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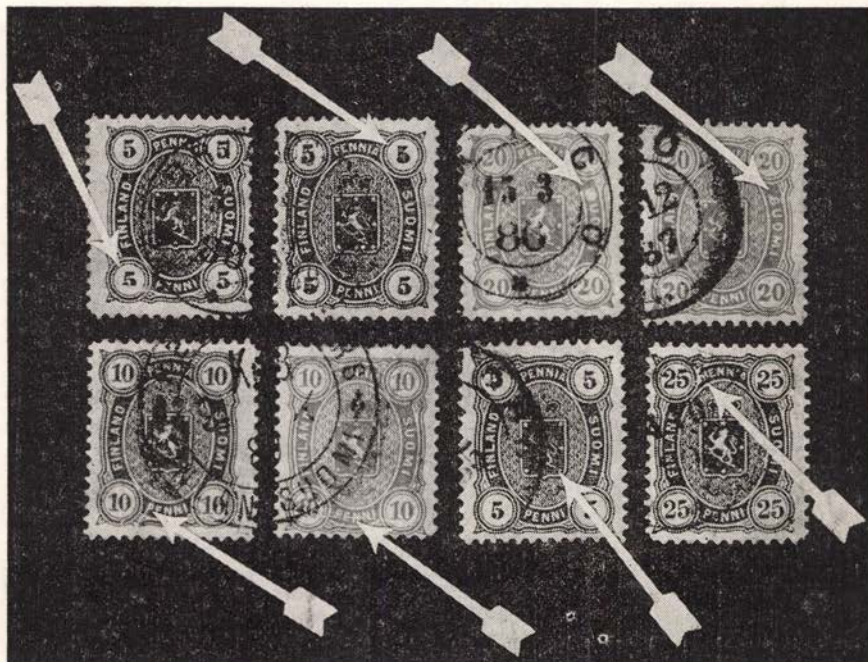
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## The 1885 Issue of Finland

by Carl E. Pelander



With the formation of the Universal Postal Union, Finland, even tho not a member, had to abide by the new ruling regarding uniform colors on stamps, and in order to conform with these rules, and also due to change in postal rates, four values of the then current 1875-81 issues, were reprinted in new colors, viz: 5 penni green (for printed matter), 10 penni red (for postal cards), 20 penni yellow (for inland letters) and 25 penni blue (for foreign letters).

For the printing of these four values the old plates of the 1881 issue were used, the 2 penni value retaining its old color, namely gray. The 5, 20 and 25 penni values of the change of color stamps were released on January 1st and the 10 penni on May 1st 1885. To further meet the increasing need of high value postage stamps for use on parcel post and insured mail, two new high value stamps were authorized, namely the 5 and 10 mark, which were to be printed in bi-colors so as to more readily distinguish them from the penni values, the 1 mark stamp, by order of the Post Office Department, had also been changed into a bi-colored stamp.

Clichets for the three new high value stamps in this issue were ordered from H. H. Thiele in Copenhagen, and as soon as received, printing was started at the Karta Sigillata Kontoret (Stamped Paper Office). The date of issue of the 5 and 10 mark stamps was November 13th 1885.

All of the stamps of this issue were printed at the Karta Sigillata Kontoret in sheets of two panes of 100 stamps each, except the 5 and 10 mark values that were printed in two panes of 50 each. The paper employed in the printing of this issue, was ordinary wove of fairly even texture. All of the stamps are perforated  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per 2 cm.

#### Proofs and Specimens:

Trial color proofs of the low values are generally classified as belonging to the 1881 issue, but for the bi-colored stamps several proofs are known. Perhaps the most unusual item I have known among these is a block of four in black, consisting of clichets without the network of the 1, 5 and 10 mark plus a finished clichet of the 20 penni value. This block was printed on stamp paper and gummed and of course like all other proofs of this issue comes imperforate.

#### Other Trial Color Proofs known are:

- 1 mark in black, emerald, scarlet and greenish blue.
- 5 mark deep violet, greenish blue, slate blue, gray blue and rose.
- 10 mark black, brown, greenish blue, scarlet, chocolate and sage green.

No doubt other colors besides the above exist, but I am only listing those we have record of and have seen.

All of the values exist with handstamped "SPECIMEN" in two different types.

#### Shades and Varieties:

Each value in this issue is known in from five to ten distinct shades, due to the several printings made and different inks employed.

There are two major varieties in this issue namely the 5 penni and the 20 penni *Tete Beche* pairs, the first ranks among the great rarities in 19th century Finland.

Due to the long usage of the plates in this issue, many of the clichets became worn, causing numerous constant plate varieties, which made this issue a "collectors delight" as far as flaws and cracked plates are concerned. I shall not attempt here to list all of these errors or varieties, except those I consider of major importance. The Finnish Philatelic Society has issued a special booklet describing these in detail.

#### 5 penni:

1. The figure "5" in lower left corner with lower half completely cut off (stamp No. 63).
2. The figure "5" upper right corner, closed with color (stamp No. 77).
3. Ruled background in shield, enclosing the Arms of Finland, instead of being solid.
4. Several different types showing cracked plate varieties.

#### 10 penni:

1. Double transfer in "FINLAND"
2. Cracked plate, extending the downstroke of "P" in "PENNI" (stamp No. 92)
3. Cracked plate, extending horizontally through "PENNI".

4. Large "gash" in bottom frame line, extending from below right circle enclosing "10" to below "PENNI".

## 20 penni:

1. "S" in "SUOMI" obliterated by a spot void of color. (This is also constant on the 1881 issue).
2. The same stamp retouched, the "S" in "SUOMI" forms the figure "6".

## 25 penni:

1. Plate defect causing the "P" in "PENNIA" to form the letter "R".
2. Tilde over "N" in "PENNIA."

## 1 mark:

1. Period after "I" in "SUOMI" (stamps No. 99 and 100).

As previously mentioned the above is only a fraction of the known plate varieties, all of which may be considered constant, even tho they do not occur in all printings as badly damaged clichets were replaced from time to time.

Besides the above mentioned varieties, one can find on most values double and so-called "diamond perforations," the last being a double perforation run along the same line as the first, practically obliterating all perforations, leaving a fine sharp line of short point along the edge.

In the Count Ferrari collection a copy of the 20 penni yellow, imperforate, was known. This stamp which later was in the Linz collection and was examined by me, even tho it did not show any evidence of trimming and had large margins, I would classify in the doubtful category, until at least a pair has been discovered.

Another interesting lot of varieties are pairs with unevenly spaced clichets. I have noted as much as 3 mm drop in adjoining clichets.



## Cancellations:

The stamps of this issue provides a very fertile field for cancellation collectors. Great many fancy cancels, cut into cork or wood, occur, some in blue and purple as well as black. Besides these we find several types of "Franko," two types of "WARDE" (value), the large "R" (Registration), five types of "ANK" (receiving), Ship, Carrier, as well as a dozen or more rail road. Among the town cancels, several are of great interest, such as those without date or with the date written in by hand, also several foreign towns are known, Stockholm (Sweden) being among the more common.

The number of stamps issued were as follows:

5 penni	6,775,000 copies
10 penni	3,440,000 copies
20 penni	14,878,000 copies
25 penni	7,103,000 copies
1 mark	350,900 copies
5 mark	10,000 copies
10 mark	7,500 copies

Crude forgeries exist of all of the mark values, but cannot be considered as dangerous.



by Agent No. 42  
Staff of the Old Sleuth

Detroit Chapter feels it is about time that our two roving ambassadors, Frank Maybury and Bill Foulk, will pay them a visit in the near future—so far, during the last season, they visited Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston \* \* \* we understand that Bill Steriker is also in the class of the above and went to Chicago to tell them how they do it in Philadelphia \* \* \* J. Urban Edgren, President of Boston Chapter, from all reports is a perfect host, the cocktails and the food is perfect \* \* \* Roland Morse took out his life membership as soon as the twins were born—he worries that it will be triplets next \* \* \* and the "Purple Passion" (Mrs. Fay Jordan), has had quite a spell of misfortune of late, operations, hospitals, etc.—she tells us that from now on, she will have nothing to do with the medical profession—well, we are all happy to see her up and about again \* \* \* Ferrars Tows is back again in Norfolk for the summer, where his chief occupation is gardening and mystery stories—he recommends Earl Stanley Gardners new book "The Vagabond Virgin" \* \* \* Bob Scherer, since taking hold of the catalogue committee has been swamped with letters and all sorts of advice—he only emerges from Fort Slocum on very rare occasions, complaining that the life of a cataloguer is the worst yet \* \* \* from a recent article in the "New York Times" we note that Ewald B. Nyquist (275) has been appointed Admissions Director at Columbia University—Mr. Nyquist has been in charge of admissions to Columbia since 1945, and upon the resignation of the former director Frank H. Bowles, received his appointment \* \* \* Uno Soderberg of Sweden, recently made honorary membership in the S. C. C. still holds the kindest feelings for the membership, due to the cordial reception rendered him on his visit to the United States—we are proud to have a gentleman of Mr. Soderbergs type in our membership, especially one who has done so much good for philately in general \* \* \* we are wondering at the long silence of Judge Alf O. Ahlstrand—he used to enjoy some of our little stories in the Post Horn \* \* \* another of our regulars, not heard from of late, is Nils Stalhandske of Sweden, all well, we hope \* \* \* Stanley Pollard of Vancouver broke into the Grand Award class with a showing of his Finland collection out on the west coast \* \* \* and from all reports Ralph E. Danielson, the new president of Chicago Chapter is doing a swell job \* \* \* noting a recent election of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York, we find the following S. C. C. members on their slate Ferrars H. Tows, President, Arthur Heim, 2nd Vice President, Harry M. Konwiser, Treasurer and as chairmen of committees we note the names of Pelander and Pihl, of course our own Charles H. Johnson is president emeritus of the club—quite a nice representation \* \* \* Capt. (Dick) Gibson is doing a fine job as assistant in the office of Carl Pelander \* \* \* of course this is vacation time, so news is rather scarce—but with the advent of cooler weather we hope to have a lot more news for you, so until then, so long and a pleasant summer.

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Carl E. Pelander, Scandinavian Check and Price List #9 was recently released. It contains many new listings, such as the privately perforated and rouletted stamps of Denmark, a separate section of Faroe Islands, etc.

## Settling of the Midwest by the Swedes

A century ago, emigration from Sweden to the United States was at its peak, and before any noticeable let-up occurred, more than 1,250,000 Swedes had left their native land in search of better living standards in America, where liberty and freedom to pursue their various vocations were freely offered.

Since the majority of the Swedish emigrants were farmers, the sparsely populated Midwest territories offered these new arrivals a splendid opportunity to settle and continue their life under conditions that were very similar to that in their native country.

Along with their will to establish themselves as substantial citizens in their new land of adoption, the pioneers brought along the faith of their Fathers and in 1848 the Augustana Lutheran Synod was founded.

Even today, a century later, we find the Swedish influence prevalent throughout the twelve midwestern states that were originally settled by the Swedes, this being most noticeable in the states of Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Kansas and Nebraska, where many institutions, churches, schools, etc. stand as a memorial to these hardy pioneers.

To commemorate the above event, a National Committee has arranged a centenary celebration, to be held June 4th, 1948, which will be attended by high Government officials from the United States as well as Sweden, the Swedish delegation being headed by H. R. H. Prince Bertil and Archbishop Erling Eiden. It is hoped that through these celebrations, the already close and friendly relationships of the two countries will be further cemented into a stronger bond of mutual understanding.

Sweden, in commemoration of the above event, issued on April 26th, a set of four stamps, depicting a pioneer plowing in front of his log-cabin, with a modern sky-scraper in the background.

On June 4th, the United States also issued a 5c commemorative stamp that was placed on 1st day sale at Chicago Post Office.



The new stamp is blue in color and conforms with the regulation size commemorative stamp, the design being arranged horizontally and depicting a pioneer with a "covered wagon," the six stars on each side being symbolic of the Twelve Midwestern States settled by the Swedes.

The above stamp makes the seventh U. S. stamp to honor the Scandinavian nations. Those previously issued are as follows:

- |      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| 1925 | 2c and 5c Norse-American Issue       |
| 1926 | 5c John Ericsson Memorial Issue      |
| 1933 | 3c Swedes and Finns (Delaware Issue) |
| 1943 | 5c Norway and Denmark Flag Stamps    |

—Reported by Thorsten Ingeloff, Uno Soderberg, Harry L. Lindquist

## Copenhagen Town Postmarks

One of our members in Denmark, Mr. Eigil Rathje, #338, has for many years been a collector of Postal Markings of Denmark and its Colonies. His recent showing of this type of material was given the "Award of Honor" at the Nordic Philatelic Exhibition, held at Copenhagen August 16-27, 1947.

We are herewith illustrating various types of Copenhagen postal markings that may inspire other collectors to follow in the footsteps of Mr. Rathje.

### General Postdirectors Cancel



### Types of Foot (or Fast) Post



1806-?



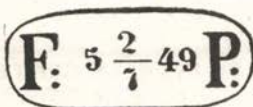
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1819-?

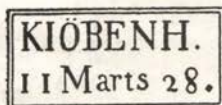


1838-49

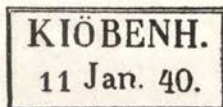


1849-51

### Boxed Towns



1820-36



1836-41

### Trial Cancel



Circular Town Cancels



1837-41



1838-40



1838-41



1838-41



1841-51



1841-51



1847-51



1851

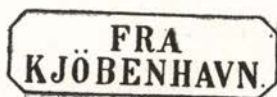


?-51



?-41

Ship Marking



?-51

Frank W. Baker (214-L4) reports the position in the sheet of the elusive "Double Foot" variety on the 3m stamp of Finland (#175a), this stamp comes from the sheet with plate No. 210 and is stamp #50.

## News of Interest

Our member **E. M. G. Schroeder** (#117) reports on a recent auction sale held in Sweden where a unique cover franked with the 12 ore arms type, printed on both sides, was sold for Sw. Kr. 5,000. In the sale several collections brought very high prices, and newspaper reports estimate that over 47,000 Sw. Kr. (\$11,750.00) was realized in the first 20 minutes of the sale.

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The world-famous collections of **Ferrars H. Tows** (#37), past President of the S. C. C. are going to be offered for sale at Public Auction by Carl E. Pelander (H1) during the coming fall and winter seasons. Mr. Tows' collections, which are regarded as the outstanding in the world of the United States Possessions, have been appraised at an estimated value of about \$500,000.00. The first of these sales will begin in October when the Hawaiian portion will be offered.

Each of the 10 countries to be offered for sale have won from 8 to 10 international gold medals in various parts of the world.

We are happy to note that Mr. Tows is still going to retain his famous collection of Danish West Indies.

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**Lt. Col. Rainer Ahonius** (#503) sent in the following regarding the recent Finnish Imperforates: In the small town of Pori the latest find of a sheet of 50 p. green (Lion type) was made. Of the previously reported "Lion Type" imperforates, to date the following have been found: 5 sheets of the 5 m. Yellow, 2 sheets of the 6 m. red and one sheet of the 5 m. purple; also an imperforate sheet of the 4 m. olive was discovered by a Postal Employee, who turned it back to the Post Office Dep't, and eventually it may find its way to the Postal Museum. As all of the Lion type stamps are printed in two panes of 100 each, odd sheets still exist and may turn-up of the 5 m. yellow, 50 p. green, 5 m. purple and the above-named 4 m. olive, unless they already have been discovered by Post Office inspectors, as new and stricter regulations have been made regarding the removal of all possible errors and freaks.

A little over a year ago, a collector bought 10 sheets of the then current Red Cross stamp 1m+25p., at the window of Helsinki Post Office, and to his great surprise he discovered that one sheet was imperforate. As these stamps are printed in sheets of 100 only, it is very possible that this is the only sheet known. The collector later sold his sheet intact for F. mk. 360,000.00 or approximately \$2,700.00 (\$1.00=F. mk. 136.00).

A sheet of the 10 mk. + 2.50 m. Red Cross issue was found imperforate in the Post Office at Turku. This, however, was turned in by the clerk who found it.

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**Thorsten Ingeloff** (#344L5) reports the following:

The "recognized" FDC of Denmark:

277/279	Vitus Bering	
	(Copenhagen)	27/11/41
	(Horsens)	27/11/41
280	King Christian	
280	10 o	26/9/42
281	15 o	10/11/42
282	20 o	26/9/42
283	25 o	6/7/43
284	30 o	5/1/43
285	35 o	23/6/44
286	40 o	8/6/43
286A	45 o	15/11/46



286B	50 o	21/4/45
287	60 o	23/6/44
287A	70 o	46
288	"Round Tower"	27/11/42
289	"D. D. L."	29/10/43
290	Churches 10 o	7/9/44
291	10 o	7/9/44
292	20 o	14/7/44
293	Ole Roemer	25/9/44
294/296	King 75 years	26/9/45
	Three Lions	
297	1 Kr.	11/7/46
298	2 Kr.	11/2/47
299	5 Kr.	16/8/46
	Tycho Brahe	14/12/46
B15/B17	Sabotage	4/5/47
	Railroads	27/6/47
	Idem RR-Museum	27/6/47
	Jacobsen	10/11/47
	King Frederik 20 o	12/2/48
B13	Princesses	8/9/43
B14	Tower+50	11/5/44

## DENMARK:

The G. P. O. announces that the following postage stamps are exhausted from stock and will not be further issued:

- 4 o. wavy lines, Scott nr. 222
- 20 o. King Christian X, Scott nr. 282
- 40 o. King Christian Jubilee, Scott nr. 296
- 15 o. and 40 o. Railroad commem. stamps.

The last printing of this latter stamp was made in noticeably lighter blue color, and should be given shade distinction.

## SWEDEN:

Since Febr. 10th and for the duration of unsafe ice conditions the Archipelago of Stockholm is postally served by a daily helicopter route with six island landings. Mail of all classes is carried from and to Stockholm, as well as between the islands.

On March 11th was announced new international air post fees, lowered from 30 o. (8½c) to 25 o. (7c) each 5 gr. for the U. S. mail. This does not interfere, however, with the earlier excellent air service to New York at ordinary surface rate only for mail weighing not over 5 gr.

Quantities issued of the King's 40th reigning anniversary commems (of Dec. 8th 1947):

10 o coil	10,018,000
20 o coil	10,550,000
60 o coil	1,329,600
10 o booklet	6,770,000
20 o booklet	7,312,000

These last mentioned stamps have caused much unfavourable comment and criticism among the philatelists, but nevertheless all of these stamps are long since obsolete, and now sold at a considerable premium.

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## Sweden's Literature:

"Priced Catalogue and Handbook of Sweden's Postal Stationeries 1872-1947" by Capt. S. Lillie-hook (based on the now completely sold-out P. O. Standard Handbook by Hugo Alsson), publ. in Swedish at the end of 1947, 116 pages, well and richly illustrated (many of the plates are in enlarged scale, elucidatingly retouched). Important varieties are remarked, but otherwise somewhat overspecialized in printings, papers, etc. Prices reflect the actual local market.

Bound in an attractive heavy paper band. Price, incl. reg. book mail postage, \$1.70.

"Swedish Post Office Stamp Booklets" by Thorsten Ingeloff. A short history of the Swedish booklets occupies the first 5 pages and is followed by complete listing (incl. King's 1908-1948 Jubilee) on 12 pages.

Crammed with facts of interest to the students and collectors of Swedish Stamp booklets. A copy can be had for 80c (bills or mint commem. stamps) from Mr. Th. Ingeloff, Postfack 597, Stockholm, Sweden.

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#### Retail Prices 1891-1948:

We have recently come across a Scandinavian Price list issued by Olaf Grillstad in Thronhjelm, Norway. This list which is dated June 1st, 1891, shows some of the more important stamps were offered at the following prices, with comparison of today's retail market.

	1891	1948
Norway—#1 4sk blue .....	\$ .03	\$ 4.50
#2-5 2sk to 8sk, set of 4 .....	.17	9.05
#7 3sk gray lilac .....	.70	20.00
Sweden—#1 3 sk bco. green .....	3.20	225.00
#2 4 sk bco. blue .....	.04	2.00
#3 6 sk bco. gray .....	1.10	45.00
#4 8 sk bco. orange .....	.35	18.50
#5 24sk bco. red orange .....	3.50	100.00
#15 17 ore gray .....	.50	40.00
Denmark—#1 2 R B S blue .....	.70	40.00
#10 16 sk roulette .....	1.80	27.50
#11-15 2sk to 16sk set of 5 .....	.11	10.60
#25034, 38-40 the Bi-colors & numerals compl. set of 13 .....	.06	1.23
Iceland—#1-5 First Issue, compl. mint .....	1.36	41.25
Finland—#1 5K blue .....	2.30	85.00
#2 10K rose .....	.60	25.00
on cover .....	.75	.....
with pen cancel .....	.25	6.00
#11 1m. brown .....	.90	27.50
#36 5m green & red .....	.70	18.50
#37 10m brown & red .....	.90	20.00
#46-58 1K to 7r current issues, mint .....	8.00	24.70

From the quotations given above, we note that prices in 57 years have advanced exactly 29½ times, a truly astronomical profit.

C. E. P.

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#### International Exhibition Commemorative.

In connection with the International Stamp Exhibition, to be held in Helsinki, Finland, a special charity commemorative stamp will be issued, with a face value of 12 mk plus a surtax of 50 mk, the latter will cover the admission to the exhibit. This stamp will be placed on sale at a special Post Office at the exhibition and will be limited to 10 copies per person. The proposed issue will be limited to 150,000 stamps.

Our correspondent advises us that collectors in the United States, desiring this stamp may send in advance orders to the committee for the show; Federation of the Philatelic Societies in Finland, Helsinki, Finland. Each order must be accompanied by an international money order or bank draft for the number of stamps desired. It must be remembered that the maximum number of copies obtainable is ten, and that the price per each stamp is 62 mk (official rate of exchange is 137 mk per \$1.00).

We believe that this Exhibition is perhaps unique in more than one in-

stance, due to the fact that it is being completely financed by the sale of a stamp. There is no charge for frames nor is there any sale of stamps permitted within the exhibition rooms, which are the famous Art Center in Helsinki.

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On August 25th 1948, an honor which seldom comes to anyone, will be accorded one of our members, Lauson H. Stone (483), when a commemorative stamp will be placed on sale at Chesterfield, N. H., in memory of his famous father, Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone formerly of the United States Supreme Court.

Justice Stone received his appointment from President Coolidge and under Roosevelt's administration was elevated to the high office of Chief Justice.

The S. C. C. takes this opportunity in extending congratulations to one of its most active members, and we hope to do it in person, when Mr. Stone and his family returns from their European vacation this fall.

#### PHILANDER THE PHUNNY PHILATELIST SAYS:

I see where our Piano Playing President, Harry S., is issuing an unprecedented number of commemorative postage stamps, some of them being vehemently protested by various collector groups. Notwithstanding, I hereby submit my own list of suggested new issues: (1) The first egg-beater used in the New World, (2) The first trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel, (3) Recognition of Jim Farley as the real father of the postage stamp, (4) Victory Issue showing the entire Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and Merchant Marine on one stamp, and (5) A three-cent stamp without any design but in a heretofore unheard of shade of purple.

### In Memoriam

It is with deep regret we report the loss of two of our well beloved members, who have gone to the great beyond. Philately as well as the Scandinavian Collectors Club have suffered a great loss in their passing away.

#### Karl A. Crowley

Karl A. Crowley (122) passed away on March 30th 1948 at his home in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 53.

Mr. Crowley was a prominent Attorney in Fort Worth and at one time ran for the office of Governor in Texas. Ever since early childhood he had been interested in stamps and his specialized collections of United States as well as Norway were known to most members in the Philatelic Fraternity.

#### James B. Green

James B. Green (263), passed away suddenly at his home in Worcester, Mass., on May 11, 1948.

All of us who visited the Centenary Exhibition will remember "Jimmy," with his genial spirit and enthusiasm for the S. C. C.—In the past year he has been one of the leading spirits in the move to form the new Chapter at Springfield, Mass., and before his passing away that dream had actually come true.

Mr. Green was survived by his wife and sons.

## New and Recent Issues

by Thorsten Ingeloff



## DENMARK

June 1948

Supplementing the new King Frederik IX Issue, Illustrated in vol. 5, no. 2.  
Engraved Unwmkd. Perf. 13

15 ore yellow green

## FINLAND

May 13th 1948

## RED CROSS ISSUE

Printed as usual by Finland's Bank, in sheets of 100 subjects, depicting famous men in literature and music, short biographies of each will follow this issue.

Engraved Unwmkd. Perf. 14

- 3 mk+1 mk green and red (Topelius)
- 7 mk+2 mk rose red and red (Pacius)
- 12 mk+3 mk bright blue and red (Runeberg)
- 20 mk+5 mk violet and red (Cygnaeus)

**Zachris Topelius** (1818-1898) author and poet. Among the best known works of Topelius are "The Tales of the Field-Surgeon" (Valskarin kertomuksia) and his many school text-books.

**Frederik Pacius** born in Germany but came to Finland in early childhood, may be termed as the earliest Finnish composer, he wrote the music to many of Runeberg's epic poems in "The Songs of Ensign Stal," best known of these is the Finnish national anthem "Our Land." By the middle of the 19th century many of the best known compositions of Pacius had been published.

**Johan Ludvig Runeberg** (1804-77) born in Jacobstad, February 5th, 1804, is considered the foremost of Finnish poets, and even today his birthday is celebrated as a national holiday. The first volume of his poems "Dikter" was published in 1830 and in 1832 his first epic poems "Elgskyttarna" (The Elk-

hunters) was published. After this a series of plays and books followed and in 1848 his best known work, the epic poem "The Songs of Ensign Stal" was published. This work has been translated into practically every known language, one English translation was published in 1925 by G. E. Stechert & Co., New York. The most fitting tribute to this great poet is given him in the Encyclopedia Britannica, "The poems of Runeberg shows the influence of the Greeks and of Goethe upon his mind; but he posses a great originality. It is hardly possible to overestimate the value of his patriotic poems as a link between the Swedish and Finnish nations."

Frederik Cygnaeus (1807-1881), even though a well known poet, was better known as a critic of Literature and Arts. He was chiefly responsible in aiding Pacius and Runeberg in promoting "Our Land" to become the national anthem.

#### June 1948

Issued to supplement the current Lion type stamps.

Typographed	Unwmkd.	Perf. 14
	24 mk maroon	

#### NORWAY

June 15, 1948

##### Forestry Society Issue

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Norwegian Forestry Society (Det Norske Skogselskap) and also the 100th anniversary of the birth of its founder Axel Heiberg.

These stamps are printed in the usual commemorative size (1½ times that of the regular issue), in sheets of 100.

Both values of this issue are of similar design, showing the portrait of Axel Heiberg with top-shoots of Scandinavian spruce and the double commemorative dates 1848/1932 and 1898/1948, this design was created by Oyvind Sorensen, printing by Emil Moestue A/S in Oslo.

Photogravure	Unwatermarked	Perf. 13
	25 ore red	
	80 ore brown	

#### SWEDEN

1948

To supplement the change of color issue, reported in vol. 5, no. 2.

##### Profile of Gustaf V. Type A55

Engraved	Unwmkd.	Coil stamp perf. 12½
	25 ore violet	
	Perf. 12½ on 3 sides	
	10 ore green	
	From booklet panes of 20 stamps.	

April 26, 1948

##### Centennial Issue

Commemorating the centenary of the settling of the Midwest in the United States by Swedish Pioneers.

Engraved	Unwatermarked	Coil Stamps, perf. 12½
	15 ore chestnut	
	30 ore ultramarine	
	1 kr orange	
	Perf. 12½ on 3 sides	
	15 ore chestnut	

From booklet pane of 20 stamps.

NOTE: Historical details of this issue are given in a separate article in this issue.

June 16, 1948

##### King Gustaf's 90th Birthday Issue

Semi-postal stamps issued in honor of the 90th anniversary of King Gustaf

V. Design by Einar Forseth from a recent photograph of the King, and printed in coils of 100 and two values in booklets of 20.

Engraved	Unwmkd.	Coil stamps, perf. 12½
	10 ore+10 ore bright green	
	20 ore+10 ore red	
	30 ore+10 ore blue	
	Booklet panes of 20, perf. 12½ on 3 sides.	
	10 ore+10 ore bright green	
	20 ore+10 ore red.	

A first day cover, featuring the Kings monogram was prepared and sold for 75 ore, the proceeds from the sale of this as well as the surtax on the stamps will be turned over to "King Gustaf's 90-years Foundation" for promoting voluntary idealistic activities among the youth in Sweden.

It may be of interest to our readers that the Foundation will be further benefited by the issuance of a commemorative "semi-bank note" with a face value of 5 kr. and a surtax of a like amount.

Anyone interested in the last named item, may contact the author of this column.

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## New Members

### Honorary Member

H 5 Uno Soderberg, "Slottet," Djurholm I, Sweden.

### Non-Resident Members

- 528 Dr. George C. Engerrand, The University of Texas, Austin 12, Tex. (Scan. except Finland)
- 529 Joel Pohto, 407 7th St., Fairport Harbor, O. (F.)
- 530 Frederick T. Pierpont, 169 Norton St., New Haven 11, Conn. (I.-U.S.-Port.)
- 531 Erik Arctander, 5035 W. 21st St., Cicero, Ill. (D.-N.-S.)
- 532 Leonard T. Anderson, 5336 S. Greenwood Ave., Chicago 15, Ill. (Scan.-F. Day and F. Flt Coves.)
- 533 Joseph Unseitig, Jr., 3240 Hirsch St., Chicago 51, Ill. (Gen.)
- 534 B. Howard Oberg, 307 Vale Ave., Rockford, Ill. (Scan.)
- 535 Charles T. Allen, 2 Avon St., Cambridge, Mass. (U. S.-Gr. Brit)
- 536 Miss Cora E. Morse, 31 Park Circle, Arlington, Mass. (Gen.)
- 537 Eric Siden, 9 Blackwood St., Boston, Mass. (Scan.-Gen.)
- 538 Henry Angier Jenks, 54 Garden St., Cambridge, Mass. (Gen.)
- 539 Arthur M. Sheldon, 36 Woodmont St., W. Springfield, Mass. (Scan.)

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## Club News

The Annual Members Exhibition was held during the April meeting and there was a good crowd and a large number of entries in the competition. First prize went to Dimitry Moore for his very fine collection of Sweden, second prize was awarded to Carl H. Pihl for his Norway #4 while third prize was garnered by Arthur I. Heim for his Belgian Congo.

At the May meeting we were privileged to have as our guests the members of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York and, as always, they provided a most interesting and entertaining showing of pages from the collections of various members. Michael Miller traveled up from Baltimore to show us four volumes of his superb Danish West Indies collection at the June meeting. We were all entranced by this complete showing of the numerous printings and shades of the bi-colored issues. This is the collection that won a gold medal at CIPEX. Thanks, Mike, for an enjoyable evening.

## REPORTS FROM CHAPTERS

## Seattle Chapter No. 1

The members of this chapter have had a rather busy season, participating in various stamp exhibits as well as the Northwest Association of Stamp Clubs convention held last May.

Plans for a full and active program is now under way for the coming fall season.

## Philadelphia Chapter No. 2

At the January meeting nine members and two guests studied various types of Scandinavian cancellations and decided to enter a frame of early Denmark in SOJEX, to be held at Camden, N. J. This frame was prepared during the February meeting and the March meeting was devoted to attending SOJEX at the Walt Whitman Hotel in Camden.

The April meeting marked the election of officers, the following being selected: Alepheus P. McCloskey, President; Robert B. Rogers, Vice President; and John D. Peterson, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Rogers showed his fine collection of German and Plebiscite States. The May meeting was devoted to a report by Dr. Stericker on his visit to the Chicago Chapter No. 4 and a discussion of the club exhibit at SEPAD in the fall.

## Detroit Chapter No. 3

The March meeting was held at the home of Oliver Wantin, Secretary, and sheets to be placed in the Club exhibit at PSPS at Saginaw, Mich., were collected by Mr. Sarenius. Messrs. Sarenius and Johnson were congratulated for winning first and second prize at the Wayne Stamp Club Exhibition.

Charles Johnson was the host for the April meeting at which Mr. Sarenius gave a brief report of the clubs participation at the annual PSPS exhibition. The club won three prizes: Mr. Blinn taking the Centenary Trophy for his showing of the 20th Century private perforation coil stamp; Mr. Johnson won the S. C. C. trophy for his Finnish serpentine and air mail stamps and Mr. Sarenius garnered second prize in the same group for his Finnish collection.

## Boston Chapter No. 5

A large crowd, including several new members, turned out for the second meeting of Boston Chapter No. 5 held on May 5th at the studio of J. Urban Edgren. Four members from New York attended this meeting: Carl H. Pihl, William F. Foulk, Carl E. Pelander and Frank Maybury. (Editors Note: The delegation from New York was royally entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Edgren). Following the business meeting, Theodore E. Stevenson showed his extensive specialized collection of Denmark. After this Bill Foulk exhibited pages from his superb 19th Century Denmark and Norway #1 while Carl Pihl showed his collection of Norway #4.

## Springfield Chapter No. 6

We are delighted to announce that in June there was held an organization meeting of Scandinavian Collectors Club members, residing in and around Springfield, Mass., for the purpose of establishing Chapter No. 6. Congratulations and good luck. Further details, the names of officers elected and information about meetings will be published in the next issue of *The Posthorn*.

