein. Used in the same manner as the Triangular types, the Circular marks are always accompanied by the "AMOUNT DUE" expressed either in m/s or by a handstamp Types D6-D6e inclusive, and D7a.

TYPE "D 6".



A handstamp comprised of a single CIRCLE with a diameter of about 16 mm with a serif capital letter "T" enclosed therein. The letter "T" is 10 mm in height, with long points to the serifs from the cross bar, and a 6 mm base to the letter. Always in black ink.

Black ink 20 DEC 1905 ? MAY 1910 VR
 This type was used at the Kingston GPO and Up Park Camp.

TYPE "D 6a".



A similar handstamp comprised of a heavily seriffed capital letter "T" about 11 mm in height, enclosed within a single circle with a diameter of 18 mm. Black ink.

Black ink 13 JULY 1909 9 MAY 1916 UN

This type can be found in conjunction with Type D7a or a m/s "AMOUNT DUE" and also with "AMOUNT DUE" handstamps of the Foreign Branch of the London GPO. Several dies appear to exist, and it was in all probability used by many of the Post Towns in addition to the Kingston GPO.

TYPE "D 6b".



Very similar to the previous types of this class. The single circle has a diameter of 20 mm and the seriffed capital letter "T" is 12 mm in height, with a very thick base line. Black ink.

Black ink 25 OCT 1912 5 FEB 1919 VR

Noted on a letter from Post Town Mag-gotty to the USA, accompanied by Type D7a. Apparently a variation of this classification and may only have been in usage at this one office.

TYPE "D 6c".



Similar in design to the previous type. A heavily seriffed 12 mm letter "T" enclosed in a 19 1/2 mm diameter single circle. The stem and cross bar of the "T" are about 2 1/2 mm thick, with the cross bar increasing gradually to the points. Black ink.

Black ink 20 APR 1924 13 JUN 1929 S

This handstamp appears to have been roughly made, and may possibly be a "woodblock". Known used on letters from several post towns including Seaforth, Spanish Town, and Colonel's Ridge.

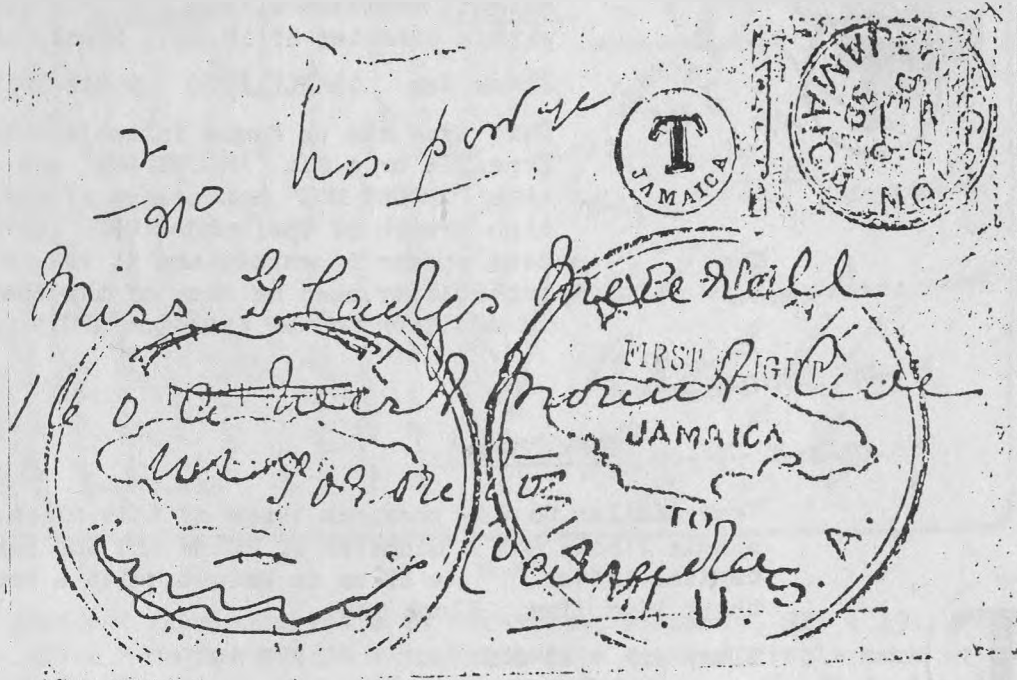
TYPE "D 6d".



A rubber handstamp comprising a single circle 18 mm in diameter. Enclosed therein is a 11 mm seriffed capital letter "T" about 2 1/2 mm thick, also the Colony name "JAMAICA" curved below in 2 1/2 mm serif capitals ending with a period. Violet ink.

Violet ink ? ? 1918 U

The only example recorded is struck on a cover from Kingston to Toronto, Canada, DEC 10 1930 (First Flight, Jamaica to Miami, U.S.A.). There is no evidence of an Amount Due marking.



TYPE "D 6g".



A rubber 21 mm single circle handstamp with a slender serif 6 1/2 mm capital letter "T" enclosed therein near the top, also Colony name "JAMAICA" curved around the base in 2 1/2 mm serif caps. Violet ink. Only one copy as yet reported. See illustration following.

Violet ink 27 JLY 1949

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MORE EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS

I must explain my seemingly random use of four separate styles of type used in this magazine.

The truth is, I happen to have four typewriters at my disposal, each at a different location and each with a different type style.

Whenever I have time to do Journal work, I will do it with whatever typewriter happens to be closest at hand.

I will, however, take pains not to include more than one style of type per sentence, because that wouldn't do at all.

The only copy recorded is on a cover from Annotto Bay accompanied by a separated D7a "AMOUNT DUE" mark. The cover is addressed to Sir Claude and Lady Mallet, British Legation, Panama, was damaged in transit, and the Panama P.O. damage seal which was affixed practically obscures the Annotto Bay double-ring dater.

TYPE "D 6e".



A rubber handstamp somewhat similar to the previous Type D6d. The single circle has a diameter of 18 1/2 mm, with a 7 mm capital letter "T" enclosed near top center, also the Colony name "JAMAICA" curved below in 2 mm serif caps. Violet ink.

Violet ink 30 APR 1929

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Reported on cover from Kingston, accompanied by a m/s Amount Due, but confirmation is lacking.

TYPE "D 6f".



A rubber handstamp of similar format resembling the left hand circle of Duplex Type D9b. Diameter of the single circle is 16 1/2 mm, and the fancy capital letter "T" is about 7 1/2 mm in height with an outlined periphery. Violet ink.

Violet ink 10 DEC 1930

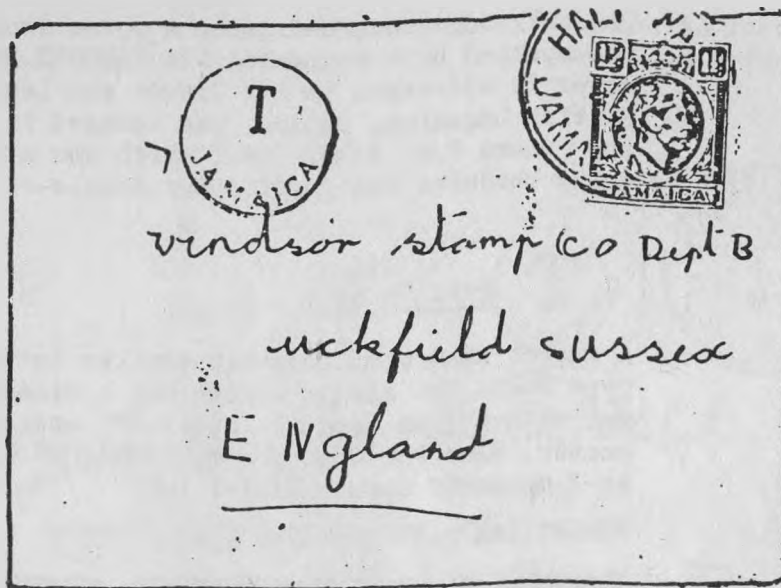
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ST. VINCENT "PROBLEM" POST OFFICES (Continued)

When one considers (1) the known periods and dates of usage of the small ST. VINCENT CDS, (2) the two covers described by Michael Medlicott in the Bulletin of the British West Indies Study Circle, No. 94, September 1977, and (3) the two covers illustrated here, the evidence suggests the following:

1. During the First Period (j) (i) was used at the GPO, Kingstown.
2. During the Second Period (j) (ii) was used at Bridgetown.
3. During the Third Period (j) (iii) was used at Troumaca.
4. During the First Period (1) (i) was used at the GPO, Kingstown.
5. During the Second Period (1) (ii) was used at New Adelphi, and PML No. 19 is the same as PML No. 17.

The writer is convinced of the above conclusions, which are supported by facts presently known, but would be pleased to hear from any reader with other views. He would especially welcome reports of any small ST. VINCENT CDS's with dates of usage from 1905 on.



Domestic cover from HALF-WAY-TREE to UCKFIELD, SUSSEX, ENGLAND, 27 JULY 1949, franked with King George VI 1 1/2 d. brown definitive tied with Half-Way Tree double ring in black ink. Postage was underpaid and Circular "T" tax marking D6g was applied in violet ink.

SINGLE CIRCULAR "AMOUNT DUE" MARKINGS

These handstamps were always struck on underpaid letters to indicate the amount of postage due, to be collected from the recipient. They were all applied at the Kingston GPO, and are usually found accompanied by the warning "T" TAX markings listed in the two previous classifications.

TYPE "D 7".



A handstamp comprised of a fancy "4d" about 16 mm in height, enclosed within a 23 mm single circle. The ink is black.

Black ink 20 NOV 1889

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The only example recorded is reported to have been applied to an underpaid letter from Jamaica to England, accompanied by a single triangular D5 tax mark. Confirmation outstanding.

TYPE "D 7a".

A rubber handstamp resembling the right-hand portion of a duplex tax marking. It consists of a single circle about 18 mm in diameter, with the word "CENTIMES" curved inside the top in 2 mm serif capitals, and the AMOUNT DUE placed below in

the center expressed in serif arabic figures 3 1/4 mm in height. Three values are known and others may exist. Always in violet ink.

10 CENTIMES Violet ink 1910 20 APR 1912 R
 30 CENTIMES Violet ink ? MAY 1910 ? ? 1918 S
 40 CENTIMES Violet ink 30 APR 1910 VR

This was the first of the GOLD CENTIMES handstamps and it was always accompanied by a "T" warning mark Types D5, D5a, D6, D6a, or D6b. (Further details of the Gold Centimes handstamps will be found in succeeding installments.)

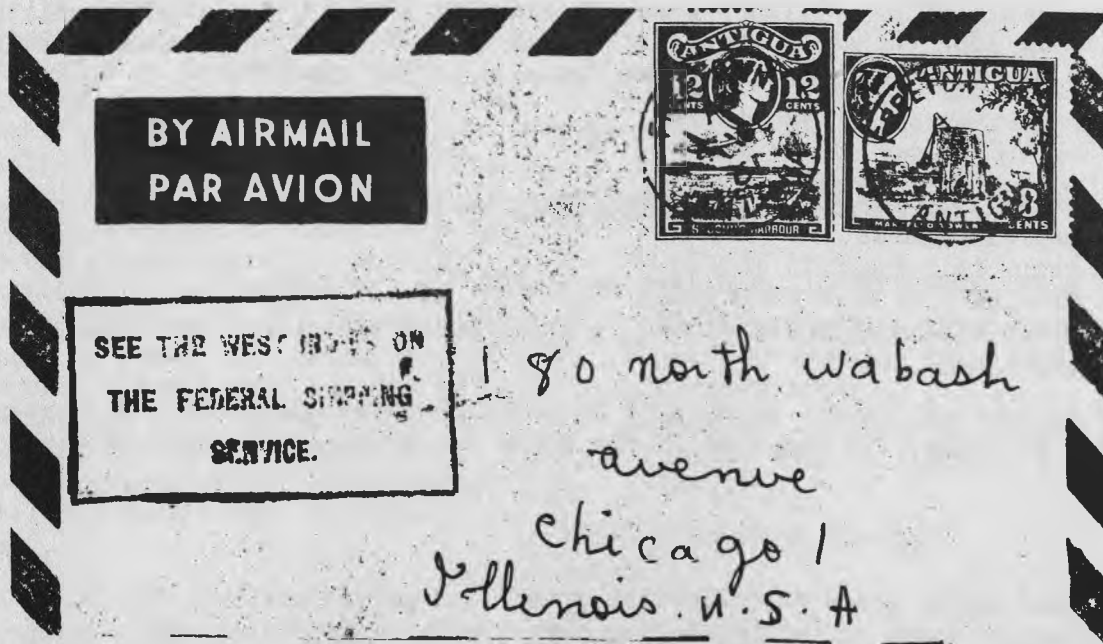
(TO BE CONTINUED)

ANTIGUA

By George W. Bowman

THE FEDERAL SHIPPING SERVICE HANDSTAMP

During the past Christmas holiday season Chuck Cwiakala kindly sent me the illustrated cover, posted at the Freetown, Antigua, sub-post office on 4 October 1961. The boxed three-line handstamp SEE THE WEST INDIES ON / THE FEDERAL SHIPPING / SERVICE triggered something in my usually malfunctioning memory and started me researching



back BCPJ issues, because I knew I'd seen that handstamp described somewhere else. Sure enough, there it was, in an article titled To Antigua in Quest of Ink, in Journal Number 58, December 1970, where Stan Durnin reports seeing the actual handstamp in the desk drawer of Edna Joshua, Postmistress not at Freetown but at Cedar Grove.

Stan wrote "I had completed postmarking my covers with the two standard (Cedar Grove) handstamps (Ed: These were the normal CDS and the boxed capital "R" registration mark), when to my utter surprise and joy Miss Joshua handed me a third handstamp with the words that she has had 'this one for a long time, but never used it!' I had previously seen examples of the 'SEE THE WEST INDIES ON THE FEDERAL SHIPPING SERVICE' rubber handstamp but certainly not any originating from Cedar Grove. It... shows deterioration solely to time and the elements---not to use. Locating it was the highlight of my day, and Elaine and I drove back to the hotel to celebrate with a glass of Portuguese wine, and to share our discovery with Eric Heyer and Al Higgins..."

I think I'd drink some wine, too, if I could figure out why the same handstamp showed up at two obscure Antigua sub-post offices about ten miles and nine years apart. I'd have a second glass if someone could prove to me that an identical handstamp was used at each of those two facilities, but I'd probably get dizzy trying to understand why only Cedar Grove and Freetown would be chosen to utilize the item. After all, during the 1960's a dozen or so sub-post offices were operating on the island, and some of them were (and still are) of considerably more importance than those two.

But if only one handstamp ever existed, then apparently it was used at Freetown and then for some reason was sent to Cedar Grove, where either Miss Joshua or her predecessor let it rot. Does anyone have any explanation, or any covers bearing this handstamp and posted at yet another post office? If so, the drinks are on me.

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Personal Mention (Continued from Page 43)

RUSS OTT advises that he will be in London for about four months; he left Texas early in January, and until he finds a "flat" he can be reached c/o Williams Brothers Engineering, Ltd., 48 St. Martin's Lane, London WC2N 4EJ. He hopes to be able to remain over there long enough to see us at LONDON 1980. (Ed: I hope that he still is able to find the time to prepare the New Issues news for the BCPJ!)

Certain December 1979 issues of Stamp Collector listed the following BCPSG members as winners of exhibit awards:

HORST AUGUSTINOVIC, a Silver at BALPEX '79 for "Baden".

DON KOLLER (BCPSG applicant), a Silver at MIDAPHIL '79 for "Jamaica, 1860-1960".

The Editor apologizes for not being able to announce these awards in the February Journal, but he speaks for the rest of the Group in offering belated congratulations to you both!

After more than forty years of collecting stamps and postal history, BOB TOPAZ has decided to relegate stamp collecting to the back burner and go into stamp dealing. He has joined forces with BILL BOGG, and together they have formed a spinoff firm known

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BOOK REVIEW

In the previous Journal I promised that I would review Ron Wike's new book "Trinidad & Tobago Postal Meter Stamps". Luckily (since I have never considered myself a competent analyst of other people's paragraphs, and would probably have trouble reviewing a cook book even if all the ingredients were in front of me), the December 8, 1979, issue of Stamp Collector unknowingly came to my rescue. SC published a quite detailed and objective analysis of Ron's work, and because there's really nothing I can add to it I've taken the liberty of reprinting it here.

"Trinidad & Tobago Postal Meter Stamps", by R. G. Wike, 1979 edition. Harry Hayes Philatelic Study No. 36, 50 pages, 25 illustrations, paper bound. Available from stamp dealers or the publisher, Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar Street, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 7HA, England. Price not stated.

This book is based on work originally appearing in the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal and covers the use of franking machines (postage meters) in Trinidad and Tobago from their introduction in 1931 to date.

The format is based on the Handbook and Simplified Catalog of the Meter Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland (Eire) by J. C. Mann. Following a preface and introduction, which includes an overview of franking machines and some definitions of basic terms of importance to the collector, there are sections on (1) "History and Operation" (2) "Current License Agreement" (reproducing the application form issued by the Postmaster-General of Trinidad & Tobago which summarizes the postal regulations governing the use of franking machines) (3) "Currency Change" (a resume of various currencies used through the period) (4) "Date Stamps (Town Marks)" (5) "Slogans" (6) "Makes of Machines and Types of Franks" (7) "Post Office Parcel Machines", and (8) "Index of Users".

The heart of the work is in Section 6 which itemizes and illustrates the 25 stamp designs so far utilized under the various manufacturer's meter models. Notes are given on the models as to type, denomination capability, and meter number sequences used.

Section 7 is of interest in that it details use of machines other than meters which were used at three post offices from the mid 1950's into the 1960's for use on parcels. All of these machines have now been withdrawn.

Section 8 will be of special interest to postal history buffs. Here the various meter numbers are listed, by manufacturer, the user's indicated, and the earliest known date of usage by each firm given.

A limited market and insufficient information has rendered it impossible to price the various stamps. The author does indicate relative rarity by use of the terms "common", "fairly common", "rare", "very rare", and "extremely rare".

It is promised that corrections and additions will be published in the British Caribbean Philatelic Journal and the Trinidad Philatelic Bulletin when reported to the author at 15 Oaklands, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 9HD, England.

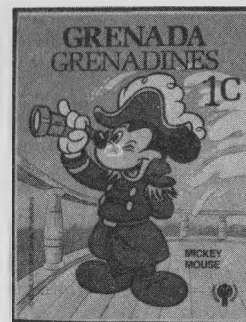
(Ernest J. Roscoe).

I'll say again what I said in February: The book is available not only from Harry Hayes, as Mr. Roscoe points out, but also from Ron and the Trinidad Philatelic Society.

GEORGE

NEW ISSUES

prepared by Russell Ott



INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING LISTING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU (CA) AND THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PHILATELIC CORPORATION (IGC).

ANTIGUA

7 FEB 80 MOSCOW OLYMPICS. Four values and souvenir sheet: 10¢ - Javelin Thrower; 25¢ - Running; \$1 - Pole Vault; \$2 - Jumping; Souvenir sheet - \$3 value - Boxing Event - border shows Olympic spectators. Designed by Design Images, Inc., and lithographed by House of Questa. (IGC)

BARBADOS

27 NOV 79 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. Five values: 12¢ - The Family; 28¢ - A Chain of Children around Barbados; 45¢ - Education; 50¢ - Children at Play; \$1 - Children and a Kite. Designed by Richard Granger Barrett and lithographed by House of Questa. Watermark CA Spiral. (CA).

BERMUDA

JAN 80 SIR ROWLAND HILL. Four values: 8¢ - 1848 Hamilton Postmark and Penny Black; 20¢ - 1848 Hamilton Postmark and Portrait of Sir Rowland Hill; 25¢ - 1848 Hamilton Postmark and letter with "Paid 1" cancellation; 50¢ - 1848 Hamilton Postmark and "Paid 1" cancellation. Designed by John Waddington's Studio and lithographed by House of Questa. Watermark CA Spiral. (CA)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

17 DEC 79 NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES. To be released in four parts. Parts I and II issued 17 DEC 79, Parts III and IV to be released 1 APR 80. The definitives will feature underwater marine life. Parts I and II: 5¢ - Pencil Urchin; 8¢ - Triton's Trumpet; 10¢ - Christmas Tree Worms; 15¢ - Spider Crab; 20¢ - True Tulip; 25¢ - Rooster Tail Conch; \$2.50 - Peppermint Shrimp; \$3 - West Indian Murex. Designed by BG Studios and lithographed by House of Questa. Watermark CA Spiral.

Parts III and IV: 1/2 ¢ - Calcified Algae; 1¢ - Purple-Tipped Sea Anemone; 3¢ - Common Starfish; 13¢ - Flamingo Tongue Snail; 18¢ - Sea Squirts; 30¢ - Fighting Conch; 60¢ - Mangrove Crab; \$1 - Coral Polyps; \$5 - Carpet Anemone. (CA and IGC)

GRENADA (GRENADINES)

10 DEC 79 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. Nine values and souvenir sheet, all with Walt Disney cartoon characters theme. 1/2 ¢ - Dr. Goofy listening to the music of his own voice through his stethoscope; 1¢ - Admiral Mickey Mouse aboard ship, surveying scene with a telescope; 2¢ - Fireman Goofy entangled in a fire hose; 3¢ - Nurse Minnie spooning out medicine for a sick little mouse child; 4¢ - Strutting Mickey Mouse, the snappy drum major; 5¢ - Policeman Donald Duck stops traffic for a little mouse and her even smaller children; 10¢ - Aviator Donald, looking like the Red Baron, poses with model airplane; \$2 - Mailman Goofy running in fear from tiny snapping dog; \$2.50 - Railroad engineer Donald Duck oiling his model locomotive; Souvenir sheet - \$3 value - Shows ladder-climbing Fireman Mickey. Designed by Walt Disney Productions and lithographed by Format International Security Printers, Ltd. (IGC)

SAINT LUCIA

6 DEC 79 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. Four values and souvenir sheet: 10¢ - A Prince of Saxony by Cranche the Elder; 50¢ - The Infanta Margarita by Velazquez; \$2 - Girl Playing Badminton by Charon; \$2.50 - Mary and Francois Wilcox by Stock; Souvenir sheet - \$5 value - Two Children by Picasso. The border of the souvenir sheet features Rembrandt sketch of Two Women Teaching a Child to Walk. Paintings are courtesy of the Trustees of the National Gallery in London. Lithographed by House of Questa. (IGC)

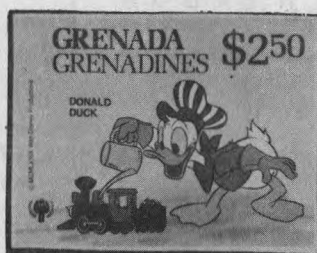
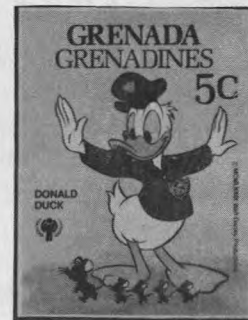
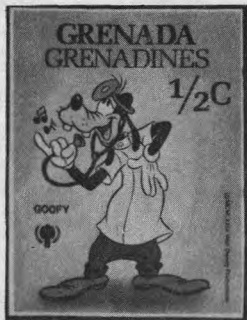
10 DEC 79 SIR ROWLAND HILL. Four values and souvenir sheet: 10¢ - Shows original document calling for the institution of uniform postage; 50¢ - Original stamp sketch for the one penny - half ounce rate; \$2 - First stamp of St. Lucia - penny red; \$2.50 - Great Britain's first stamp - the penny black; Souvenir sheet - \$5 value - Portrait of Sir Rowland Hill. Background of souvenir sheet depicts mid-18th century postal coach picking up mail from post office. Designed by John Waddington's Studios and lithographed by House of Questa. (IGC)

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

JAN 80 CENTENARY OF PRINCES TOWN. Four values and souvenir sheet: 5¢ - Pouli Tree in Churchyard; 10¢ - Princes Town Court House - 1980; 50¢ - Locomotive of the Royal Train - 1880; \$1.50 - HMS Bacchante, the Princes' transport to Trinidad; Souvenir sheet - \$2.15 value - contains one each of the stamps. Designed by Glyn Hutchins and lithographed by Format International Security Printers. Watermark CA Spiral. (CA)

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

19 DEC 79 FINE ARTS OF THE WORLD. Six values and souvenir sheet: 6¢ - Christiana's World by Andrew Wyeth; 10¢ - Ivory Leopards from Benin, 19th Century; 20¢ - The Kiss by Gustav Klimt; 25¢ - Portrait of a Lady by Rogier Vander Weyden; 80¢ - A Sumerian Bull's Head, circa 2600 BC; \$1 - Hokusai's Wood Block; Souvenir sheet - \$2 value - Holy Family by Rembrandt. Border of souvenir sheet is graced with large Rembrandt signature. Designed by John Waddington's Studio and lithographed by Format International Security Printers, Ltd. (IGC)



THE LIGHTER SIDE...

No good book to read? Nothing on TV tonight? Try working this BCPSG Name-Dropper!

This type of puzzle is pretty popular these days. The words you're looking for can be found running horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and either forward or backward. Hidden in the square of 441 letters are our Group "call letters", plus the names of the 114 past and present BCPSG members listed. Can you find them all? To start you off, Mike Romano is already picked out.

Nobody should really have any trouble with this, but the answer will be published in the June Journal anyway. (Suggestion: Rather than mark on the page, make a few xeroxes.)



ADACH	GOODNER	OTT
ALDEN	GREWCOCK	PARE
ALLEN	GRINDE	PARKER
ARCH	GROUP	PEARSE
ARNELL	HANCHELL	PLASS
ASHLEY	HANNAN	POTTER
ASHTON	HART	POWERS
AYRE	HARVEY	PRATT
BAKER	HATCH	PROKESCH
BATES	HEAP	RAPP
BCPSG	HELLINGS	RATH
BETHELL	HELLNER	RAYMOND
BOGG	HELM	REGO
BONANG	HOCH	RODGERS
BOND	HOLMES	ROETT
BOX	HULSE	ROMANO
BREW	ISHIHARA	ROSIE
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Personal Mention (Continued from Page 56)

as New England North. (Bill, of course, will continue to operate the New England Company in Naples, Florida.) Contact NEN at Box 216, Waban, MA 02168. If Bob's Jamaica stock is anything like his Jamaica collection, you'll find some good stuff for sale!

Maybe the Naples branch will now be called New England South.

Philatelically, WALTON VAN WINKLE is busier these days than a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs. In addition to having co-authored a detailed analysis of the village cancels of Trinidad and Tobago, Walton is now the:

1. Editor of MEXICANA.
2. BCPSG Public Relations Officer.
3. Exhibit Chairman of ARIPEX '80.
4. Newly-elected President of the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs.

Dynamos have been around for a long time, but until Walton came along, none had ever been found with arms and legs.

Australian member DAVID SMITH writes that he will be out from "down under" between March and September 1980 on a 6-months' study leave. After five weeks in North America, he will be located at the School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK. He has arranged his itinerary to insure his being at LONDON 1980 for our Annual Meeting!

AL BRANSTON reports that member MICHAEL OLIVER was awarded a BCPSG Silver Medal at STAMPEX for his exhibit "Leeward Islands, the General Issue of 1890-1956". Congratulations from the entire Group, Michael!

EWAN CAMERON is currently the Editor of the Jamaica Philatelic Society Monthly Newsletter. How about sending me a sample copy, Ewan?

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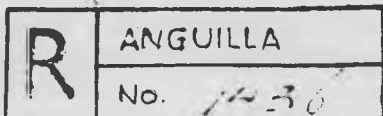
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This and That...

GORDON MacDOUGALL inquires if anyone knows the location of Tobago's first post office. (Plymouth was the first capital---before Scarborough.) He is looking for a picture, if available, of the first post office building. Who can help? Write Gordon at 1859 East Sierra Way, Dinuba, CA 93618.



BEN RAMKISSOON has submitted a registered cover, posted on 5 April 1979 at the Valley, Anguilla, Post Office, and bearing the new illustrated registration handstamp. The "R" is more rectangular and straighter than before, and the boxes forming the rectangle are all complete.

The earliest recorded date for the Ludington/Raymond Bahamas Type 3a double-ring CDS from Simms, Long Island, is ? JUL 10. PAUL LARSEN recently found a KEVII 1d. stamp having this cancel dated 26 FEB 09, predating the previous EDK by almost a year and a half.

AL BRANSTON writes that he has learned from the Chairman of the LONDON 1980 Awards Subcommittee that a BCPSG Gold Medal will be available for presentation to the most deserving British Caribbean exhibit. Al states that sufficient BeeWee entries of outstanding merit have been received by the LONDON 1980 Committee to allow our Group's medal to be considered.

From PAUL LARSEN comes a publicity card advertising ROCKFORD '80, the Rockford, Illinois, Annual Stamp Exhibition and Bourse, to be held this year on 12-13 April. This show is an APS "World Series" qualifier, and as such is being offered a BCPSG medal for presentation to the owner of the outstanding British Caribbean display.

...from Here and There

Secretary's Report (Continued)

It is, of course, a deep and sudden shock, and a great blow to the Group, to lose a member possessing the knowledge and enthusiasm of John Willem. The circumstances are somewhat brightened, however, by the fact that his wife Lois, who worked by his side throughout his studies of the Tudway affair, will continue both the Willem BCPSG membership and John's research in her own right.

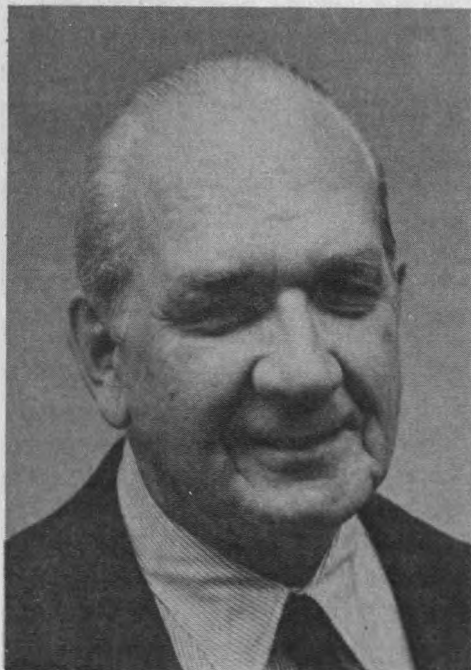
We extend to Lois our heartfelt sympathy of the many BCPSG'ers who were fortunate enough to have known John. We are pleased to welcome her into membership, and only wish that the conditions surrounding her admittance might have been different.

AN UNUSUAL BRITISH HONDURAS CENSORED COVER... (From Page 45)

transit markings, it would appear that the censor's job was accomplished in British Honduras. The cachet is the same type as the PASSED BY EXAMINER described by Trevor Bates. (Ed: Apparently Trevor's 'Type H1', shown on Page 98 of *Roses Caribbean Philatelic Handbook No. 2, "West Indian Censorship Devices"*. In that example, dated in December 1941, the handstamp was also applied in violet.) The very early date suggests that the cover may be a bogus reconstruction.

Ian closes his query with a request: "Can any other member of the Group offer further information on the status of this item?"

JOHN M. WILLEM



1909 - 1979

John Willem was a native of Wisconsin and received a Master's Degree in Journalism from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. His photo-journalistic, publishing, and public relations experience led to a position as a researcher under Dr. George H. Gallup, and later as an executive with the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency.

His interest of many years, aside from his work and expertise as a publishing executive, numismatist, and philatelist, was as a member of the Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn Board of Trustees, of which he was elected President in 1972.

John was an active member and official of the Port Washington, New York, United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully in many capacities. He is survived by his wife Lois, four children, and five grandchildren. He will be remembered by the BCPSG as a dedicated philatelic researcher, who never hesitated to share his discoveries with others.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE (Continued from Page 43)

You'll recall that in the previous Journal I stated that at NOJEX the BCPSG had voted to have a "mini-meeting" at FLOREX. We'd like to have a good representation of BWI exhibits from our membership, since FLOREX is a top show and meets the requirements for an APS "Champion-of-Champions" qualifier. We've also scheduled the second portion of our 1980 auction program for FLOREX.

I had hoped to receive updated details about LONDON 1980 prior to taking this issue to print, but none appeared. So, about all I can now add concerning the big show is "Hope to see many of you there!"

Finally, thanks for the very nice notes, phone calls, and letters from Mike Rego, Eric King, Col. Lynn Wallace, Angus Parker, Dotty Stapp, Bob Anderson, Roger Younie, Paul Larsen, Bill Cornell, Allan Leverton, David Smith, Elaine Durnin, Richard Heap, John Buckner, Tony Shepherd, Fred McGary, and to Dan Walker for his kind words on Page 34.

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Penny Blacks used in Barbados

A cover sent from Barbados on 9 March 1842 arrived in London 8 April, bore two penny blacks cancelled on arrival. The letter was forwarded and a pair of 1d. reds was added.

This cover is being offered in our Diamond Jubilee Auction on 8th May. The same writer wrote from H.M.S. *Illustrious* at Bermuda on 4 February 1842, and franked his letter with two penny blacks, PF and PJ. The Barbados cover was franked with two stamps from the same row, PC and PG, the last severed from the PF on the Bermuda cover.

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