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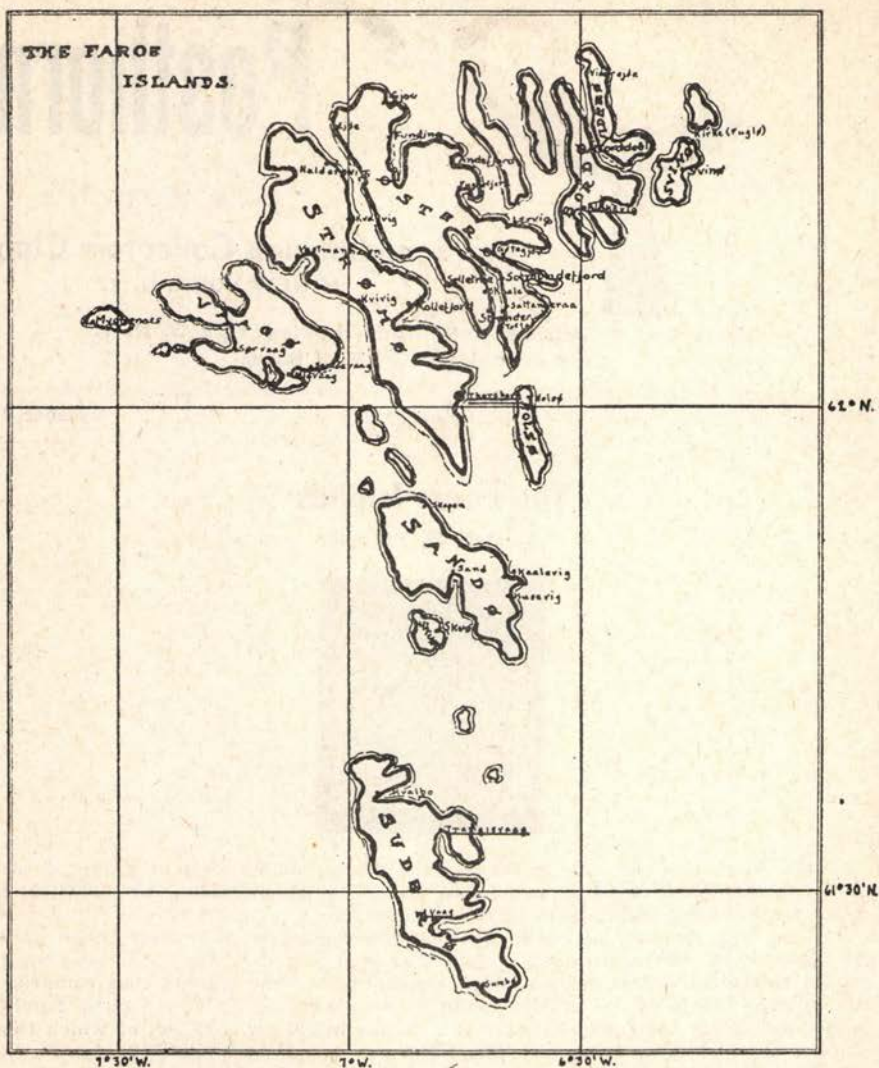


The Faroe Islands, or Faeroerne—"the sheep islands"—are a group of islands in the North Sea that have been under Danish dominion since 1386, and prior to that time under Norwegian dominion.

They are situated between the Shetland Islands and Iceland, about two hundred miles northwest of the aforementioned islands. The total land area is 511 square miles, which is divided among twenty-one islands that comprise the group—the principal islands being Stromo, Ostero, Sudero, Vaago, Sando and Bordo. The total population of the islands in 1935 was 25,744, of which the capital or chief town Thorshavn has 1,656.

The climate of these islands is oceanic, mild and seldom freezes for more than one month, leaving the harbors ice free all year round. In spite of the rugged nature of these islands, agriculture has made its inroad and more than three per cent of the total area is under cultivation. Cattle and horses are few, but the sheep, from which the islands derive their name, are quite abundant, numbering well over fifteen thousand. Fishing (Cod and Whaling) is still the chief industry of the islands.

The early history of these islands is somewhat obscure, but about the beginning of the ninth century Grim Kamban, a Norwegian emigrant, settled there. It is said that a small band of Irish and Scottish monks were then living on Sudero, but were dispersed by Kamban. In the early part of the eleventh century, Olaf Trygvason officially took possession of these islands for Norway, and shortly afterwards introduced Christianity there. In 1386 the Faroe Islands were transferred to Denmark, who has had undisputed control



Map showing The Faroe Islands and their position

there until the German Occupation of Denmark in 1940, when on April 11th, the British Government dispatched troops to the islands as a precautionary measure. However, this military occupation has in no way interfered with this self-governing Danish Colony.

The 1919 Provisionals.

To stamp collectors in general, Faroe Islands have meant little in the past due to the fact that the only provisional stamp previously issued, has always been listed under Denmark.

This provisional stamp of 1919 (Scott's No. 155) became necessary when on January 1st of that year, the Danish Post Office Department changed the inland rate on letters from 5 ore to 7 ore. Unfortunately the Danish Post Office

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Original Forgery

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Department had neglected to supply these far away islands with stamps of this denomination, and in order to charge local letters with the new rate, the authorities were forced to permit the bi-secting of the then current 4 ore stamp (Scott No. 88a), as well as cut squares of the 4 ore newspaper wrapper, to be used together with the 5 ore stamp—hence making up the regulation 7 ore rate. Some time later a provisional surcharge was applied to the 5 ore value, consisting of a numeral "2," 6 mm. high, and 5 mm. below the word "ORE."

This provisional stamp was used between January 12th and 24th, 1919, 15,500 copies being surcharged. Of the bisected stamp, the following amounts were used; between January 1st and 24th, 2,000 cut square newspaper wrappers, and between January 6th and 24th, 3,700 4 ore blue postage stamps. Kohl's handbook makes a reference to the 4 ore Official Stamp (Scott No. O18) being bisected during this period, but this variety, which I have never seen, must be extremely rare. All of the above varieties, the Provisional stamp, as well as the bisects, are known with dates later than January 24th 1919, and even though genuine, they no doubt were cancelled to order.

The simplicity of the local surcharge, and its relative scarcity unfortun-



ately brought out a number of dangerous forgeries that soon flooded the philatelic market. However, since only one type of forgery is known, a slight study of this will soon familiarize the collector with the many differences there are to note.

In the original, the numeral "2" appears straight, whereas in the forgery it inclines forward. (See illustration). There are also several other differences in the make-up of the numeral as well as in the word "ORE," especially in the "O," which in the original stamp is irregular and almost round, but in the forgery it forms a smooth oval. The "E" in "ORE" has thin uneven top and central bars in the original, and thick even bars in the forgery. The most useful help in detecting this forgery is the ink employed, which in the original is pitch black, and that in the forgery has a brownish pigmentation. In many cases the forgery was impressed on used stamps, and careful examination will generally disclose the postmark below the surcharge.

Of course the most important factor is the date of the postmark, which should correspond with those given earlier in this article—with one exception, and that is where it is noted that cancelling was done by favor at a later date. The favored cancelling to order was done during the latter part of January and February, 1919. The forgeries invariably have dates much later than those given.

The 1940-41 Provisionals.

Philatelically Faroe Islands were forgotten between 1919 and 1940, but during the British occupation of the Islands, due to World War II, after Denmark was overrun by German troops in April 1940, there became an acute shortage of 20, 50 and 60 ore stamps and once again the local authorities were forced to surcharge, some of the surplus stamps of the then current Danish issue, with new values. The first of these Provisional surcharges, namely 20 ore on 15 ore (Scott No. 275) was placed on sale November 2nd, 1940, and was followed by two additional stamps in December of the same year, and yet two additional values in March and May 1941.

The following table regarding these provisionals is generally considered correct.

Surcharges on vals.	Scott No.	Date of Issue	No. stamps Issued	Sold Out
20ore on 15ore	275	Nov. 2 '40	140,000	January 1941
50ore on 50re	273	Dec. 6 '40	25,000	June 1941
60ore on 60re	274	Dec. 21 '40	22,500	June 1941
20ore on 50re	276	Mar. 17 '41	80,000	May 1, 1941
20ore on 10re	272A	May 2 '41	40,000	June 1941

The 20o. on 15o. red (Caravel type) has a small figure "20", 2½mm high placed directly over the "15" and a horizontal bar 4mm long below it. The 50o.



on 50. rose lake and the 600. on 60. orange yellow (numeral types) have the numerals "50" and "60" respectively, 2½mm high, placed at both sides of the oval and above the wavy lines. The old values were obliterated by three horizontal lines 6mm long and spaced 1mm apart.

In the 1941 Provisionals, on the 200. on 50. rose lake, the surcharge is similar to the 50 and 600. surcharges, except the value is obliterated with four vertical bars 6½mm long and spaced 1½mm apart. The 200. on 10. gray black is similar to the 50 and 600. The ink used for the surcharging of these stamps was black for the 1940 issue and indigo blue for the 1941. The 200. on 10. gray black has been seen with the surcharge in a much brighter blue, which may be questionable, inasmuch as no stamps in this color have been noted on cover.

With the advent of these Provisional stamps, the Post Office authorities issued an edict prohibiting the exportation of mint stamps from the Islands. As a result, the few stamps that found their way into the United States during the war, caused an unusually high premium to be asked by dealers. However, since the end of the war, a quantity of these provisionals have come into this country in a legitimate way and even though scarce, can be obtained at a far more reasonable price.

It is reasonable to estimate that these stamps are going to become philatelic gems, especially among Scandinavian collectors, inasmuch as reprinting cannot be made, since the plates were officially destroyed.

Specialization.

Specialization today is an important factor to most collectors. However, many will say "What can I do with six stamps and two bisects?" Collectors like Judges William Horney and A. Carson Simpson, clearly show what can be done.

In Judge Simpson's outstanding collection, we note singles, plate number blocks, etc., in mint condition, the bisects on cover in various positions, the first provisional with all thirteen dates on different covers, plus the favor cancel. There are also several combinations that can be had on cover.



Type of Collection — Point Cancel

In the later issue, one can try to obtain all of the Post-Offices in the islands as listed below. Most of the collection points having no dated cancellation.

Faroe Island Postoffices as of Jan. 1st, 1940

GENERAL POST OFFICES

Thorshavn (Stromo)

BRANCH POST OFFICES

Klaksvig (Bordo)

Trangisvaag (Sudero)

Vaag (Sudero)

COLLECTION POINTS

Andefjord (Ostero)

Funding (Ostero)

Ejde (Ostero)

Gjov (Ostero)

Fuglefjord (Ostero)

Gotegjov (Ostero)

Haldersvig (Stromo)
 Husevig (Sando)
 Kirke (Fuglo) (Fuglo)
 Kollefjord (Stromo)
 Kvalbo (Sudero)
 Kvalvig (Stromo)
 Kvivig (Stromo)
 Lervig (Ostero)
 Midvaag (Vaago)
 Myggenaes (Myggenaes)
 Nolso (Nolso)
 Nørdeble (Bordo)
 Saltangeraa (Ostero)
 Sand (Sando)

Sandevaag (Vaago)
 Selletrae (Ostero)
 Skaale (Ostero)
 Skaaievig (Sando)
 Skopen (Sando)
 Skuo (Skuo)
 Sjømundefjord (Ostero)
 Servaag (Vaago)
 Straender (Ostero)
 Sumbo (Sudero)
 Svino (Svino)
 Tofte (Ostero)
 Vestmanhavn (Stromo)
 Viderejde (Videro)

Besides the above, one can find practically all of the above cancellations on Danish stamps, as well as after 1875 the numeral types, number 238 (Thors-havn) and 284 (Trangisvaag). This, without doubt, will give the most ardent student of Philately a large enough field of study and good hunting.

Finland's Unofficial Red Cross Issue



From the collection of Mrs. Cromwell

During the Red insurrection in 1918, the Finnish Red Cross Society was sadly in need of funds, with which to carry the heavy burden, that the Civil War with Red intervention had imposed on her already meager resources. Several members of this Society were trying to raise additional funds by various means, among them being a stamp collector by the name of Aleko Lilius, who at his own expense, had plates made and surcharged the 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 penni values of the then current Lion type stamps, with a surtax corresponding to the face value.

Mr. Lilius presented a sample block of 25 stamps of each value to the Finnish Senate, with the request that a printing of these be made in order to aid this worthy cause, but the Senate after due deliberation, rejected this plea and ordered the plates to be destroyed. However, the sample blocks of 25's, for some unknown reason came into the hands of a Finnish dealer, Axel Trapp-Holm, who sold them to collectors as curios.

Sets of these unofficial Red Cross Stamps today are much sought for in Europe, and only one such set is known in America.



by Agent No. 42
Staff of the Old Sleuth

Again we come to a peace time New Year, so your sleuth wishes you lots of prosperity and happiness during 1946 * * * Dr. James K. Senior, of erstwhile Chicago fame, blew into New York a short time ago from France, in uniform, no less, but minus his corn cob pipe, without it, the student body of Chicago University will never know him * * * and did Charlie Johnson feel good when King Christian of Denmark told the members of his mission abroad, that his Danish was excellent—prior to that his friends accused him of using a Brooklyn dialect * * * and overheard at a recent meeting of the club, Chris Zoynler instructing Bill Foulk regarding his dealings with the Scott Co. "Never offer more than half of what they ask."—as a result, we overheard the following dialogue a few days ago, the subject being a fine mint copy of Norway No. 1—Bill; "How much?" Norman Serphos; "Seventy bucks," Bill; "Thirty five," N. S.; "Fifty," Bill; "Twenty five," N. S.; "Forty," Bill; "Twenty," N. S.; "Twenty five," Bill; "Ten," N. S.; "Oh heck, take it," Bill; "But I want a pair!" * * * and speaking of Chris Zoynler, we wonder what he had in mind the other night, when one of our members walking behind him, in Times Square, overheard him saying to himself "So, I'm hiccupping! Well, what the heck?—Might as well go and get drunk too!" * * * In Chicago during the C. P. S. show, we noticed an overabundance of Scandinavians, but only one Swedish exhibit—Ray Lottinville sure liked that silver medal * * * and while in Chicago, we noted that some of our members did not miss any of the eight bars at the Ivanhoe * * * Hans Lundberg of Toronto, who now flies a Helicopter, has made frequent trips to New York—we sure look forward to his pictures and talk in January * * * and Hugh Clark still regrets his coming to the last meeting—that's when he got the chairmanship for our annual dinner—he promises a gay time at the Town Hall Club * * * and seen at the opening of the opera season, our own V. P. Ferrars Tows—talls, white tie et al—The war sure did put a crimp on that costume * * * We understand that Roy Lynnes of Chicago, while in New York, almost swapped his "Poultry Magazine" for a Norway collection—anyway he is starting to plate Number ones * * * and this is one for the book—Gus Von Gross, of Helvetia fame, hid his Finland collection so well from possible burglars that he has not found it yet * * * and did the ladies show up for the November meeting—fourteen—no less, we counted them—Charlie Johnson still has IT * * * from Washington, D. C. comes the report that Bob Stone may soon be with us—we hope he will go back to N. Y. U.—Harvard also has its hooks out for him * * * and we sure enjoyed the visit of our new Swedish member Dr. and Mrs.

Stalhandske, who attended the November meeting * * * and just as if you don't know that H. R. Harmer, of erstwhile London fame, will sell the President Roosevelt collection—don't worry—not much in Scandinavia, but plenty of other fine stamps * * * Major Carl Pihl just blew in from Europe where he spent 3 years. He looks fit and soon will take his place among the active members of the Club * * * and last but not least we wish Mrs. Agda Pade of Denver, Colorado, lots of luck in continuing her late husband's business * * * and so my rambling ceases, with a so long until April, when we meet again.

Club News

September 12th Meeting

The opening meeting of the new season was well attended, with Mr. Maybury presiding.

The catalogue committee reported considerable progress.

Messrs Buyer, Konwiser and Black were appointed to serve on the nominating committee.

Due to the scheduled speaker of the evening, Dr. Charles H. Johnson being in Europe, Mr. Pelander exhibited and spoke on selected pages from Dr. Johnson's collection. The main feature being the "gold medal" collection of The Associate Group of Finland. Also shown were unusual items from Denmark, D. W. L. Norway, Iceland and Finland, plus a specialized lot of Sweden, Stockholm and Ottawa printings also Swedish Charity Stamps including the errors.

The showing was well received and the membership hoped to hear from Dr. Johnson personally at a later meeting.

October 10th Meeting

This being the Annual Meeting, the nominating committee suggested the following slate for 1945-46:

Frank E. Maybury	President
Ferrars H. Tows	Vice President
John Boyce	Secretary
George Wiberg	Treasurer
E. Ernst	Librarian
C. E. Pelander	Editor
Carl-Emil Buyer	Asst. Editor

For the Board of Governors, for three years;

Eric Hallar

To fill the vacancy on the board for one year;

B. I. Christensen

There being no other nominations made, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate.

Following the election of officers there was a members competition. Mr. Irwin Black showed a nice specialized lot of early Norway, with a fine array of number fours. Mr. Joseph Jaeger followed with selection from his fine collection of Iceland. Mr. Ferrars H. Tows showed a miscellany of Danish West Indies, with a superb lot of all known Forwarders, La Gueras and Christmas Seals including Proofs. Mr. Theodore Foulk concluded the showing with a nice collection of Greenland.

During Mr. Jaegers showing, the meeting was temporarily interrupted, when a delegation from Philadelphia Chapter II arrived, much to the delight of all present.

Mr. Tows having declined to enter his collection in competition, the judges, Mrs. Jordan, Messrs Buyer and Christensen rendered the following verdict:

First: Mr. Jaeger for Iceland

Second: Mr. Black for Norway

Third: Mr. T. Foulk for Greenland

The usual Dutch Treat collation followed by a number of those present at the Hotel Beverly.

November 14th Meeting

This was one of the best attended meetings of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, in spite of the inclement weather.

The guest speaker of the evening Mr. Alex P. Watts, showed us two volumes of his famous Samoa Collection.

Following the showing of stamps, Dr. Charles H. Johnson spoke for half an hour on present post-war conditions in Europe, from whence he has just returned, being part of a mission organized by President Truman, to ascertain as to the possible aid by the United States to needy countries, previously occupied by Germany.

Dr. Johnson's interesting talk was both informative as well as humorous. His mission visited eleven countries, travelling 12,500 miles by air and 1,000 miles by jeep.

It was unfortunate that all of our members could not have been present, to hear this talk by one of America's foremost speakers.

REPORT FROM CHAPTERS

Seattle Chapter No. 1

September 26, 1945. The membership met at the home of R. Bartleson, who showed us his Denmark. "Bart" is a keen student of the stamps of any country in which he takes an interest, his collection is embellished with cuts illustrating the minor varieties on which there are usually several copies, and many of the known shades are always present in his albums. Needless to say, his Denmark came up to the high standard and "spoke" for itself.

October 24, 1945. Eight members and two guests met at the home of Dave Lovegren. Matt Parkkinen brought his collection of Finland and gave a very complete talk on the various types of perforation varieties of this country. Finland has been the philatelic love of Matt for some time and he has all of the "answers."

The local group are anxious to be of assistance to the parent group in the dissemination of information with respect to the stamps of philatelic paper of Scandinavia. We will welcome the opportunity of collaborating in the translation or the preparation of material to be used in publications. Several of our members have expressed the opinion that much has been written in the Scandinavian languages which would be of value to collectors in this country.

M. B. Lake, Secretary

Seattle Chapter No. 1, 2822—31st Ave., S., Seattle 44, Wash.

Philadelphia Chapter No. 2

Our fall meetings started with a bang, with seven members and four guests present. Mr. von Gross showed his collection of Military Labels.

In October Mr. von Gross showed his collection of Zurich Exhibition cards and Pro Juventute Christmas Cards. Mrs. Doris Steriker showed the progress made in plating the sixth printing of Danish West Indies number ten.

Plans were completed for a secret expedition of several members of Chapter II to New York, to surprise the parent organization at their regular October meeting. Unfortunately, only five members were able to go, but the secret had been well kept and the surprise was complete. Our welcome was hearty, we all enjoyed the meeting and the royal entertainment that followed.

In November Messrs William and Theodore Foulk returned our visit. Mr. William Foulk showed us his collections of Norway and Finland and his son's collection of Denmark. These collections are all beautiful and were thoroughly enjoyed. Next time we hope that more members will be able to visit us from New York.

Doris Steriker, Secretary

Philadelphia Chapter II, 4016 Garrett Road, Drexel Hills, Pa.

Detroit Chapter No. 3

This our latest Chapter, was organized in Detroit in September 1945, and official sanction was given to its formation November 14, 1945. The members

of this Chapter will, like Chapter No. 1, in Seattle, meet in the homes of various members.

Officers elected are:

Nels Otterson President
 Charles Johnson Vice President
 Kai Hansen Secty-Treasurer
 18415 Whitcomb, Detroit 19, Mich.

If any member is in or about Detroit, please contact the secretary regarding meetings, we are sure you will be accorded a hearty welcome.

News of Interest As Seen By Our Members

From Finland we hear the news that the proposed 1945 Red Cross set was to depict heroes from the war of 1808-09, such as Sven Dufva, von Dobeln and others. However, since the peace treaty with Russia, they found it impractical to cause additional animosity with their neighbor in the east.

Our correspondent in Sweden states that Wennbergs assertions regarding reprints of the King Haakon and Queen Maude stamps are all bunk. No such reprints were ever made, as the plates of both issues have been destroyed. However, shortly after the invasion of Norway, a quantity of these stamps were stolen by the Germans and sold to Switzerland and Spain. The quantity was never large enough to cause any great uneasiness or devaluation.

Seventy mailbags of Norwegian stamps were found in King Haakons Castle. As this "Good News" for all collectors might have escaped the members of our club, we are happy to report that the Norwegian General Post Office has found the seventy mailbags that the German Reichscommissioner Terboven demanded delivered to him in November 1941. The loot consisted of 13,000,000 mint copies of all the different "V" stamps from 1 ore to 5kr in the following quantities: 1 ore 70,906; 2 ore 147,497; 3 ore 345,801; 5 ore 830,007; 7 ore 2,844,049; 10 ore 576,199; 12 ore 179,600; 14 ore 267,096 15 ore 1,361,978; 20 ore 1,475,333; 25 ore 740,699; 30 ore 777,507; 35 ore 604,037; 40 ore 864,904; 50 ore 653,049; 60 ore 645,126; 1kr 315,974; 1½kr 100,145; 2kr 141,255; 5kr 57,288.

It is the hope of all collectors that these stamps will be destroyed by the Norwegian government in order to avoid swamping the stamp market and making the stamps valueless.

RUMORS:

Greenland: No reprints will be made of the "Pictorial Issue" or the overprinted "Liberation Issue," as the American Bank Note Company has refused to turn over the plates for said stamps.

This may not be the fate of the "Faroe Islands Provisionals," as rumors persist that a re-printing will be made. We trust that early reports, from the Islands, regarding the destruction of the plates are correct, as re-prints of this type are generally harmful to Philately.

E. ERNST (47) noted the following in "Stamp Guide and Glossary" compiled by Haughton Sanguinette; page 58, "AVISPORTO—Identifies Air Mail stamps of Denmark." (We suggest the compiler get a Danish dictionary or consult Scotts).

FERRARS H. TOWS (37) has recently been elected a 33rd degree Mason by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Tows has been active in the Aurora Grata Consistory, where he was Most Wise Master and is also a Past Master of Holland Lodge No. 8 F & A. M.

DAVID LIDMAN (262) editor of the Chicago Sun, was the recipient of the first Newbury medal, presented at the annual dinner of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, on November 3rd, 1945. The medal is

going to be an annual award for the Chicagoan who has done the most for philately.

B. I. CHRISTENSEN (39) has permitted me to publish a correspondence between Mr. Rockwell Kent and himself, regarding the famous Air Mail Essay.



November 6, 1944

"The Greenland Air Mail stamp is a thoroughly unofficial stamp. Ernst Udet was a stunt flyer attached to the so-called Franck moving picture expedition in Umanak District, Greenland. Because of the good landing beach on Ubekjendt Island, where I lived, which was fifty miles over the water from the settlement of Umanak, it was a stopping point for steamers from Denmark. Udet and I concocted the idea of carrying letters and charging postage to help defray the expenses of a community house which I was building for the people in my settlement, Igdlorsuit. I cut the stamp in wood and printed it. Most of the flights were made by Udet, though occasionally his apprentice pilot, Schriek, would make the trip. The stamp sold for 10 ore, not 10kr each. Obviously we raised very little money. I tell about the building of the community house in my book SALAMENA.

Please forgive my very long delay in answering your letter.

Faithfully yours,

Rockwell Kent

In a later letter dated November 16, 1944, Mr. Kent further writes:

"Dear Mr. Christensen:—

I am glad to give you the further information about the use of the stamp which you asked for:

Udet was stationed on Ubekjendt Island at the little settlement of Igdlorsuit. There was no pier there. When not in use his plane was drawn up onto the shelving beach. Igdlorsuit would be termed an outpost settlement. The main settlement of Umanak District is Umanak. It was fifty miles away by water. There are half a dozen other outposts in Umanak District. Udet would carry mail from one to another, or from one or another outpost to Umanak, where it would eventually leave for Denmark by ship."

HARRY W. WALLI (303) reports from Helsinki, the new Sibelius commemorative stamp to be placed on sale Dec. 8, 1945. The stamp is of 5M denomination and total issue 3,000,000. On Jan. 2, 1946 the new Red Cross set of four values will be issued. They will depict fishing, farming and other occupations. The Sibelius stamp is designed by Arne Karjalainen and the Red Cross by Mrs. Signe Hammarste-Jansson.

International Exhibition in May 1947: At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of Stamp Exhibitors Inc., a decision was made to hold the next International Exhibition in New York at the Grand Central Palace. It is estimated that the cost for the show will run to approximately \$125,000.00, of which the American Stamp Dealers were requested to furnish \$80,000.00, half of which would be from rental of 100 booths at \$400.00 each, the balance to be under-

written by individual dealers or companies. The show planned, is on a smaller scale than that of 1936, and will have about 2000 frames, with a restriction of those exhibits from any country, except U. S.

CLUB EXHIBIT: Through the courtesy of the Collectors Club, the study groups have been invited to show at a competitive exhibit, sometime this year. Forty 16 page frames will be provided, plus the 20 wall frames in the club room, each of which holds 12 pages. Prizes in the form of a cup and certificates will be awarded. The grand winner is to be entered in final competition with a similar winner from each of the nine study group, in a final competition. The judges will be picked by the "Stamp Exhibitors Association."

NEW CHAPTER: Formation of a chapter in Chicago is now under way. We hope to be able to report progress on this in the next issue of the Posthorn.

Another **ADDED ATTRACTION** to our January 23rd meeting will be the appearance of Mr. Hans Lundberg of Toronto, who will show pictures from various expeditions such as Greenland, Peru, etc. The last known expedition was one which went in search of Inca gold. Mr. Lundberg has pictures of native tribes never before photographed. Seven of their Peruvian guards were killed by blow guns. Mr. Lundberg delivers a most interesting lecture on all this. In addition, we have a visit from the Masonic Stamp Club. We look forward to a big night.

ANNUAL DINNER: At the November meeting, it was decided to resume our annual dinners. Messrs Clark, Foulk and Pelander have been appointed to the committee. The dinner will be held at the Town Hall Club, sometime in February. Those who are interested in this affair, which promises a real fine time, should contact the secretary for further information.

We are happy to report considerable improvement in the condition of our good friend and member Anna V. Elkins, who has been confined to her home for a year.

IN MEMORIAM

Albert E. Pade (220), the well known Mixture King and expert on Scandinavian stamps, died on September 16, 1945, after a brief illness. Mr. Pade was born in Aalborg, Denmark, September 15, 1892, and is survived by his wife Agda S. Pade.

This and That

by Christian Zoylner

Warning

The philatelic fraternity is proud of the choice and elegant language of its membership. Just to listen, on any Saturday, to the many visitors in Carl Pelander's office—you would be surprised at the variety of expressions, the combination of phrases and new additions to the English language.

We are grieved when a foreign member of the craft misapplies a good old American saying, as for instance, the engraver and etcher of the Printing Department of the Danish Post Office.

During the occupation of Denmark, he told the Germans to come up and look at his etchings. They did—and the engraver was later arrested as a collaborator, and was still in jail when the question arose of issuing new stamps for King Christian X's 75th birthday. Consequently, the new stamps had to be prepared in Sweden.

So please be careful whom you invite to look at your etchings.

New and Recent Issues



DENMARK

September 26th, 1945

King Christian's Birthday Issue

Issued in honor of the 75th birthday of King Christian X. Designed by the Danish artist Viggo Bang and plates engraved by the Swedish engraver Sven Ewert.

Steel Engraving

Unwatermarked

Perf. 13

10 ore violet
20 ore red
40 ore deep blue

Parcel Post Stamps — 1945

Stamps of 1938-40 overprinted "POSTFAERGE" in black.

Engraved

Unwatermarked

Perf. 13x12½

Numeral Type

5 ore rose lake

Caravel Type II

30 ore orange
40 ore blue

FINLAND

1945

Types of 1939-40 issued in new colors and values.

Typographed

Unwatermarked

Perf. 14

(Scott Type A26)

2m. green
3m. carmine rose
3m. yellow
4m. olive gray
5m. deep blue
5m. purple
6m. red
10m. deep blue

Engraved

Unwatermarked

Perf. 14

10m. red violet (Type A28)
15m. rose lilac (Type A27)
20m. brown black (Type A44)

NORWAY

Sept. 22, 1945 — Red Cross Issue

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Norwegian Red Cross.

Photogravure	Unwatermarked	Perf. 13
	20 ore+10 ore red	

SWEDEN

Sept. 21, 1945 — Rydberg Issue

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of Victor Rydberg, noted author and poet. Stamp designed by Harold Sallberg from a portrait painted by the Finnish artist Albert Edelfelt and engraved by Sven Ewert.

Engraved	Unwatermarked	Coil Stamps Perf. 12½ Vert.
	20 ore red	
	90 ore sky blue	
Booklet pane of 20 stamps, perf. 12½ on three sides		
	20 ore red	

Oct. 27, 1945 — Savings Bank Issue

Commemorating the 125th anniversary of the founding of the first Savings Bank in Sweden, by Eduard Ludendorff, which started to function on the 28th of October 1820. Stamps designed by Torsten Schonberg and engraved by Sven Ewert.

Engraved	Unwatermarked	Coil Stamps Perf. 12½ Vert.
	10 ore purple	
	40 ore olive green	
Booklet pane of 20 stamps, perf. 12½ on three sides.		
	10 ore purple	

Errors in Volume 2 No. 4

FINLAND—Mannerheim and Ryti issues were reported as on unwatermarked paper. This should read "Watermarked Heraldic Roses." This watermark is found in two spacings "roses 19 mm. and 25 mm. apart."**GREENLAND**—The number of color errors on the Liberation issue, previously reported as 1,250, should read 1,000 copies of each.

EAST KARELIA VARIETIES:

1st ISSUE, BLACK OVERPRINT: second "A" in "KARJALA" sharp pointed, occurs 25 times in sheet, on 50p., 1.75m., 2m., 2.75m. and 3.50m.

50 PENNI: Stamp #58, L. pane, white dot over "S" in "SUOMI."

SAME: Stamp #60, R. pane, white line joining "D" of "FINLAND" with "5" of "50."

2 MARK: Stamp #14, L. pane, white dot over sword.

The last three plate varieties may be also found on the second issue with green overprint.



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