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Individuals desiring additional information about the Society and its services are invited to contact the International Representative most convenient to them.

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*** Question & Answer Panel of Experts ***

The following panel members are available to answer written questions in their designated areas of expertise. This service is available to members and non-members alike. All submitted questions and subsequent answers will be published in the Society Journal. A more detailed description of the Panel and its function is printed in the "Question And Answer" section.

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**** NEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP ****



*WELCOME
ABOARD!!!*

Charles T. Kessler, Esq. - #9001 - Trotwood, Ohio.
Our first member of 1990 collects Basutoland, Bechuanaland, the Rhodesias, Union/Republic of South Africa, South West Africa, Swaziland, General British Africa and Zimbabwe. Charles is a member of the American Philatelic Society and is assisting Dave Wessely in putting together the Society's meeting at STaMpsHOW 90 - THANKS!

Klaas Jongerden - #9002 - Huizen, Netherlands.
We welcome our first member from Dutch Country whose primary interest is in the Orange Free State. His secondary collecting areas are the Union of South Africa and Zululand. Klaas is also affiliated with the South African Collectors Society, Orange Free State Study Circle and the Dutch Society For Southern Africa.

Jeremy Watson - #9003 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Welcome to our latest member from the Pacific Rim whose primary collecting areas are Natal and Zululand. Secondly, Jeremy collects Cape of Good Hope, Griqualand West, New Republic, Orange Free State, Transvaal, the Bechuanalands and Swaziland. He specializes in Natal obliterators. Jeremy is a member of the American Philatelic Society and the Malaysian Philatelic Association.

Walter E. Robinson - #9004 - Bronx, New York.
Walter's collecting interest is Rhodesia. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society.

John W. Haines - #9005 - Salt Lake City, Utah.
John's collecting interests include South West Africa, Union of South Africa, the Rhodesias, Swaziland, the Bechuanalands and Basutoland. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society.

Mark Kurzmaack - #9006 - Lakewood, Colorado.
Mark's primary philatelic interest is Griqualand West, with additional interests in general British Africa, the Bechuanalands, Zululand and Portuguese Colonies. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society and the International Society of Portuguese Philately.

Benje Joseph - #9007 - Northlands, Rep. So. Africa.
Benje is Director of Robemark Philatelists with interests in

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all general and specialty areas of British Africa. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society, American Stamp Dealers Association and Philatelic Traders Society.

Patrick Delmore - #9008 - Mount Brydges, Ontario.
Our latest member from Canada specializes in the Union of South Africa, with secondary emphasis in South West Africa, Basutoland and the Homelands. He is a member of the South Africa Study Group (New York) and the latest addition to the ranks of the International Representatives.

Daniel A. Brouillette - #9009 - Fridley, Minnesota.
Our first member from "The Land of 10,000 Lakes" specializes in Transvaal. His secondary interests include Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State, Union of South Africa, Boer War, Gold Coast and United States/New York City postal history and Indian Territories. Dan's affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Research Library, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, War Cover Club and the Western Postal History Museum.

Bruce F. Greek - #9010 - Houston, Texas.
Bruce's collecting interests include Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State, South West Africa, Union of South Africa, the Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, Swaziland, Basutoland, Zululand, Nyasaland Protectorate, Rhodesia & Nyasaland, Tanganyika, Uganda, British Central Africa, British East Africa, East Africa & Uganda Protectorate, Gold Coast and Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, American First Day Cover Society, Petroleum Philatello Society International and the Canal Zone Study Group.

Gordon Baker - #9011 - Solihull, W. Midlands, UK.
Our newest member from "Merry Old England" collects Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal. His specializations include interprovisionals and Queen Victoria & Edwardians used from 1902 to the Union, with a particular interest in the period from May 31, 1910 through August 31, 1913. His other affiliations include RAFLET, Lloyds Bank Philatelic and Banking & Insurance Philatelic.

Nicholas G. Carter - #9012 - Bethesda, Maryland.
His philatelic interests are Union of South Africa, 19th century British Africa, including revenues & stationery. His Affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, American Philatelic Congress and LAPSA.

Spencer Ehrman - #9013 - Portland, Oregon.
Our first member from the U.S. Northwest collects Griqualand West, Natal, New Republic, Stellaland, general British Africa, South West Africa, Union of South Africa, the

Rhodesias, the Bechuanalands, Swaziland, Basutoland and Zululand. His Affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, International Society For Portuguese Philately and the France & Colonies Philatelic Society.

Harry J. Sanders - #9014 - Knoxville, Tennessee.

Harry's philatelic interests include orange Free State, Transvaal, Zululand and Swaziland, with a specialization in varieties of the latter. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society.

Dr. Selwyn Picker - #9015 - St. Louis, Missouri.

The good Doctor's philatelic interest include Cape of Good Hope, Griqualand West, natal, Orange Free State, New Republic, Stellaland, Transvaal, general British Africa, South West Africa, Union of South Africa and Zululand. His specializations include Boer War, postal history, postal stationery and "anything to do with southern Africa". He is a member of the Anglo-Boer War Society of London.

Peter Daly - #9016 - Richmond, California.

Peter's primary collecting interest is Southern Rhodesia, followed by South West Africa and Northern Rhodesia. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society.

Arthur W. Sprague, Jr. - #9017 - La Grange, Illinois.

Arthur's primary area of interest is in general British Africa, followed by Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State, Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Zululand. Concerning his specialties, as Arthur says: "Frankly, my specialty is the British Offices in Morocco, Tangier and Gibraltar, but I am interested in British Africa in general for its history. I look forward to learning new interests from the Society." His affiliations include the American Philatelic society, Canal Zone Study Group, U.S. Possessions Philatelic Society and the Royal Canadian Philatelic Society.

Des Hyland - #9018 - Ficksburg, South Africa.

Our newest member from RSA collects Union of South Africa and Basutoland. Des's affiliations include the South African Collectors Society/London, Orange Free State Philatelic Society/Bloemfontein and South Africa Study Circle/Johannesburg.

Dr. T. S. Osdene - #9019 - Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Osdene collects Rhodesia with a specialization in the "Double Heads"-especially postal history admirals. His other collecting interest is St. Vincent Victorian issues. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, Rhodesian Study Circle, Hong Kong Study Circle and he is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society/London.



MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Kendall C. Sanford - #9905, was born on July 9th in Santa Barbara, California and presently resides in Switzerland. He is married to Gloria and four children: Carol, Erik, Scot and Heidi. Kendall's present occupation is Manager, Passenger Services Development for the International Air transport Association. He has traveled extensively - Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, Australia (climbed up Ayers Rook), Punta del Este, Uruguay, the Caribbean, India, many European countries, England many times, Ireland, Iceland, Papua New Guinea, Hawaii, British Columbia Canada, South Africa and South West Africa. His primary philatelic interest is in the crash covers of Imperial Airways and Pan American World airways, survey and experimental flight covers and all aerophilatelic and commercial aviation literature. As Kendall states: "I was a personal friend of Dawie Uys, the South African Airways Captain who was killed in the crash of the 'Helderberg' in November 1987. He and I were collaborating on a monograph on the air crash mail of southern Africa. Since his death, I have continued to work on it and have nearly finished. I may publish a monograph on the crash mail of Imperial Airways, and I can use much of the compiled material for that purpose."

Rae Wolpe - #8907, was born in Cape Town, South Africa on March 26th. Rae is presently a first year student at Bates College in Maine and is majoring in Political Science, with the intention of pursuing a law degree. Rae's primary philatelic interest is Cape of Good Hope cancellations for the period 1790-1870 and stamps from 1853-1900. His other pastimes include Cape literature/auction catalogues, computers (has developed a program for the analysis of Cape cancels on triangles), cycling and squash. Rae lived in South Africa for fifteen years, spent one year in Bristol, England and subsequently moved to Connecticut and then Massachusetts. He has travelled in South West Africa, Lesotho, Transkei and extensively in South Africa. He speaks Afrikaans if ever small translations are required. Future plans include travel to Europe.

Norman Camay - #8908, is a practicing dentist residing in San Monica, California. He was born on February 17th in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa. Norman is married to Zarine and has two children - Michelle and Nina. His primary philatelic interests are Union plate blocks and East Germany. Norman's other hobby is photography. He has lived in India, Iran and the United Kingdom and has travelled in Eastern Africa, Bahrain, Kuwait, Dubai and Singapore. He also reads biographies and Historical materials.

CLOSED ALBUMS

It is with great regret that the Society announces the passing away of two of our more active members. Both will be sorely missed because of their efforts on our behalf which clearly demonstrated their individual commitment to PSGSA. The following *in memoriams* have been drawn from their correspondences and membership application materials. It is in this small way that we can honor them for their active participation in the Society.

Major Ian B. Mathews, ret'd, was member #8925. Ian was a member of the Society's Question & Answer Panel. His many contributions to philately included being editor and chief author of Transvaal Philately published by Reijger Publishers of Cape Town and The Stamp Saga, a nineteen page booklet for young collectors and Assistant Editor of The South African Philatelist. His achievements included receipt of Vermeil Award at Johannesburg 100 in 1986 for his "Transvaal 1881-1913" exhibit, while a gold was awarded to the publishers for Ian's Transvaal Philately.

Ian was born on June 18, 1925 in London, England. He passed away on February 28, 1990 in Parkhurst, South Africa. Ian is survived by his wife Ruth and two daughters - Harriet and Charlotte.

Professionally, Ian was a mechanical engineer, having received degrees in mechanical and production engineering. For twenty years he served in the regular British Army, being assigned to posts in Greece, Egypt, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaya and Kenya.

Ian's many philatelic interests included the pre-Union states, Union of South Africa, Bechuanaland, Basutoland, Swaziland, Zululand, postal history, railway material, mobile post offices, Transvaal forgeries, Comoros Islands, Madagascar and Reunion Island. His affiliations included the South African Stamp Study Circle, Johannesburg Philatelic Society, South Africa Postmark Society and Transvaal Study Circle (UK).

Ian's other pastimes included reading fiction, non-fiction (travel, history, biographies, humour, essays), music - baroque, classical, chamber, the Beatles and Herb Alpert.

In addition to the above, Society member Alan Macgregor wrote the following: "I knew Ian fairly well as my personal collecting interest is Transvaal and our interests overlapped. It was very sad to hear that he passed away as I was with him in September when we both drove down to Balfour in the southern Transvaal for a Transvaal Study Circle meeting and he seemed to have recovered well from another operation he had earlier in the year.

He came over from the UK to RSA in the 1960's and was in the engineering (pumps) business. He was always known as 'Major' as he was in the Royal Engineers Regiment.

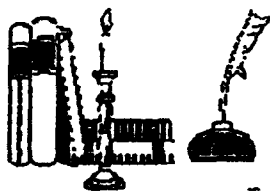
I will greatly miss his incredible, indefatigable enthusiasm for life in general and philately in particular, though he had many other wide-ranging interests. He was always an inspiration and a pleasure to be with. To call his death a great loss does not seem to do justice to such a wonderful person."

D. H. "Pat" Madden was member #8933 and was the Society's Australian International Representative. Pat was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland on November 2, 1928. His wife Rosemary wrote that Pat passed away on March 31st. Pat is also survived by his son John.

Pat's primary philatelic interests were the Anglo-Boer War and early Australia. His other collecting interests included the pre-Union states and general British Africa. Pat's affiliations included the British West Indies Study Circle, Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society and a number of local philatelic societies, including Brighton and Prahran. In addition, Pat wrote and said: "I love to unearth philatelic gems from the British Empire era, research them and subsequently finding them a home."

Besides working as a skilled craftsman, building and repairing gates, Pat lived in a number of countries, including Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and India. In addition, he visited Mozambique, Ceylon, Southern Rhodesia, Egypt and the Red Sea area.

Pat liked "good quality science fiction, playing the bagpipes and witty women (though not necessarily in that order). He was also a tug boat engine driver and engineer on an oil drilling ship. He loved old stamps and letters, firearms and money (when he could find it). He was also second operator on Ham Radio VQ3-HG in Tanganyika in the 1950's.



FROM THE EDITOR

For those of you who are "computer literate", yours truly violated one of the cardinal rules of using personal computers - backing-up that which one has on the hard disk. My trusty hard disk "crashed" and needed to be replaced; and guess what was the only thing which I had not backed up? You guessed it - a draft of this issue of the journal. Each issue takes something in the range of 40-60 hours time, from the moment I pull out the individual folders and start organizing the materials for entry into the computer, to producing the final product for printing and mailing. Ergo, the reason for the delay in getting this issue out.

I am pleased to announce the balloting results for the first biennial Charles Lupo Memorial Award. As you will remember, the honor is bestowed upon the member whose feature article was so selected by vote of the membership. The first award period covered was Volume I through Volume III (7 issues).

Our first Society recipient is none other than our Director of Archives & Auction Manager extraordinaire, R. Timothy Bartahe, for "The Commando Briefs", published in Vol. III, No.2, pages 11-13. Without question, Tim's award is well-deserved for his much appreciated, scholarly contributions to the field of Greater Southern Africa philately. A framed parchment certificate is presently in the final design stage and will be sent to Tim in the near future.

Other feature articles receiving votes included: "The Boer War Camp On St. Helena" by Ralph Myerson, "Notes On Bechuanaland" by David Wessely, "Basutoland Forerunners" by Morgan T. Farrell, "The 1929 Darmstadt Trials" by Louise van Ingen, "Transvaal" by Chuck Lupo and "A Graphic Chronology of the Forerunner States" by Dr. Ray Harris.

The results are also in from the Readership Satisfaction Survey. Item #1 asked how satisfied you were overall with the Journal on a scale of one-to-five, with five being "very satisfied". For this item, the overall rating was 4.8.

Item #2 asked the reader to rank-order the various journal features, using "1" as the one liked best. In rank order, the results were: feature articles (1.4), bits & pieces (2.0), questions & answers (3.0), international scene (3.2), news of the membership (3.3), words from the Board (3.6), classifieds (4.0) and letters (5.0).

Item #3 asked if there was anything which should be eliminated. There was one response: "Reprints from other journals."

Item #4 asked the reader to identify features that he/she would like to see added in the future. The responses were: a section on back-of-the-book topics; a current list of auctions in the U.S. which have material of interest to our group; a list of materials in the Society's archives; a regular listing of articles in other journals of interest to our field of focus - possibly with a short review; and a regular column on the many different numerical postmarks of old southern Africa. (Any reader desiring to take charge of any of the above and become a regular feature editor, please let the Editor know - THIS IS YOUR JOURNAL!)

Item #5 asked if any reader might be interested in serving on an Editorial Advisory Group. Eight members responded to the affirmative and have been communicated with.

Item #6 requested an additional comments, suggestions, etc. The responses were: "good work", "staple pages along the spine like a magazine", "use only 11 x 17 inch size pages so they can be stapled", "hard to read visually - too many typefaces are confusing and have a blurred appearance" and "I find it super!".

As your Editor, I value very much the feedback received in the Readership Survey. It is difficult to know from this end when "I hit the mark" and provide you with an enjoyable experience via this journal. You will note that Forerunners is now stapled and that a different font is being used which should prove easier to read, and that there is less usage of font style varieties. Thanks!!!

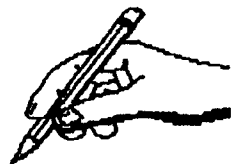
WE DID IT AGAIN!!!

Forerunners is proud to announce that it has been awarded a Bronze Medal & Certificate as the result of its entry in the COLOPEX 90 literature competition. This is our second award in so many tries. Many thanks to all of the members who have contributed to their journal's success.

Our next foray into the competitive arena will occur at STAMPSHOW 90, August 23-26, Cincinnati, Ohio. This is the premiere annual event of the American Philatelic Society.

In October, your journal will be entered in the competition at SESCAL. This event is the annual show and exhibition sponsored by the Southern California Federation of Stamp Clubs of which we are a member.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD



"Random Jottings From The President"... Syl C. Tully

It is June, 1990 as I write this, and I was just noticing that I have one more year as your President. It is not too early to start thinking about election of officers. Now that our active membership nears 100, I am sure many of our members would be ideally qualified to hold office. Newer blood is needed in every organization for the organization to continue to progress and grow.

This is my appeal for those members to come forth and make known their availability. Don't be afraid to volunteer, or if you are too shy to put yourself forward, let someone you know suggest your name.

Any of our members who know of someone they think should be an officer also should let our Secretary-Treasurer know at the earliest opportunity.

While on the subject of Secretary-Treasurer, it is being considered to separate the two functions. Bill Brooks has a tremendous workload as Secretary and Editor/Publisher of *Forerunners*, as well as handling our treasury. It would therefore be beneficial, in my opinion, to call for a separate position of Treasurer. This proposal will be acted upon according to our by-laws in due course, but we should consider that by election time, there is a strong possibility that a vacancy for Treasurer may exist.

It's not time for a farewell address from me yet, but please do remember this begins my last year as your President...

**** Recruiter's Report ****

John D. Flightmire, Vice President/Membership

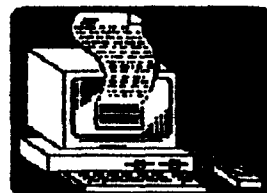
Our Society is only as good as the collective input of its members. Motivation is the key element to our success. By sharing information you may have, seeds of interest will be sown that hopefully will take root and expand. You don't have to be a philatelic expert to write an article, an observation, or just submit a reproduction of some item that you find interesting. Don't be afraid to send in that question that you might have, anonymously if you like, and give someone a chance to 'shine' by coming up with the answer. Ours is a "home town" publication with high hopes of expansion. You can be a part of that expansion easier than you might imagine. Give it a try.

As Vice President in charge of membership recruitment, my

duties include accumulating *The American Philatelist's* Executive Director Reports. After a waiting period to determine that applicants become APS members-in-good-standing, send recruitment packages to those people indicating a collecting interest in the areas covered by our Society. I also maintain a listing of all names the packages are sent to, to avoid duplicate mailings. I also keep abreast of the current names of the membership and think of new ways to recruit new ones. Any suggestions or ideas would be appreciated...John

"Facts, Figures And Other Matters"...

Bill Brooks, Secretary



You will note that the title "Treasurer" does not appear following "Secretary". If you read the President's column, you saw that there is movement-under-foot to create a separate Board function to handle the financial accounting end of things for the Society.

Like so many other members who have stepped forward in the past, another one of our numbers has graciously volunteered to become the Society's acting Treasurer. The brave soul who has stepped forward in this regard is Mr. Ron Carlson, member #8928, who hails from Long Beach, California. Ron will be performing his duties in an acting capacity until we have the election of officers during November and December, when all office-holders will be affirmed by membership balloting.

This brings me to our biennial election of officers. The by-laws state that a member may hold an office for two consecutive, two-year terms and then must "step-down" for a single term before holding the same position. Recognizing that there are always exceptions to the rules, I will propose to the Board that we amend the by-laws to allow a member to continue on in a position beyond the four-year period of two consecutive terms, if they so desire. The exception would be if one or more other members indicated that they desired to run for the office in question. Formal ballot elections would then follow.

As far as I am aware, all of the current elected officers, with the exception of our President, are willing to continue on in their current roles. This Fall's election process will continue in the same manner as in past years - unless one or more members notify the Secretary (in writing), of strong objections, elections will be by "silent" acclamation. In other-

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!

The Society is about to embark upon the waters of collaborative effort.

Recently, interest has been expressed in putting together a set of works on postmark types, similar in scope and detail to Batten's two volume work on the Orange Free State. The proposed focus of this Society-sponsored effort will be where each mark was used, i.e., the specific town and the years of usage. Part I will concentrate on Natal. When complete, parts II and III will focus upon Transvaal and the Cape of Good Hope respectively.

This effort is to be considered a "labour of love" cooperative venture. All proceeds from eventual sales will go to cover Society production costs, the remainder of the revenues to be deposited in the treasury to support future Society-sponsored publications. All contributors, great and small, will receive proper credit.

Tim Bartshe and Werner Seeba are the publication project coordinators (or should I say co-conspirators). They will be developing a mutually agreed-upon plan of action.

Canadian and U.S. members interested in participating in this project, please contact Tim (address on inside of the front cover). Members in all other countries, please write Werner (address on front cover).

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

You will note that two inserts are included with this issue:

* The first is an annotated bibliography sheet for this issue. In the future, each issue will include this insert. A complete annotated bibliography for all back issues, is available upon request from the Editor. It would be appreciated if requests would be accompanied with \$1US or the equivalent in mint US postage to defray printing and mailing costs.

* The second insert is a grey colored sheet which briefly summarizes three key Society services and activities - please save for future reference purposes.

AUCTION UPDATE I

Our Auction Manager, Tim Bartshe, indicates that the final total number of auction lots is now officially 825! The total catalog value is \$25,000+ which includes one of the Cape of Good Hope triangular rarities having a current Scott catalog value of \$17,000!!! A photograph of this elusive item will grace the cover of the auction catalog (due out by the end of July). This year's event has 250% more lots than 1988 and three times the number of vendors!

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READERS REACT!

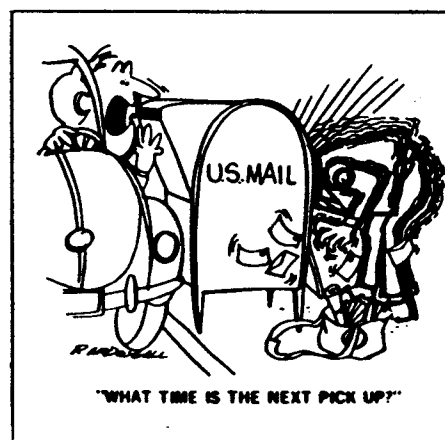
This column provides you, the reader, with an invitation to send in your reactions to any of the contents of the Journal, as well as your thoughts about the Society's direction.

"I feel guilty that I have submitted nothing to date, but I have been very busy with a book-length project - The Postal History of Mashonaland 1890-96 which is due to be published in the next two or three months. I am looking forward to being a contributor in the future."...Alan Drysdale, Saudi Arabia

"The responses to my member classified ad about the JIPEX sheet exceeded my wildest hopes: South Africa, Holland, New Jersey, California, two complete tabulations and one person who wants to compete with me because we are both missing the same ones. As one finds, in belonging to such an august Society of experts, what is one man's old knowledge is another's great quest."...Anita Beach, Ohio

"Just a brief note from one of your more anonymous members. I want to congratulate you on the fine work you've done in developing the journal to its current state. I've been very impressed with the progress and, indeed, have learned a thing or two."...anonymous, Rhode Island

"I'm very impressed with Forerunners. What a quality publication it is. I don't know if I can put together a decent article, but would be willing to try...it never hurts to try."...Charles Kessler, Ohio.



Facts, Figures & Other Matters'... cont'd

words, if the Secretary does not hear from you, it is assumed that you are in favor of those persons desiring to fulfill the position indicated. The exception will be when we have more than one person vying for the same Board position, as may occur this year in the case of the President.

Speaking of the President, it may prove helpful to know what exactly is involved. Basically, the President is responsible for reporting to the membership via his/her column in each issue of the journal. When the occasion arises, the President is responsible for convening scheduled meetings when his/her presence is possible. The President provides the leadership role in all Board matters, or may designate another member to do so if circumstances demand it. Beyond this, the role of the President is left up to the creativity of the incumbent.

Any member interested in running for the office should notify the Secretary no later than October 1, 1990. The next two-year term begins July 1, 1991.

In case you have been wondering about how your membership number was configured, you will note that it consists of four digits, e.g., 8701. The first two digits represent the year you joined. The second two digits indicate whether you were the 1st, 5th, 12th, etc., member to join that year. In the example, 8701, the person with this number was the Society's first member to join in 1987, the founding year of PSGSA.

Yours truly has been keeping membership statistics since the inception of our group. Beginning with this issue, I will be including statistical profile information in this column. The first installment shows our growth pattern for the first three years, July 1987 through June 1990:

- * 1987 - 18 members-in-good-standing;
- * 1988 - 38 members-in-good-standing (a 111.1% increase over 1987);
- * 1989 - 72 members-in-good-standing (an 89.5% increase over 1988);
- * 1990 - 94 members-in-good-standing (a 30.5% increase over 1989, through six months.)

Since 1987, our cumulative membership increase has been 405%. The average increase per year, through the first six months of 1990/91, has been 75.7%.

As you can see, we continue to experience phenomenal growth...more next time.



"From The Archives"...

Tim Bartshe, Director

An update to the archives is in order, as well as a thank you to the "Filatelistenvereniging Zuidelijk Afrika" (FZA) of the Netherlands. As a recip-

rocating member with our Society in the Listings Exchange, the above group sends us their publication, Bartolomeo Dias. So far, the articles printed include a 16-page write-up on the COGH triangles, ten pages on the 1d Ship of the Union, Namibia postal history and a detailed 18-page listing for plating the first overprints of the KGV stamps for South West Africa. Their publication is in a stapled, doubled-spaced format on 6 x 8 inches, xeroxed paper. By the way, it is also in Dutch! If any one is interested, please contact me. The SWA article is in English. The real bonus sent by the FZA is the postal history study #13 by Dr. G. H. Jonkers on the New Republic. Dr. Jonkers is probably the premiere authority on the small and short-lived Boer state. I had the good fortune of viewing his exhibit at the Johannesburg 100 Show in 1988. The monograph is 76 pages long with 57 illustrations and photographs, all of excellent clarity. If there are any Dutch-speaking members out there who would volunteer to translate the text, please contact me. This will be an excellent companion to Ian Mathews' chapter on the New Republic.

While on the subject of publications, I would like to take this space to critique a series of books coming out of the Republic of South Africa. The title The Encyclopedia Of South African Post Offices And Postal Agencies, is self-explanatory. This tome is written Ralph F. Putzel, who may be known to the members as author of the Handbook Of Postmarks Of South West Africa, as well as his association with the late Collectors Mail Auction. So far, three volumes have been published, with the fourth and last due this summer of fall. Each volume consists of nearly 400 glossy pages. Mr. Putzel lists all of the Post Offices and Agencies with their opening and closing dates from inception to present for the pre-Union states, Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland. Where appropriate, he gives a history and brief description of the towns and cities. Two aspects make this series of books well worth the money: the thousands of photographs and illustrations, and his well-versed rarity classifications for the postal markings of the offices and agencies. For anyone interested in the postal history of South Africa from the

From The Archives... cont'd

Dutch to the present, this series is a must addition to his/her library. If you wish a sample copy of a page, send me an SASE...Tim

"From The Program Chair"

Louise van Ingen, Director

Because of our membership being so dispersed, geographically, it is nigh impossible to hold regular meetings. However, a way has been found wherein the Society can create opportunities for at least a small number of members to meet one another on an annual basis.

In 1989, a small group of us held a meeting and program the American Philatelic Society's annual STaMpsHOW. We are now in the process of doing the same at APS's event for 1990 being held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dave Wessely, our International Representative/USA, and general member Charles Kessler, both reside in Ohio and have graciously volunteered to set up a Society meeting at this year's event.

In future years, when APS announces where STaMpsHOW is to be held, I will be contacting those members residing in the particular State involved. The members contacted will be asked to volunteer to be Society hosts and to set up a meeting for members attending the APS event. Once the volunteers have stepped forward, they will be provided with APS contact information and Society materials which will help them set the meeting up.

Until next issue...Louise

THE SOCIETY MEETS AT STaMpsHOW 90

Our second "gathering of the clan" has been arranged for! The Society meeting will take place on Sunday, August 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A program is planned, the topic being Bechuanaland philately. If you plan on attending STaMpsHOW 90, why not add the Society meeting to your itinerary. Our first one was tremendously exciting - especially the open discussion forum. For additional information, please contact Dave by writing at his address listed on the cover.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PSGSA!!!

On June 30, 1990, your Society just completed its third full year of life, dedicated to the enhancement of your enjoyment and growth in the area of Greater Southern Africa Philately.

THE SOCIETY TRUST



Our group is very fortunate indeed to be blessed with generosity and active support from the membership. The following is a listing of contributions from the Trust's 1989 inception.

Postage - \$390.90 - Contributors: Chuck Lupo, Bill Brooks, John Rightmire, anonymous (5).

Cash - \$253.75 - Contributors: George van den Hurk, John Rightmire, Dave Wessely, Louise van Ingen, Henry Ibsen, Ralph Myerson, T.P. McDermott, Dr. Robert Taylor, anonymous (4).

Library/Archives - Volumes I, II & III of the OFS Handbook, Transvaal Philately, SA Philatelist - seven back issues, seventeen (17) back issues of The Springbok - contributors: Orange Free State Study Circle, Bill Brooks, Gerry Halm, Morgan T. Farrell, Anita Beach.

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!!

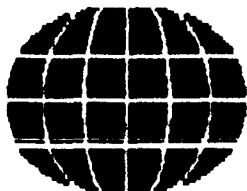
* * FALL 1990 MAIL BID AUCTION UPDATE * *

Dear Members,

The material for the Second Annual PSGSA Mail Auction has arrived and is being lotted for the October 15, 1990 sale. The response from vendors has increased from five last year, to ten this year. Two vendors are from Europe and two are from South Africa. The number of lots, although not exactly set, will be triple that of last year, for over 600 lots!

The variety is even more exciting with over 200 lots from the Rhodesia and BCA/Nyassaland areas. Post-Union South Africa and SWA is also well represented this year with 130+ lots. There will be some 80 lots covering the postal history category and at least 20 literature lots will be included. An area just now beginning to pick up substantial interest includes revenues, telegraphs and other ephemera. This new category will contain over 80 lots. As in last year's auction, the pre-Union states will be fairly well represented with 100+ lots.

I hope that this sounds as interesting to you, as a potential bidder, as it is to me as I lot the material up. Save up your pennies, because you will find something to bid on...Tim



THE
INTERNATIONAL
SCENE

With this issue, we welcome three new International Representatives. They are:

Michael J. C. Smith, who replaces Roy Setterfield for the United Kingdom. Roy found it necessary to step down due to other demands upon his time. Mike is already hard at work going about the business of the Society in "merry old England".

Jeremy Watson Filmer, who has graciously volunteered to "break new ground" as our representative in the greater Malaysian area. Jeremy has communicated that he will be spreading the Society word in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

Patrick Delmore has agreed to be "our man in Canada". He replaces Eric Burnett who found it necessary to relinquish his responsibilities some time ago. We are pleased to see the U.S.A.'s northern neighbor once more represented.

Growth has occurred in another area of the International Scene related to the Reciprocal Listings Exchange (RLE). Since the last issue, two additional and well respected groups have become RLE participants - The Rhodesian Study Circle and The Bechuanaland & Botswana Society. Including PSGSA, the RLE is now eight organizations strong.

And while on the subject of the RLE, as Society Secretary and journal Editor, I am privileged to have the opportunity to communicate with my peers in the other participating organizations. In addition, I also have the opportunity to review their publications as they wend their way to our archives. Two things deserve mention: First, the support PSGSA has received in their publications; and second, the quality of those publications. I must say that there is indeed a great deal of scholarly and valuable work being done "in search of the holy grail". I salute the fine work being done by our brethren in closely allied areas of philatelic pursuit.

Word from The Philatelic Federation For Southern Africa, concerning our affiliation request, should be forthcoming, according to our former International Representative/RSA, Jack Grutter. Jack is the Editor of *The S A Philatelist*.

The Reciprocal Listings Exchange

Any organization whose philatelic focus within the scope of PSGSA's areas of interest, is invited to participate in this information exchange. General information about an organization, its activities and special events, is welcomed for publication in *Forerunners*. All that is required is that PSGSA be offered the same opportunities in the publications of the participants. Exchange of publications between participants for library/archiving purposes, is encouraged. An organization wishing to publish information releases on special events should note the submission deadlines listed in the classified ads section.

The Bechuanaland & Botswana Society (B & B S) - Founded in 1985 to promote and encourage the study of the philately and postal history of "The Bechuanaland", namely British Bechuanaland (1885-1895), Bechuanaland Protectorate (1887-1966) and latterly, Botswana (post-1966). The Society's 100 members are scattered around the world, with strong contingents in the UK & RSA. The Society's publication, *The Runner Post*, appears quarterly and has gained widespread recognition as an excellent source of specialist articles and information. Two meetings are held each year in the UK, at Spring and Autumn STAMPEX. Regular auctions are also held. Membership is £8 per annum. Further information is available from: Roy Setterfield, Hon. Secretary, 18 Goldsmid Road, HOVE East Sussex BN3 1QA, UK.

Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa (FVZA) - Founded in 1988 by Dutch collectors focusing upon the following countries: South Africa, SWA, the Homelands, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola and Mocambique, as well as all former and future countries within this area. The Society publishes *Bartolomeo Dias* four times per year. Articles appear in three languages: Dutch or Afrikaans or English. A postal auction is held twice each year and an exchange-packet system has been started. The membership fee is 25 guilders per year. Subscription to their magazine is only 15 guilders per year. Society activities for the remainder of 1990 are: September 8 - members show three pages from their collections and respond to questions; and November 10 - lecture on the mail from the prisoner-of-war camps on St. Helena to South Africa during the Boer War. The Society had a table set up at the National Dutch Philatelic Exhibition in Groningen, 25th-27th of May this year. For further information on the Society, please write: Secretary FVZA, J. Stolk, Wilgensingel 166, 3053 CZ Rotterdam, Holland.

*** EVENTS OF NOTE ***

Below is a listing of shows and exhibitions from around-the-world, which members may have an interest in attending. Any reader knowing of other international events which should be listed, please send information to the Editor. Any member having additional information concerning a listed event, please send to Editor also. If you attend one of the events listed, your written comments on your experiences there will be shared with the readership.

NORDIA '90 - August 8-12, Sparta Conference Center, Lund, Sweden. Contact Alan Warren, Box 17124, Philadelphia, PA 19105 USA.

NEW ZEALAND 1990 - August 24 to September 2, Auckland Showgrounds Complex, Auckland, New Zealand. Contact New Zealand 1990, Box 4069, Auckland, NZ.

WEIV '90 - August 29 to September 2, Hofburg Facilities, Vienna. Contact R.K. Maloot, 16 Harwick Crescent, Nepean, Ontario, Canada K2H 6R1.

BEROAMERICANA '90 - October 7-14, Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal. Contact Associacao Portuguesa de Filatelia Tematica, 4000 Porto, Portugal.

PHILANIPPON '91 - November 16-24, 1991, Tokyo International Fair Grounds. Contact PHILANIPPON Committee, 91 CPO, Box 91, Tokyo 100-91, Japan.

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THE FORERUNNERS FORUM

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**Questions
And
Answers**

As part of its services to the reader, Forerunners provides an excellent resource opportunity through this feature. On the inside cover of the journal, a panel of experts is listed followed by their addresses and areas of expertise. Any reader, whether a Society member or not, may utilize the panel in obtaining answers to questions that may have plagued them for some time about a cover, cancellation, postal rates/routes, identification of a specific stamp, etc. The procedure is simple: Send your question, along with a reproduction of the specific item when appropriate, to the

Orange Free State Study Circle (OFSSC) - Founded in 1953, OFSSC provides an excellent resource for the OFS/ORC collector. Its journal, The Orange Free State Bulletin, is a must for the specialist. Additional information may be obtained from: Hon. Secretary, J. R. Stroud, 28 Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 1LQ, England

Rhodesian Study Circle (RSC) - Founded in 1948, RSC has a world-wide membership of over 400. It publishes a quarterly journal and holds regular meetings in England, South Africa, Zimbabwe, with occasional meetings in the USA and Canada. Recent items of interest include the introduction new feature columns in their journal: "Zimbabwe Today", "Zambia Today" and "Malawi Today", to encourage the study of modern material. A special "Overseas Visitors Week" was held in Manchester on the April 28-29, immediately before London 1990.

Membership information is available from: Membership Secretary, D. Lambert, 25 Carr Road, Nelson, Lancaster BB9 7JZ, England.

South Africa Collectors' Society (SACS) - The Society was formed to encourage and promote the collecting of stamps and postal history of both Union and Republican Periods, the Homelands, SWA, CGH and Natal. The annual membership fee is £5. Periodic postal auctions are held. SACS has held joint meetings in the past with RSC and the East Africa Study Group. Membership inquiries should be made to: Mr. D. W. Painter, Hon. Membership Secretary, 13 Alma Road, Romsey, Hants SO51 8EB, England.

South Africa Study Group (SASG) - Founded in 1987, SASG is active group with members in several countries. The group's focus is upon all aspects of Republican & Union/South Africa, RSA and SWA including the German Period. SASG publishes The Springbok Philatelist three times per year. Further information about the group may be obtained from: Sidney Goldfield, 309 W. 72nd St. #3D, New York, NY 10023 USA.

Transvaal Study Circle (TSC) - (Still waiting for their official RLE printed entry). For further information: Joan Matthews, Bramley Cottage, 27B Lancaster Gardens, Beltinge, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 6PU, England.

If any member knows of other specialty groups, which may be of interest to PSGSA members, please send the Editor a contact name and address. An invitation will be sent to the newly identified group to participate in RLE...Thanks.

Questions & Answers... cont'd

person with the appropriate area of expertise. As mentioned earlier, if the question involves a cancellation, cover or the like, a clear copy should be included with the question. A detailed description, e.g., color, perforations, watermark type, etc., should always accompany any illustrations to aid the panel member in accurately responding to a question.

The panel member will forward his answer, along with the question and item copy to the Editor for publication in the next available issue of *Forerunners*. Panel members are encouraged to also return a copy of their responses directly to the questioner. It is acknowledged that some questions may take extended periods of time for research, and/or collaboration with other scholars. Questions are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Membership on the panel is open to Society members in good standing, who have experience and expertise to offer as a valuable resource. Anyone wishing to join the panel for specific areas not yet listed, should communicate their interest in doing so to the Panel Chairman, Syl C. Tully, whose address is on the inside of the front cover page.

Question #15 - I bought the pictured 1/2d VRI overprint with raised period from a dealer. It has a double print of the 1/2d and only the 'R' of VRI. There is no sign of a double print of either 'V' or 'I'. Although it appears genuine, I can't find any such description of a similar variety."

-Morgan Farrell, California.



Answer by Syl Tully: I do not have any knowledge of this as a listed variety but can propose a possible scenario for the way such a variety could have occurred.

In the second printing, the 'V' is known to be omitted on the 1/2d and the 'I' omitted on the 3d, but not the 1/2d. It is possible that the type for the 'I' came loose from a 'V' omitted setting, this stamp printed, and then noticed by the printer, at which time the sheet was re-entered for overprinting with the full VRI after the printer reset the 'V' and 'I' into the reglet holder. I would guess that this stamp is a "one-off" state of the overprint, inasmuch as it does not seem to have been noted in the literature to-date. There were quite a few instances of reglets falling out and being reset by the printer. I would welcome further comments by our readers.

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Answer by Tim Bartshe: What Morgan describes as a doubling of the "R" and value of the Occupation issues of the Orange Free State is a commonly encountered oddity known as a "Kiss Print". The overprinting of these stamps was done on an American "clam-shell" type press called the "Pearl". The work was done one pane at a time and the first stamps were issued a mere two days after work started. The variety was possibly caused by the pane of stamps flapping against the form on its ascent after printing, due to a pressure differential as the form moved away from the bed of the press. This may have been exacerbated by the fact that some 50,000 sheets needed overprinting. As anyone can testify to, in a dry climate, the mint stamps tend to curl along the vertical axis, thus causing only the middle letter of the "VRI" and value to "kiss" the form again after being struck. I have seen this variety on all values and most settings of the occupation issues and even have entire panes of 60 stamps exhibiting this phenomenon. The "kiss" print is invariably directly above or slightly to the side of the original. Not being a printer, I cannot say for sure that this explains the physics behind such items, but I know that they are not true double overprints, which are truly rare and occur on very few panes of a few select values and settings.

Question #16 - I have an Orange Free State 6d VRI first printing overprint on the 6d bright carmine which has a very peculiar 'V' and a rather odd 'I' in the overprint. You will note that all the stops are clearly printed, as is the 'R'. Is this a constant variety or just a freak caused by loose reglets?" -Syl Tully, Connecticut



Answer by Tim Bartshe: It is difficult to tell exactly what might have caused the apparent misalignment of letters and stops of the 6d carmine stamp he displays. Two explanations are possible, with neither being ruled out without closer examination of the stamps. The first possibility is that some foreign matter, such as grease, was on the form at the time of overprinting. This would cause parts of the letters not to pick up ink and transfer to the stamps. This occurs on occasion and gives some peculiar and transient varieties. The second possibility is that this is an example of the mysterious Sixth Setting which used the badly worn type with level stops. This setting, as described in Vol. II, No. 3 of *Forerunners*, displays characteristics on the 6d similar to the worn or deformed bases of letters in Syl's example. There is reason to believe that at least one or more panes of the 6d carmine received such a

surcharge from the Sixth Setting. The same person or persons that brought in the much needed 2 1/2d Republican provisional for overprinting, also may have had a small supply of the 6d which received similar treatment. If the former explanation is correct, it is an oddity from the first Setting; if the latter is correct, you own a very uncommon, but unrecognized value from the last printing of the occupying forces.

Question #12 (A follow-up) - This question in Vol. III, No. 3 on page 9 with attendant illustrated cover concerning what rate the postage represented. There was 28d in triangular issue postage: four 4d + 1s single. Two scenarios were given addressing possible postage requirements, e.g., late fees, weight, overpayment, etc.

Answer by Gene Bowman: If I may present scenario #3, the cover is a fake. I had the opportunity to view this cover briefly about 18 months ago. It started life as a cover with a single block of four 4p. sometime later it developed a hole in the cover and later yet someone decided to fix it. They filled in the hole, rewrote the letters "ape" of Cape and while they were at it, wrote in "registered" at the top. At first glance, the ink looks uniform throughout but under ultraviolet light - WOW!!! The additions jump right out. Next they added the one shilling stamp, the left tip of which passes over the newly written "E" of Cape. And finally, the addition of the cancel and poor one at that.

In Vol. III, No. 1, a general value question was posed by Maurice Berry: "Most collectors are aware of the pricing controversy in the new Scott Catalog. What percentage of the prices quoted in the South African Stamp Colour Catalogue make up actual market value in South Africa?"

Answer by Syd Tully: The best way I can think to get a good comparison is to read the prices realized in South African auctions which use SACC prices for estimating in their sales. Trying to use Scott for any Commonwealth material is a futile labor. Since prices and descriptions are so erratic and also incomplete. Using Stanley Gibbons, Rand prices realized appear to be about the ratio of Rand to Pound Sterling times a factor of 1.25 on an average. For example, a stamp listed in SG at £400 will usually bring Rand 500. How this compares with SACC, I do not know. Most of my recent purchases have been higher priced stamps with SPECIMEN overprints, not listed in Scott, so I must use Gibbons for prices.

One recent purchase was Rhodesia, Scott #113 used - 1980 catalog value of \$225, Stanley Gibbons #157- 1989 value of £275. Estimate in South Africa was R400, very near what I paid. This equates to about \$150US, so I paid

two-thirds of Scott 1990 price. Please note that there are five different colors of this stamp listed in Gibbons compared only one in Scott. It so happens that the color I purchased was that listed in Scott. Prices for the colors vary (upward) by a considerable amount (The old Rhodesian Catalog priced this stamp in 1984 at Zimbabwe \$1000.)

There is great opportunity in the U.S. to purchase rare colors of Commonwealth stamps using Scott prices, due to the incompleteness of Scott. As you can see by comparing numbers, by 1910 there were 40% more stamps listed in Rhodesia in Gibbons than in Scott, without going into specialized varieties. A really good idea of how incomplete Scott is, is to look at New Zealand. By 1936, Scott #201 is the same as Gibbons #575. This counts only major differences - minor variety listings are not counted in the difference, as Gibbons lists many of them.

Newer countries fare a little better in Scott, but even a country as new as Nauru has some definitives in the 1920's not listed in Scott. Above all, do not trust Scott's colors or perforation varieties.



Unanswered Challenges For The Scholar

This feature includes questions which have "stumped" our panel of experts. The reader is invited to take up the challenge. Please forward all responses to

the journal Editor.

Challenge #1 - "Can anyone speculate as to why the cover shown on page 10 of the Oct/Jan '90 issue is totally stampless? Perhaps something to do with the Boer War?"

Challenge #2 - "Does anyone have information about the De Waal Forwarding Agents, Durban and Delagoa Bay? I would like some history on the company. In the only list I have seen of pre-Union forwarding agents, they are not mentioned. I have two of their labels, both cancelled at Point, Natal, in the 1890's. One is on piece with a 1d postage stamp, cancelled October 10."

Challenge #3 - "Why did Natal use embossed stamps?"

Challenge #4 - "Why is the cover shown on page 12 of the Jan/Apr '89 issue a 'fake' cover?"

Challenge #5 - "I have a 1/2p Swaziland overprint of the

first issue (Scott #1). The 'SW' is omitted on it, but Robson Lowe only shows it missing on the 2p. Mine is cancelled 'EMBEKELWBNY' Anyone have any knowledge of this?"

Challenge #6 - "Has anyone seen/own, or have a photocopy of a non-philatelic Interprovisional cover franked by stamps from all four pre-Union states?"

* * BITS AND PIECES * *

This feature provides an opportunity for members to share interesting little tidbits of information and illustrations in a short-order format. Items appropriate for this section include interesting cancels, covers, rare and unusual postage stamps and the like, akin to a collage or potpourri of things related to Greater Southern African philately. The following is a list of subjects that readers have indicated they would like to see covered:

Postage due letters in or out of Bechuanaland Protectorate (BP) * BP revenue stamps still on documents * military mail from BP * interprovisional usage of BP stamps * odd cancels on CGH stamps * all known revenue overprints on non-revenue CGH stamps * plate or control numbers noticed on CGH rectangles * plate number CGH stamps on cover * pre-stamp period covers and/or letters * old maps or pictures or drawings of Southern Africa * single items on interesting covers, cards, pieces or just loose stamps with nice postmarks * fotostats of picture post cards of old SA before 1910 * anything to do with air mails, especially crash covers, problem covers, postmarks, cachets * photographic comparisons of forgeries of any kind * interprovisional covers * covers with multiple pieces from the classic era * back-of-the-book, oinderellas and ephemera * military and prisoner mail * cancellations and rarity thereof * information on post cards-pictorial and otherwise * local posts * sea mail.

In response to Dr. Taylor's comments on John Rightmire's "Ship's Letter" in the previous issue, Gene Bowman provides further scholarly insights: "I can tell you that John's cover is definitely older than Lot 27 of the Maxwell Joseph auction. I had the opportunity to see that cover on display at Johannesburg 100 and the owner stated in his write-up that it was dated Dec 13 1808. I do not think Dr. Taylor's remarks in the following issue detract from John's claim of 'earliest' in any way. Even if his recipient died in October 1807, did the sender know that? Not possibly until December and maybe not even then."

Moving on to John's study on the triangular multiples,

Gene comments: "I applaud John's study on the triangular multiples, a subject near and dear to my heart since my own collection contains twenty (20) of these record size multiples. It might be interesting to take this study one step further and try to determine how many of each of the record size blocks exist. For instance #4 mint, there are at least two blocks of 36 known; or the 4p black, at last count there were eleven (11); of the 15A, at least two mint blocks of eight.

By now, you have probably gotten all kinds of updates on John's list; but just in case any were missed, I will go over the changes that I am aware of by Scott Catalog #:

#1 - used block of 14+ severed pair offered by Siegle, on 11-28-90. I don't have that catalog, so I don't know if it was 1 or 1A.

#2 - block of 12 offered by Harmers in the Lichtenstein sale was not on blued paper and did not get a certificate. So, you can go back to the books and start over. As far as I know, nothing larger than 10 is known and the degree of bluing is always debatable.

#5 - I believe the block of eight referred to by Stevenson is on cover. Robson Lowe catalog dated 2-9-83, lot 1211.

#6 or 6A - I own the used book of 24 and in my opinion, it is closer to a yellow green than it is to dark green. It is also just about the same shade as the block of 20 sold by Harmers on May 17, 1977.

#9c - I have a 4p Woodblock with retouched corner on cover in my exhibit. See Harmers January 11, 1981, lot 58.

#12A - mint block of 36 exists. See Feldman 5-30-87, lot 50048.

#13 - used block of 16 exists. See Harmers of London, 11-8-83, lot 612.

Alan MacGregor furnished the information on The Bechuanaland & Botswana Society and included the following Philatelic Digest which that Society furnishes to inquirers: BRITISH BECHUANALAND issued stamps, as a Crown colony, from 1885 to 1895 before annexation to the Cape Colony. There is much of interest in these issues, both in the stamps themselves and in the postal history of the territory. Much newly published material has appeared in The Runner Post since 1985.

The stamps of the short-lived STELLALAND REPUBLIC (centered on Vryburg) are interesting forerunners.

After annexation in 1895, many of the early "B.B." cancellers continued in use for many years on COGH stamps. The

Society takes a keen interest in the Anglo-Boer War issues of MAFEKING which remained the headquarters of postal administration for the Protectorate for a further 50 years.

The first postal service in the PROTECTORATE was administered by the British Bechuanaland post office, using native runners northwards through the Protectorate to Gubulawayo in what is now Zimbabwe. The overprinted stamps of this period (and associated postal history items) are of great interest.

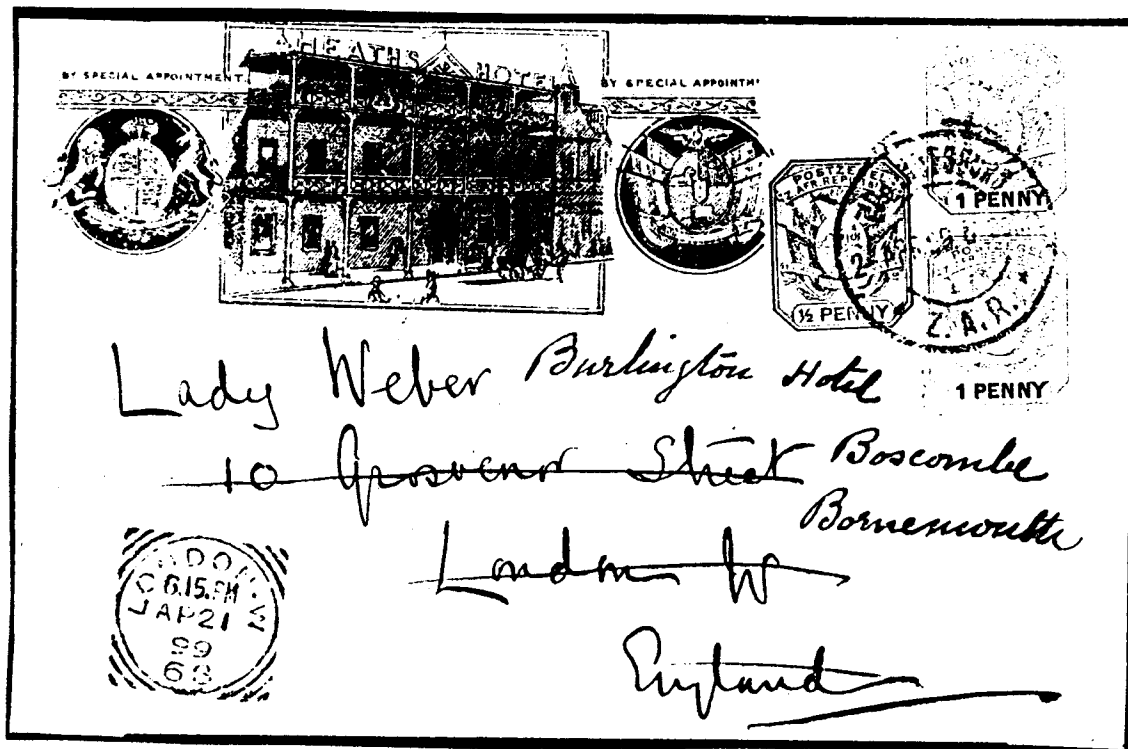
Collectors of early RHODESIAN materials will find much of interest in the Runner Post mails, in the postal arrangements of the Pioneers, and in the "disputed" territory of the TATI Goldfields, which was served by the postal administrations of the Protectorate and the British South Africa company at different times at the end of the 19th Century.

Until 1933, all Protectorate issues were basically either G. B. OVERPRINTS or overprinted on the stamps of COGH, with a number of locally-produced provisional issues containing a number of interesting errors to look out for. Later issues, from 1933, are attractive stamps, largely accessible in terms of price, with some interesting varieties in the 1961 decimal surcharges.

BOTSWANA has been notable for an enlightened policy in terms of new issues and largely for the excellent designs of its stamps, which give an unrivalled insight into the natural history, culture and way of life of the country. They can form the basis of a "straight" collection or of a THEMATIC collection. The study of modern POSTMARKS of Botswana, many emanating from remote post offices or postal agencies, is fascinating.

Other collecting interests actively pursued by the Society include the study of REVENUES (including the unique issues of The TATI Company), postal stationery, postal fiscals and the various Railway Posts. In short, at whatever level you collect, and in whatever guise, the BECHUANALANDS have a great deal to offer you.

Gene Bowman sent the cover below in response to the guest article by John Hodgson in the previous issue titled "Order Of The Garter". He describes it as follows: "Cover illustrated shows Heaths Hotel, Johannesburg, cover date-stamped 2 APR 99, addressed to London, shows both the coat of arms of England and the ZAR. The former shows the inscription: 'Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense - Dieu Et Mon Droit' (Shamed be who thinks evil of it- motto of the Order Of The Garter, King Edward III in 1348), and the latter: 'Eendragt Maakt Magt' (Unity makes strength).



Alan MacGregor sent in a query concerning the interesting notes by Ronald Carlson on Stellaland in the previous issue as follows: "My query is on his 'breakdown of Stellaland revenues illustrated.' While I follow the columns 'un-overprinted' and 'monogram' (apart from there being five un-overprinted 2/5s illustrated rather than four, I have trouble following the 'imperforate' column. Does this refer to completely imperforate all round the stamp, i.e., those which can be 'proved' by very large margins all round.) Mr. Carlson states that the 2/- and 10/- exist as imperforate between pairs (I have also seen the 6d). From the illustrations it is hard to see whether perforations are present or not, but in the case of the 6d at least, perforations appear to be present, though it is listed as imperforate. Perhaps the list refers to what values Mr. Carlson has seen or knows of and that the listing as 'illustrated' was in error. As I am compiling a revenue listing of Stellaland and the Bechuanaland for the Bechuanaland & Botswana Society, I would be very grateful if Mr. Carlson could clarify his listing, and/or what other values he can confirm as existing. I am unaware that some of these values exist as imperforate at all, e.g., the 2/5, so would welcome his comments."

Alan's query was forwarded to Ron with the following response in kind:

"Thanks for your inquiry about Stellaland - the quality of photocopying and subsequent printing obscured some information about the copies illustrated. Enclosed is a current overview of my collection, all examples in the PSGSA article are included; naturally there are occasional additions as material becomes available.

I have read that the imperfs are 'proofs' - but see no compelling reason to accept that there was any such need for this particular issue as they were not printed in the usual fashion of the colonial issues through DeLaRue, Harrison, etc. All are original gum, and were at one time pasted down on a page of coarse brown paper, some are heavily hinged, others unhinged; they were purchased from various sources, world-wide.

The 5/- is definitely imperforate as there is a scissors mark that left a portion of a jumbo margin. The others appear to be cut at about the middle of where perforation holes would have existed, though none are cut evenly, and none are small enough to have been trimmed of perforations.

I have no imperforate between pairs in my collection, these are from illustrations, recordings and photographs, but would naturally entertain offers."

The next two pages consist of tables and a graph which accompanied Ron's response to Alan's query. This "Bit & Piece" is a fine example of the member-to-member benefits provided through active communications in response to materials published in our journal.

BACK-OF-THE-BOOK COMES TO FORERUNNERS !!!

Recently, there has been talk about having a journal section focusing upon the B-O-B area...AND NOW...Ron Carlson, our new Treasurer and Panel of Experts member, has stepped forward to expand the journal's vistas by taking on editorship of our new B-O-B Department.

The inaugural installment will appear in the March/June '91 issue. Topics to be covered will include: genuine usage of provisionals, fiscals/revenues, RPO's, telegraphs, military, local posts, documents, covers and the like.

Any member wishing to submit materials, e.g., copies of covers, individual stamps, historical information, etc., should communicate directly with Ron whose address is listed on the inside of the cover page.

As your Journal Editor, I am truly excited about the addition of this department which will certainly enhance the breadth and scope of Forerunners. As a collector, I am equally excited about what is to be learned about this little known and discussed area of Greater Southern Africa Philately.

I know I speak for all of us when expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ron for his dedication and commitment in furthering Society efforts to address the needs and interests of the membership.

in collection of
Ron Carlson

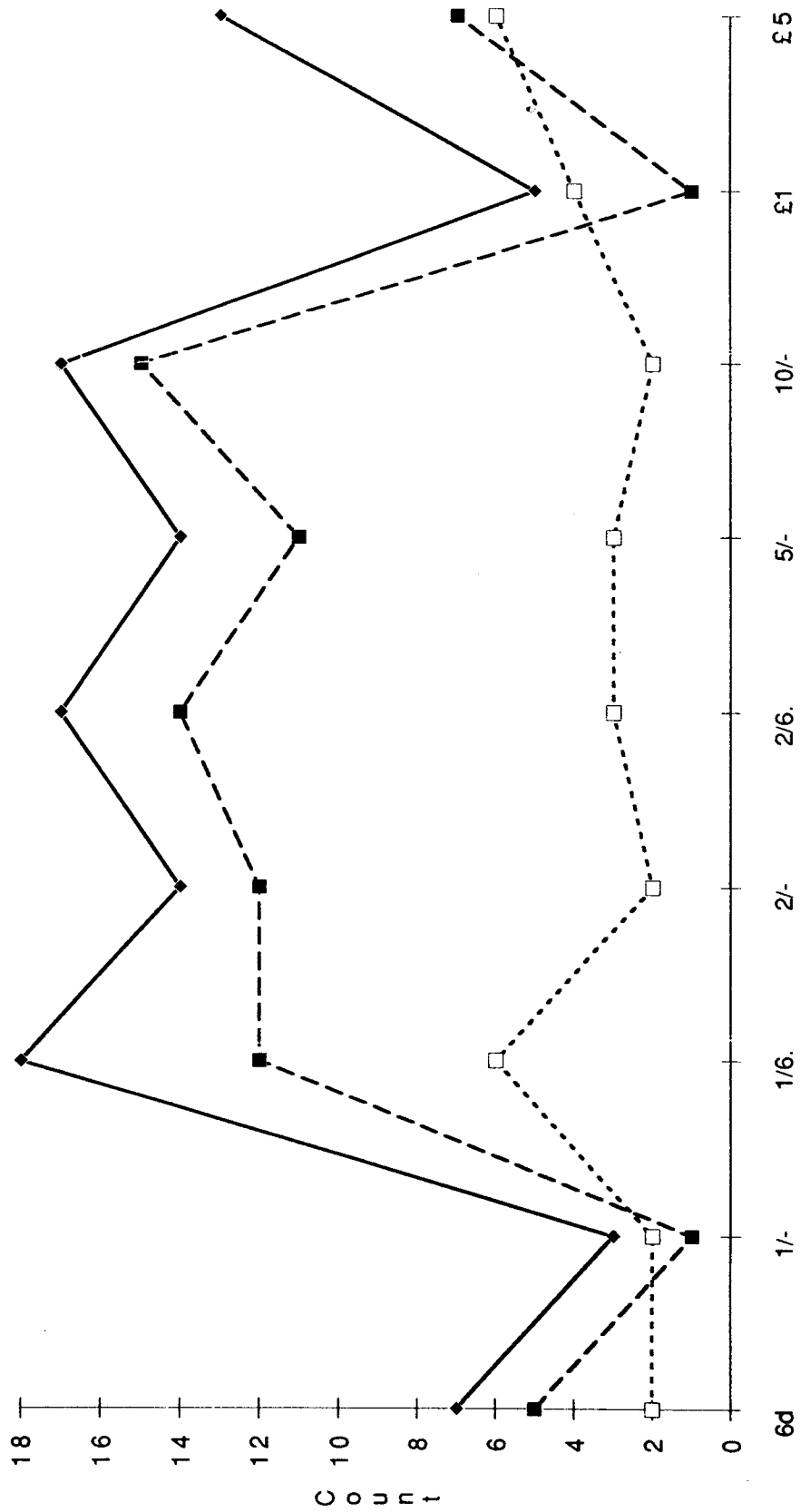
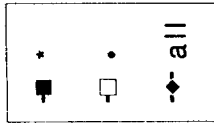
N.B. 1: 5/- imperf shows distinct scissors cuts in such a way this copy seems to be cut from a larger assembly.
N.B. 2: copy of 6d perf un-ovptd * w/ sheet selvage on bottom side.
N.B. 3: copy of 5/- perf upright ovptd * w/ sheet selvage on left side.
N.B. 4: All examples in my collection, except imperf pairs.

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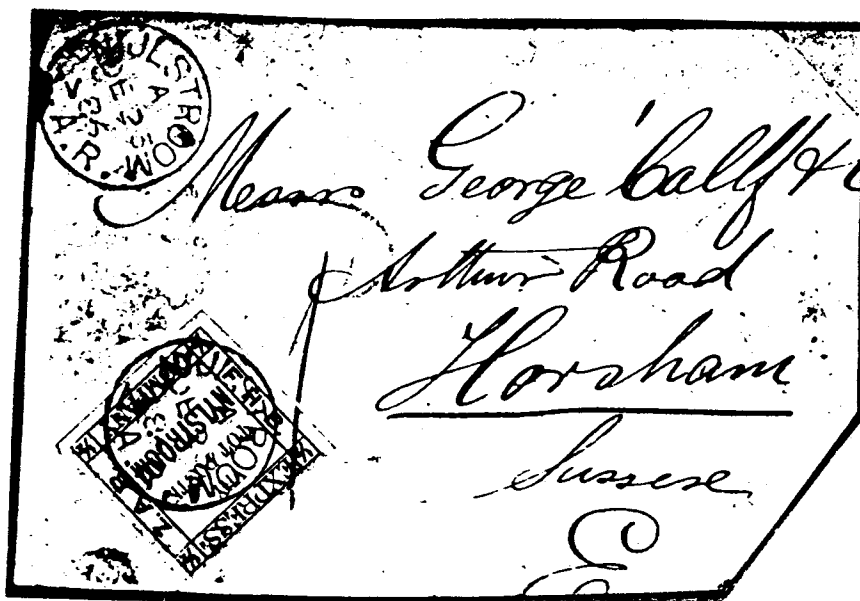
Stellaland Revenues

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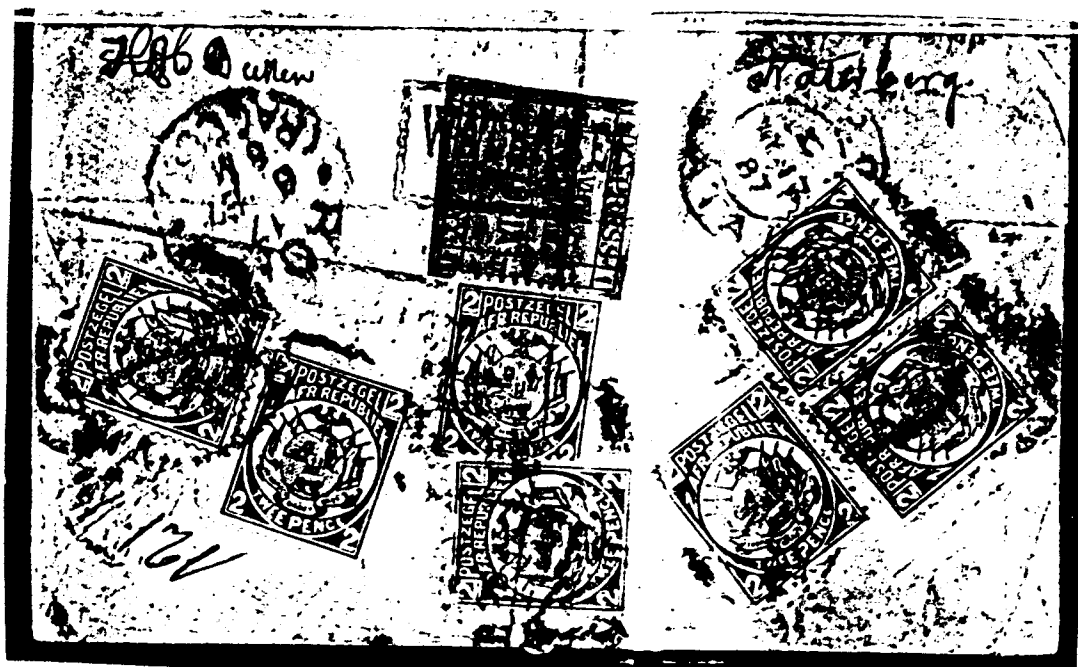


In response to the Editor's call, Werner Seeba sent in a variety of items concerning private posts and the like. Our thanks to our International Representative/West Germany. All future submissions of B-O-B material should be directed to Ron Carlson, who is editor for the new the journal department focusing on this area of Greater Southern Africa philately.

BAKKER EXPRESS(excerpt from The Transvaal Philatelist, August, 1977.): "Notes on this private mail-cart postal service...The service commenced, as far as we know, early in October 1886. The proving cover for this date was Lot 622 in the Stanley Gibbons sale on 24 May 1968 which sold for £340. This same cover appeared as Lot 325 in the Harmer 23 May 1972 sale where it realized £200. It reappeared in the same saleroom on 17 May 1977 as lot 643 and realized £900. A piece to England in manuscript "1d" in red partially over 1/2d stamp tied by fine NYLSTROOM, Z. A. R. , circular date stamp 23 December 1886, from the Sir Athol H. Murray collection:



The next illustration is extracted from a Stanley Gibbons publication whose description is as follows: "1887. Registered cover from the Waterberg district of Pretoria, signed 'F.J. Bakker' and showing the Bakker Express 1d rose stamps tied by usual framed 'Waterberg EC'. Handed to P. O. at Pretoria on 7 May, letter sent via Natal (17 May) and London (14 June) and arrived at its destination on 17 June (Price £2780).



Bits & Pieces... cont'd

In addition to the above large Bakker Express cover illustrations, Werner also included the following three small items from Cape Stamp Auctions #21. 12 Feb. 1988:



- 1/2d to Nylstroom, blue violet paper



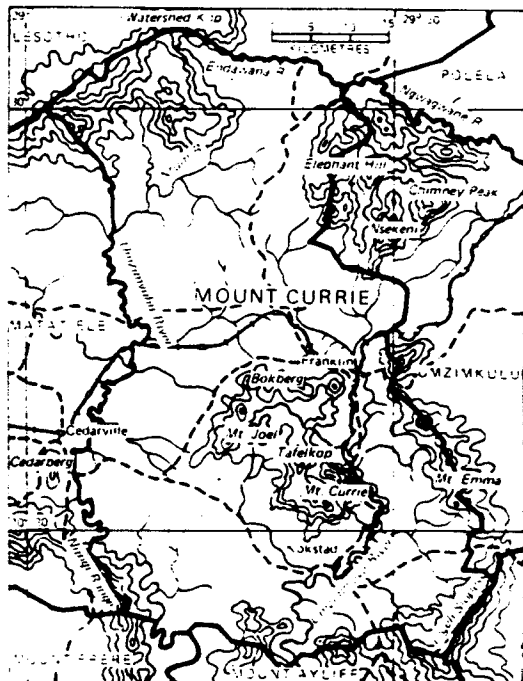
- 1d to Pretoria, rose paper



- 1d to Marabastad, blue green

The Mount Currie Express (Source - excerpts from three different references):

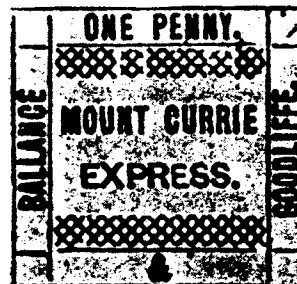
"This interesting local issued was created by Ballance and Goodlife, and was used in letters carried by native runners between Griqualand East and Natal. The following map illustrates the District of Mount Currie.



District of Mount Currie.

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The price for the service was 1d, and it had legal validity during the time that it was sold to the public between the years 1874 and 1877. Illustrated below is an 1874 type, 1d yellow-green.



There are four types, each of the four rows of the sheet with a different setting. The network or full-stops are in different positions in the sheet of 12 stamps (3 rows x 4 stamps.)"

"Originally known as 'No Man's Land', the district of Griqualand East, with its capital Kokstad, lies in the north-eastern reaches of the Cape Province, between the Drakensberg and the Traskel. Because of its remoteness and the effects of many wars among the neighbouring tribes, it had a few, if any inhabitants in the middle of the nineteenth century, until it attracted the attention of Adam Kok II, leader of the section of the Griqua people settled in the Philippolis district of the Orange Free State. Following the decision of Kok in December 1862 to sell his landholdings to the government of this Boer republic, he and his people decided to trek to 'No Man's Land', and 2,000 people - men, women and children - with 300 wagons and 20,000 head of livestock, began a pilgrimage which ranks with the most spectacular feats of endurance in South African history.

In the depth of winter it took them through the heart of Basutoland, past the highest mountains in the subcontinent, but, despite great hardships, they reached their destination in 1863. One of the landmarks of the fertile uplands, today among the most productive dairying districts in the republic, is Mount Currie, named after Sir Walter Currie, the famous commander of the Frontier Armed Mounted Police. From the Cape too flowed the tide of settlement, with traders and other pioneers inevitably coming into conflict with the immigrant Griqua. As unrest became widespread in 'No Man's Land', the Frontier Armed Mounted Police arrived to establish order. One trader settling in Griqualand East (to use its later name) was W. Wesley Darby, of the Kokstad firm of Darby & Tyrrell, and afterwards manager of Ballance & Goodlife.

With communications almost non-existent, it was found easier to maintain contact with the outposts of settlement in Natal than the Cape Colony and this led Darby to a piece of enterprise widely supported by his neighbours but displeasing to the Government. In the absence of a post office, he inaugurated in 1874 the famous 'Mount Currie Express', for which he even had special stamps printed.

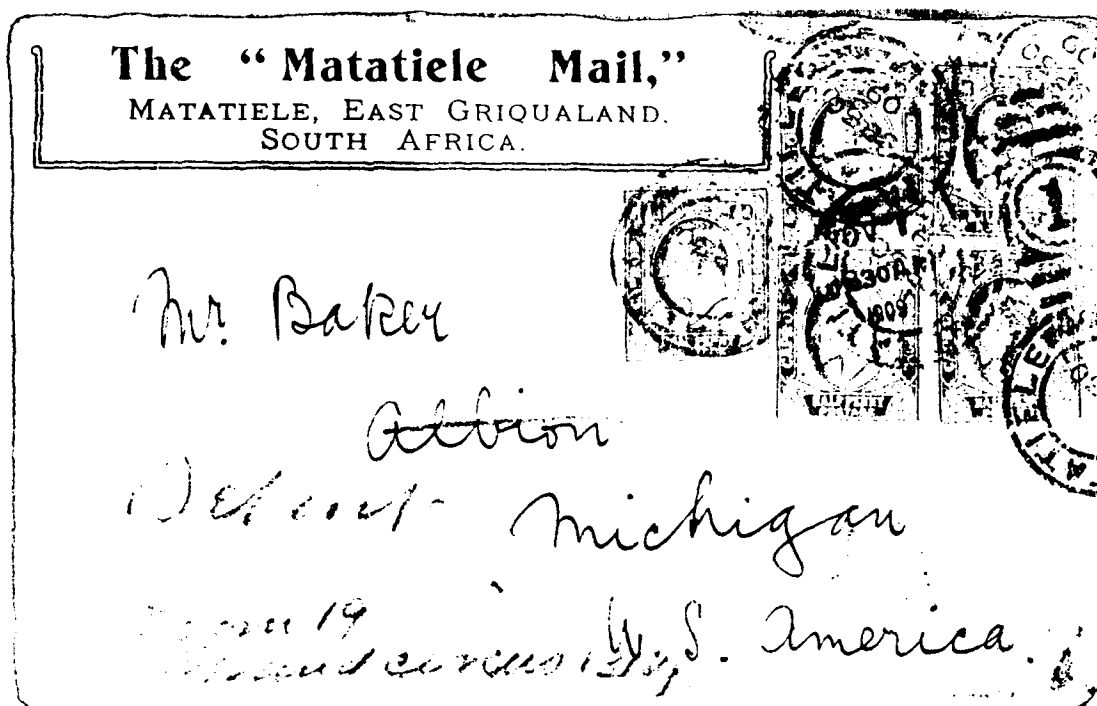
Long afterwards, on 4 October 1889, Mr. Darby wrote to a well-known Cape member of parliament, Louis Zietsman: 'The stamps used by me was a green one, with the words "Ballance & Goodliffe" inside a network frame. My reason for inaugurating the stamps was to carry on regular communication with my base of operations in Harding, Natal, as well as to send more or less regular letters to subsidiary establishments in Griqualand itself.

'A considerable number of the inhabitants were glad to avail themselves of my runners. I could not decently refuse to forward their letters, and the number of missives sent to me by outsiders for forwarding led me to think that my firm might fairly seek to recoup a portion of the outlay. My charges were 1d per half ounce, if stamped, but 6d if paid in cash.

'Of course the stamp, only good for Griqualand, was a thoroughly private affair, as there was no government Postal department in Adam Kok's country.'

Although both the Cape and Natal authorities declined to recognize the validity of the 'Mount Currie Express' issue, there can be no doubt that it was a real postal service and stamps have been collected by responsible philatelists. But the Griqua had shown their complete inability to administer their own affairs and recklessly signed away to the white newcomers whatever farms had been granted to them. In 1889, as a first step towards the establishment of the authority of the Queen, Joseph Millard Orpen was appointed British Resident for the Transkei, which included Griqualand East. On 15 October 1874, came the sequel, when Governor Sir Henry Barkly formally placed the territory under the Union Jack. This meant the end of the 'Mount Currie Express.'

John Rightmire, sent a note and a copy of a recent acquisition cover (shown below), and included the following information: "Bill, this copy is sent to you as requested on page 36 of Vol. IV, No. 1. I have no information on it, but it appears to be from 'Griqualand East' - paid \$20 for it. The cover is postmarked Sept. 30, 1909 at Matatiele, East Griqualand. Received Oct. 30, 1909 at Albion, Mich. USA (on reverse). Postmarked Nov. 1, 1909 at Detroit, Michigan (on face). All five stamps are King Edward 1/2 pence, Scott #63. 'Albion' was marked out and the envelope was re-directed to Detroit, Michigan."



John has also graced us with our first Anglo-Boer War covers.

Illustration 1 - Ladismith, Cape of Good Hope to Berlin, dated "MR 24 02" (Ladismith) and "26 MAR 02" (GPO Capetown).

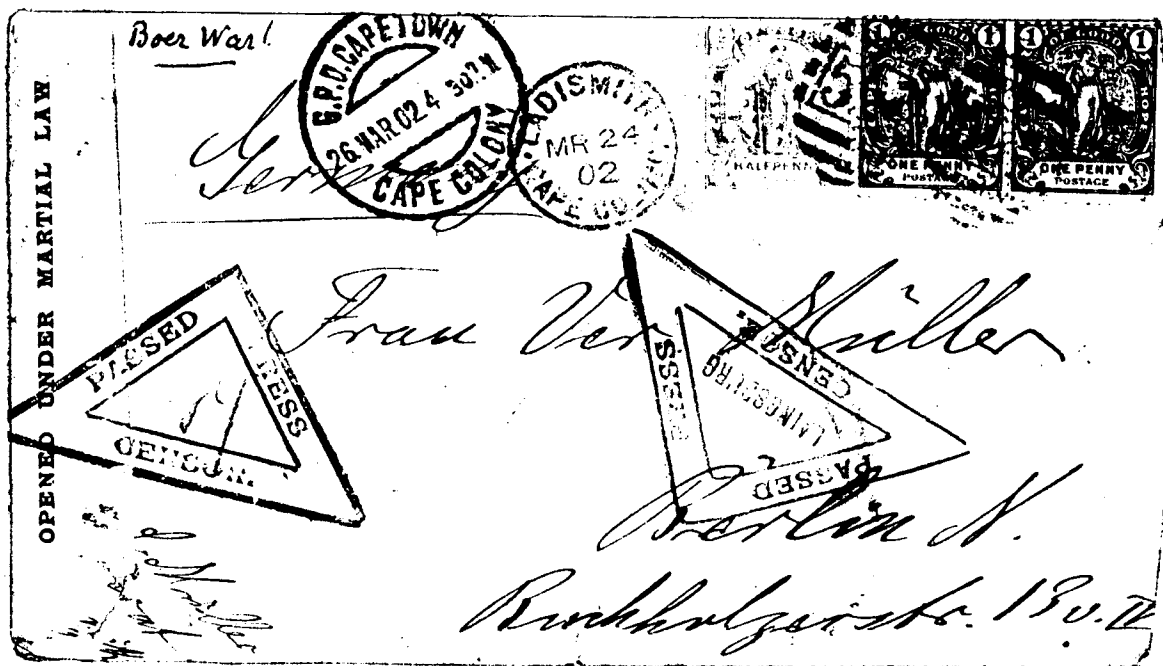
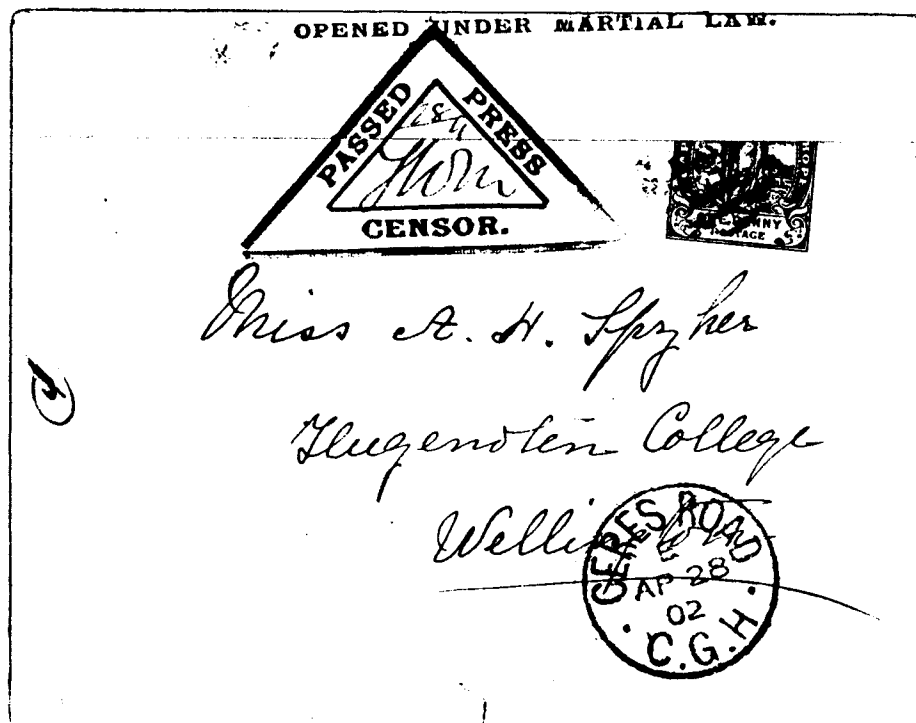


Illustration 2 - From Ceres Road, CGH to Wellington, dated "AP 28 02". (Anyone know the canceller number?)



From the archives of David Wessely, our USA/IR, comes two more covers showing postage dues from Bechuanaland.

Illustration 1 - Registered Bechuanaland Protectorate (BP) stationery 4 1/2d (HG#16) plus 1/2d (SC#96). Canceled on June 11, 1929 in Pitsani, BP; arrived in Mafeking and two 1d South African stamps (J18) were affixed June 17, 1929.

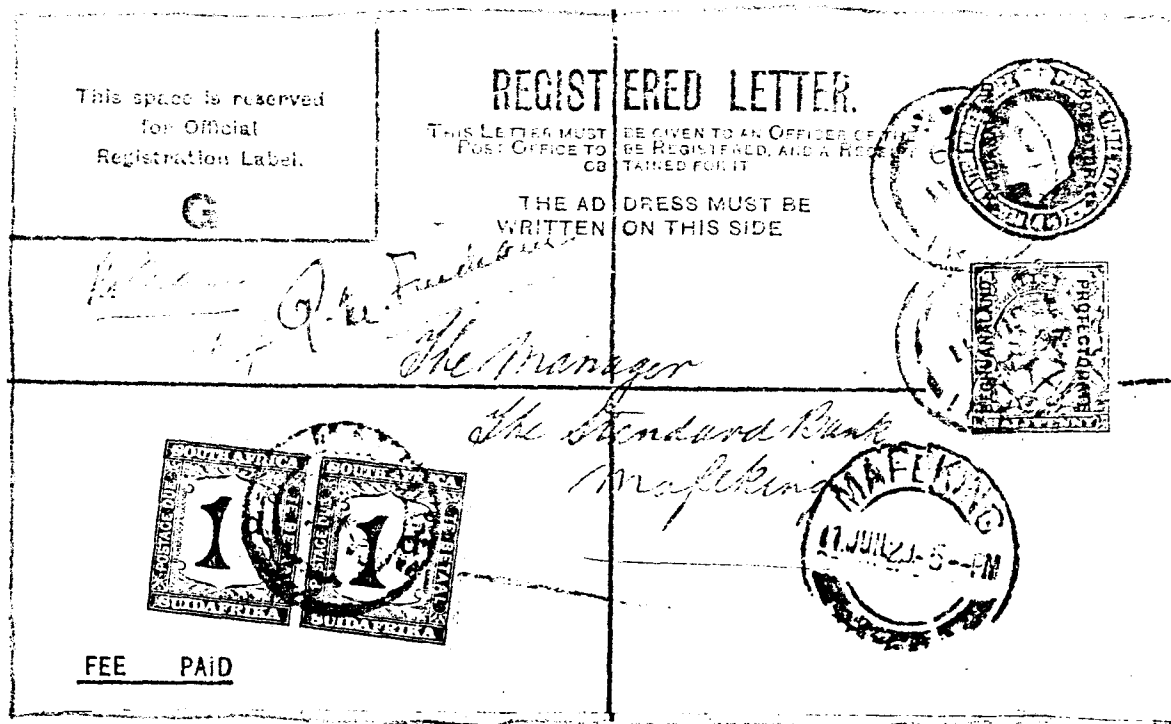
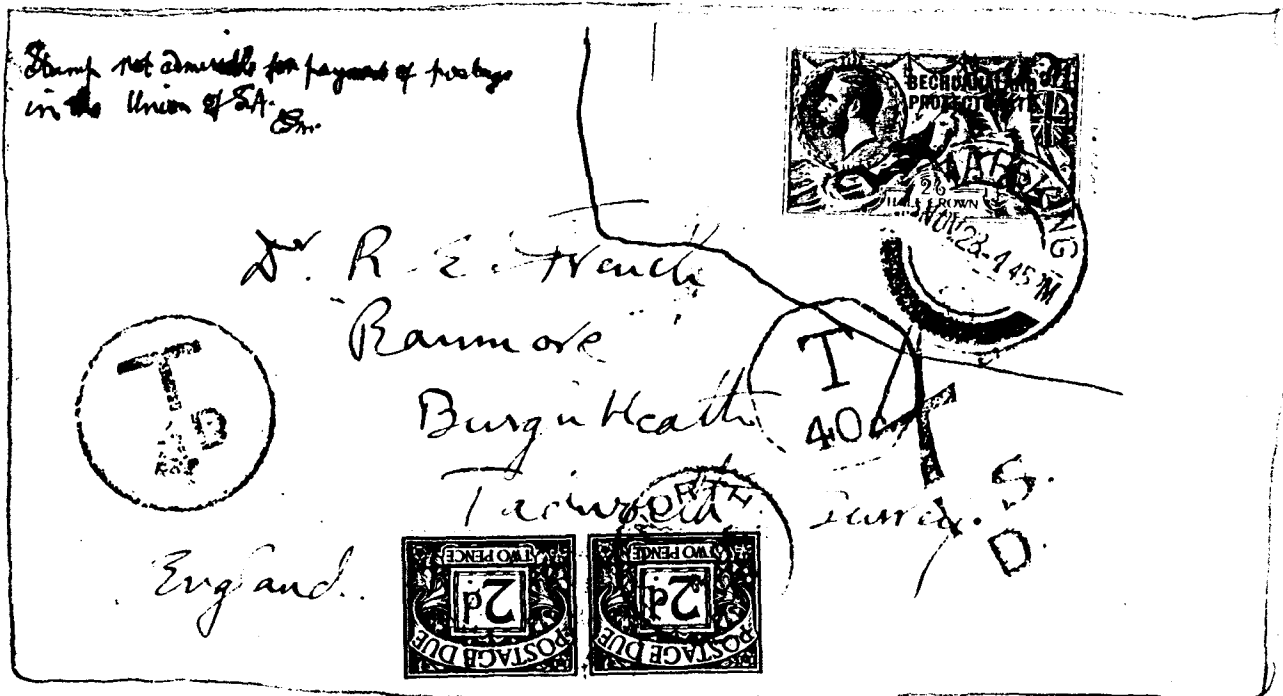


Illustration 2 - 2/6 Seahorse (SC#94). Sent from Mafeking on November 28, 1929 to the UK. Receipt mark from Tadworth with two 2p UK dues (either J12 or 20) - indistinct date. Several markings on cover - circular T 4d, octagonal T 40, large numeral 4 with I.S.D. and handwritten message "stamps not admissible for payment of postage in the Union of South Africa", initialized P.M. (perhaps to stand for Postmaster).



Founding member, Jack Koch, recently forwarded a copy of Perfins Of Cape Colony, Natal, OFS/ORC, Transvaal, South Africa, Perfins Club, USA. This is a well layout-out, forty page publication. The one-page introduction provides a very succinct discussion about South African perfins, including the used of Union stamps in South West Africa and Basutoland. The five areas of collecting are grouped alphabetically by catalog#, pattern, key, company and location. The opposite page has spaces with designs or with X's which indicate that perfins are known to exist. This publication would make an excellent working reference, incorporating one's collection and the key reference identification points facing from the opposite page. Contact the Director/Archives if interested. Thanks Jack for a good addition to the Society archives.

Member Alan Drysdall, our Middle East/IR, has been a busy author as of late. His credits now include:

The Nyasaland-Rhodesia field Force 1914-18: A Postal History, Alan R. Drysdall and Kenneth Pennycuik.

The Oates Correspondence - A Postal History Of Frank Oates' Travels In Matabeleland And Zambesia 1873-75 E. Kenneth Wright and Alan R. Drysdall, F.R.P.S., L. with a Foreword by Robson Lowe.

Mashonaland - A Postal History 1890-96 Alan Drysdall and Dave Collis, with a Foreword by Robson Lowe. One of the articles in this issue, on Bechuanaland-Moshonaland combination covers, is based on one of the chapters.

These works are quite scholarly and reference oriented. Alan's address is on the cover if you desire more information.

The following illustration and comment appeared in the July 21, 1990 issue of Stamp Collector: "...strip of five from South Africa, issued on May 12. It also used early stamps from each of the former colonies, plus a Penny black..."



Republic of South Africa issued a strip of five in honor of the Penny Black.

FEATURE ARTICLES

(Editor's Note: Submission of materials for publication in this journal is accepted on an on-going basis. Articles should be in typewritten, double-spaced form. Ideally, articles should have a maximum length of five pages, not including illustrations. If illustrations are to be included, the clearest copy possible is requested. Originals of charts and graphs are preferable. It is requested that rather lengthy articles be serialized.)

Periodically, articles will appear which have been previously published elsewhere. This occurs when the subject of the work is judged to be of interest and value to Society members. Appropriate credit will always be given.)

For those readers desiring a subject to write about, the following topics have been indicated by members to be ones they would like to see touched upon in future issues: Camel Post at the Village Mier in Bechuanaland Protectorate; forgery identification of all pre-1870 stamps issued by countries covered by the Society; post office expansion related to the railways; postal rates; joined places and postal history of the different smaller towns and villages; histories of post offices, e.g., opening/closing dates, etc., different postmark studies; studies concerning different numeral postmarks; dumb or cork cancellers; air crash mail; record flights and air races to/from southern Africa; machine postmarks and

The Cape of Good Hope Triangles: Their Forgers and Forgeries.

Written By Rae Wolpe.
Photographs By John Rightmire.

Are you sure that your newest Cape triangle is genuine and not forged? The Cape of Good Hope triangles have historically been one of the most popular and sought after stamps in philately, and therefore it is not surprising that stamp forgers chose them to be the targets of their efforts at an early time. The first triangle issue was printed in 1853 by Perkins, Bacon and Co. and in 1862, J.B. Moens in his work, *On the Falsification of Postage Stamps*, recorded a 4d Rose lithographed essay, and in 1865, J.M. Stourton, in his book *Postage Stamp Forgeries*, recorded forgeries of the 1861 Woodblock issue. In 1865, Stourton noted, "During the last year or so... the stamp market has been literally flooded with forgeries." From the early beginnings of Cape philately forgeries of the triangles have abounded, culminating in 1940/41 with reprints (not forgeries) of the Woodblocks by A.A. Jurgens, the controversial Cape postal historian. I will attempt to present a guide to the Cape collector and others to aid in detecting forgeries of the Cape triangles. I will limit myself to forgeries in which the entire stamp has been forged, and thereby exclude the relatively uncommon postmark forgeries and other alterations of genuine stamps. On the whole, most of the forgeries are easily detectable; however, a few dangerous forgeries do exist. I will only mention a watermark if one is present on the forgery.

I Characteristics of The Original 1853, 1855, and 1863/64 Issues.

Printing: Engraved in *taille-douce*. Watermark: Anchor

Paper : Thick white wove paper, *bleute* for the 1853 issue.

Values/Color: 1. 1853: 1d brick red, 4d blue/dark blue.

2. 1855: 1d-1' red, blue, dull lilac, green/dk gr.

3. 1863/64: 1d-1' red, blue, lilac, emerald gr.

Postmarks :



II Forgeries by Spiro Bros of Hamburg:

Gebruder Spiro became the first known forger of the Cape triangles when Spiro Bros, of Hamburg, Germany, advertised their Cape forgeries in an 1864 German newspaper. In all, four separate printings were made, each distinguishable by the following characteristics. The fourth printing can be found in the section on Woodblocks.

A Printing I

Printing : Lithographed

Paper : Thick, white, wove.

Values/Color: 1d-1' (Wide range of colors between following: 1d orange-red, 4d dk blue, 6d lt lilac-grey, 1' emerald-dk green)

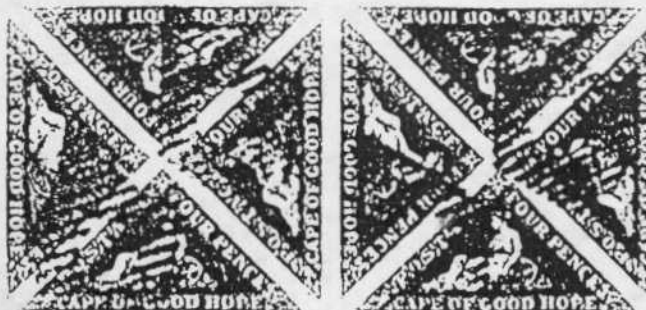
Postmark :



III Forgeries by Francois Fournier of Geneva, Switzerland:

Fournier, and his many international agents, distributed his forgeries from 1896 to 1914, and in 1928 (after Fournier's death), the Philatelic Union of Geneva published 480 albums each containing varying assortments of the wide range of forgeries from Fournier's stock. I have not encountered one of Fournier's forgeries and therefore do not have information on paper, color, or watermark.

Issues/Values: 1853: 1d, 4d 1855: 1d-1'
1861: See Woodblock Section.
Printed : Originally in blocks of eight.
Postmark:



Differences: 1. There is no 'C' at the tope of the cancel, or 'G','H' in corners.

IV Forgeries of Unknown Origin:

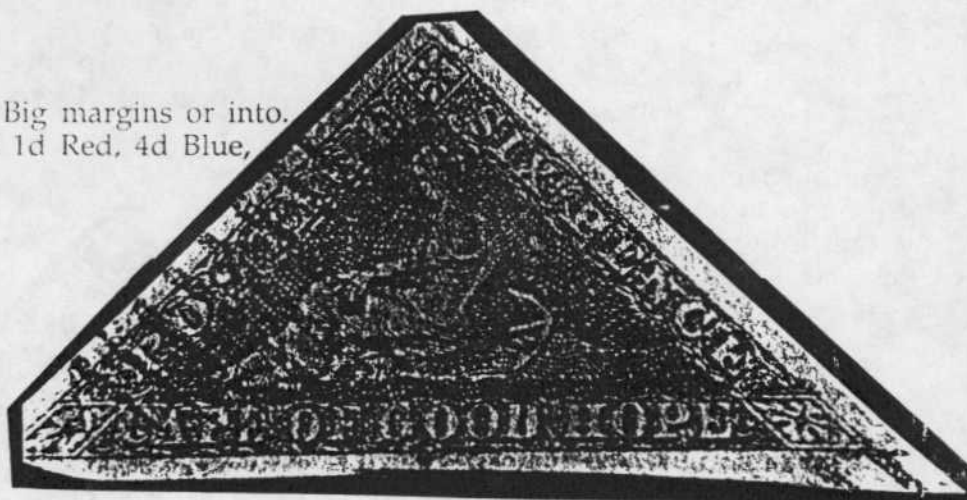
A 'SMILING FLAT FACE'

Printing: Lithographed

Paper : Thick, white, wove. Big margins or into.

Values/Color: 1855: Only seen 1d Red, 4d Blue,
6d lt. grey.

Postmark:



Differences: 1. Hope has flat face. Eye, eyebrow, nose, mouth visible.
2. Top fluke of anchor does not go near or touch arm.

B 'SHY SHILLING'

Printing: Lithographed.

Paper : Extremely wove, white.

Value/Color: Seen 1' dk green and a similar 4d blue.

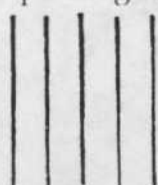
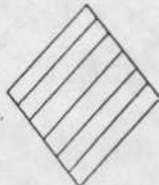
Postmark: Indistinguishable



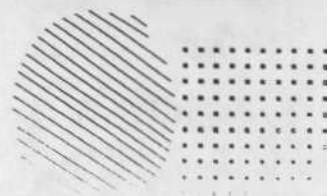
Differences: 1. Lines of background of Hope are horizontally straight and rock isn't easily distinguished from the bkgd.
2. Hope's breast is covered by her drape.
3. Top fluke of anchor is not behind Hope's arm.

Differences:

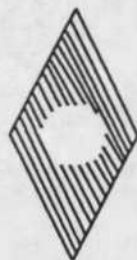
1. All forgeries have a 1mm frame around the stamp, not found on the originals.
2. The background consists of straight crossed lines, not engine turned curves, as on the originals.
3. Originally printed in sheets of 30 (5X6), which still exist.
4. On the 1', 'ONE's letters are far larger than 'SHILLING'
5. No toes are visible on either foot.

B Printing II "The Balfour Forgery"**Printing:** Lithographed**Paper** : Thin white wove, and greenish paper.**Values/Color:** Same as 1st printing. 6d also black.**Postmarks:**

- Differences:**
1. Background behind letters consists of straight lines.
 2. Hope appears to be looking at 'S' in 'POSTAGE', in the first printing appears to be looking at 'A'.
 3. A circle surrounds the central dot in the petals in top ornament.
 4. Some 1ds are on green paper (attempt to forge 1853 blue paper)

**C Printing III****Printing** : Lithographed **Paper:** White wove and type of onion skin paper (many old post examples)**Values/Color:** 1d red/orange, 4d blue.**Postmarks :**

- Differences:**
1. Resembles printing II, but the background is more solid with curved lines similar to the original.
 2. All examples seen are cut very close or into the design, unlike previous printings, so no peripheral border is visible.
 3. This forgery is fairly good, and capable of deception, except for the lack of watermark and incorrect cancels.

II Pannelli Forgeries From Italy:**Printing:** Engraved in *taille-douce*.**Paper** : Blue, white, buff: various thicknesses.**Values/Color:** 1d-1' (1d dk carmine/lake, 4d lt blue/dk blue, 6d black, 1' emerald/dk gr.)**Watermark:** Some Impressed anchor, others none.**Postmark :**

- Differences:**
1. Bottom left ornament has flaw that protrudes into 'POSTAGE' side.
 2. There is no shading on "Hope's" neck, as in the original.
 3. The front point of the anchor is too low and not centered.
 4. Pannelli's forgeries are the most convincing triangle forgeries, but can always be identified using difference one.

C 'MOTLEY MINT'

Paper: Very thick yellowish/white wove. No gum.
Value/Color: 1d dk orange/red, 4d dk blue.

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- Differences:**
1. Entire background is almost solid with scattered speckled white dots.
 2. All three corner ornaments are blotchy and ill-defined.
 3. The stamp's outer corners are uneven and rounded.

D 'SMALL PENNY'

Paper: Unable to examine. No gum.
Values/Color: 1d pink/red.



- Differences:**
1. Background similar to 'Motley Mint,' ornaments clearer.
 2. Letters in 'ONE' are smaller than all other letters.
 3. Hope appears to be looking at 'S' in 'POSTAGE'

E ROYAL COLLECTION REPRODUCTIONS

Paper: Fairly thin, wove.
Values and Color: 1d red/orange, brown/red
4d blue, dk blue.



- Differences:**
1. These are color reproductions of items in Royal collection and are quite dangerous, except for lack of watermark.

F SOUVENIR SHEET REPRODUCTIONS

Printing: Collotype process and photogravure. No gum.
Paper: thin wove and thick card.
Value/Color: 1853 4d blue and 4d Vermillion Woodblock respectively.
Differences:

1. The 1853 4d is dangerous but no wmk.
2. Woodblock error is badly printed with printing, on reverse.

V THE WOODBLOCK FORGERIES:

ORIGINAL BY SAUL SOLOMON & CO., CAPE TOWN:

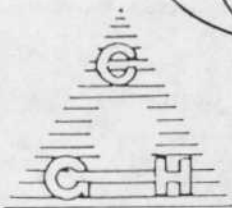
Printing: Engraved, from stereotyped plates.

Paper: Thin, yellowish/white, LAID.

Value/Color: 1d vermillion/red, pale milky blue
4d same as 1d.

Watermark: None.

Postmarks:



Remark: In originals letters should stand out, don't in the lithographed forgeries.

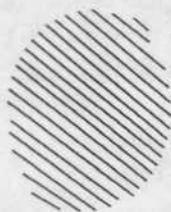
A SPIRO BROS FORGERY

Printing: Lithographed.

Paper: Stout, yellowish, wove.

Values/Color: 1d vermillion/red, 4d pale blue.

Postmarks:



- Differences:
1. The dot in 'P' of 'POSTAGE' is bigger than in the originals.
 2. The lower point of anchor does not have fluke as in original.
 3. The rock at right is solid white and not shaded.
 4. On the outside of 'POSTAGE' and value is a parallel white line just inside outer edge of stamp.

B FOURNIER'S FORGERIES:

Printing: Lithographed. Unused have no gum.

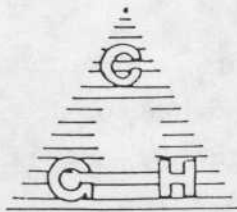
Paper: White horizontally LAID paper. First printed strips of three.

Values: 1d red, pale blue 4d same colors.

Postmark:



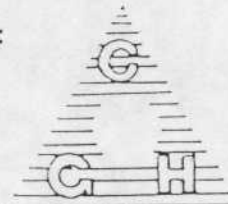
- Differences:
1. The horizontal bar in all 'A's runs along base of letter, not middle.
 2. The 'G' in 'POSTAGE' is a 'C'
 3. The lower point of anchor is buried in the rock.

C 'WREATH FORGERY'**Printing:** lithographed. No gum.**Paper:** hard, white, wove.**Values/Color:** 1d brick red, ultramarine, deep blue
4d same colors.

- Differences:**
1. Hope appears to have a wreath around top of head.
 2. Only one, long foot is visible.
 3. The 'C' of 'CAPE' is badly shaped. Big spot in 'P' of 'POSTAGE'
 4. Same die illustrated the front of 1883 edition of Oppen's Album.

E 'FACSIMILE FORGERY'**Printing:** Lithographed. No gum.**Paper:** white, wove.**Values and Color:** 4d pale blue, 1d brick red.

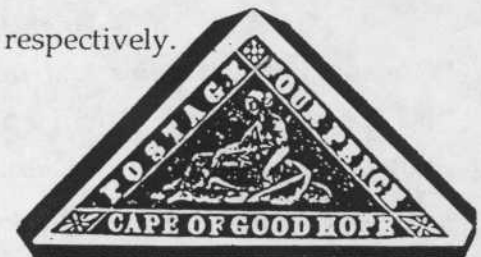
- Differences:**
1. 'FACSIMILE' is printed alongside Hope, parallel to 'POSTAGE' and value. 'FACSIMILE' is scratched out in photo.
 2. The ankle of the right foot is extraordinarily thick.

F ROYAL COLLECTION REPRODUCTIONS:**Printing and Paper:** Unknown:**Value and Color:** 4d pale blue.**Postmark:**

- Differences:**
1. Letters don't stand out, otherwise almost identical.

G REPRINTS:**A 1883 BY SAUL SOLOMON & CO.****Paper:** Thick, white, wove. Printed in sheets of 62 and 63 respectively.

White gum on reverse.

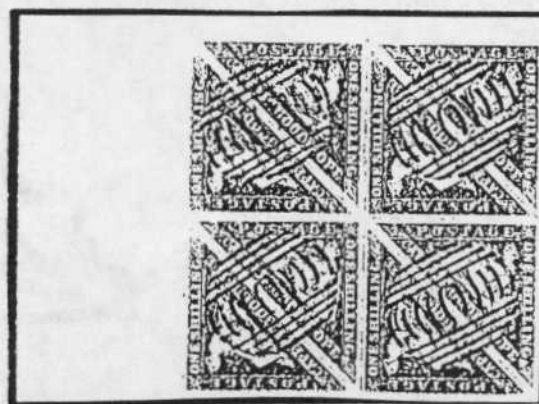
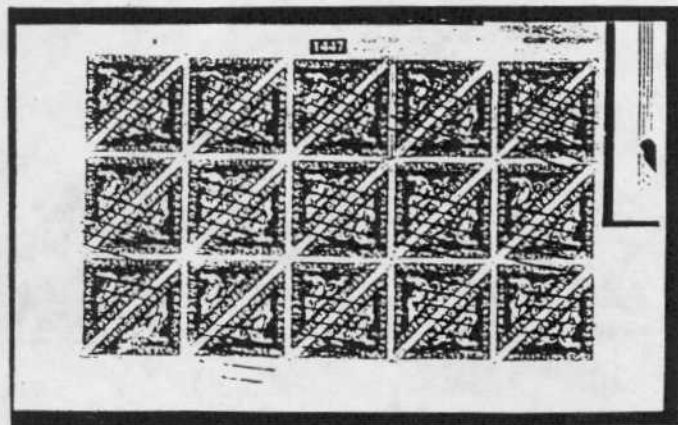
Values and Color: 1d deep red, 4d dk blue

- Differences:**
1. Practically identical to originals, but are very fresh and there is too much color on Hope's figure.

B 1940/41 BY A.A. JURGENS.**Paper:** Printed from original plates wove paper, many placed on thick card.**Values and Color:** 1d carmine, 4d blue also both in black.**Differences:** 1. Defacing line runs down center of stamp.

A number of forgeries have been described above; however, I am sure that further obscure forgeries exist, but, to the best of my knowledge, none that pose a serious danger of deception. By far the commonest of the forgeries are those of Spiro Bros (although the 3rd printing is uncommon). Pannelli's are quite rare and command high prices in the market, while Fournier's are even rarer and I have never seen individual copies sold. My thanks to John Rightmire and Gene Bowman for their reference material and insight. Any additions or corrections are encouraged and should be sent to Rae Wolpe C/O the Editor.

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Covers To USA Found From 1951 Pan Am Crash

By: Kendall C. Sanford, Switzerland

On 22 June 1951, Pan American World Airways flight 151 was on a flight from Johannesburg, South Africa to New York, via Accra, Ghana, Robertson, Liberia, Lisbon, Portugal and other stops. The flight had left Johannesburg at 11:45 p.m., the night of the 21st, and it crashed near the village of Sanaghie, Liberia shortly before 2:49 a.m. when it was scheduled to land at Robertsfield.

The *Airpost Journal* of the American Air Mail Society carried two short articles about this crash and the mail that was recovered from it. These were in the July 1984 and October 1985 issues. The articles were by Rufino R. Pernes & Frank Lemos de Silveira respectively. Both are well-known collectors of Portuguese aerophilately. In two articles, nine covers were reported - four from Angola, four from Mozambique and one unknown. One of the covers from Mozambique is now in my collection of Pan Am crash covers. All these covers have a small black, two-line cachet, applied in Lisbon "SALVADOS DO AVIAO/PA 151 de 21/22-6-1951".

Mr. F. van der hagen of Belgium has discovered two covers from this crash - both from the Belgian Congo to the USA. Mr. van der Hagen is a specialist in the air mails of the Belgian Congo. The first cover is postmarked Leopoldville June 15th, and is addressed to Chicago, Illinois. It is not damaged so did not receive the crash cachet that was applied to the other covers from this crash. The other cover is also postmarked Leopoldville June 14th, addressed to Chicago, and it has the cachet which is very lightly applied.

Now the question is . . . what was the routing of the covers, and where were they put on the ill-fated flight? It is logical that the covers from Angola and Mozambique would be sent to Johannesburg to connect for the Pan Am flight to Lisbon, as there are frequent flights from both countries to Johannesburg. However, the covers from the Belgian Congo are another story. I do not think that the post office in Leopoldville would send mail for the USA down to Johannesburg, which is quite a distance out of the way. So the covers from the Belgian Congo could have been routed from Leopoldville to Accra to connect there. Does anyone else have a different theory?

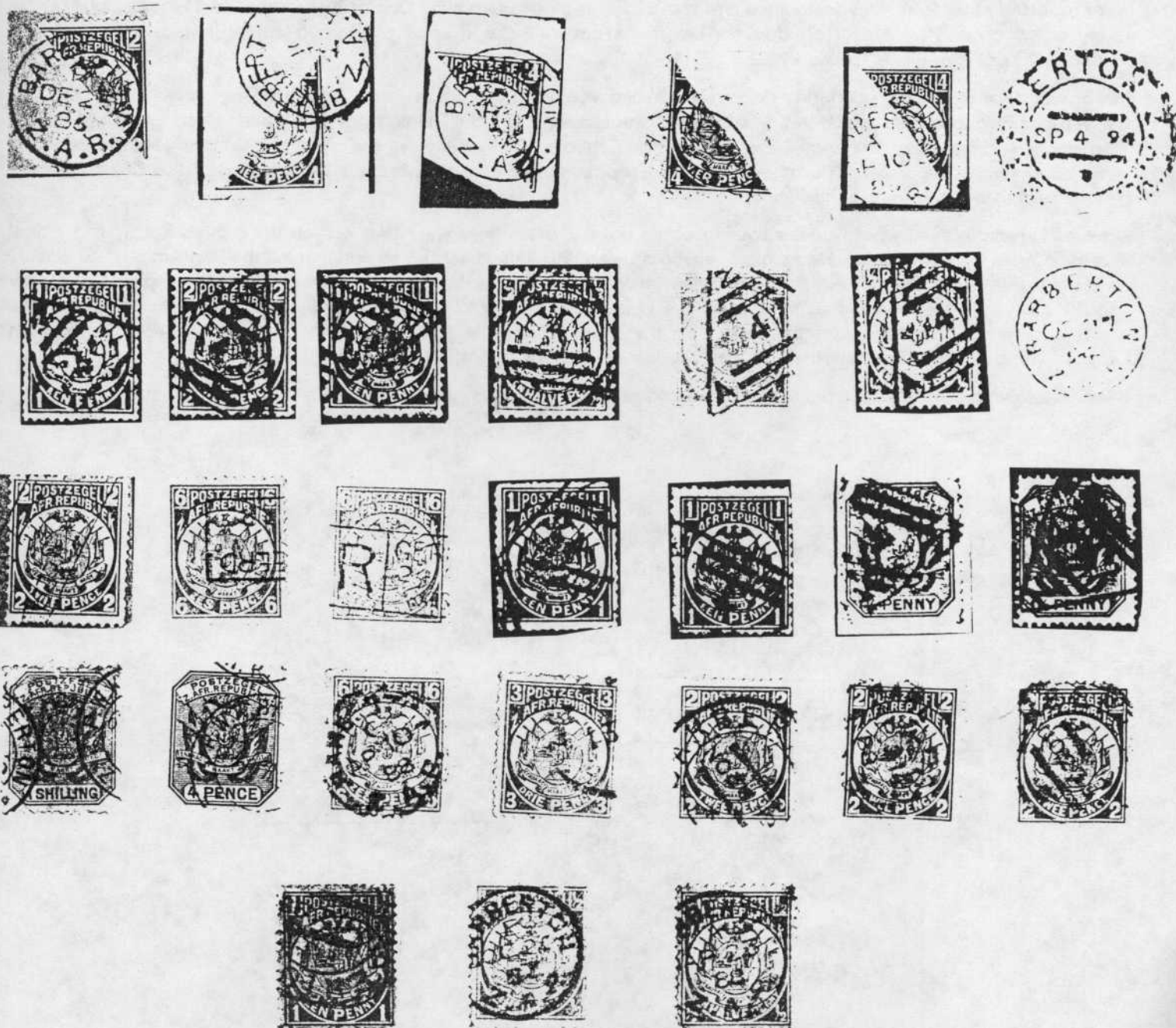
Below is shown a crash cover from flight 151, mailed at Mocamedes, Angola:



One Hundred Years Of The Barberton Post Office: Part II

By: Werner K. Seeba, West Germany

The first postal agency in Barberton surely was in a shack, or under the counter of one of the first boardinghouses or stores; and rather quickly established those days in the mining camps of the last century. On 1st, October, 1886, the first known official Post Office, with full status PWK(MOO) in a brickhouse was opened. P.O. Barberton was the first official town name - postmark used was a 22mm single circle-date-stamp (2nd Republik), from 1886 until about the middle the nineties. Illustration 1 (below), contains several examples of this first postmark. In the boomtime of 1886, shortages were experienced in the case of the 2d value stamps, which resulted in the 4d bisect; examples of the oval type canceller for parcel post, violet ink pad being used. Black ink was normally used at the Transvaal Post offices and Postal Agencies; however, at the Barberton Office blue was also used for Registered items.



In 1887, the Postmaster of Barberton MOO was employed at the annual rate of 350 pounds, making him the highest paid Postmaster in the Transvaal. Salaries for the clerks ranged from 125 pounds per year to 250 pounds - there were four classes of clerks, entry level Clerk 4's started at the former figure. For the native messengers, the annual budget for 1887 was 36 pounds.

Passenger and mail transport contracts had been given out to private companies every year by the Postmaster General Office in Pretoria, from/to Barberton and other places. The Zeederberg's, George Heys and other smaller companies were the contractholders. Contracts in 1887, between winnaarspoort (Transvaal) near Middelburg and Baberton were 750 pounds; Barberton to Kimberly and return, 2300 pounds; Barberton to/from Ermel, 1800 pounds; and lastly, Barberton to Delagoa Bay, Lorenzo Marques (Maputo), Portugese East Africa (Mozambique). Postmasters in the outlying areas were compensated 72 pounds per annum.

Postmarks: From "DE 1 88" until "SP 4 94" - was also known used in the 2nd Republic - truncated 30 x 19 1/2mm, double circle date stamp (Illustration 2 below).

Illustration 2



BARBERTON



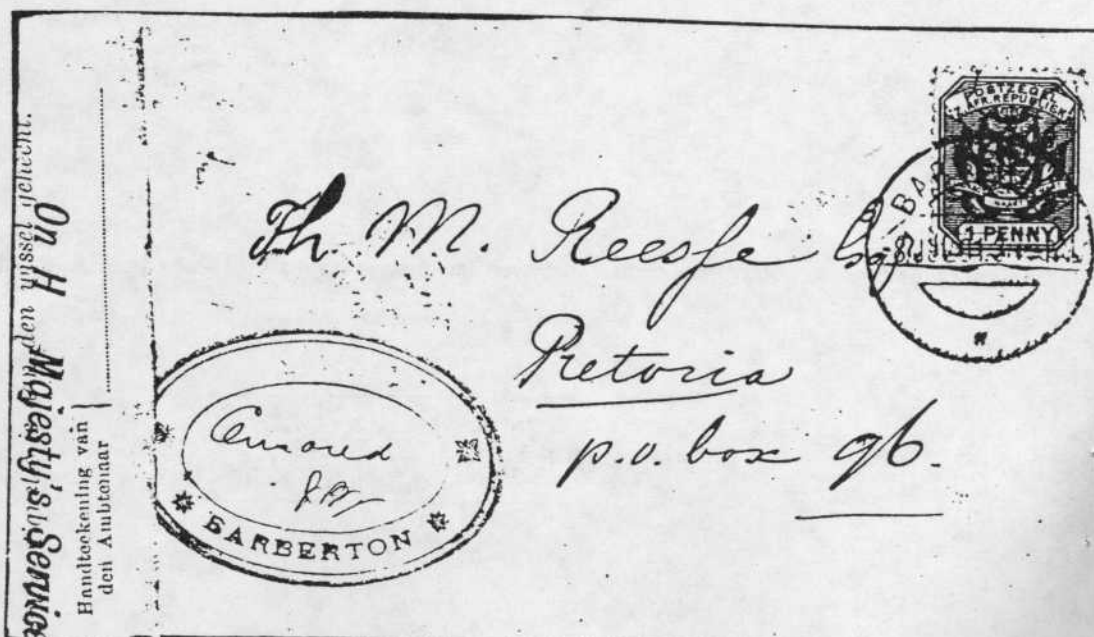
At the same time a rectangular datestamp was used, measuring 48 1/2 x 14mm, Illustration 3 below:

Illustration 3



Like in other Post Offices in the Transvaal, a 24 1/2 x 16mm double circle date-stamp was used from 1894. Placename, stars left and right, Z.A.R. below and the date-year line in the middle of the canceller (Illustration 4). The same type, but with "P.W.K. Barberton", was used at the same time, until about 1900. During 1901 (2nd Anglo-Boer War), British troops entered the town and continued the use of a type of canceller introduced in 1898. Below, and on the next page, are illustrated several of the cancels referred to here (Illustration 4).

Illustration 4



Barberton... cont'd

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Illustration 4 continued:

POST CARD

THIS SPACE CAN BE USED FOR
INLAND CORRESPONDANCE ONLY.

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO
BE WRITTEN HERE.

Mrs. J. Taylorson
4 Rosslyn Avenue
Durban
Scotland



ZUID-AFRIK. REPUBLIEK
RÉPUBLIQUE SUD-AFRICAINE
ALGEMEENE POST-VEREENIGING - (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE)
BRIEFKAART
(CARTE POSTALE)



UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
TRANSVAAL
POST CARD
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
Holland



ZUID-AFRIK. REPUBLIEK
RÉPUBLIQUE SUD-AFRICAINE
ALGEMEENE POST-VEREENIGING - (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE)
BRIEFKAART
(CARTE POSTALE)



ZUID-AFRIK. REPUBLIEK
RÉPUBLIQUE SUD-AFRICAINE
ALGEMEENE POST-VEREENIGING - (UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE)
BRIEFKAART
(CARTE POSTALE)



In 1901, the British Army took the Post Office over and used an Army Post Office rubber stamp canceller for a short time. In August, 1902, the Post Office received the tax-canceller with a "T" and Roman numeral 13 (XIII) and below it "G.P.O." which is now in Johannesburg. Regarding the various postmarks at that OFFICE, Illustration 4 carries some examples, used after 1902.

During 1885-1890, outgoing mail handled totalled some 134, 788 items. Postal Money Order revenues totalled only 2,029 pounds.

The Railway: The railway line from Kaapmuiden (a station at the Pretoria-Delagoa Bay main line) to Barberton was finished during or before 1896. It was operated by the N.Z.A.S.M. There were seven stations or "halts": Barberton BN, Caledonia CL, Clutha CT, Noordkaap NK, Joia Luck Brug JLB, Sheba SH...Part III in next issue.

The Louise Boyd Dale & Alfred F. Lichtenstein Cape of Good Hope Sale

By: Rae Wolpe, Maine USA

On November 25-26, 1989, Harpers of New York held the Louise Boyd Dale and Alfred F. Lichtenstein sale number thirteen, comprising Cape of Good Hope material. The sale, held in Washington D.C., attracted about forty of the world's leading Cape collectors who were not disappointed with the depth of the material on auction. The auction consisted of 681 lots and grossed a total in excess of \$28 million dollars (including 10% buyer's charge). The presence of several unique pieces, combined with the unprecedented quality, resulted in previously unheard of prices realized.

The highlights of the original proof section included a fabulous original Perkins, Bacon and Co. 1p proof which realized \$10,450; a 6p black square pair die proof realized \$14,300; a similar 1/ plate proof sheet of 96 realizing \$23,100; and the De La Rue specimen overprints were well represented with a set of four pairs selling for \$11,000.

The issued stamps opened with the unique mint margin block of six SG1, cataloguing at \$33,000 and realizing \$60,500. A superb single deep brick red mint margin copy catalogued at \$5,500, sold for \$9,900. A very rare cover to Ireland, bearing a block of eight SG1's, was bought by a South African for \$13, 750. The four pence SG4 was well represented with a mint block of 12 (largest known), catalogued at \$27,000 and sold for \$26,400.

The 1855-58 issue was also well-represented with a superb block of seventeen (largest known) SG5a mint, selling for \$14,859. A magnificent six penny slate lilac on bluish paper sold for \$15,400. Clearly, the bidders possessed an acute understanding of the rare quality of excellence that many of these triangles possessed. The one shilling yellow green issue was represented by three superb mint lots. Two singles sold for \$6,325 and \$2,420 respectively while an incredibly superb and rare pair sold for \$27,500 (more than 3.5 times catalog value). A rare soldier's letter, bearing an SG5a to new Brunswick (scarce destination), sold for \$10,550, primarily because of its rare destination. A well-known cover to Holland, bearing a block of four of the yellow green shilling, sold for \$23,100.

Two copies of the famous four pence black were present, selling for \$28,600 and \$8,800 respectively, with the former only faintly cancelled.

The woodblock issue was represented by several truly exceptional and unique pieces and intense bidder competition, forced prices to unprecedented levels. The unique one penny vermilion, unused block of four, realized \$132,000 after bidding began at only \$20,000. A superb used square pair with roller cancel realized \$13,200, while three incredible blocks of four realized \$31,900, \$26,400 and \$44,000 respectively. A block of four on piece sold for \$38,000. The one penny error of color was represented by five copies, including a pair which sold for \$33,000 and the singles from \$14,850 to \$35,750; and a used block of four (largest known) reached \$46,750 (almost four times catalog).

The spectacular unique *tete-beche* pair sold for a disappointed \$46,740. To almost everyone's surprise, a beautiful mint copy of the deep bright blue woodblock sold for \$104,500 after the bidding began at only \$5,000. A used square pair of the deep blue shade sold for \$46,750. No one was disappointed when the hammer fell on the famous "error cover". It quickly sold for \$396,000 and a muted applause resulted as the buyer left the room after completing his single purchase. A very rare used four penny carmine error sold for \$115,000 (three times catalog). Two woodblock covers, one bearing a block of four vermilion and the other a block of four milky blue, sold for \$60,500 and \$63,250 respectively... *cont'd p48*

Bechuanaland-Mashonaland combination covers

MASHONALAND COVERS FRANKED WITH COMBINATIONS
OF BECHUANALAND AND BSA Co. STAMPS

Alan R. Drysdall and Dave Collis

The stamps issued by the British South Africa (BSA) Co. were not recognised as receipting prepayment of postage on mail addressed to or via the other territories of central and southern Africa until the 1st August, 1892. Mashonaland mail was therefore franked in the first instance with Bechuanaland Protectorate or British Bechuanaland stamps, and later with combinations of BSA Co. and Mozambique or Bechuanaland stamps depending on the route. A recent study of the postal history of Mashonaland by the authors (1) includes new information regarding these rare combination covers.

Revised rates for mail sent via Bechuanaland Protectorate and internal rates applicable to the whole of Mashonaland were introduced by the BSA Co. on the 14th May, 1892. They were listed in a Postal Notice (2) as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that on and after the 14th instant the following rates of postage will be charged in addition to the Colonial rates, viz :-

"Letters	For every half ounce or fraction thereof	£0.0.4d.
Newspapers	For every four ounces or fraction thereof	£0.0.2d.
Book Packets and Parcels	For every ounce or fraction thereof	£0.0.1d.
Registration fee		£0.0.8d."

"N.B. The above rates will include the Protectorate fines of 2d per letter, 1d per newspaper and 3d per book-packet or parcel which hitherto have been borne by the Company.

Letters posted within the Company's territory must bear the Company's postage stamps in accordance with the above rates, and each Postmaster will collect on delivery the above rates on letters, etc., not so prepaid.

Salisbury
May 3rd, 1892.

(Signed) L. S. Jameson,
for B. S. A. Co."

This notice was distributed to postmasters with a circular letter which included the following more detailed instructions:

- "2. The Company's stamps will cover the Protectorate rates on outgoing letters both ordinary and registered, and each Postmaster will, until his supply of Bechuanaland stamps is exhausted, affix to the letter or parcel free of charge the Bechuanaland stamps necessary for passage through the Protectorate.

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When the Bechuanaland stamps have been used, Company's stamps to cover Mashonaland, Protectorate, and Colonial and Foreign rates are to be fixed by the Public, the Tuli Postmaster affixing the necessary Bechuanaland or Transvaal stamps free of charge. Upon insufficiently prepaid letters the Tuli Postmaster will insufficiently prepay in Bechuanaland stamps.

- "3 The Postmaster at Umtali will in a similar manner affix the necessary Portuguese stamps to letters bearing the Company's stamps and addressed via Beira."

The use of the phrase "When the Bechuanaland stamps have been used", which is interpreted to mean when an individual postmaster's stock of Bechuanaland stamps was exhausted, suggests that no Bechuanaland stamps were distributed after the notice was issued; they would be held only by the Postmaster at Tuli.

The wording of the notice can be read as instructing postmasters to affix BSA Co. stamps to receipt the total amount paid by the sender, which in the case of a half-ounce letter would be 4d plus the British Bechuanaland (Colonial) rate, and, if he had them, the appropriate Bechuanaland stamps to indicate that the Protectorate rate had been paid. However, the few surviving covers show that it was common practice to use BSA Co. stamps to receipt only the 4d internal rate, except when locally held stocks of Bechuanaland stamps had been **exhausted** (see Table 1).

TABLE 1 FRANKING OF HALF-OUNCE LETTERS DESPATCHED VIA TULI,
14th MAY - 31st JULY, 1892

DESTINATION	PAID BY SENDER	FRANKING			
		Bechuanaland stamps affixed by the office of despatch		Bechuanaland stamps not affixed by the office of despatch*	
		BSA Co. stamps	Bechuanaland stamps	BSA Co. stamps	Bechuanaland stamps*
Cape and Transvaal	5d	4d	4d	6d	4d
UK	10d	4d	6d	10d	6d
Registration	8d	8d	8d	8d	8d

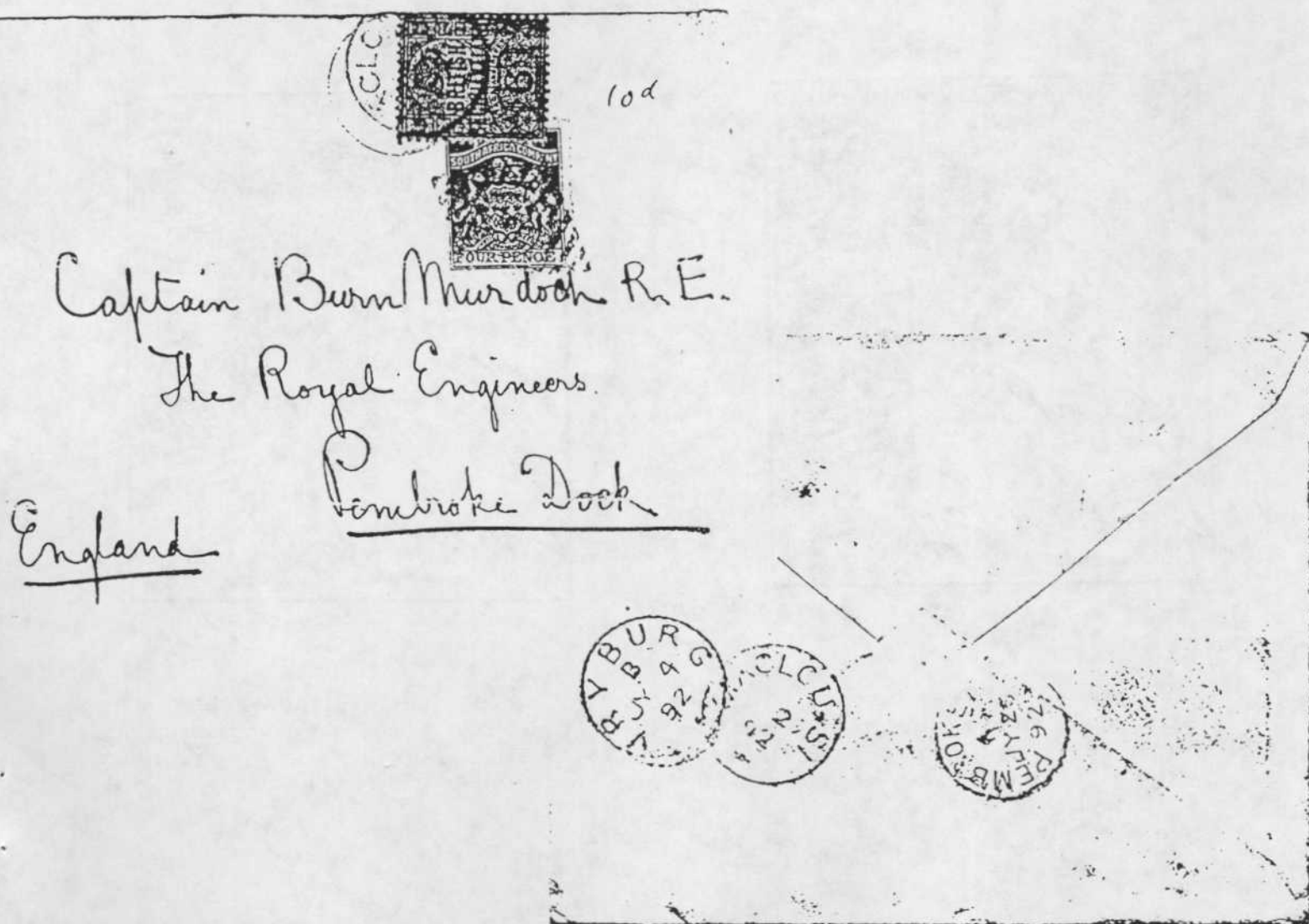
* the appropriate Bechuanaland stamps were affixed at Tuli

It is hardly surprising in view of the complexities that mistakes occurred, but it is surprising that the culprit was on occasions the Salisbury office.

The regulations which gave rise to covers franked with combinations of British Bechuanaland and BSA Co. stamps were in force for only two and half months (14th May to the 31st July, 1892), and examples are therefore rare. Six, one of which has a stamp missing, are known to the authors. Two are described by Knight (3); these and one other are also described by Wright (4).

The cover illustrated as figure 1 is a recent discovery. The annotation at top-right indicates that the sender paid 10d, the Company internal rate (4d) plus the Bechuanaland rate to UK (6d) for mail originating from Mashonaland. The franking comprises a 4d BSA Co. stamp (SG 22), which was cancelled with the 'F' barred-diamond obliterator, and a 6d British Bechuanaland stamp (SG 36), which overlaps both the Company stamp and the strike of the single-circle Victoria datestamp. This would suggest that the Bechuanaland stamp was affixed at Tuli, but reference to table 1 shows that both stamps were probably affixed at Victoria. The date in the Victoria mark is unreadable, but the Macloutsie datestamp cancelling the Bechuanaland stamp was struck on 'JU 27 / 92'. The letter passed through Vryburg on 'JY 4 / 92' and was received in Pembroke Dock on 'JY 25 / 92'.

Figure 1.



Bechuanaland-Mashonaland combination covers

Another cover from the same correspondence is also annotated '10d', in this case underneath the stamp, and was presumably originally franked with a 4d BSA Co. stamp in addition to the surviving Bechuanaland 6d duty (SG 14). The single-circle datestamp struck at top-left records that it was posted at Victoria on 'JU 3 / 92'. The backstamps, which include a strike of the mutilated 'H sideways' ('T') letter-coded datestamp used at Tuli, record the route as: Tuli ('JU 10 / 92'), Macloutsie ('JU 13(?) / 92'), Vryburg ('JU 20 / 92') and Pembroke Dock ('JY 11 / 92').

The Williams collection included a combination cover addressed to Kimberley which was posted the following month (5). It was also sent from Victoria, where single 2d and 4d BSA Co. stamps (SG 20 and 22) were affixed and cancelled with the 'F' barred-diamond obliterator (figure 2). The single-circle 'VICTORIA' datestamp - 'JY 8 / 92' - was struck alongside. This franking is evidence that the Victoria office did not have the necessary Bechuanaland stamps (see table 1), and was made up of the internal rate (4d), which included the Protectorate charge, plus the British Bechuanaland ('Colonial') half-ounce letter rate to the Cape (2d). In this case the 4d Bechuanaland stamp (SG 13) partly covering the strike of the Victoria datestamp must have been affixed at Tuli. It was cancelled at 'MACLOUTSI' on 'JY 18 / 92'.

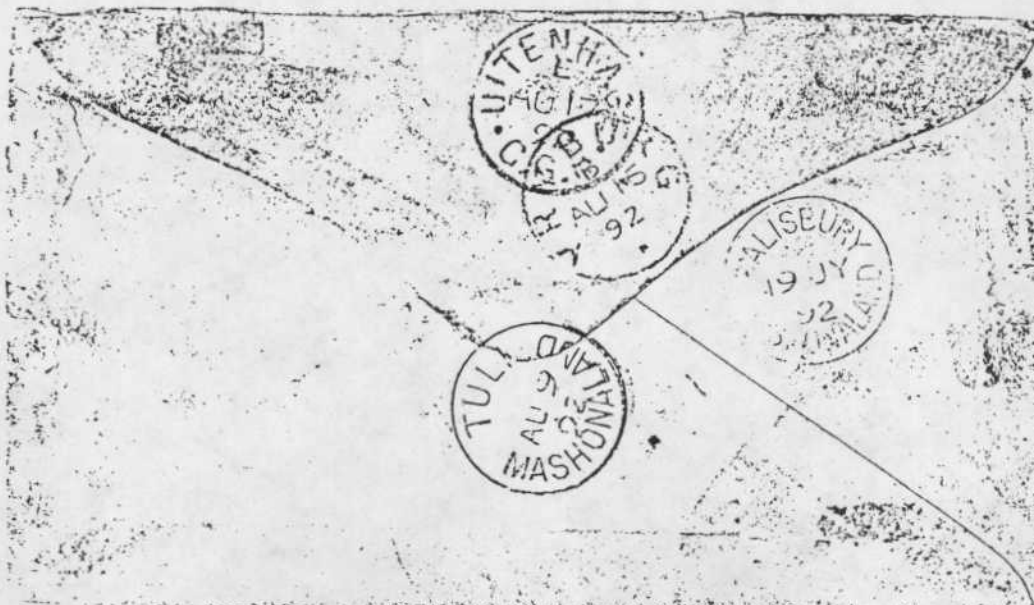
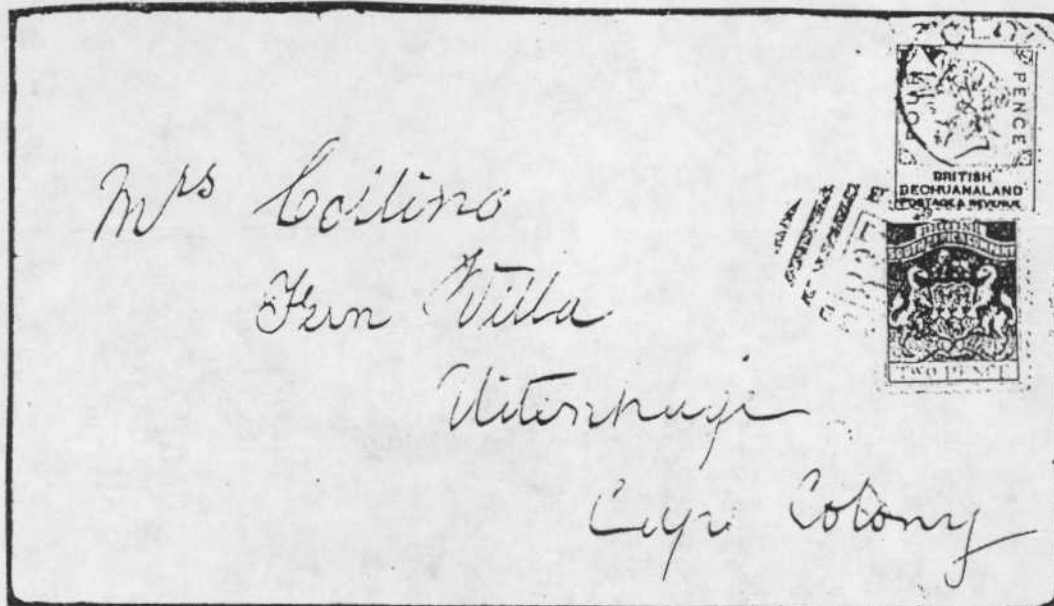
Figure 2



These three covers originating from Victoria show that the stock of 6d Bechuanaland stamps held by that post office in early June 1892 included both SG 14 and 36. This supply was apparently exhausted sometime between mid-June and the end of the first week in July 1892.

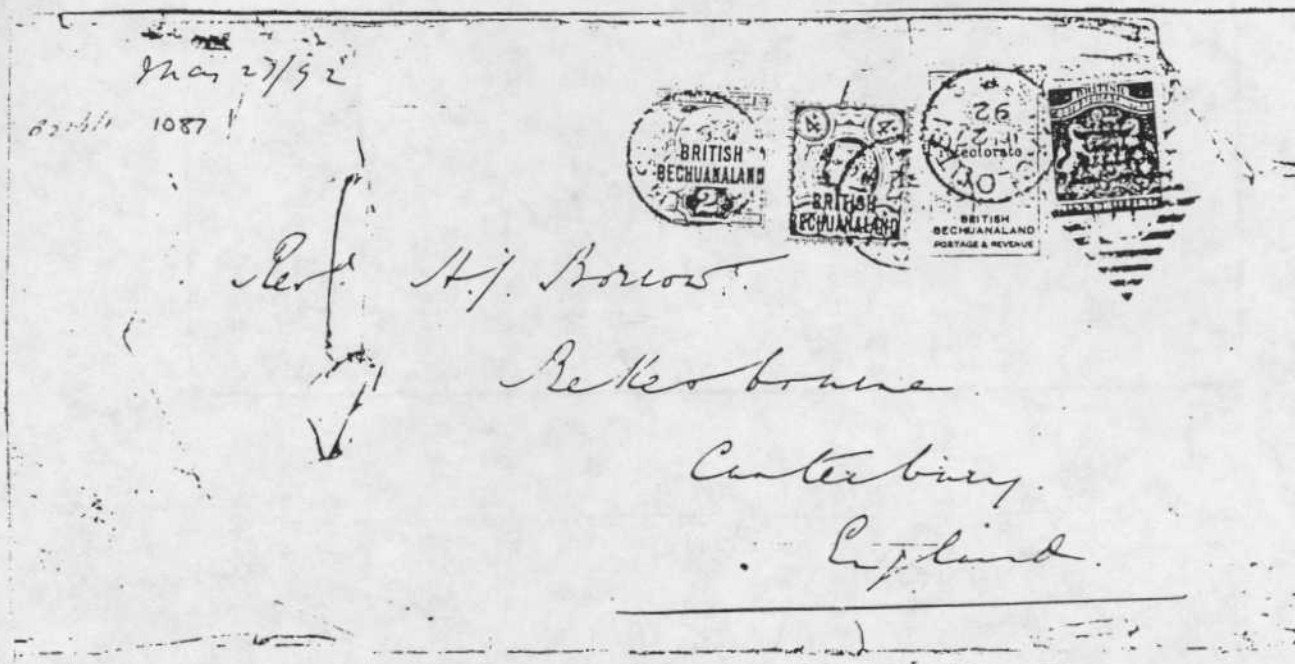
The incorrectly franked cover, formerly in the Simpson collection (6), illustrated as figure 3 is addressed to Uitenhage, Cape Colony, and bears a BSA Co. 2d (SG 20) and British Bechuanaland 4d (SG 13) stamps, the former cancelled with the '827' barred-oval obliterator of the Salisbury office and the latter with the 'MACLOUTSI' datestamp. The BSA Co. stamp and the strike of the '827' obliterator overlap onto the Bechuanaland stamp, which must therefore have been affixed at Salisbury. The sender presumably paid 6d, which was the correct rate. The routing was Salisbury ('19 JY / 92'), Tuli ('AU 9 / 92'), Macloutsie (unreadable date), Vryburg ('AU 15 / 92') and Uitenhage ('AU 17 / 92').

Figure 3



A combination cover addressed to the UK on permanent display in the National Archives, Harare (7), contained a letter written at Salisbury on the 27th May, 1892. The franking is a 1s BSA Co. stamp (SG 4), which was cancelled with the 'H' barred-diamond obliterator at Tuli, and 1s 6d in Bechuanaland stamps (SG 34, 35 and 46), which were cancelled at Macloutsie on 'JU 27 / 92' (fig. 4). (The backstamps do not include a Mashonaland datestamp to indicate the date of posting.) The BSA Co. stamp overlaps slightly onto the Bechuanaland 1s duty, and all the stamps were therefore affixed at the office where the letter was posted, presumably Salisbury. The franking is correct for a triple-rate letter.

Figure 4



The only recorded registered combination cover (fig. 5) was first illustrated by Dann (8). It was subsequently illustrated by Robson Lowe (9), but its present whereabouts is unknown. It is addressed to Port Elizabeth and franked with British Bechuanaland stamps (4 x SG 11 and SG 35) to a total value of 1s, and BSA Co. stamps to a total value of 1s 4d (4 x SG 1 and SG 4). The Company's stamps marginally overlap onto, and were evidently applied after, the British Bechuanaland 2d stamps, which must therefore have been affixed at the office at which the letter was registered. A pencilled annotation indicates that the Company's stamps were cancelled with the 'H' barred-diamond obliterator at Tuli, but the letter is more likely to have originated from Salisbury. (A similar annotation alongside the 1s stamp reads "K wmk", possibly the last letter of 'PURE LINEN WOVE BANK', the sheet watermark of William Collins, Sons and Co.) The British Bechuanaland stamps were cancelled with the 'MACLOUTSI' single-circle datestamp, with the cover backstamped at Macloutsie ('JU 27 / 92'), Vryburg ('JY 4 / 92') and Port Elizabeth ('JY 7 92').

The sender should have paid 1s 2d, and the franking (see table 1) should have been 1s in Company stamps - local postage (4d), including the Protectorate charge (2d), plus British Bechuanaland postage to the Cape (2d) and the registration fee (8d) - and 1s in Bechuanaland stamps (the Protectorate half-ounce rate to the Cape plus the registration fee).

Figure 5



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Figure captions

- 1 The annotation at top-right indicates that the sender of this cover paid 10d. The BSA Co. 4d stamp was affixed and cancelled with the 'F' barred-diamond obliterator, and the 22 mm datestamp was struck at Victoria. The 6d British Bechuanaland stamp was also affixed at Victoria, but was cancelled at Macloutsie in Bechuanaland Protectorate. The backstamps are Macloutsie (27.6.92), Vryburg (4.7.92) and Pembroke Dock (25.7.92) (Courtesy of Kevin Ashworth)
- 2 A cover posted at Victoria on 'JY 8 / 92', where the 2d and 4d BSA Co. stamps were cancelled with the 'F' barred-diamond obliterator. The 4d British Bechuanaland stamp was probably added at Tuli and was cancelled at Macloutsie on 'JY 18 / 92' (Robson Lowe, Basle, 25.10.77, lot 504)
- 3 An incorrectly franked combination cover. The 2d BSA Co. stamp was cancelled at Salisbury with the '827' barred-oval obliterator, and the British Bechuanaland 4d stamp at Macloutsie. The routing was: Salisbury (19.9.92), Tuli (9.8.92), Macloutsie (unreadable date), Vryburg (15.8.92) and Uitenhage (17.8.92) (Courtesy of R.C. Knight)
- 4 A triple-rate cover franked with a BSA Co. 1s stamp in combination with British Bechuanaland 2d and 4d and Bechuanaland Protectorate 1s duties. The enclosed letter was written at Salisbury on the 27th May, 1892. The BSA Co. stamp was cancelled with the 'H' barred-diamond obliterator at Tuli, and the Bechuanaland stamps at Macloutsie on 'JU 27 / 92' (National Archives of Zimbabwe BO 11/1/1/1087)
- 5 The franking in Bechuanaland stamps on this cover corresponds to the 4d Protectorate half-ounce letter rate to Cape Colony and 8d registration fee. The franking in BSA Co. stamps suggests that the sender paid an additional 4d for the Company's internal rate. (Dann, 1981, p.261)

The De La Rue issues were comparatively less spectacular; however, the bidders revealed their in-depth knowledge when several ordinary stamps bearing unusual and rare cancels went for several times their catalog value. A four penny deep blue used copy, with a Kalk Bay CDS, sold for \$650 (catalog \$57.50). A four penny blue with a Post Relief Dated Town Oval cancel sold for \$330. A six penny bright mauve single tied on piece with a Piquetberg DTO sold for \$1,870. The single one penny deep carmine, watermarked crown CC, pair sold for \$27,500.

The rectangular issues were well represented; however, prices realized were slightly closer to previous market realizations. The highlight was a se-tenant margin pair of the Vryburg overprint N4 which sold for \$13,200.

The amazing prices realized at the auction seemed to reflect on the increasing strength in the world stamp market. The outstanding quality of material on auction was surely unprecedented and several overseas buyers were able to put together the vast resources necessary just to purchase a few quality lots. The buying was dominated by several British buyers, two South Africans and a mysterious phone bidder, who bought numerous key lots and spent in excess of \$380,000. It will be a long time before another Cape of Good Hope auction is held which even comes close to rivaling this one!

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My greatest interest is postal history/cancellations. Would like to hear from someone with a listing of each post office for the pre-Union states. Also a list of recommended philatelic literature. Dan Brouillette - 1358 Hillcrest Dr. NE - Fridley, MN 55432

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