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The Faroe Islands Bisects of 1919 and their Use on Printed Matter Mail

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Every serious collector of Danish stamps is familiar with the 2 øre on 5 øre provisionals and the bisected 4 øre stamps and wrapper impressions authorized for the prepayment of postage in the Faroe Islands in January 1919. A great many articles on this subject have appeared in the Danish philatelic press, mostly compiled by Roland King-Farlow, of London, England, and Aage Tholl, of Kalundborg, Denmark, who have made exhaustive researches into every aspect of Faroe Islands postal history. In these articles mention has been made of all sorts of different usage of the provisionals . . . on local mail and on mail to Denmark, on ordinary letters and on registered letters, in combination with ordinary stamps and with Official stamps, on envelopes with printed stamp impressions, and so on. So far, however, there has been no record of any of the emergency issues being used on Printed Matter (second class mail), although it had been assumed that such usage must have taken place. The writer of this article has now been able to establish that this was indeed the case, at any rate so far as the two sorts of bisect is concerned.

After going through a large number of covers with bisected stamps and wrappers, the writer was fortunate enough to discover three covers illustrating the use of bisects for franking "Printed Matter" mail. One "local" and two "inland" covers have come to light and this article will deal with these newly discovered items. Before doing so, and in order to give the reader a clearer picture of the circumstances leading to the creation of those bisects as such, a short resume of the general situation prevailing in January 1919 may be useful.

On January 1, 1919, new postal rates went into effect throughout the whole Danish postal system. The Faroe Islands, which at that time comprised one single postal unit, were permitted to use "local" rates for the whole

territory. That is, a letter mailed anywhere in the islands TO any destination in the islands, required postage of 7 øre only. Mail to Denmark proper had to be franked at "inland" rates. Rates for letters, "Printed-Matter" and Postcards—to name just the most common services—were raised as indicated below:

	Local	Inland
Letters	5 øre to 7 øre	unchanged at 10 øre
Cards	3 øre to 5 øre	5 øre to 7 øre
Printed Matter	3 øre to 5 øre	4 øre to 7 øre

In the later part of December 1918 it became already quite clear to the postal authorities in Thorshavn that available supplies of low denomination postage stamps would be wholly insufficient to last until supplies of the new 7 øre stamps could possibly reach the islands. A telegram to this effect was therefore dispatched to Copenhagen and the seriousness of the situation was brought to the attention of the central authorities. On January 1st, 1919 a cable was received in Thorshavn, ordering the bisecting of available 4 øre stamps, which, Copenhagen thought, would tide the Faroe postal services over until new supplies arrived. By that time however, supplies at the Thorshavn Post Office had dropped to such a low level that even this extreme measure promised no relief. Another telegram was sent from Thorshavn to Copenhagen right away, asking the postal authorities there to postpone all rate increases for the Faroe Islands until February 1st, 1919! But the situation grew worse by the hour, so to speak, and before Thorshavn even received an answer to this request, the Post Office was already forced to release bisected 4 øre stamps to the public. And when finally on January 5, 1919 a reply from Copenhagen arrived, it advised the Postmaster that no postponement of rate increase could be granted! However, as an additional emergency measure, Copenhagen ordered the Thorshavn Post Office to cut the printed stamp impressions from 4 øre wrappers and bisect them for use as 2 øre stamps. Thus, two different bisects were created. The following inventory of complete sheets of postage stamps and packets of wrappers in stock at the Thorshavn Post Office at various dates before and after the new rates went into effect, will show just how serious the situation really was.

	11:20 a.m. Dec. 22, 1918	5:00 a.m. Jan. 1, 1919	3:55 p.m. Jan. 2	12:45 p.m. Jan. 10	evening Jan. 23
1 øre	37	10	6	0	100
2 "	28	3	1	0	200
3 "	23	2	1	?	100
4 "	?	11	11	5	2 or 3
5 "	460	?	?	?	?
7 "	0	0	0	0	1000
4 " wrappers	?	74	?	0	0

Sheets of 100 stamps

Packets of 25 wrappers

According to official records and available pieces of mail, the bisected 4 øre STAMPS were used for the first time on January 3, 1919 and the bisected WRAPPERS on January 6, 1919. Although this article deals primarily with "Printed Matter" mail it may be advisable to say a little more about the ways and means of making these bisects available to the public.

The staff at the Thorshavn Post Office were ordered to bisect the stamps and wrapper impressions and affix them to the mail IN PERSON, thus, no unused bisects were supposed to be handed over to the public at Thorshavn. The same rule was supposed to apply to the other offices in the islands, but it is not at all certain that it was always observed. The object was, of course, to conserve the very limited supplies by preventing hoarding and "philatelic"

misuse. Many private persons in the Islands, however, had supplies of 4 øre stamps on hand, and it was perfectly in order for the individual owner to create bisects from these, and this was frequently done.

No record has been preserved of the numbers of 4 øre stamps and wrappers that were in stock at the smaller postal offices in the Faroes at the beginning of January, 1919, nor of course is it known how many copies were in private hands. We do, however, know that between January 2nd and 23rd 800 or 900 4 øre stamps and 1,850 4 øre wrappers were withdrawn from Thorshavn's reserve stocks. A few of these may have been used intact, but the great majority were undoubtedly bisected and formed the main supply, giving around 1600 to 1800 stamp bisects and about 3,700 wrapper bisects. These figures indicate that originally the wrapper bisects greatly outnumbered the stamp bisects, yet today the latter are by far the commoner of the two. The reason for this is that the stamps were properly gummed and remained attached to their covers, whereas the wrapper cut-outs were not gummed and had to be stuck on with whatever sort of makeshift adhesive was available. The result of this was that the wrapper bisects very often fell off in transit and so were lost to collectors! Covers exist from which it is quite clear that the bisect has fallen off and been stuck on again, and there are others to which the bisect is attached simply by being overlapped by the ordinary 5 øre adhesive stamp.

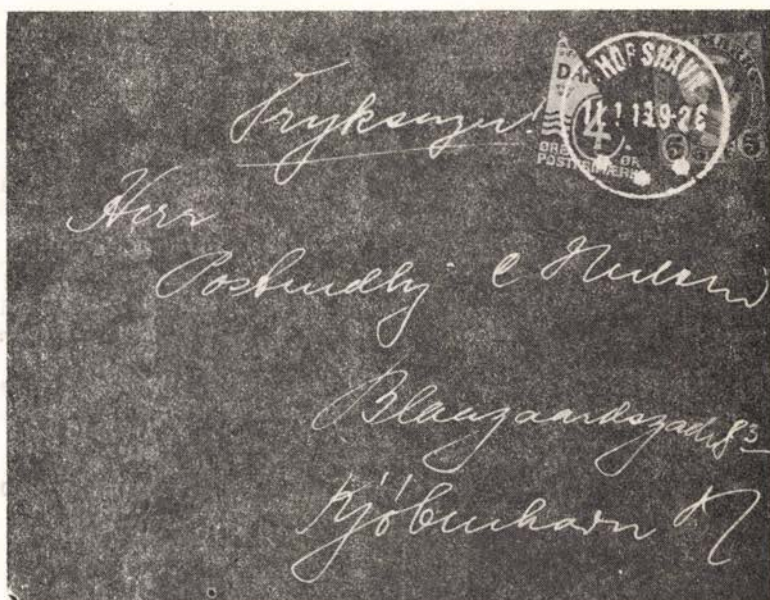
After this introduction, it will be much easier to understand the significance of the 3 covers, of which every one falls into a different category.



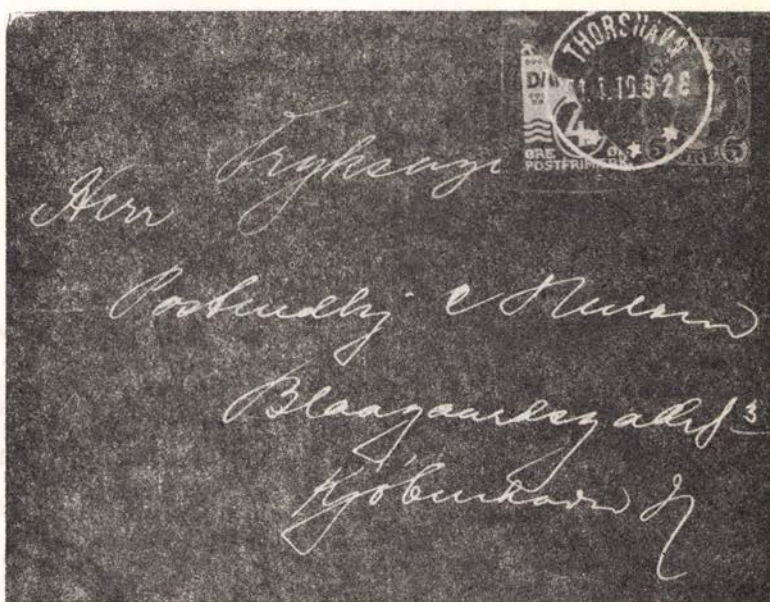
(Fig. 1)

The first cover attracting this writer's attention was a rather small one, postmarked at SKAALÉ (Fig. 1), a small community of less than 240 souls. Danish postal regulations call for printed-matter to be marked as such, but this is not always done and the fact that this cover still had its original gum on the flap indicated beyond any doubt that the flap had been tucked in only. This and the fact that a franking of 5 øre only had been used, established this piece of mail as a "Printed Matter" item. The franking as such however calls for more explanation. There was no shortage of regular 5 øre stamps at any time and no postal clerk would have used this kind of combination, which is rather complicated, to make up the required postage of 5 øre. We can therefore guess that the sender went to the local postoffice, with a 3 øre stamp out of his own stock already applied to the cover, and asked the clerk for an additional 2 øre stamp. Or, what might be even more likely, the sender was unaware of the fact that the NEW rate for printed matter had gone up to 5 øre! The postal clerk at the Skaale postal agency, having no

other way of supplying a 2 øre stamp, furnished a bisected wrapper and forwarded the cover to Thorshavn, where it arrived on January 15, 1919. We have herewith an excellent sample of a "local" Printed Matter piece.



(Fig. 2)



(Fig. 3)

The next cover, shown reduced in size (Fig. 2) carries a clear outside

marking "Tryksager", ("Printed Matter"). Posted at Thorshavn on January 11, 1919 and addressed to Copenhagen, it is an example of "inland" mail. It was not postmarked again on arrival at Copenhagen, since the practice of applying arrival postmarks to Printed Matter had been discontinued. Although it is impossible to say whether this cover was franked at the post office or from Private stock, it is very well possible that this bisected 4 øre stamp was indeed applied by the postal clerk. Records show that on January 10, 1919, a supply of 5 sheets of 4 øre stamps was still on hand at the Thorshavn post office, a "last reserve." If the bisect was applied by the postal clerk, it is in striking contrast with the following cover, as pictured with Fig. 3. This cover, also clearly marked "Tryksager", displays a bisected wrapper, cancelled Thorshavn, January 21, 1919. Although there is a slim chance that Thorshavn had a few wrappers left at that time, it is more than unlikely that any postal clerk would have used such, since Thorshavn had been using the 2/5 surcharged stamps since January 14th. There was no need at all to use any kind of bisect to make up a required postage of 7 øre. It can therefore only be assumed that the sender had a bisect left and took the opportunity to use it up. In conclusion, it might be said that the 3 covers, dealt with in this article, represent three different uses of bisected items on "Printed-Matter" mail. It is only hoped that more such items will be brought to the attention of the collector of Faroe Island postal history in order to fill the gap.

This writer would appreciate very much to hear from any fellow-collector who has in his collection any "odd" or unusual cover, where a bisect was used to make up a required postage. There are some covers known to exist, where more than one bisect was applied, for which there was no need whatsoever. Reports about any existing cover, displaying a postage of less than 7 øre or more than that, are worth while investigating. Also bisects in combination with postal stationery are scarce and should be recorded.

The President's Message

Our 25th annual meeting is now history. The membership has shown its interest to re-elect the officers and board members who have so earnestly served you during the year of 1960. We hope that during the year 1961 the Executive family, with the help of the entire membership will promote the S. C. C. to further prominence.

The year 1960 was a year of departure from traditions, exploration into the unknown for a new group of officers and a period of expansion, i.e., stimulating new members to bond into a new chapter. Favorable acceptance of our club was shown in the fact that 34 new members were accepted into S. C. C. in 1960.

During 1960 the S. C. C. became a National Society for the interest of Scandinavian Philately in the United States. The Chicago Chapter has helped to the extent of offering an outlet for national competition through COMPEX, of which they are a participating member. And lastly we have accepted into the official family Chapter #8 in Vineland, N. J. This group, a real live wire organization has gone so far as to employ the help of radio and T.V. in their home town for promotion. Our hats are off to them.

Because of the inactivity during 1959, your officers felt justified in authorizing a bonus issue of the POSTHORN to the membership. This issue contains a very fine study of the postal service in Greenland. Similar writ-

ings will be published as the material becomes available. At this point let me as your President, digress for a moment to express my sincere thanks to Ralph Danielson, Editor of the Posthorn and his assistant Earl Jacobsen for a job well done and also to advise the membership, that these capable men have consented to continue to edit the POSTHORN for the coming year. During the coming year the new constitution will be published and an up to date membership list will be mailed. In May the Chicago Chapter, which is celebrating its 15th successful year, will again participate in COMPEX and will offer to the general membership a chance to participate in an exhibition at a national level. As an added interest the Postal Administrations of the five Scandinavian Countries will display stamps in a Court of Honor at Com-pex. This is all due to the efforts of the Chicago Chapter President, Earl Jacobsen. Plan to see this fine exhibition in Chicago, May 27, 28 and 29, at the La Salle Hotel.

As the year 1961 progresses your officers and Board members are your eyes and ears for the continued success of the Scandinavian Collectors Club. Your desires and interests are our problem and we will serve you to the best of our ability.

—Roger A. Swanson

S. C. C. Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of the S. C. C. held December 8, 1960, the reports of various officers were read into the minutes and the election of officers as recorded from ballots received were made a matter of record.

Elected officers for 1961 are as follows:

Roger A. Swanson — President
 C. J. Michelsen — Vice President
 Robert P. Stevens — Treasurer
 Glen D. Larson — Secretary
 Olaf Olson — Board of governors, 1 year
 Paul Mead (Elected 1960 for 3 years) — Board of governors
 Unexpired term 2 years
 Axel Nielsen (Elected 1960 for 2 years) — Board of governors
 Unexpired term 1 year

Also at this meeting certain changes were voted and carried relative to the Constitution and by-laws:

Article 3, Section 4 was changed to read as follows:

"The President shall appoint a nominating committee of three at the regular meeting in October of each year. The nominating committee shall report its slate of officers at the regular meeting in November, at which time the secretary shall be authorized by the Board of Governors, to have ballots printed and mailed to the membership. Proxy blanks shall also be included in this mailing, enabling the absent membership to participate in business at the annual meeting in December."

Article 3, Section 5 was changed to read as follows:

"At the annual meeting in December, further nominations for each office may be made from the floor. Election of officers shall be by majority vote of ballots cast by members in good standing, and newly elected officers shall assume their respective offices immediately after the completion of the election."

Treasurer's Report

For Calendar Year 1960

Receipts

Membership Dues received	\$760.00	
Posthorn—Extra Copy sales at 50c	9.50	
Transferred Funds: (S. C. C. of N. Y.)	650.00	
	1,419.50	1,419.50

Expenses

	Printing	Mailing	
Publications:			
January 1960 Post Horn	52.50	36.02	
April 1960 Post Horn	151.90	31.46	
July 1960 Post Horn	103.20	20.70	
October 1960 Post Horn	132.50	35.00	
Extra 1960 "Greenland"	121.10	17.43	
	561.20	140.61	701.81
Corporate Expenses: (Non-Recurring)			
State of Illinois, Non-Profit		79.88	
General Office Expenses and Printing		131.55	
		211.43	211.43
Postage and Membership Mailings		111.50	
		111.50	1,024.74

Net Worth as of January 1, 1961

Balance, BEVERLY BANK, Chicago, Ill.		394.76
Balance, EMIGRANT INDUSTRIAL SAVINGS BANK New York, N. Y.		
Principal: From Transferred Funds S.C.C. of N.Y.	969.75	
1960 Interest at 3% %	40.69	
	1,010.44	1,010.44
		\$1,405.00

Robert P. Stevens, Treasurer

Chicago Compex 1961

The Chicago Chapter again invites interested members of the S. C. C. to show their best stamps in their section of Compex (Chicago combined philatelic exhibition) to be held at the La Salle Hotel in the Chicago loop May 27-29, 1961. Because we are celebrating our 15th anniversary we are trying to make the show extra special. Our exhibition will be under the honorary sponsorship of the combined Scandinavian consular corps of Chicago. Already we have promises from the governments of Norway and Finland of an official exhibit and we have good reason to expect that we will also have exhibits from Sweden, Denmark and Iceland. This alone should make the show worth while. So we hope also for a better participation from outside of Chicago than last year when the information about the show reached the membership too late. So get your pages ready and let us hear from you as soon as possible.

With this issue of the "Posthorn" we are enclosing the prospectus for your use. This exhibition is for competition so only the best is what should be shown at this top show. Trophies are to be awarded for Best in show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd places as supplied by the sponsoring club, the Chicago Chapter of the S. C. C.

New Issues

Word from Norway indicates that 1961 will be an eventful year for collectors of Norway. On Feb. 24, Norway will join with Sweden and Denmark with an issue of stamps for the 10th anniversary of the Scandinavian Airways System. Norway's commemorative will be a 90 ore stamp printed in blue with a design by Philip von Schontz showing the silhouette of a jet plane in flight.

One or more stamps will be issued Oct. 10 to mark the centenary of the birth of the Norwegian polar explorer and humanitarian Fritjof Nansen, who received the Nobel Prize in 1923 for his work with refugees.

We have a report from Norway that they might shift to line-engraving for production of their stamps. For 30 years the firm of Emil Mostue has produced Norwegian stamps by photogravure or offset lithography, but the Norwegian post office is now setting up its own security printing plant and is installing equipment for production of engraved stamps like those of the United States.

SWEDEN

Carl Gustaf Pilo, the Swedish rococo painter, will be the subject of a commemorative series of two stamps which Sweden will issue in March 1961.

Sweden plans issues of a series of stamps picturing winners of Nobel prizes, according to word from Stockholm.

December 10th is mentioned as the probable date of issue for this Nobel Laureates series but no information is forthcoming as to design or number of stamps in the series.

Sweden plans issue September 22nd of a series of stamps commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Royal Library in Stockholm, it is reported. A new 10 kroner stamp will be issued this year and the plan is to issue it in coil form.

FINLAND



On November 24th, 1960, Finland issued a series of three stamps for the benefit of the Finnish Red Cross. The postage values of the stamps were 10, 20 and 30 marks with corresponding extra charges of 2, 3 and 5 marks. The stamps were designed by the artist Olavi Vepsäläinen. The engraving was done by the stamp engravers S. Ronnberg (10+2 mks. and 20+3 mks.) and R. Achren (30+5 mks.).

First Supplement—Inclusive of Corrections— to the Greenland Postmark Catalogue

by R. King-Farlow and Eric Wowern

October 1960

Section I

1.	EGEDESMINDE	II g	28¼	16½	7¾	1938	- +
2.	FREDERIKSHAAB	II g	28½	16½	8½	1950	- 1958
2.	FAERINGERHAVNEN**	II g	28½	16¼	8¾	1950	- 1958
3.	GODHAVN	II g	27½	14½	7¾	1960	- +
2A.	GODTHAAB	II g	28	16¼	8¼	(1952)-	1958
9.	GODTHÅB	II g	28½	16½	8¾		29-10-1959
3.	IVIGTUT	II g	27¾	14½	7¾	1958	- +
3.	JAKOBHAVN	II g	28	14	8	1958	- +
(postmark "2" has been repaired in 1959)							
1.	JULIANEHAAB	II g	28¼	16	8	1938	- 1958
1.	KUTDLIGSSAT	II g	28¼	16¼	8¾	1938	- 1958
3.	SUKKERTOPPEN	II g	28	14½	7¾	1960	- +
6.	SRF. STRØMFJORD	II g	28¼	14¼	7½	23-2	- 1959
7.	"	saer.	25½	—	—	1960	- +
8.	" ***	saer.	34½	—	—	5-5	- 1960
3.	THULE	II g	27¾	14½	8	1958	- +
1.	TINGMIARMIUT	II d	27½	13½	8	1949	- 1959
2.	"	II g	28	14½	7¾	1959	- +

New postoffices:

Mesters Vig. East	Established (officially) September 1st 1959.
1. MESTERS VIG	II g 28¼ 14¾ 8¼ 1959 - +
Kap Tobin. East.	Established January 1st 1960
1. KAP TOBIN	II g 27½ 14¼ 7¾ 1960 - +
Nærssarsuaq West	Established January 1st 1960
1. NARSSARSSUAQ	II g 27½ 14¼ 7¾ 1960 - +

Section II

Ikamiut	by Egedesminde	established 15/8-1960
Kap Tobin	by Scoresbysund	discontinued 1/1-1960
Nærssarsuaq	by Julianehåb	discontinued 1/1-1960

Section III

7. Oblong rubber canceller 53 x 29 mm reading: "GRØNLANDS/POSTKON-TOR/date month year/KØBENHAVN K." Seen used 1956 and 1957. Purpose unknown.

Section V

No. 1 to be substituted by 1a and 1b

1a*)	DANSK NORDØSTGRØN- LANDSEKSPEDITION	VII h	34½	25	8	18-5-39
1b*)	"	VII h	34½	35	7	18-5-39

- *) These postmarks are applied to souvenir postcards only. Back in 1938 these cards sold at one krone, and they are consequently marked: "Pris: Kr. 1" in top left corner. There are two types of cards: A with long "i" in "Pris" and B with short "i".

As 5 different Copenhagen arrival postmarks have been used (September 16, 1939: K 18, K 19, K 20, and K 21 plus September 17, 1939: Kh. K) a complete collection of all possible combinations should therefore house 20 postcards!

**) This postmark must be extremely scarce. Only one copy is known.

***) There exist 2 identical copies of this postmark. The height of the figures "5-5-1960" is app. 3½ mm. Further a suspicious postmark with height of figures less than 3 mm has been noted.

COMPLEX 1961

Chicago, May 27-28-29

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

Scandinavian Collectors Club, Chicago Chapter

Please enter the following exhibit (subject to the regulations of the show).

I will need ----- frames.

Price for 1 frame is -----	\$3.00
2 frames -----	\$5.00
3 frames -----	\$6.00
4 frames -----	\$7.00

Add cost of insurance and return postage Total -----

Signature and address of exhibitor.

Valuation of exhibit -----

Single stamps with a valuation of over \$200.00 must be listed singly.

Send exhibit to

Exhibition Chairman S. C. C.
c/o Stamp Auction Service
30 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago 2, Illinois



Finland will issue a commemorative stamp on February 21, 1961, celebrating the Centenary celebration of the founding of the city of Mariehamn. This stamp will have a picture of the museum vessel Pommern. It was designed by Olavi Vepsalainen and engraved by R. Achren. The value will be 30 marks, the color will be green-blue.



Finland will issue a commemorative stamp March 26th, 1961, with a pictorial motif. This stamp was designed by Olavi Vepsalainen and engraved by S. Ronnberg. The value will be 5 marks and the color green.

GREENLAND



To mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment by Knud Rasmussen of the mission and trading station of Thule—the present Dundas—the Greenland Post Office issued a new Greenland stamp on the 24th of November, 1960. The stamp will be in red, the value 30 øre, and will have a picture of Knud Rasmussen. It was designed by Mr. Viggo Bang and engraved by Mr. Bent Jacobsen.

Greenland plans issue during the next few months of a new value for the definitive series in a folklore design, according to word from Copenhagen.

ICELAND



On November 29th, 1960, Iceland issued two stamps with designs of Icelandic flowers. The designs were by artists of Courvoisier S/A, La Chaux de Fonds, Switzerland. The printing was done by the same firm.

NORWAY

Norway issued a new postage stamp in November of King Olav V design, the value 35 ore. Color: brown-red.

In connection with the 100th anniversary of the Norwegian Sports Federation the Norwegian Post Office will issue 4 new postage stamps in the values of 20, 25, 45 and 90 ore. First day of sale will be March 15th, 1961. They will be perforated 13 with no watermark. Printed by Emil Moestue A/S, Oslo. Paper from Alvoens Papirfabrik, Bergen. Designed by Arne Johnson.



20 ore yellowish brown with picture of javelin thrower



25 ore green with picture of skater



45 ore red with picture of ski jumper



90 ore purple with picture of sailing boat

The Post Offices of Denmark, Norway and Sweden will issue, on February 24, 1961, a new postage stamp with the same design for the three countries in commemoration of the 10 year jubilee of the Scandinavian Airlines System—SAS.

The SAS is a syndicate grouping the following three national aviation companies in which the Governments hold 50 per cent of the shares: the Danish company "Det Danske Luftfartselskab A/S," founded in 1918, the Norwegian company "Det Norske Luftfartselskap A/S," founded in 1927, and the Swedish company "AB Aerotransport" founded in 1924. The SAS has been run in its present form since 1950. That year the Scandinavian Co-operation in Trans-Atlantic airway traffic, established already in 1946 was enlarged to the extent that all the airway traffic run by the three partner companies was co-ordinated to be run as a unity. The foundation of the SAS can be regarded as an element in the more and more enlarged co-operation between the Scandinavian countries in the economic and cultural sphere.



The design of the new stamp has been made by the artist Philip von Schantz and the engraving by Arne Wallhorn. The Swedish stamp is of the value 40 ore and its color is blue. The size is 27.25 x 20.5 mm. The stamps are in coils of 100 stamps.



The Norway stamp will have a 90 ore value, blue in color. The size of the stamp will be 27x21 mm. It will be printed by Emil Mostue A/S, Oslo, paper from Alvoens Papirfabrik, Bergen.

Sorry we do not have the value of the Danish stamp.

TRELANDIEN POST, which is Scandinavian and means THREE LANDS IN ONE POST, is the name of the post office on board the M/F Europafergen (Europa Ferry).

The ship is Norwegian but is sailing between the town of Varberg on the Swedish west coast and Grenaa on the east coast of Denmark.

On board the ship it is possible to use either Norwegian or Swedish or Danish stamps but only from one country at the time.

To have first day mail of the three Scandinavian Europa-stamps on the 19th of September 1960 a special card was formed and the idea was given by a young member of the Varberg Philatelic Club—18 year old Donald MacFie.

By sending this card first from Sweden with a Swedish stamp, then back again with a Danish one and then finally a third time over the Kattegat with a Norwegian stamp the whole collection was completed. The card was sold by "Radda Barnen" a Swedish organization for international children help.

CHICAGO CHAPTER MEETING

The January meeting of the S. C. C. Chicago chapter was held January 26th. The present slate of officers was reelected for 1961. President Dr. E. Jacobsen, Vice President D. McCoshion and Secretary Treasurer O. A. Olson.

Roger Swanson spoke on Compex 1961, saying plans and arrangements for the show were progressing very well.

Dr. Jacobsen said the Scandinavian Consults of Chicago would support the Scandinavian section of exhibits by sending exhibits from their respective countries for the show.

Ralph E. Danielson was the speaker; he showed part of his collection of the 12 ore Sweden (Scotts #8 and 9) with plate varieties, shades, covers, etc.

O. A. Olson, Secy.

THE NORWEGIAN KILO

A few years ago we bought a part of a Norwegian kilo—sealed and supposedly unpicked. We spent an hour or so going through the stamps and then talked the dealer into buying it back for a dollar or two less than we had paid for it. We felt we made money that way, because the stamps were completely useless.

In view of our own experience, it seems appropriate to give our readers a resume of an editorial comment on this subject which appeared in the official magazine for Norwegian Philatelic organization, Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift for June 1960.

Three kilos were examined, washed and sorted. Figuring the relatively few high values and commems at their full catalogue value and the rest at what they could be sold for, neither one of the kilos returned their original cost.

In contradistinction, an Icelandic ¼ kilo costing 109 kr. brought a Göteborg collector 280 stamps cataloging 523 kr. plus 468 stamps cataloging less than 1 kr. a piece. All in all a handsome return.

All of which just means that if you expect anything in return for your work with a Norwegian kilo, you are likely to be disappointed, that is if you don't collect modern Norwegian cancels.

Our own editorial comment! Only Norway Kilos are involved.

Odds and Ends from the Editor's Desk

A correction—or explanation—of the article in the last Posthorn about the Nyman essay of the Norway King Oscar issue. Horten Philatelist Club is printing this essay in a few hundred copies for its membership and interested collectors. Our reproduction was of a trial print of this printing. Hence the word "Pröve" on the face of the stamp. Naturally this does not occur on the real essay.

There was a slight mixup in the article by Abr. Odfjell. The heading 'Post offices in the Sogn og Fjordane fylke, formerly Nordre Bergenhus Amt, one hundred years'—should have been capitalized, and should have appeared above the Editors note.

We are sorry that we neglected to credit the article in the last Posthorn "Sweden S. G. 34" by Dr. C. P. Heywood to "Norden" a publication issued by Scandinavian Collectors in Hull, England. The editor, Mr. Ernest H. Wise, of 76 Plane St., Hull, England, had graciously granted his permission to print it, however.

The Posthorn received a letter from Mr. E. Lund-Haaland of 390 First Ave., New York 10, N. P., asking for possible additions to his collection of Norway or Norwegians on foreign stamps. His list by Scott 1961:

Bulgaria -----	#956	Dominican Republic ----	481
France -----	677	Germany -----	B337
Hungary -----	C60	Korea -----	162-163
Romania -----	1127	Russia -----	1882-2023
United States --	620-621-911		

We will add Sigrid Undset on a stamp of Turkey a few years ago, and hope that our readers will be able to help Mr. Haaland further.

We are glad to hear that last years president of the New York chapter, Mr. Carl H. Werenskiold, is recovered after a serious illness which kept him hospitalized for months.

It is always the job of the Editor to hound the membership for articles for the Posthorn. Actually we have had fairly good response to our request. We really have one Norway article that we could not get into this months issue, but one fact bothers us: by far the preponderance of material received in the last year has been by Norway specialists on philatelic problems of that country. Though we personally do not collect Norway, we really hold nothing against the country; but for the love of Pete, can't the Swedish or Danish collectors write, haven't the Icelander and Finns got problems that need to be considered too.

It would be easy to say that the Norway philatelist still has to catch up with us other Scandinavian collectors, but that just is not true! So come on

you Swedish, Danish and Finnish authors, sharpen your pencils and start writing!

At the annual meeting held December 8, 1960, and again at the January 26, 1961, meeting, Robert Stevens our Treasurer has gone on record stating that we have on our books over 100 delinquent members who are now receiving the "Posthorn" free of charge. Your dues statement shows what is now payable as of January 1961.

If you are one of these members who have let your dues payments lapse; please settle up before your membership is terminated by Board of Governors action.

The Posthorn is happy to acknowledge the receipt of the 1961 Norwegian catalogue, compliments of the Oslo Filatelistklubb. Naturally this catalogue is a must for any Norwegian collector; even though in our opinion it ought to contain more information about relative rarity and prices on early multiples. While the catalogue as a whole is a beautiful printing job, the new red colorplate is not as successful as the blue one; but colors are notoriously difficult to reproduce as accurately as they must be reproduced to have any value to a stamp collector.

The Scandinavian Collectors Club wishes to thank the publishers of two fine catalogs, Facit and A. F. A. for the advance copies received.

Editor's note: Collectors of Scandinavian Philately should have either one of these fine catalogs on his desk for reference. They are fine publications and a wanted addition to your library.

HELP HELP HELP

Both Editor and Secretary are complaining that some of our members have moved without sending them their new address. Please get the corrections in to the Editor.

S. C. C. Members In the News

The members of the new S. C. C. chapter in New Jersey, Mr. H. Bernstein, Mrs. A. Ludvick and Mrs. Rocco did themselves proud by gathering in several top awards in the 25th Sojex show in Atlantic City.

Ye editor, Danielson, walked off with the Grand Award at the Suburban Collectors show in Hinsdale, Illinois. He showed Sweden 1858, 12 ore Arms type (Scott No. 8 and 9).

We should think that this sort of information is of interest to the mem-

bership generally. Why don't we have more of it from our readers. Also why don't we hear anything from our west coast chapters and membership.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

The newly-formed Scandinavian Collectors Club held its first Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Rocco, secretary. There were 20 guests, and gifts of stamps were exchanged. They even had an auction.

THE FINNISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY HONORS CARL E. PELANDER

On December 15th, 1960, the much coveted Fieandt memorial medal was awarded to Carl E. Pelander by the Finnish Philatelic Society, for his original research in the stamps of Finland and for his promotion of Finnish philately. It is the first time that this medal has been awarded to anybody outside Finland.

The medal itself was struck to honor and commemorate Dr. Einar Fieandt, his life and work in the interest of Finnish philately until his death in 1936. While he worked in all facets of Finnish and associated philately, his best work was done on the Finnish occupation of Olonetz in 1919. The medal is awarded yearly.

The staff of the Posthorn and the whole membership of S. C. C. congratulate you Carl, nobody deserves this honor more.

Closed Albums

Edwin E. Elkins

Edwin E. Elkins was a past president of the Scandinavian Collectors Club, but after his wife's death resigned from many clubs. He was also past president of the Collectors Club of New York.

Mr. Elkins died in his home in Brooklyn at the age of seventy-six.

Tyson Nimick

Mr. Nimick of New Hope, Pennsylvania, died Tuesday, Dec. 20th in the Doylestown Hospital. He was a member of S. C. C. specializing in Danish West Indies and Denmark bicolors and Arms issue. He was a great philatelist and a nice fellow to know.

Support the S. C. C. by getting your friends to join

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- 179 Thomas Olsen
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