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## The President's Message

For some time we have recognized the need to enhance and upgrade our Editor's computer system. (The BCPGS owns the present printer and shares its operating costs with Mark while he owns the computer and contributes its use to the BCPSG.) The need has become acute over the past several months, causing us to accelerate our efforts. Using counsel from a membership advisory group, a study of our needs and the options available, and the recommendations of our Editor, we are close to making the purchase of the components of an overall computer publishing system.

Our estimates are that the system will cost about $\$ 5,000$ (computer together with its accessories, $\$ 3,000$; printer and supplies, $\$ 1,500$; word processor, $\$ 500$ ). When purchased the equipment will be wholly owned by the BCPSG and will be maintained by us through a service contract agreement. It will pass to the future Editor, who, hopefully, will be serving as one of our assistant editors, thus gaining experience in this work.

In late April, I began the BCPSG Computer Fund. I have already contacted some members of the Group, asking for their help to raise the funds needed for this computer publishing system. Our plan is to proceed with purchase as funds become available: I am grateful to those who have already responded. Now I appeal to all our members to join us in this essential task.

The BCPJ is the backbone of our Group. Each issue is evidence that we share our knowledge, and extend help to the membership. But, most particularly, we help ourselves, when we help our editor, through contributions (tax deductible in the USA, as the law allows), so that the target of completing this project in 1989 will be realized.

Thank you for "pitching in". Send your contributions (payable to the BCPSG) to our Treasurer. Each contribution will be acknowledged. You will be informed of the results of the Computer Fund in the Spring of 1990.

Bob Topaz, New England North, has made a special offer to support the computer fund. He will forward $25 \%$ of his sales to all BCPSG members which take place after July 1 and are paid before December 31, 1989.

## LONDON 90

We urge all members to join us for our 1990 annual meeting to be held in London during LONDON 90, 3-13 May 1990. Michael Rego heads a team of people making the arrangements. Bob Swarbrick has made private club arrangements for rooms for a limited number of overseas visitors. Room rates will be $£ 35 / 43$ for a single room with shared bath, $£ 45 / 55$ for a single with private bath, and $£ 60 / 90$ for a double with private bath. In each category the higher rate is for modernized rooms. Those interested should contact Bob as soon as possible since he must quickly make firm commitments for these rooms. The location, just off Berkeley Square, is ideal for shopping, sightseeing and theater-going in central London.

As other details become available, the Journal will keep you informed. We will hold our annual meeting during the exhibition and have been invited to join the British West Indies Study Circle for a "wine and cheese" party. Dates are now being arranged. Those who have attended our previous meetings in London know how enjoyable this experience is.

## From The Editor's Desk

There were several problems with Morris Ludington's article in the June journal. Rather than print the corrections and ask you to mark them on your copy, I will print the corrected article in December. Morris has found a new postmark which will be included. If you have any examples which would serve to expand the article, please send them now to Morris, 821 McCeney Avenue, Burnt Mills Hills, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

UK Member John Hilsdon is writing several articles for the journal which you will be seeing. His observations on thematic collecting may interest you:
"Many collectors are horrified at the flood of new issues, and the subjects commemmorated, many having no connection with the Caribbean area. Leaders of the World series, Winter Olympics, and Space Exploration are just some that come to mind.
"My own solution, and probably that of many others, to the problem of how to collect modern issues is to stop at a convenient date, reign or issue for the main collection, in my case, St. Vincent, at the first Queen Elizabeth definitives. I then include only those issues which I regard as being welldesigned annd printed, depicting subjects relevant to the Island or the Caribbean. These I arrange by subject. I quite often use these sheets as an introduction when giving displays, and it usually meets with approval.
"It saddens me when I see and hear of a few sheets of accumulated dogs, cats, trains and planes, being described as Thematic collecting. When a subject is collected seriously, including ALL relevant philatelic material, postal history, booklets, cachets, postal markings, etc., and arranged in a systematic and logical way, this discipline becomes as absorbing and satisfying as any other recognized form of collecting.
"If the thematic subjects fall within an area covered by a study group, I see no reason why these should not be included and taken seriously."

On hand is one thematic or topical study of the West Indies and another is on its way. As soon as possible they will be printed. In the meantime if any member wishes to comment on John's thoughts, please write to me. My address is on the front cover.

In the $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years that I have been editor a number of articles have appeared with guideline for journal editors. If they had been available when I started, you wouldn't have had to put up with much of my learninng period. The latest of these is "Tips For Journal Editors" by member Diana Manchester in The Philatelic Communicator, Second Quarter, 1989, Vol. 22, No. 2, W/N 34. This is the official bulletin of the APS Writers Unit No. 30. In addition to being excellent tips for editors, many of the ideas expressed will help authors to provide articles which require less attention from editors.

The APS Writers Unit has included an eight page section in this issue of their Bulletin which can be removed without disturbing the page numbering. If anyone would like a copy, send me a $\$ 1.00$ bill and I'll send a photocopy. This won't quite pay the cost of photocopying and postage but will come close. The ideas are important enough for me to want copies to go to everyone interested. Other articles are "Volumes, Number and Pages: Good Bibliographic Practice in Jourral Publishing", "Masthead and Banners" and "Cover Photography".

## CAYMAN PHILATELIC HOLIDAY (cont.) by James F. Stern

At East End (Fig. 16 and 17), the last post office on Grand Cayman, we lingered about a half hour with the postmistress who, like all of the others, chatted with us and accommodated our peculiar requests for cancellations and information with humor and courtesy.

Fig. 15


Fig. 16
Fig. 17
Thus, in one pleasant day, we visited every one of the country post offices on Grand Cayman. After a wonderful dinner with an old college classmate who lives on Grand Cayman all year (except for the hellishly hot summer months) we retired early for our dawn flight to Cayman Brac.

## Cayman Brac

As the crow flies, Cayman Brac (brac means "bluff" in Gaelic) is about ninety miles due east of Grand Cayman. Cayman Airways provides an early morning and late afternoon flight each way every day. A pleasant thirty-five minutes in the air put us at the newly built jet air strip at West End.

Again we rented a car and driver (pre-arranged) and drove east along the north coast of "The Brac" as the Caymans call it, driving on the only paved road on the island. At each post office - Watering Place (Fig. 18), Stake Bay (Fig. 19), Creek (Fig. 20) and Spot Bay (Fig. 21) - we were virtually given the run of the post office and our requests were filled and our silly questions answered with patience and humor.

At Spot Bay we assisted the postmistress in loading the mail bags (not very full) onto the mail truck which makes the round trip every day. The driver picks up the mail about 8:30 at West End (Fig. 22) when the Grand Cayman plane arrives, the mail having been sorted into destination bags at GPO in Georgetown. After leaving the west End bag, he makes the twelve mile run to the other post
offices. About $2: 30$ he leaves Spot Bay, makes the trip in reverse, picking up the mail, and arrives at west End in time to load on the $4: 30$ plane to Georgetown. At the same time, the intra-island mail from one Brac office to another has been processed and delivered or picked up as required.


The Brac post offices are surprisingly busy because in addition to the 1200 or so permanent inhabitants, there are now several new hotels and inns catering to a growing number of tourists, especially the diving and scuba enthusiasts. The postmistress at Stake Bay (the original post office on Cayman Brac) commented on the large number of philatelic covers she is called upon to prepare for American, Canadian and British collectors. She said it was her pleasure to cooperate, especially since the 25 or 35 stamps allowed the postal system to make "good money".

After a delightful lunch and an hour or so of snorkeling (scuba is really out of our class) we took the late afternoon plane to Grand Cayman, loaded with covers and strikes from all the post office installations on Cayman Brac.

It only took a half a day or so to visit all five post offices on the island and another hour to drive the south shore road to see the spectacular bluffs.

## Little Cayman

We did not have either the time or the transportation to visit Little Cayman which, with its twenty or so permanent residents and only a few rustic tourist lodges and fishing camps, has one sub post office. However, we were told that the mail is normally posted at the landing strip on the west end of the island and carried either to Cayman Brac or directly to Georgetown.

## The End

The next morning, after a final visit to GPO to pick up some additional covers, we boarded the jet for Miami. Our philatelic holiday in the Caymans was a pleasant interlude we will long remember.

## 1990 DUES

Please note that this issue of the journal includes a dues notice for 1990 . You are asked to forward your dues to Tom Cusick or Bob Swarbrick before the end of the year. A special incentive, a saving in the amount of the dues, is available if you pay before December 31st. This saving amounts to US $\$ 3.00$ or $£ 2.00$.

Memebers in the USA and Canada may pay an additional amount, $\$ 5.00$, to have the journals sent via first class mail. All journals to international members are shipped via consolidated air shipment through Johnson and Hayward in New York. They have just informed us that their rates have increased for the first time in six years. This may affect the 1991 dues so you may want to prepay them.

## ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

It is time again to elect three trustees to serve the BCPSG for the period of 1990 to 1995. Your journal includes a ballot listing the candidates whose resumes and pictures appear below. Current trustees are the following:

1989
Robert V. Swarbrick Quintus Fernando Mariano B. De Lise

## W. Danforth Walker Harold Gosney Anthony Shepherd

1991
1993
Thomas E. Giraldi Jack Harwood
Dr. Peter P. McCann

Those whose terms expire at the end of this year will be leaving the Board of Trustees. The new Board will elect the officers of the BCPSG who will serve for the term of 1990-1991. As everyone knows, the new Board will have the chance to select a new editor for 1991.

In reverse alphabetical order, the candidates for the period of 1990-1995 are:
Michael R. Wilson, Tharston, Norwich, England, a specialist collector of the stamps and postal history of Turks and Caicos Islands, has been a member of the BCPSG since 1970 and has contributed many articles to the Journal, mostly on the subject of these bleak and less well known islands. More recently he has undertaken to produce the bi-annual index. He is also a member of the BWISC where two years ago he was elected Honorary Secretary.

Having spent thirty years in the Royal Navy, followed by a period as a Civil Servant when he worked as a Naval Historian, Michael has now "retired" to Norfolk where he assists his wife to run a Cat Boarding Kennels, writes books and deals with matters-philatelic ("More than enough to keep me busy"!).

Dr. Ian A. Matheson (39) was educated at St. Andrews University, Scotland, where he obtained his chemistry PhD. He has worked in the plastics industry since leaving University in 1975. Initially in research and development with BP, he is presently Polyethylene Production Manager with AECI, a major South African chemical corporation.

Ian is married with one son (and another child on the way) and has lived in South Africa for nine years.

Philatelic interests include British Honduras, St. Lucia and Unfederated Malay States. Ian's British Honduras exhibits have gained up to gold medal awards at national shows and up to vermeil at international levels. He is a member of various specialist societies including the BCPSG, BWISC, Belize Study Circle and Malaya Study Group and is presently President and Newsletter Editor of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg. He is also past President of both the East Rand Philatelic Society in South Africa and the Falkirk Philatelic Society in Scotland.

Barry Friedman of Fort Lauderdale, FL (age 53) is a Vice President of Shearson Lehman Hutton and a professional financial consultant. During 1987-1988 he served as the BCPSG coordinator with STAMPOREE 88 and handled all arrangements for our 1988 annual meeting.

His collecting interests are: general BWI, specialties, St. Vincent, Turks and Caicos, St. Kitts stampless covers, Falkland Islands and philatelic literature.

Barry is also a member of the BWISC, Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, KG VI Collectors Society, American Revenue Association, APS, United Postal Stationery Society and Board member and auctioneer of the Hollywood Stamp Club.

Miche1 Forand was born in 1941 in Montreal, Canada. He graduated in French and Spanish Literature and Linguistics at the University of Montreal. Currently, he is chief report editor at the Economic Coucil of Canada, a government research agency.

Michel's main collecting interests are Bermuda (all periods) and BWI philatelic literature. His projects presently underway include a history of Fanning Island (Central Pacific) and some sections of the Bermuda Specialized Catalog.

Cyril Bell is President of CYLIX, Inc., the world's smallest vest-pocket stamp dealer, specializing in Grenada postal and revenue issues. In addition to eating, sleeping and dreaming Grenada, Cyril serves as executive director of the Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia. The SDAG puts on four shows a year and actviely supports stamp collecting throughout Georgia on every level. Cyril is founding member of the new Button Gwinnett Stamp Club and serves as training director for members interested in learning how to exhibit. In addition to being an active member in the BCPSG, Cyril is also a member of the ASPE, APC, APS, ARA, BCCS, BPF, BWISC, CC, CP, PEVS, RPS and UPSS.

Cyril states that his over-riding interest for wanting to serve as a trustee is "to insure that all the necessary help is available, that is required, to maintain the quality of our publication - the Journal - one of the best in all of Stampdom." (Ed.: I was going to leave this out but realized it wouldn't be fair to Cyril to do so.)


Michael Wilson


Ian Matheson


Barry Friedman


Cyril Bell

## PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. Ben Ramkissoon took advantage of a Chicago visit over the April 14-16, 1989 weekend by Dr. Quintus Fernando, Trustee, to hold an informal Chicagoland area meeting of the BCPSG. The meeting was hosted by Ben and Connie Ramkissoon at their home, and consisted of breakfast followed by philatelic conversation and looking at items brought for sharing and discussion. Attending were Paul Larsen and his wife, Joan, Tom Cusick, An early afternoon flight brought the meeting to a close.

Dr. Fernando will be back later to Chicago as he has promised to address the Collectors Club of Chicago on his Ceylon classic collection. Ben notes that Quintus shared with us some interesting developments in stamp expertization on which he has been working. The photo below shows the participants.

#  (9f Thermuda 

by Horst Augustinovic

## PART 2 - THE PRINTINGS OF THE 1953 DEFINITIVE ISSUE

Bermuda's 1953 definitive stamps were printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson \& Co., Ltd., on paper watermarked Multiple Crown and Script CA, and comb-perforated 132. Initially, 16 values were printed $-\frac{1}{2} d, 1 d, 1 \frac{1}{2} d, 2 d, 2 \frac{1}{2} d, 3 d, 4 d, 4 \frac{1}{2} d, 6 d$, $1 /-, 1 / 3,2 /-, 2 / 6,5 /-, 10 /-, f 1$ - and released on 9 November 1953.

To take care of new postage rates, an 8d stamp was added on 16 May 1955, using the design of the 6d stamp but changing the green frame color to red, and on 6 January 1958 a 9 d stamp, using the design of the $4 \mathrm{i} d \mathrm{stamp}$ but changing the color from emerald green to violet.

The 6d stamp was withdrawn on 31 December 1958 and replaced on 1 January 1959 with a new design showing the Perot Post Office. Designed by William Harrington, this stamp was issued to commemmorate the restoration of the post office formerly operated by William B. Perot. The reopening of the Perot Post Office on 1 January 1959 marked the beginning of Bermuda's 350th Anniversary celebrations.

With the exception of the $£ 1$ value, Bermuda's first Elizabethan definitive issue was line-engraved and printed by the recess printing process - of the initial set, eleven in single colors and four in two colors. The f1 stamp was produced in full color by using a combination of typography for the center (brown, blue, red, green) with recess for the bronze-green frame.

The actual printing was done from double plates, the press sheets cut after printing into sheets of 60 stamps each - six rows of 10 for the vertical $1 \frac{1}{2} d$ and $2 / 6$ values, and twelve rows of 5 for all the others. The printer's imprint 'BRADBURY, WILKINSON \& CO., LTD., NEW MALDEN, SURREY, ENGLAND.' appears centered at the bottom of each sheet. To the right of the imprint are the plate numbers, below stamp 59 in the case of the single-colored, and below stamps 59 and 60 on the multi-colored stamps.

The only recorded error occurs on the 3 d and $1 / 3$ values, showing a map of Bermuda. On the printings of 1953 and 1954, the word 'SANDYS' was hyphenated in error. These stamps of type I were withdrawn on 31 December 1956 and replaced with Type II on which the error had been corrected. As the spacing between the $Y$ and $S$ was not reduced after the removal of the hyphen, it can be assumed that the correction was made by removing the hyphen from the transfer roller and making new printing plates. (See Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, p 85.)

The fact, that the plate numbers - which were added by hand - are different on Type I and Type II sheets, confirms that new plates were made, although theoretically the second set of plates should have been numbered 2 and $2 a$. The difference in the hand-engraved plate numbers is particularly obvious in the upstroke of the number 1 which is $4-3 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long on Type I and $6-1 / 4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long on Type II of the $3 d$ value.

The only known varieties of the issue are shifts in the center design of the two-color stamps, caused by mis-registration when first the frame and then the
center designs were printed, as well as color variations on some printings, especially the $\frac{1}{2} d$ value where the color varies from olive-green to yellow-olive.

Comments made by Morris Ludington in 'THE POSTAL HISTORY AND STAMPS OF BERMUDA' (pages 381-382 of the 1978 edition) regarding the despatch of postage stamps to Bermuda after 1946 are valid also for the 1950's and 1960's.

Crown Agents would retain a quantity of each denomination in London for the purpose of supplying dealers. When a new printing was made of a given stamp, the Crown Agents stock of that particular denomination would be exchanged for the new printiing and the shipment despatched to Bermuda would in fact be a combination of two printings of that particular stamp. For example, the second despatch of $\frac{1}{2} d$ stamps, sent to Bermuda in March 1954, included 254,000 stamps of the first printing and 971,500 of the second printing. In most cases these shipments were also split and sent on two different dates.

On several occasions when inventories were getting low, Bermuda was supplied directly from Crown Agents stock, while in the case of the $\frac{1}{2} d$ value, Crown Agents were actually supplied from Bermuda on two occasions.

During the period considered here, the Colonial Treasurer was directly responsible for Bermuda's postage stamps. On arrival in Bermuda the stamps were kept by his office and then issued to the General Post Office as required - the lower values often in lots of 9,000 sheets, the quantity usually contained in one case, and the high values in lots as small as 100 sheets.

The listing which follows is largely based on records kept by the office of the Colonial Treasurer. In most cases the Bermuda usage of each denomination could be calculated accurately. However, it is not certain how many stamps remained at Crown Agents when this issue was removed from sale. Crown Agents usage can be calculated in some cases from the numbers exchanged following each printing. Stocks of some denominations must have been very low when this issue was removed from sale, while others must have had substantial amounts remaining.

It is interesting that the denomination printed most often should have been the $2 /$ - stamp of which fewer than 100,000 were used on average annually during the $9-y e a r$ period of use. It is also quite interesting that the $10 /-$ value was sold in substantially fewer numbers than the $£ 1$ value - about 25,000 on average annually versus 42,000 - although the catalogue value is less than half. Perhaps this is a reflection of the fact that many $£ 1$ stamps were used as Revenue stamps and it is quite possible that the postal usage of $£ 1$ stamps was even lower than of the $10 /-$ value.

To complete the record, the final printing of the King George VI Bermuda definitive stamps, not listed by Morris Ludington (see page 381, paragraphh 4 of the 1978 edition), is given here also.

## King George VI Pictorial Issue - Final Printing of April 1953.

Date of Despatch

1d April/July 1953
1娄d April/June 1953
3d April/June 1953
1/- April 1953
1/6 April 1953

Quantity sent Quantity Total Printing to Bermuda to CA

3,179,100
1,497,900 $1,525,500$

157,500
77,400
-

| - | $3,179,100$ | 103,000 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| - | $1,497,900$ | 74,000 |
| - | $1,525,500$ | 55,000 |
| - | 157,500 | 25,000 |
| 6,000 | 83,400 | 11,300 |

Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Issue - 9 November 1953 to 25 October 1962


Id $\quad$| 1 Sept./Oct. 1953 |
| :--- |
| 2 May/June 1954 |
| 3 July/Sept. 1956 |
|  |
|  |
| 4 July/Aug. 1958 |
|  |
|  |
|  |
| May 1960 |
|  |
| Sept./Oct. 1960 |
| Total |



| 2d | 1 Sept./Oct. 1953 | 1,265,400 | 240,000 | 1,505,400 |  | ultramarine/ brown red (all ptgs.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2 Mar./Apr. 1954 | 1,241,400 | - | 1,241,400 | 205,000 |  |
|  | 3 Jan./Feb. 1958 | 3,012,000 | - | 3,012,000 | 155,601 |  |
|  | Total | 5,518,800 | 240,000 | 5,758,800 |  |  |
| 2t $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 Aug./Sept. 1953 | 965,400 | 240,000 | 1,205,400 |  | rose-red |
|  | 2 March 1954 | 933,000 | - | 933,000 | 208,000 |  |
|  | 3 July 1956 | 1,120,440 | - | 1,120,440 | 82,165 |  |
|  | July 1956 | 90,000 | from CA stock |  |  |  |
|  | Total | 3,108,840 | 150,000 | 3,258,840 |  |  |
| 3d <br> Type <br> I | 1 Aug. $/$ Oct. 1953 | 2,592,000 | 240,000 | 2,832,000 |  | deep purple |
|  | 2 March 1954 | 2,326,800 | - | 2,326,800 | 208,000 |  |
|  | May 1955 | 100,000 | from CA stock |  |  |  |
|  | Total | 5,018,820 | 139, 980 | 5,158,800 |  |  |
|  | Of the above, 627, |  | erprinted 'Th | ee Power Ta | $s^{\prime}$. |  |
|  | This issue was removed from sale on 31 December 1956. |  |  |  |  |  |


| Type |  | Feb./Mar. 1956 | 2,514,000 | 75,000 | 2,589,000 | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| II | 2 | Jan./Feb. 1958 | 3,054,000 | 120,000 | 3,174,000 | 33,150 |
|  | 3 | March 1962 | 450,780 | - | 450,780 | 137,000 |
|  |  | May 1962 | 60,000 | CA stock |  |  |
|  | 4 | July 1962 | 774,480 | - | 774,480 | 77,000 |
|  |  | August 1962 | 65,040 | CA stock |  |  |
|  |  | September 1962 | 3,000* |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 6,912,240 | 69,960 | 6,988,260 |  |

* 9060 stamps were missing from this shipment on arrival in Bermuda.
** 3000 stamps were received in Bermuda of which there is no record at Crown Agents.


* The first printing is not listed in the Stanley Gibbons Elizabethan Catalogue.

This issue was removed from sale on 31 December 1958.
6d 1 November 1958 6,264,000 $180,000 \quad 6,444,000$
Perot
8d 1 Mar./Apr. 1955
2 September 1956
2,489,400 $90,000 \quad 2,579,400$
3,699,000 - 3,699,000
$\begin{array}{cc}-\quad & \text { black/red } \\ 47,330 & " 1 \\ 37,000 & " 1 \\ 34,000 & " \\ 35,000 & "\end{array}$
4 March 1962
5 July 1962
August 1962
Total
1,879,200 - 1,879,200
3 October 1960
132,120 - 132,120

| 9d | 1 Dec. 57/Jan. 58 | 1,263,000 | 120,000 | 1,383,000 | - | violet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/- | 1 September 1953 | 382,200 | 120,000 | 502,200 |  | orange |
|  | 2 March 1954 | 363,000 | - | 363,000 | 93,000 |  |
|  | 3 July/Sept. 1965 | 942,000 | - | 942,000 | 71,816 |  |
|  | May 1960 | 30,000 | from CA stock |  |  |  |
|  | 4 October 1960 | 413,220 | - | 413,220 | 32,000 |  |
|  | 5 July 1962 | 102,360 | -- | 102,360 | 30,000 |  |
|  | Total | 2,732,780 | 90,000 | 2,232,780 |  |  |
| 1/3 | 1 September 1953 | 376,800 | 120,000 | 496,800 | - | blue |
| Type | December 1953 | 60,000 | from CA stock |  |  |  |
| I | 2 Feb./Mar. 1954 | 376,500 | - | 376,500 | 48,000 |  |
|  | 3 June 1954 | 618,600 | - 000 | 618,600 | 42,000 | greenish blue |
|  | Total | 1,431,900 | 60,000 | 1,491,900 |  |  |

Of the above, 336,360 stamps were overprinted 'Three Power Talks' and 335,400 'Ocean Race 1956'.
This issue was removed from sale 31 Decmeber 1956.

| Type | 1 | July/Sept. 1956 | $1,866,000$ | 50,040 | $1,916,040$ | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| II | 2 July 1962 | 102,900 | -0 | 102,900 | 17,000 bright blue |  |
|  | Total | $1,968,900$ | 50,040 | $2,018,940$ |  |  |


|  | Printing | n- Date of g Despatch | Quantity sent to Bermuda | Quantity to CA | Tota 1 Printing | Exchanged by CA | Stamp Color |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2/- | 1 S | September 1953 | 134,400 | 90,000 | 224,400 |  | brown |
|  | 2 M | March 1954 | 130,200 | - | 130,200 | 78,000 |  |
|  |  | July 1956 | 12,000 fr | CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | July/Sept. 1956 | 114,000 | - | 114,000 | 56,363 | " |
|  |  | August 1958 | 188,040 | - - | 188,040 | 53,564 | " |
|  |  | May 1960 | 30,000 fr | CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | October 1960 | 132,000 | - | 132,000 | 22,000 | " |
|  |  | Feb./Mar. 1962 | 54,180 | - | 54,180 | 20,000 | " |
|  |  | July 1962 | 57,300 | 24,000 | 81,300 | 7,000 | " |
|  |  | August 1962 | 25,020 fr | CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | Tota 1 | 877,140 | 46,980 | 924,120 |  |  |
| 2/6 | 1 A | August 1953 | 105,000 | 90,000 | 195,000 | - | scarlet |
|  |  | March 1954 | 91,800 | - | 91,800 | 78,000 |  |
|  |  | January 1957 | 93,000 | - | 93,000 | 69,004 | " |
|  |  | August 1958 | 189,000 | - | 189,000 | 66,726 |  |
|  |  | March 1962 | 43,560 | - | 43,560 | 65,000* | * |
|  |  | July 1962 | 44,940 fr | CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 567,300 | 45,060 | 612,360 |  |  |
| * Only the 43,560 stamps printed were exchanged. 21,440 stamps of the previous |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5/- | 1 A | August 1953 | 75,000 | 90,000 | 165,000 | - | carmine |
|  |  | March 1954 | 66,000 | - | 66,000 | 80,000* |  |
|  |  | July 1956 | 12,000 fr | CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | July/Sept. 1956 | 118,800 | - | 118,800 | 59,732 | " |
|  |  | November 1959 | 50,040 fr | CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | October 1960 | 131,940 | - | 131,940 | 7,000 | " |
|  |  | August 1962 | 3,000 fr | C CA stock |  |  |  |
|  |  | Total | 456,780 | 24,960 | 481,740 |  |  |

* Only the 66,000 stamps printed were exchanged. 14,000 stamps of the previous printing went back into Crown Agents stock.


Summary of Stamps Printed and Their Approxiamate Usage

| Value | Number of Printings | Total printed | Sent to Crown Agents | Sent to Bermuda | Bermuda remainders destroyed 1963 |  | Total sold in Bermuda |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ d | 2 | 2,983,500 | 900,000 | 2,083,500 | appr. 400,000 | appr. | 1,683,500 |
| 1 d | 5 | 13,864,800 | 300,000 | 13,564,800 | 133,320 |  | 13,431,480 |
| $1 \frac{1}{2} d$ | 5 | 19,150,320 | 300,000 | 18,850,320 | 2,400,000 |  | 16,450,320 |
| 2d | 3 | 5,758,800 | 240,000 | 5,518,800 | 1,212,000 |  | 4,306,800 |
| $2 \frac{1}{2} d$ | 3 | 3,258,840 | 150,000 | 3,108,840 | 1,210,440 |  | 1,898,400 |
| 3d | 6 | 12,147,060 | 209,940 | 11,931,060 | 65.040 |  | 11,866,020 |
| 4 d | 2 | 2,664,000 | 180,000 | 2,484,000 | 540,000 |  | 1,944,000 |
| $4 \frac{1}{2} d$ | 2 | 825,900 | 180,000 | 645,900 |  |  | 645,900 |
| 6d | 2 | 5,308,800 | 180,000 | 5,128,800 | 1,117,800 |  | 4,011,000 |
| 6d Perot | 1 | 6,444,000 | 180,000 | 6,264,000 | 540,000 |  | 5,724,000 |
| 8d | 5 | 8,879,100 | 64,980 | 8,772,960 | - |  | 8,772,960 |
| 9d | 1 | 1,383,000 | 120,000 | 1,263,000 | 333,000 |  | 933,000 |
| 1/- | 5 | 2,322,780 | 90,000 | 2,232,780 | - |  | 2,232,780 |
| 1/3 | 5 | 3,510,840 | 110,040 | 3,400,800 | - |  | 3,400,800 |
| 2/- | 7 | 924,120 | 46,980 | 877,140 | 25,020 |  | 852,120 |
| 2/6 | 5 | 612,360 | 45,060 | 567,300 | appr. 25,000 | appr. | 542,300 |
| 5/- | 4 | 481,740 | 24,960 | 456,780 | 3,000 |  | 453,780 |
| 10/- | 3 | 326,400 | 30,000 | 296,400 | appr. 90,000 | appr. | 206,400 |
| £1 | 2 | 460,500 | 60,000 | 400,500 | 81,000 |  | 319,500 |

For completeness the three stamps not illustrated in Part 1, the 6d, 8d and 9d are shown below as Figures 3, 4 and 6, respectively.


Fig. 3


Fig. 4


Fig. 5

## BCPJ VOLUMES 1-9 REPRINTS

Michael Vokins has aranged for reprints of Volumes $1-9(1961-1969)$ of the BCPJ to be made in time for delivery at our annual meeting in London, May 1990. These reprints of over 1200 pages of the journal will be in three bound volumes with indexes. The price for the reprints, available only in complete sets, will be very close to $\{30.00$ or US $\$ 50.00$ per set with postage extra. The December journal will have the firm price and the postage charge.

Michael is now accepting advance reservations accompanied by a deposit of $\{20.00$ or US $\$ 30.00$. Cheques (checks) should be made payable to the BCPSG. Orders fully paid prior to 1 February 1990 will receive a discount of $15 \%$. Orders paid for after 1 February 1990 will be at the full price. Send your reservations and deposits to Mr. Michael Vokins, Cecil Powell Cetnre, University of Bristol, Old Park Hill, Bristol BS2 8BB, England.

The cost of these reprints is quite reasonable. If available as back issues, the cost for nine volume would be $\$ 90.00$. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

## 1989 ANNUAL MEETING

Dr. Ben Ramkisssoon opened the 1989 annual meeting on Saturday afternoon, June 3rd at The Grand Kempinski Hotel, Dallas, Texas. 22 members and 2 guests attended coming from California, Illinois, Michigan, FLorida, New Mexico, South Carolina, Misscuri, Ohio, Georgia, Maryland, Oklahoma, Canada and England.

Ben noted the vitality of the BCPSG and urged the members to hold more regional meetings such as those in Florida and California in recent years. He reported that the annual meeting for 1990 will be at STAMP WORLD LONDON 90 and 1991 will be at INDYPEX Indianapolis, Indiana. Paul Larsen spoke about the strength of the INDYPEX show and recommended it highly.

Jack Harwood discussed holding the 1992 meeting in Barbados where three BCPSG members live. He also spoke of his contacts with the Guyana Philatelic Society on his trips to Guyana which are reported elsewhere in the Journal.

In the editor's report Mark Swetland gave thanks to all members for their support, especially to the authors who have done such great work in supplying interesting and valuable articles for the journal. He also pointed out again the need to plan on finding a new editor when his five year's of service are up at the end of 1990. He discussed the help that a computer publishing system, owned by the BCPSG, would give to all future editors. He expressed the appreciation of the Group to Michael Wilson for our bi-annual indexes and to Steve Johnson who is preparing a master index.

Tom Giraldi reported on the sale of back issues and reprints which contribute greatly to the treasury. Lincoln Kieffer and Mollie Matthews have donated back issues which have been snapped up by members as fast as they come in. He also asked that as Merbership Chairman, his name be given in all ads for new members. Tom reported, to loud applause, that the Cayman Islands Postmarks and Postal History book will be out by late summer of this year.

Group Leaders present said they receive 2 to 3 inquiries a year from members. The editor was asked to list the Group Leaders in every issue of the Journal.

Gale Raymond then introduced Dempsey Prappas who gave a excellent slide presentation of the Leeward Islands based on his exhibit at the show.

Members seen at the meeting and around the show include Ashley, Bell, Evans, Feiner, Fredrick, Forand, Gambill, Giraldi, Greenwood, Harwood, Holschauer, Larsen, Martin, Marston, McCann, Nye, Prappas, Ramkissoon, Raymond, Sawyer, Seifert, Sismondo, Swetland, and Walker.

## NEEDED FOR CARIBBEAN ROUND-UP

You have seen occasional items shown under Caribbean Round-Up. To make this a regular feature of each issue and to include more items in the journal, we need an assistant editor to take on this work. It will require up to ten hours per quarter to receive input from members, organize the material and arrange it for the editor. If you also have a computer, this will let you be of even more help by typing the text of the material and transmitting it by disk

If you wish to volunteer, please contact the editor now so we can set this up in time for the December issue.

A successful auction realizing a total of $\$ 5,010.50$ was held at the BCPSG annual meeting in Dallas, Texas on June 3, 1989. We had 69 mail bidders and 17 floor bidders. 53 mail bidders and 13 floor bidders were successful. Out of a total of 309 lots, 219 sold. 123 lots sold at or above the estimates and 96 sold below the estimates.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

James Stern, author of "Cayman Philatelic Holiday" which is being completed in this issue, writes that he spent all of April in the Hospital and all of May trying to recover. He is happy to report that he is well on the mend from major surgery and that his golf game is as bad as ever. He expects to return to Florida for the winter and will be at the Orlando show on Saturday November 4. (Ed: No golfer ever says his game is good.)

## JAMAICA JOTTINGS

In September last year I attended a display meeting for the members of the King George VI Collectors' Society in the South of England and showed amongst other other things a large block of the $11 / \mathrm{d}$. New Constitution with the "T" guide mark. As a result I was shown a copy of a letter from waterlow and Sons Ltd. on the subject which I think will be of interest to members although it appeared in Stamp Collecting on 24 September 1954:

## Dear Sir,

King George VI High Values
in reply to your query regarding the "T" mark traced in the above stamps, this mark is used by us when transferring printing plates and is used to line up the transfer cylinder with the marked out plate. It is cut into the original die on both sides of the stamp and taken up together with the stamp impression when the transfer cylinder of the die is made.

The method of use is to move the cylinder in the transfer press until such times as these marks coincide with the marked outline of the plate. This may entail several attempts before correct alignment of the stamp is obtained. When the correct position is found, the cylinder is held in position and the various marks made and the area of the marked outline on the plate are removed by burnishing.

In this particular instance we would imagine that these "T" marks have not been completely burnished out. It sometimes happens that to the tranferrer's eye the burnishing is complete, and in the facing of the plate with chromium these marks become able to print due to the building up of the deposited metal around these burnished marks, making them just prominent enough to give a weak impression.

For this reason we try to place these marks in some position of the engraving, where it is either rolled out by transferring or hidden by the surrounding work.

All stamps are transferred in this manner and not solely the ones in question.
Yours faithfully,
P.A. Waterlow, Chairman

The concluding sentence of the letter led me to examine carefully the King George VI definitives printed by Waterlow as it is implied that there was a distinct possibility that other "T" marks existed which had not yet been discovered. My first efforts at unearthing some new examples of "T" marks proved fruitless as I had no idea where to look for them. Subsequently I was working on an exhibit for the KGVI Society Annual General Meeting and searching for examples of the doubling of the outer frame of the $3 d$ definitive when in all its glory I spotted a complete sideways "T" mark on the right hand side of the stamp. Thus encouraged 1 set about searching for others, and the results of my efforts so far are as follows:

3d value: complete or partial "T" marks on each of the three color combinations, located half way up each side of the stamp.

4d value: partial "T" marks on each side of the stamps, part of the "T" being lost in the design.

6 d value: partial "T" marks on the right hand side of the stamp.
I feel sure that there are other "T" guide marks waiting to be found on the Waterlow definitives.

## THE POSTMARKS OF GARRISON POST OFFICE

The following is an updated list of the TRD type 31 postmarks used by the military at Up Park Camp, St. Andrew and is based on early work by Reg Lant, Clint von Pohle, Paul Raynor, Scriv Scrivens and the late Tom Foster.

All TRD type 31 in a single or double line rectangular frame of varying types and sizes, lettering in serif, sans-serif or elongated capitals, with or without date line.

Form and inscridtion

1. Single line rectangle, $46 \times 29 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/date/JAMAICA in 3 lines.
2. Single line rectangle, $48 \times 31 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON/POST OFFICE/date/JAMAICA in 3 lines
3. Single line rectangle, $52 \times 33 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/date/ UP PARK CAMP/KINGSTON, JAMAICA in 4 lines.
4. Single line rectangle, $51 \times 33 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/UP PARK CAMP/ KINGSTON, JAMAICA [date omitted] in 3 lines.
5. Single line rectangle, $55 \times 32 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/UP PARK CAMP; date/KINGSTON JAMAICA in 4 lines.
6. Double line rectangle, $58 \times 33 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/date/UP PARK CAMP/KINGSTON, JAMAICA in 4 lines.

6a. Similar to and probably a distorted version of 6 measuring $61 \times 36 \mathrm{~mm}$.
60. Similar to and probably a distorted version of $6 / 6 \mathrm{a}$ measuring $69 \times 42 \mathrm{~mm}$.
7. Double line rectangle, $52 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/UP PARK CAMP/ date/KINGSTON, JAMAICA in 4 lines.

7a. Similar to and probably a distorted version of 7 measuring $54 \times 37 \mathrm{~mm}$.
8. Double line rectangle, $51 \times 35 \mathrm{~mm}$ GARRISON POST OFFICE/UP PARK CAMP/ date/KINGSTON, JAMAICA in 4 lines.

8a. Similar to and probably a distorted version of 8 measuring $56 \times 40 \mathrm{~mm}$.

8b. Similar to and probably a distorted version of $8 / 8$ a measuring $64 \times 45 \mathrm{~mm}$.

| Color | EKD |  | LKD |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| violet | 11 | DE 56 | 24 | AP 57 |
| black | 28 | JU 57 |  | 57 |
| bluish | 2 | JY 57 | 18 | AU 58 |
| violet | 12 | SP 59 |  | MR 61 |
| blue | 27 | OC 59 | 17 | DE 59 |
| red | 13 | JA 60 | 16 | JU 61 |
| magenta |  | JA 60 |  |  |
| violet | 4 | DE 61 | 30 | NO 66 |
| red | 10 | NO 61 | 21 | DE 61 |
| blue |  | NO 61 | 4 | DE 61 |
| violet |  | FE 62 | 20 | JA 70 |

violet
black
80
violet
22 JY 80
11 DE 81
violet
16 MR 81
black
5 MY 81
21 AP 82
black
8 MR 82
black
21 AP 82
black
29 JY 82



| UP PARK CAMP KIIVGSTON, JAMA!C, |
| :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |


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6

$6 a$


6b


Research indicates that issues listed with associated symbols "a" and "b" are one and the same die, i.e., $6,6 \mathrm{a}$ and $6 \mathrm{~b} ; 7,7 \mathrm{a}$ and $7 \mathrm{~b} ; 8,8 \mathrm{a}$ and 8 b ; etc. The gradual expansion and distortion of the "a" and "b" symbol marks are apparently due to heavy usage of the rubberized handstamps and different colored inks.

Note that the date plug has been removed from issue "6a" and restored in "6b". Also note that the word "DEFENCE" is misspelled "DRFENCE" in issue 11.

## GUYANA VARIETIES - Part 2

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The COAT OF ARMS STAMPS 1985-8
In 1985 Guyana issued Part 1 of the popular Orchids set, which now totals over 400 different stamps and over 400 overprints on the basic stamps. The stamps were printed in sheets of 25 made up of four corner panes of 4 plus 9 stamps in the vertical and horizontal gutters as shown in Exhibit 1. These nine fully perforated stamps are the Coat of Arms Stamps. The purpose of this article is to set down what is known about the 33 collectable varieties of the Coat of Arms stamps.

The Coat of Arms is multicolored and has GUYANA above and C 25 C below. Two jaguars grace either side of the crest which has three wavy blue lines above a bird on the shield with ornamantation above the shield. The jaguars stand on a banner with the motto "One people, one nation, one destiny".

The stamps in each of the four panes from a sheet of 25 are different as shown in Exhibit 1. Note also the vertical and horizontal marks in the borders of the gutter which show where the Coat of Arms stamps are to be cut. However, all four orchid types in a sheet of 25 were always either horizontal format or vertical format, but never mixed formats within the sheet of 25 . Similarly, the Coat of Arms stamps were also always all the same orientation within a sheet of 25 .


Exhibit 1

The sheets of 25 were usually cut into four panes of four Orchid stamps with selvedge all around, leaving the Coat of Arms stamps with straight edges either vertically or horizontally. Examples of these "coils" are shown in Exhibit 2. The long strip of five Coat of Arms stamps from a sheet of 25 were normally pasted up to make coils. The remaining pairs were used to make up booklets. The dashed lines in Exhibit 1 show how the coil and booklet strips could be cut from a full sheet of 25. However, many of the full panes of 25 were not guillotined into sheetlets, so one frequently sees Coat of Arms stamps with four sides perforated on letters from Guyana.


Exhibit 2
To complicate matters, some stamps were printed horizontally and others vertically, giving rise to collectable varieties not, just because of their shape, but also because the perforations on the long side ( 51 mm .) are always perforated 14 (13.8) while being $131 / 2$ (13.6) on the short side ( 38.5 mm .). Neither Scott nor Stanley Gibbons have listed all of these stamps to date. Scott apparently cannot afford a good perf gauge or its editors do not know how to use them, as they say these stamps are all perforated 14 by 14. Both Stanley Gibbons and Scott for some inexplicable reason generally ignope the fully perforated stamps in their catalogues, although they are fairly common on local covers. Likewise, both ignore the possibility that the fully perforated stamps could be cut vertically or horizontally while also being printed in either a horizontal or vertical format in the cases of Types A \& E below. Thus one could have four possible cut stamps: perf $14 \times$ imperf, imperf x perf 14 , perf $131 / 2 \times$ imperf, and imperf $x$ perf $13 \mathrm{l} / 2$. Types $B, C, \& D$ only have two possibilities: imperf $\times$ perf 14 or perf $131 / 2 \times$ imperf.

Then, to keep you on your toes, some of the Orchid stamps and the corresponding Coat of Arms stamps were reprinted on Guyana lotus blossom watermarked paper. Both sets of catalogue numbers and descriptions are incorrect and confusing when dealing with these issues. For example, SG 1807 is listed as sideways watermark and imperf $x$ perf 14 . However, if it is imperf $x$ perf 14, it must be either UR or URi watermark, based on the many examples I have seen. If it is SW or SWi, then it must be perf $13 \mathrm{1} / 2$. That's the only way they came! Scotts continues its ostrich policy of not listing overprinted stamps from certain countries like Guyana, but why not list the watermarked Coat of Arms stamps when they list those watermarked Orchids?

Over the course of three years, the Coat of Arms stamps evolved. The original $25 \notin$ stamps issued July 9, 1985 are very plain. These I have designated as Type A
in Appendix A. Type A watermarked were issued August 21, 1986. Type B, issued September 23, 1986, had the dates 1966-1986 added for the 20th Anniversary of Guyana's independence. Type C came out in late February or early March 1987 and was overprinted 1987 in addition to being surcharged 200 (£). Type D was issued June 2, 1987 and reverts back to the original 25 f Type A but adds a simple black border to make them look more like stamps. Type E retains the border, but the bird in the Coat of Arm is now longer and different from the original bird las shown in Exhibit 3). Appendix $A$ is a chart of all currently known varieties. Types $A$ and $E$ are known in both vertical and horizontal formats, while Types $B$, C, D are only known in the vertical format. Examples of Types $A, B, C, D$, and $E$ are also shown in Exhibit 3.

Surcharging of the Type C 200 (£) 1987 stamps was done before the sheets of 25 were guillotined. However, alignment of the circle over the original $25 £$ value proved very difficult so no Coat of Arms stamps have been surcharged since.


Exhibit 3
(to be continued)

## PERSONAL MENTION

Michael Rego and Tony Shepherd gave displays on the British Caribbean to the Wakefield stamp club on 3rd May 1989. Tony showed early Barbados and Grenada with various postal markings from Guadeloupe. Michael gave displays on all of the British Caribbean islands plus British Guiana and British Honduras with steamship connections. At the end of the evening they were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the BCPSG.

## GUYANA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The June 1988 article on the Guyana Philatelic Society prompted me to try to make contact with them. Although no response came to my letters of July and October 1988, my January 1989 letter was answered by GPS Secretary Ralph James, just a week before my second trip to Guyana. Through the courtesy of the Manager of the Guyana Philatelic Bureau I obtained Ralph's telephone number and arranged to meet him in Georgetown.

Ralph is a very pleasant young man of 25 . He is a gold miner, working a dredge on the Mazaruni River, but has other entreprenurial interests for the future. My evening with him was thoroughly fascinating and entertaining.

Formed in 1987, the GPS has reached a membership of about 65 in just over a year. While many are novice collectors, there is no lack of enthusiasm. A major problem is the lack of information and philatelic supplies. Guyana has no stamp dealers so basic items such as hinges, tongs, perf gauges and catalogues are extremely difficult to obtain.

Publishing the monthly bulletin is a problem for reasons unfamiliar to most of us. Due to the shortage of hard currency, petroleum imports are limited. As a result, the state-owned power company rations electricity, and blackouts are the rule rather than the exception. During my week in Guyana our hotel had power about $25 \%$ of the time. The result is that photocopy machines, while readily available, operate only sporadically, since one never knows for how long power will be available. No doubt, the bulletin editor's job is a frustrating one. (Ed: Young people can cope with this problem much better than old ones.)

I suggested to Ralph that the GPS may wish to become an associate BCPSG member for purposes of bulletin exchange. I also suggested that GPS members begin to accumulate modern postal history to be submitted for sale in the BCPSG auctions. The proceeds of such sales could then be converted to philatelic supplies, avoiding the problems of sending or converting cash. I offered to obtain any supplies desired.

One correction to the original notice needs to be made. Annual membership fees for members outside Guyana are US $\$ 10$ and there is an additional US $\$ 5$ admission fee. Neither International Money Orders nor bank drafts are available at this time so sending payment by check seems to be the only reasonable thing to do. Cash has a high probability of being lost.

Ralph had received (and apparently answered) six or eight inquiries as a result of the original article, so those members who wrote should now have a reply. Any who have not had a reply should try again. Since the President, Mrs. Veronica Khemraj, has returned to Guyana after an extended absence, correspondence should be addressed to her (P. O. Box 10471, Georgetown, Guyana, South America).

My visit to the Correntyne (Eastern) region while in Guyana included several noteworthy philatelic stops. In CRABWOOD CREEK I located the Post Office building, but was told it had closed about eight years ago when the Postmistress died. SKELDON, just a few miles north of Crabwood Creek, is now using violet ink for its double ring datestamp, but clear strikes are seldom received.

Finally, any correspondence with Guyana can be expected to be very slow. A 70\% currency devaluation on March 31 has caused general chaos in the workplace, especially in the postal service.

## Picture Postcards of Bermuda, St. Kitts, Nevis \& Tobago

by Edward T. Twede 11

As a BCPSG member I am interested in the islands of Bermuda, St. Kitts, Nevis and Tobago. Recently, I have been acquiring the picture postcards of these islands up to about 1920. I collect, also, the picture postcards of Turks but these are so scarce as to be hardly worth mentioning.

There appears to be very little written about this facet of postal history. I am keen to collect as much information as possible on the subject with a view to publishing a limited edition catalogue or list of pre-1920 picture postcards of these islands.

I ask for the assistance of the BCPSG membership and would especially welcome a USA collaborator in this project. My address is 31 Mill Way, Bushey, Herts WD2 2AF, United Kingdom.

If anyone has details on the ppc's of the colonies listed, would they please provide me with the following:

Publisher/photographer Number and title of card Color / Black and White / Sepia Date, from postal usage or otherwise

Also please note whether full picture, one margin, full margin, oval, etc., details of back and distinguishing features.

## AWARDS

The BCPSG took the major share of the Gold awards at TEXPEX '89. The winners were:

| Paul Larsen | Grand Award, Gold Award, <br> Cameron Trophy \& BCPSG Gold <br> Medal | Leeward Islands - Federal <br> Issues 1890-1911 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Edgar Marston III | Gold Award \& BCPSG Gold Medal |  | The Cayman Islands 1900-1936

After the closing of the hospitality suite on Saturday evening, the Grand Award winner upheld tradition by holding the second annual 'drinks-on-me' event. Paul says that this took place in the hotel bar which the group closed.

At NOJEX 89 another BCPSGer took the Grand Award.
Keith P. Klugman Grand Award \& Gold Award The Foreign Mails of St.
Thomas Pre-UPU

## CARIBBEAN ROUND-UP

BAHAMAS HELP NEEDED Patrick A. Gale has submitted photocopies of the front and reverse of a Bahamas KG VI 1d. postal card which has an unusual marking on the impression of the stamp (Fig. 1). This is a series of seven bars in a vertical row. The card was sent from Dr. Hess to the addressee in Syria.

Patrick consulted Graham Hoey who has never seen this marking although he has other cards from Dr. Hess to the same addressee. When Pratrick acquired the card, it bore the manuscript "pre/cance1?". He wonders whether the seven bars are a Syrian receiver mark since under magnification the bars seem to overlay the Nassau postmark.

If you can help, your editor will forward the complete photocopies of the front and reverse. Patrick's address is 2 Newport Road, Aldershot, Hants GU12 4PB, England.


Fig. i

## PERSONAL MENTION

Many BCPSG members are multi-talented. In addition to their collecting interests, professions and working careers, they find time and inspiration to do something new. One such is Michael Wilson who, besides preparing our bi-annual indexes, collecting Turks and Caicos and acting as Secretary to the BWISC, is the author of two books on the submarine service. "Baltic Assignment", his first, told the story of British submarines in Russia during World War I.

His second, "Destination Dardenelles", to quote a review, "tells a story which exemplifies the struggles faced by submariners in the pioneering days of the war beneath the waves; the long spells of frustration punctuated by moments of excitement, intense fear and tragedy. For the most part the war career of the submarine HMS E7 was unspectacular but thanks to the skill of Mr. Wilson aided by the remarkable diaries of the submarine's First Lieutenant, Lieutenant 0 . Hallifax, the story is never without interest. Hallifax's account reveals a rare perception and offers a vivid insight into the feelings of men locked in a common struggle against the elements as much as the enemy. Mr. Wilson, himself an ex-submariner, uses his understanding of underwater service to considerable effect. Together they make a powerful combination and give the book an added dimension which ought to place it high in the list of submarine sagas."

The man who commanded three subs after World War II has written about a first world war conterpart, whose ship got stuck in a Turkish net. Tense hours trapped under the waves are recalled at first hand through the diaries of an officer on E7. "The crew were more concerned with the prospects of being Turkish prisoners of war than being trapped in the sub," Michael notes. He stumbled across the diaries when working in the Navy's historical research department and decided they would make a book when he retired to Norfolk three years ago.

His book is available in the USA through The Shoe String Press, Inc., P. O. Box 4327, 925 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, CT 06514. Michael's address is Timbers, Chequers Lane, Tharston, Norwich, Norfolk NR15 2YA, England. Do any of our other members share a common background in the submarine service on either side of the Atlantic Ocean?

## NEW ISSUES

by Bruce E. Watts
ANGUILLA: Set of three and SS depicting lizards. Designer and printer not reported. Denominations are $45 f$, wood slave lizard; $80 £$ slippery back lizard; \$2.50, iguana and $\$ 6 \mathrm{SS}$, tree lizard.

ANTIGUA \& BARBUDA: Walt Disney characters salute Philexfrance. Set of eight and two SS. Designed by Walt Disney Co. and printed by The House of Questa. The 1£, 2f, 3f, 4f, 5f, 10f, \$5.00, \$6.00 and two \$5.00 SS show various Disney characters and sights of France.

BAHAMAS: Set of two commemmorating the 125th anniversary of the Red Cross. To be issued May 31st. Designed by Steve Noor and printed by The House of Questa. The stamps are perf 14 on wmk CA spiral script paper. Denominations are $10 f$, water safety instructor; $\$ 1.00$, Red Cross founder, Henri Dunant and the Battle of Solferino.

BARBADOS: Wildlife preservation set of four and SS. To be issued August 1 st. Designed by Red Suffolk and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are 10£, wild hare; 50£, red-footed tortoise; 65i, green monkey; $\$ 1.00$, Toad and $\$ 2.00$, mongoose.

BERMUDA: Five stamps depicting roses. To be issued July 13 th. This is part two of a series showing old garden roses (part 1 issued April 21, 1988). Printed by BDT International. The denominations are 18f, agrippina; 30f, Smith's parish; 50£, Champney's pink cluster; 60£, rosette delizy; \$1.60, Rosa bracteata. Also a $\$ 5.00$ air mail stamp booklet containing five $50 £$ Champney's pink cluster stamps and five $50 £$ Archduke Charles rose stamps from the 1988 set. The booklet stamps differ from the sheet versions by showing the royal cypher in the upper left corner instead of the Queen's portrait. The words" Air Mail" are also printed on the booklet stamps.

DOMINICA: Pre-Columbian Societies set of four and SS. To be issued May 8th. Designed by Derek Miller and printed by The House of questa. Denominations are $20 £$ Carib Indians canoeing; 35f, bow hunting; $\$ 1.00$ making a canoe; $\$ 3.00$ shield contest; $\$ 6.00$ Carib cultural dance.

MONTSERRAT: 75th Anniversary of the Defense force set of four and SS. Printer not reported. the 90 , $\$ 1,15, \$ 1.50$, and $\$ 3.50$ stamps and the $\$ 5.00$ SS show various military uniforms.

ST. KITTS: 125th Anniversary of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement set of three. To be issued May 8th. Designed by Christopher Collins and printed by Format International Security Printers. The denominations are 40 , volunteer at hospital bedside; $\$ 1.00$, ambulance; $\$ 3.00$ emblem with globe.

ST. LUCIA: Fungi of St. Lucia set of four. To be issued May 22nd. Designed by Josephine Martin and printed by The House of Questa. Denominations are $15 f$, Geronema citrinium; 25£, Lepiota spiculata; 50£, Calocybe cyanocephala; \$5.00, Russulapuiggarii.


WORLD STAMP EXPO '89'
Dr. BenRamkissoon will speak on "The War Tax Issues of Trinidad \& Tobago" at 3:00 PM on Friday, 24 November 1989, in the Washington Convention Center as part of the talks being given at World Stamp Expo '89.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

## NEN MEMBERS

All applicants listed in the June 1989 Journal have been admitted to membership.

## NEW APPLICANTS

GRIMWOOD-TAYLOR, J. L., Cavendish Philatelic Auctions, Ltd., Sitwell Street, Derby, United Kingdom, by R. V. Swarbrick.
GAMBILL, Charles R., 730 Collingswood, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, Collects Belize and British Honduras, by J. L. Fredrick.
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GOMPEL, Bill Charles, P. 0. Box 6195 (Station \#1), Pompano Beach, FL 33060, Collects Bermuda (specialty), KG VI, Leewards, St. Kitts, Rest of BWI, Censored Covers, by Gordon S. May.
HUGGINS, Joseph E., 7841 Eatern Avenue, Wyndmere, PA 19118, Collects St. Kitts, Nevis (early plus current), Early US, by Tom Giraldi.
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## DECEASED

THOMPSON, John E.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Ben Ramkissoon spent a delightful evening of philatelic conversation with Sam Cutler, while Sam was attending a scientific meeting in Chicago. Sam was able to join Ben and members of the Chicago Air Mail Society during their monthly meeting in Harwood Hills, IL.

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