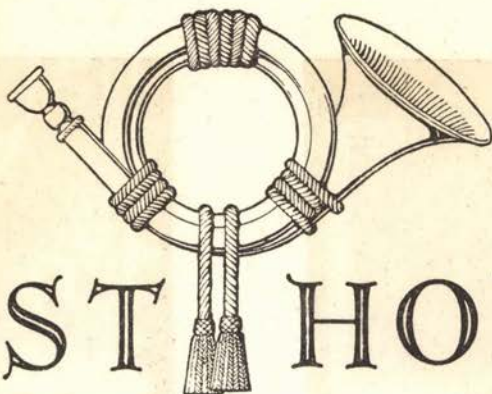


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## Frame Varieties on the Bicolored Stamps of the Danish West Indies

by Doris T. Stericker (107)

In an earlier issue of the Post Horn a cut on the frame of the bicolored stamps of the Danish West Indies and of Denmark was reported. Although that was the clearest variety found, several other cuts or breaks may be worth mentioning. Perhaps other collectors will be able to find the same varieties on other denominations or printings.

Since "Caroe's cut", the bent frames, etc., may be listed by numerals, these varieties have been listed alphabetically for the sake of clarity. The variety reported earlier has been called Variety A.

- B. Bend at left end of bottom frame below the small l.
- C. Cut at right end of bottom frame under and slightly to the left of T.
- D. Lower left ornament has the middle right line broken.
- E. Cut just above ball of lower left ornament.

### Variety B.

Denomination	Print.	Postal No.	Thiele No.	Date	Frame Pos.	Plate Pos.
1 cent	IV	37	26	Oct. 1880	N	—
3 cent	IV	38	29	Jul. 1881	N	60
3 cent	VII	46	82	Feb. 1890	I	24
10 cent	III	38	30	Sep. 1881	N	—

### Variety C.

1 cent	IV	37	26	Oct. 1880	N	60?
1 cent	V	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	77
1 cent	VI	44	66	Aug. 1887	N	—
3 cent	V	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	77
3 cent	VIA	45	73	Dec. 1888	N	77
3 cent	VIB	—	—	—	N	81
3 cent	VII	46	82	Feb. 1890	I	—
5 cent	III	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	77



B



C



D



E

Denomination	Print.	Postal No.	Thiele No.	Date	Frame Pos.	Plate Pos.
5 cent	IV	44	63	May 1887	N	—
10 cent	IV	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	77
Same variety on Danish stamp						
16 øre	—	—	—	— —	N	—
Variety D.						
1 cent	IV	37	26	Oct. 1880	N	—
1 cent	V	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	6
1 cent	VI	44	66	Aug. 1887	N	—
3 cent	V	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	6.
3 cent	VIA	45	73	Dec. 1888	N	78
3 cent	VII	46	82	Feb. 1890	I	29
10 cent	IV	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	6
Same variety on Danish stamps.						
8 øre	—	—	—	— —	N	—
16 øre	—	—	—	— —	I	—
25 øre	—	—	—	— —	N	—
Variety E.						
1 cent	V	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	29
1 cent	VI	44	66	Aug. 1887	N	29
3 cent	VIB	—	—	— —	N	57
10 cent	IV	41	49	Mar. 1885	N	29
Same variety on Danish stamp.						
50 øre	—	—	—	— —	N	—

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## The Private Post Offices of St. Thomas

By Robert G. Stone (40)

In the article on "St. Thomas from Cover to Cover," Chapter III, published in the *American Philatelist* for June, July and September 1945, the writer briefly indicated evidences of the existence of two private post offices at St. Thomas during the period ca. 1847 to 1863. We first became aware of them from a series of announcements printed in the local St. Thomas newspaper (*Sct. Thomae Tidende*). Later, several entire letters and covers were discovered bearing a cachet of one of these offices; a particularly fine example was illustrated in the above mentioned article (p. 667), having been originally in the Knapp Collection but overlooked by the "specialists" at the time of the Knapp Sale. These covers all showed only the cachet of the first of the two offices (in point of time), the "St. Thomas Foreign Letter Office," with dates ranging between 1847 and 1860, inclusive.

We would like to take this opportunity to add some further information on this interesting subject and at the same time call the attention to it of those Posthorn readers who did not have occasion to see our article in the *American Philatelist*.

In the previous article it was stated that the black oval cachet of the "St. Thomas Foreign Letter Office" (Figure 1) had been seen on numbers of covers all of which had been forwarded through St. Thomas from other points

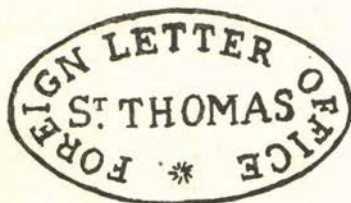


Fig. 1

of origin either in the West Indies, Europe or America, and that many of these covers also bore St. Thomas forwarding agent's cachets. The announcements in the contemporary newspapers made it clear that the purpose of the Office was to provide the local merchants a means of dispatching their letters and those of their clients via private vessels. We have since found letters sent through the Letter Office which originated in St. Thomas; hence the impression we may have given that the Office handled only transit mails was not correct.

The second of the private post offices was really a successor of the first, being opened in January 1861 just after the other had closed. This new office advertised itself as the "St. Thomas Express Office". At the time of writing the previous article no covers with the cachet of this office had been discovered. Several years ago, we received two letters on approval from a small dealer in Boston who had heard of our interest in St. Thomas; each of them was struck on the back with the large oval cachet of the "St. Thomas Express Office" (Figure 2), one in red, the other in green. What a windfall! Both of these letters had been sent by a St. Thomas firm to addressees in San Juan, Puerto Rico, dated 1862 and 1863. In one case the date had been written in the cachet with a pen and the well-known boxed "S. TOMAS" arrival mark and postage-due marks of the San Juan P. O. struck on the face; the other cover had Cuban stamps added to pay the postage due. The Express Office



Fig. 2

apparently folded up in 1863 or 1864 as advertisements appeared in the papers in 1864 offering to start a new letter office if enough merchants would subscribe—but nothing further seems to have transpired. The Express Office cachet is therefore much rarer than that of the Foreign Letter Office.

## St. Croix—1835

by Svend Yort (158)

Most of the pre-stamp letters from the Danish West Indies which have been preserved are business letters, and give us little in the way of information concerning contemporary affairs, except for now and then the inventory of a cargo, or the prices of some articles of merchandise. It was therefore very interesting to read a chatty, friendly letter, shown me by a Washington collector, Mr. Joseph A. Herbert, and with his permission to reproduce the pertinent parts of it here, in the thought that it may be of interest to other collectors of D. W. I. also.

The cover itself would not make any D. W. I. collector look twice, for it has no indication on the outside of the point of origin, but only the New York date stamp and "Ship". The date line, however, is St. Croix, 22 Jan. 1835; the writer was apparently vacationing (or convalescing?) there, and the letter, after a few personal and business remarks, continues:

"We have now been six weeks at St. Croix—my wife and Bob are enjoying good health, the climate is delightful, thermometer ranging from 61 to 78 and the nights comfortably cool for sleeping, but after all quite as much care is necessary to guard against taking cold as at home, for rarely a day passes without a shower—never of any duration, generally not more than 10 minutes, but just enough to produce a dampening of the ground and in the atmosphere. Now while I am writing it is pouring merrily and in 15 minutes the sun will out with all the brightness and heat of the tropics. The town of St. Croix is an old looking place, something like St. Augustine in that respect I should think, only more compact and larger. The island is all under cultivation, up to the tops of the highest hills with cane. On the south side there is a section of level and productive land, all the rest of it is exceedingly hilly and very uncertain as to produce. In a dry season the crops are poor, hardly paying the expense of cultivation, but the roads all over the island are the best in the world, not even excepting England. They are all well macadamised and kept in perfect repair—winding as they do round amongst the hills and up their side by an ascent so gradual that you are hardly sensible of the height they are carrying you 'till on reaching the summit the most

extensive and beautiful view is before you of hill beyond hill, terminated only by the ocean, and all green with sugar cane in the valley, and in some instances half way up the hills or on the very top of some of the lowest are the windmills for grinding the cane, surrounded with the dwellings of the proprietors and the negro huts with their thatched roofs, and in most cases there is a grove of oranges and tamarind trees and hedges of lime or guava bushes and long rows of coconut and mountain cabbage trees. Most of the planters on this island however, lived too fast in years past and their estates have become less productive. Their circumstances have very much changed. About one-half of the plantations are now under mortgage and a goodly number of the other half has changed owners within the last ten years. They are expecting the example of the English emancipation will be followed before long by the King of Denmark and whenever it takes place nearly all of the hill estates must be abandoned—the slaves here are treated kindly and have a good many privileges allowed them by their masters—and appear happy. Americans who are here and conveyant (sic.) with the conditions of slaves in our Southern states say they are much better off in every respect at St. Croix—still it is slavery—a bitter lot at best. In Barbadoes I am told, property is improving in value and the experiment works well, still better at one of the other English islands where the slaves are all free—in Jamaica as yet, not so well.

"We have two Gent. of your acquaintance at our house here, a Mr. Scott who was in St. Augustine last winter, and a Mr. Parker in college with you. Neither much of invalids. The employment of one day will give you an idea of all the rest. At 6 the gun at the fort is fired close to us. Some of us get up, breakfast at 8, take a ride on horseback of a couple of hours—loiter about and read thru the middle of the day, dine at 3, then ride in carriages or on pony-back 'till dark, play chip, backgammon a while in the evening or go visiting. There are about 60 Americans here and some very clever people. Sixteen at the house we are at. Only two bad invalids. The accommodations are good—the living excellent. Roast beef, poultry, fine mutton and splendid fish. I never saw better in almost endless variety—they are the most beautiful specimens of the finest tribes in the world. The gold and silver fish of our lakes will not compare with the brilliance of their color.

"St. Croix is 25 miles long and 4 or 5 wide—28,000 inhabitants—22,000 of them slaves, 2500 whites, the rest free blacks. I think some are making a trip to Barbadoes and several others of the Windward Islands. If I find it will not occupy too much time, an English steamboat makes the tour of the islands from Barbadoes down to St. Thomas once a fortnight (read from the latter up to the former). From the hills on a clear day we can see Porto Rico, St. Thomas, Tortola and sometimes the Virgin Gorda islands; St. Domingo, at least we can imagine that."

Altogether a very interesting eye-witness account of conditions at the time—and the moral—look at the inside of old letters as well as the outside!

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## Norway Number One Paper

by Carl H. Werenskiold (59)

One frequently hears that Norway #1 was printed on a most unusual kind of paper made from reindeer hemp (whatever that might conceivably be). This view rests on a misinterpretation of the Norwegian description of

the paper, by someone years ago, and this misinformation has been passed on and on down to the present. The pertinent facts\* relating to the paper are as follows:

1. The Norwegian Department of Interior, on June 20, 1854, contracted with Carl E. Petersen, representative of Bentse Paper Mill, for delivery of the paper which was to be made largely from "reenhamp" (see below) of thickness and quality as sample submitted.

2. Contract for the printing was awarded the same day to Zarbell. The Department then wrote to Zarbell on June 22, 1854 mentioning the paper contract with Petersen and stating that the paper was to be made largely from "reenhamp".

The word "reenhamp" (old spelling, present version "renhamp") is a composite of "ren", meaning "clean" (or "reindeer"), and "hamp", meaning "hemp". Such composites are very common in Norwegian and are interpreted in their most logical and unstrained sense. The obviously correct translation of "renhamp" is "clean (or cleaned) hemp".

Many kinds of fibres, including hemp, have been used in the making of paper. Hemp is known to give a strong, although not high quality, paper. The customary source of hemp for paper making was old discarded rope, of which there was an abundant supply in Norway with its large fleet of sailing vessels in those days. This material, however, was naturally contaminated with sand and other forms of dirt. The preliminary treatment for paper making would follow the usual procedure involving cleaning to remove the loose dirt, cutting to smaller size, boiling with an alkaline solution, "breaking" to tease out the fibres, and bleaching.

The paper for this stamp issue was hand made, sheet by sheet. The cloth through which the wet pulp was passed to produce the paper was pressed to provide the watermark, which in this case is thicker than the rest of the paper, a rather unusual occurrence.

The paper in this case evidently had not been cleaned sufficiently, and contained woody and other gritty materials, which subsequently tended to damage the clichés during the printing giving rise to the many known plate flaws.

The writer who has had many years of experience with the Norwegian language feels certain that the translation of "renhamp" to "reindeer hemp" is incorrect and without any logical foundation.

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\* Summarized here from Anderssen and Dethloff: "Norges Frimerker 1855-1924", pages 7, 8 and 12.

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## Norwegian Pen Cancellations

List of pen cancellations on Norwegian stamps compiled by Rene Van Rompay (640) of Kasteeltje 26, Begijnendijk, Belgium. M. Van Rompay would like to learn if any members have pen cancellations not included in this list. If so, please communicate with him, describing the manuscript cancellation (sending a tracing if possible) and designate the stamp bearing the pen marking.

Numeral Pen Cancellations: 8, 17, 23, 27, 30, 33, 58, 65, 66, 71, 79, 80, 84, 94, 98, 109, 111, 117, 129, 130, 162, 168, 194, 195, 227, 242, 244, 260, 261, 280, 292, 325, 326, 336, 354, 362.

Town Markings: Aalofoten, Aardal, Akrehavn, Alteidet, Alten, Alvaersund, Andenaes, Aure, Badderer, Ballanger, Balstad, Barkald, Beian, Bergsfjord, Bindal, Bjerkager, Bjørnør, Bjørø, Bjugn, Blakier, Bredebygden, Bredvig, Bremanger, Brønø, Bruggen, Buksnaes, Dahl, Dale, Darbo, Edø, Eidsfjord, Enebaknaesset, Erknø, Espe, Faaberg, Feiss, Fet, Fetsund, Fjaere, Flakstad, Frøen, Galten, Gausdal, Gildeskaal, Glein, Graesholmen, Gransherred, Grimo, Grøtø, Grue, V. Gran, Halse, Halversø, Hanø, Harban, Hareide, Harstad, Havnaes, Havnø, Havnik, Hellesø, Hemnaes, Hemnaes Hal, Herland, Herø, Hof i Solør, Hole, Hougs, Hougsund, Hvarnaes, Jerkind, Jernbanen\*, Karasjok, Kiberg, Kinn, Kjelkenaes, Kjelvig, Kjøø, Kjøøen, Klalsund, Klebo, Kløven, Komagfjord, Kvam, N. Land, Lavangnaes, Lebesby, Lenvik, Lereim, Lilleeidet, Lille Elverdalen, Loen i (Nordfjord), Løiten, Loksund, Løkvik, Luro, Maalsnaes, Magerø, Malanger, Manger, Melbo, Mjanaes, Mo, Moskenaes, Mostaadmarken, Naesseby, Naesset, Naess i Hall, Nausdal (Nordfjord), Nordalen, Nøterø, Nyborg, Odegaarden, Odegaarden Postaabneri, Ohna, Oie, Oier, Øksnaes, Ona, Opdal, Orskoug, Os, Oxendal, Oxfjord, Polmak, Quinherred, Rauland, Rebnaer, Rena, Repvaag, Rissen, Rodenhald, Rømskoug, Røvik, Sander, Sandø, Sandtorv, Sekken, Selbo, Selløi, Sitskaugen, Skjaanaes, Skarnaes, Skjolden, Skjøtningberg, Skogshaven, Skorpen, Skraaven, Solbjør, Søndre Land, Soon, Søpostkontor nr 3\*\*, Søreisen, Sørtjon, Sørveien, Stavsjø, Stordøen, Støt, Stadsbygden, Stangvik, Stutvik, Stryen, Sundal, Syd Varanger, Tanager, Thingelstad, Thjøta, Tjosen, Tønsberg, Tønset, Tranen, Trøgstad, Tverlandet, Tysnaes, Tysvaer, Ulfnaes, Urskoug, Utne, Vaag, Vågø, Valdersund, Vang, Vatne, Veding, Vegø, Waehlungennaes.

Ship Markings: Oeger, Asker, Beta, Bergen, Bjarkø, Castor, Farmanden, Farris, Fjalir, Foldin, Framnaes, Gangerrolf, Gler, Gyller, Holden, Hara'd Haafrage, Hardanger, Hornelen, Juno, Kong Brage, Kong Carl, Kong Haakon, Kong Oscar, Kvik, Laurvig, Løveid, Mars, Moss, Namsen, Nidelven, Nor, Nordland, Nordstjernen, Nornen, Ofoten, Orkla, Pallas, Prinds Gustav, Robert, Romsdal, Skibladner, Skjold, Søndmore, Spitsbergen, St. Halvard, St. Olaf, Svan, Trafik, Tronwhjem, Uranus, Varanger, V. D. S., Vøringen.

#### Editor's Notes:

\* Probably "Railroad marking".

\*\* Probably "Seapost marking".

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## Scandinavian Philatelic Groups

The Scandinavian Collectors Club of New York is one of the largest and most active specialty philatelic groups in the United States, with well over 500 members in this country and abroad. Some of the most distinguished philatelists in the world are members of this group. One of the principal bonds of the club, aside from an obvious mutual interest in Scandinavian philately, is *The Posthorn*, official journal of the S. C. C. which is issued quarterly. This is the tenth year that *The Posthorn* has been issued.



Another bulwark of strength of the Scandinavian Collectors Club are the six active chapters located from coast to coast. These are as follows: Chapter No. 1—Seattle, Washington; Chapter No. 2—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Chapter No. 3—Detroit, Michigan; Chapter No. 4—Chicago, Illinois; Chapter No. 5—Boston, Massachusetts; Chapter No. 6—Springfield, Massachusetts.

Two additional chapters are contemplated to be a reality in the near future. Members in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area of Minnesota are busy organizing a group and they would welcome any members in that vicinity who would be interested in joining with them. Tentative arrangements have been made to meet in the Swedish Museum in Minneapolis. Anyone interested should get in touch with Bert Baker, staunch S. C. C. member who is spearheading the effort. Mr. Baker's address is: 1215 La Salle Avenue, Minneapolis 4, Minnesota.

The other chapter presently being organized is in western Oregon and it is hoped to interest enough collectors in the area to complete the group. For information about this group write to: W. E. Bullard, 1405 N. E. 74th Street, Portland 16, Oregon.

For the information of other members who may be interested in forming a local chapter, the requirements are fairly simple. Any ten members of the S. C. C. may petition the Board of Governors of the club for the establishment of such a chapter. The president of any chapter automatically becomes a regional vice-president of the S. C. C. with full powers in club affairs. Local chapters make their own rules, set their own local dues and make their own arrangements about meetings and programs. Several chapters alternate meetings between members homes, others arrange to meet at a convenient central point.

### Sweden

Philatelists in Sweden have an excellent organization in the Sveriges Filatelist-Förening, a federation of some 39 local philatelic societies in the principal cities of Sweden. The S. F. F. (Philatelic Society of Sweden) publishes the Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift (Swedish Philatelic Journal), the largest philatelic magazine in the North, which is published ten times a year. For information about joining the S. F. F. or subscribing to the S. F. T. write to: Expedition, Bureau: Apelbergsgatan 58, 1, Stockholm, Sweden.

### Norway

In Norway philatelists have the Norsk Filatelistforbund (Association of Philatelic Societies of Norway) with local philatelic societies in many of the principal cities and towns of Norway. Official journal of the Norwegian organization is the Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift, one of the finest journals in Scandinavia. For information about the Norwegian philatelic group or subscribing to the N. F. T. address an inquiry to: Mr. Jarle O. Stensdal, Postboks 46, Høvik, Norway.

### England

There has recently been organized a Scandinavian Collectors Group in the London area which currently has a membership of just over 30. Aim of this group is to promote Scandinavian philately in England and possibly issue a newsheet sometime in the near future. Organizer and Hon. Secretary of this group is Mr. H. T. Pritchett, 119 Earlhām Grove, Forest Gate, London E. 7, England.



by Agent No. 42  
Staff of the Old Sleuth

Here we are again, Christmas is over and it's time for this old sleuth to say **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!!!** \* \* \* we all feel sad at the loss of **Ignaz Reiner**, whose untimely death came as a great shock to us all, also we are sorry to note the passing away of **Alexis Kellog**—the last visit this old sleuth had with him was at "CAPEX" in Toronto \* \* \* holiday greetings came from near and far, in fact in such profusion, that it would be impossible to report them all here \* \* \* one from **John Boyce**, for five years the Secretary of the S. C. C., was much appreciated—John as you know has been seriously ill for several years and it is good to know he still thinks of us \* \* \* also the card from **Abr Odfjell**, with his kind personal message, was very welcome \* \* \* among the more faithful we heard from **Emil Lundstrom**, who is spending his vacation in California—**Laurence Hyde**, who still loves his Arizona highways and byways—**Bill Brown** of M. I. T. goes in for blue prints for his Christmas cheers—**Sigurd Ringstrom** sent us a card from his home in Trelleborg, Sweden, with a street scene at Christmas all lit up a la U. S. A.—**J. Urban Edgren** had a couple of Lapp children on his card—and from the father of the club **George** and **Aune Hendrickson** came a nice greeting—also **Hans** and **Asta Rose** went in for Scandinavian motifs for their card—and from a much missed ex New Yorker **Hugo Sward** came a message to prove he has not forgotten us—from **Fall River** came a message from **Florence** and **Harold Wordell**—and the four little **Morse's** looked like little angels, probably in anticipation of Christmas and Santa Claus—from our service-men we heard from far away Korea from **Lt. Burt W. Brownier** and from Germany came a message from **Capt. Robert W. Scherer**—and to us it seems strange, but each year we receive a card from the **Kai Hansen's**, another little Hansen has been added \* \* \* the club had a very pleasant surprise to have **Dr. Hans Lundberg** of Toronto present at the annual auction—we are all looking forward to his showing of early Sweden on the 13th of January \* \* \* and we now understand that the old bug has bitten **Olaf Nagel** who is back in stamps again \* \* \* **Ferrars Tows** may have sold his collections, but he still dreams (actual) of fabulous finds in D. W. I., which goes to prove he is still a collector at heart \* \* \* and **Henry Redfield**, who just celebrated his 88th birthday, will be married in Florida on the 16th of January \* \* \* poor **Bob Read**, our faithful treasurer, he has quite a job on his hands, with the club constantly growing, and all the dunning letters to send out, why not lighten his task by sending in your dues without notice \* \* \* also seen down at the club lately was **Capt. Dick Dahlstrom**, who made quite a haul at the auction \* \* \* and of course at the December meeting when **Bill Foulk** showed his Denmark classics, **Svend Yort** showed up—we had quite a nice time with **Svend** in Washington during the Philatelic Congress \* \* \* one of the old guard was here in New York recently, with an exhibition for the Masonic Stamp Club, namely **Marcus White**, his Worcester collection is really something to see

\*\*\* after three years of hard labor **Harry Lindquist** will retire as president of New York Athletic Club—however, there is one thing said at the Club and that "it was a job well done" \*\*\* **Sid Barrett** too is going to rest on his laurels—he will retire as the chairman of membership at the same Club \*\*\* we understand from underground channels that **Gustaf Johansson** of Gothenburg will visit the U. S. A. next March \*\*\* and **Arthur Heim** our faithful Auction Manager, recently underwent an operation for inguinal hernia—he is back at work now feeling tip top \*\*\* **Carl Pihl** has had quite a time lately watching his very attractive daughter **Barbara**, who not only has West Point, but all the other Colleges and Universities wild about her \*\*\* **Fay Jordan**, the purple passion, had quite an idea to put the whole blooming family plus **Nursie** and the canary on her Christmas card \*\*\* **Hilda Isola**, came back from a lengthy stay in Finland and feels so good over the condition there that she is going to spend twice as much on stamps in the future \*\*\* and we understand that **Joe Jaeger** is planning on visiting Europe next summer \*\*\* **Doris Stericker** is gradually getting over her mishap, when she fell down the stairs—oh yes, it was before cocktails \*\*\* **Frank Maybury** in his old age is getting literate—he was elected Librarian at the annual meeting of the club \*\*\* and so, good friend we come to the end of another gossip column and must say—so long until the next issue.

### Swedish Cancellations



Does your collection contain any of the cancellations illustrated here? Would you want to know something about these and numerous other Swedish cancellations? If so, draw your information from the new Swedish Cancellation Handbook, briefly described in No. 4, Vol. 9 of the Posthorn.

This handbook contains the pooled knowledge of Sweden's experts on cancellations and represents years of research and study by them and many other contributors. To give an idea of the scope of this book, suffice it to say that it comprises about 400 pages and 16000 illustrations, and that it systematically treats all known Swedish cancellations from 1685 to 1951.

Although this book is in Swedish its introductory pages contain a key which facilitates classification especially for collectors unfamiliar with that language. Another interesting feature consists of the earlier cancellations having been graded according to their rarity. Thus, in addition to common cancellations, the handbook classifies and especially defines 6 categories.

This book is truly a classic in its field, printed on excellent paper, and

handsomely bound. It should be a MUST to every serious individual collector or club interested in Swedish cancellations and postmarks.

Copies of the handbook with Swedish text, cloth bound, are available through

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## News of Interest

**Rainer Ahonius (503)** reports from Finland: that a special cancellation was used aboard the Lake Steamship "Osmo" on which the Scandinavian Postal Congress was held June 29-30, 1951. During the congress, the "Osmo" voyaged through the Heinavesi route on the inland lakes from Savonlinna to Kuopio. For the duration of the congress a special post office was maintained aboard the ship.

**Frederick A. Brofos (497)** has compiled a Catalog of the Postal Stationery of Norway, 1872-1950, which appears in Volume 16 of Billig's Philatelic Handbook. There are about 50 illustrations and prices are given for unused and used specimens. Also included in this issue is a List of Numeral Cancellations of Norway.

**George Wiberg (177)** reports: A new high speed rotary printing press recently has been acquired from Switzerland by the Finlands Bank Printing Office where all the Finnish postal paper is printed.

This new ultra-modern rotary high speed press will print and perforate as well as cut the sheet to the desired size all in one continuous operation. It can also be adapted for the printing of bicolored stamps.

As soon as the new printing press is set up in the new printing plant, now under construction, we can expect a new series of the regular stamps to replace the 22 year old Lion type stamps. The new stamps will differ considerably from the old, in workmanship as well as size and perforation, which on the new stamps will measure 11%, against the old 14 perf. Paper used in the new press will be pregummed.

The Philatelic Foundation reports that a large cash bequest was made by our late member, **John H. Hall**, as well as his famous collection of 6 cuartos Spain, number 1, which will go into the reference collection of the Foundation.

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## PHILANDER THE PHUNNY PHILATELIST SAYS:

that he got a big bang out of Carl Werenskiold's treatise on "reindeer paper" in this issue of *The Posthorn*. He recalls sadly that back down on the farm in the long ago, they didn't have any paper in that little house until the mail order houses started to issue those big catalogs. Apparently most of the S. C. C. chapters haven't got any paper because there is never any report of their doings in *The Posthorn*. The Philadelphia Chapter No. 2 is doing fine, but the others are either strayed, lost or stolen. Philander suggests that Seattle, Detroit, Chicago, Boston and Springfield make a New Years resolution to send the editor a quarterly report of their meetings. Deadlines are the first of March, June, September and December.

## New and Recent Issues

by Carl E. Pelander

## DENMARK:

1952

General Issues, Numeral Type "A32"

Engraved

Unwatermarked

Perf. 13x12½

8ö gray

King Frederik IX Issue

25ö sky blue

30ö red brown

## FINLAND:



December 4th, 1952

Anti-Tuberculosis Issue

Designs by Mrs. Signe Hammarsten-Jansson, with motifs of native birds, representing *Apus apus*, *Muscicapa striata* and *Parus major* respectively. The surtax was for the benefit of the Anti T. B. Society.

Engraved

Unwatermarked

Perf. 14

10m—2m green

15m—3m rose violet

25m—5m ultramarine

500,000 copies were printed of the low value and 400,000 of the other two.

## ICELAND:



1952

Issued in honor of the 71st birthday of Iceland's first President, Sveinn Björnsson.

Engraved

Unwatermarked

Perf. 13

1.25kr dark blue

2.70kr green

5kr slate blue

10kr yellow brown

## NORWAY:

1952

## PROVISIONAL ISSUE

Photogravure

Unwatermarked

Perf. 13

20ö on 15ö sage green

## SWEDEN:



1952

King Gustaf VI Adolf Design

Commemorating the King's 70th birthday.

Booklet, containing one pane of 20, perf. 13 on three sides.

25ö rose

Nov. 11th, 1952

## SEMI-POSTAL STAMPS

Engraved

Coil stamps, perf. 13 horizontally

Unwmkd.

10ö—10ö pale green

25ö—10ö light red

40ö—10ö ultramarine

Booklets, containing one pane of 20 stamps, perf. 13 on three sides.

10ö—10ö pale green

25ö—10ö pale red

The engraving was by Sven Ewert from a painting of the King, by the artist Mark Sylwan. The stamps are issued in a new format, measuring 27¼x20½ mm. The surtax was for the benefit of The Fund for Swedish Culture.

## 4th ANNUAL AUCTION, November 12, 1952

The 4th annual club auction was held at the regular meeting on November 12, 1952, with Carl Pelander serving as auctioneer. The material offered was certainly the best that has been available of any of the sales to date. There was a particularly good "book" as mail bids were received from 44 bidders, most of whom were successful in getting one or more lots. There was a good attendance at the auction and the bidding was quite brisk.

The gross for the auction was well over \$900 and the Club's share was nearly \$150. The cost of printing and mailing the catalog was nearly \$45, making a net of over \$100. In addition, ex-president Ferrars Tows turned over to the Club the entire amount received for the material he had in the sale, a matter of some \$37, making a total received by the Club of about \$140.

## New Members

### NON-RESIDENT AND FOREIGN

- 665 Robert Buuner Sanderson, Onishere, Heol-y-Bryn, Rhriwbina, Glam, S.  
Wales, Great Britain (Scan.)
- 686 W. T. Shinn, Jr., 459 Tarrymore Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. (Scan.)
- 687 Johan Lyder von Tangen, Post Box 50, Bergen, Norway (Scan.)
- 688 Svend W. Hansen, Rosenstykket 9, Vanlose, Copenhagen, Denmark (D.)
- 689 Miss P. Crone, c/o H. E. Wingfield, 392 Strand, London W. C. 2, England  
(Scan.)
- 690 A. Cronin, 142 Crown St., Sydney, N. S. W., Australia (F.-Est.-Czech)
- 691 Tyson Nimick, New Hope, Pa. (U. S. 1861 & Rev.-Scan.)
- 692 N. Pontentein, 1621 Whittier, Springfield, Ill. (S.)
- 693 C. J. Michelsen, 7964 Augusta St., River Forest, Ill. (D.-I.-D.W.I.)
- 694 Richard S. Wahlberg, 2314 Grinstead Dr., Louisville, Ky. (Scan.)
- 595 Dr. George W. France, 114 E. Centre St., Le Roy, Ill. (D.-Scan.)
- 696 Carl Vesterholt, Klostermarken 30, Aalborg, Denmark (D.)
- 697 Warren A. Peterson, 1685 Ridge Road, Highland Park, Ill. (Scan.)
- 698 Mrs. Eva P. Littler, 920½ Centennial Ave., Alameda, Calif. (Gen.-Top-  
ical-Covers)
- 699 Jorgen Rasmussen, Skindegade 19, Copenhagen, Denmark (Scan.)

### DECEASED

- 425 Alexis E. Kellog, Detroit, Mich.
- 211 Ignatz Reiner, New York, N. Y.

### RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

- 566 Capt. V. Lohse, Copenhagen, Denmark.

### EXPULSION

- 268 Dewey H. Hesse, Portland, Mich. (For conduct unbecoming a member)

### CORRECTIONS IN MEMBERSHIP LIST

- 511 (Foreign) name should read "P. H. Gleie-Jorgensen"
- 510 (Foreign) name should read "Aronld Forsbeck"
- 427 (Non-Ies.) Oscar E. Swanson, zone number should read "Seattle 8"
- 434 (Foreign) Name and address incorrect, should read:  
Sigurdsson, Bjarni, Njardargata 31, Reykjavik, Iceland.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

- 531 Erik Arotander, 642 Lime St., Inglewood, Calif.
- 517 Thomas R Carrington, 54 Top View Terrace, Bristol, Conn.
- 576 Bernard Davis, 2041 N. Broad St., Philadelphia 22, Pa.
- 355 Aksel Demant, R. D. 5, Huntington, N. Y.
- 372 Mrs. Gladys I. Fischer, 881 Culebra Rd., Hillsborough, San Mateo Co.,  
Calif.
- 581 George W. Flanagan, The Westchester, Apt. 247B, 4000 Cathedral Ave.,  
Washington 16, D. C.
- 540 Philip Grabfield, 18 East 62nd St., Apt. 5R, New York 21, N. Y.
- 619 Enoch J. Haga, 8304 Bellavista Ave., Fair Oaks, Calif.
- 651 Ely Krentzel, Box 43, Bath Beach Station, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- 624 Roy R. Nelson, 1125 Lorane Hgwy, Eugene, Ore.
- 139 Erwin C. Nielsen, 210 W. Michigan St., Milwaukee 3, Wisc.
- 179 Thomas A. Olsen, c/o Ross, 1325 Astor St., Chicago 10, Ill.

- 657 Aitken Riddle, 22633 S. Kane Ave., Detroit 23, Mich.  
 339 N. H. Ringstrom, 440 Waltham St., Lexington, Mass.  
 545 Robert D. Shannon, Box 412, c/o Johnston, Traverse City, Mich.

## Club News

After the customary summer recess, the Scandinavian Collectors Club in New York resumed meetings, the first one of the new season being held on September 10, 1952 at the Collectors Club, our regular meeting place. On this evening we got off to an excellent start by viewing the superb collection of Sidney Lake covering Cancellations Before 1914 on the Stamps of Curacao and Surinam. This prize-winning collection was well presented and was most complete.

At the meeting on October 8, 1952 the club was privileged to hear Herbert Bloch's presentation on Baden, an excellent showing by an expert. Mr. Bloch included a most interesting discourse on the postal history of Baden. This program was received most enthusiastically.

On November 12, 1952 the club held its annual auction, report of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The annual meeting of the club was held on December 10, 1952. Following are the officers elected for 1953: President, Lauson H. Stone; Vice-President, George Wiberg; Treasurer, Robert J. Read; Secretary, Albert Tate; Librarian, Frank Maybury; Editor, Carl H. Pihl; Board Member, Leon N. Seaf. It was proposed to increase dues for both resident and non-resident members by one dollar, making the dues \$3.00 for resident members and \$2.00 for non-resident members, but action was postponed until later. William F. Foulk showed two volumes consisting of a superb collection of Denmark Nos. 1 and 2.

### REPORT FROM PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NO. 2

The November meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter No. 2 was held at the National Philatelic Museum with seven members present. An election of new officers resulted in Mr. John Hoyer—President; Mr. Alpheus McCloskey—Vice-president, and yours truly Miss Margaret Froelich—Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. John Peterson, who showed his very interesting collection of Swedish stampless covers and postal stationery. This was followed by a discussion and a question and answer period.

In keeping with the season our December meeting, with six members present, featured Mr. John Hoyer and his wonderful collection of Scandinavian Christmas Seals. This was followed by another fine collection of Christmas Seals, this time the Danish West Indies, shown by Mrs. Doris Stericker.

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