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MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

I am pleased and honored to have been selected to head the new officers and Board of the S. C. C. for the coming year, but it was only with some hesitation that I took on the duties of this office. It is a great responsibility, especially at this time and in this way, and will entail a great deal of work. For one thing, the dedicated members of the Chicago Chapter have done such a good job for the past seven years, that it is going to be difficult to equal it, let alone improve upon it. We all owe Chicago a debt of gratitude for stepping in and taking charge at a time when the club was at a low point in its fortunes.

However, change has been in the air for some time. At a number of meetings in the past year or two, in Chicago, at SIPEX, and other places, the future of the S. C. C. has been discussed. Many changes have been proposed: the selection of officers, the method of their nomination and election, the stimulation of chapters and liberalization of the rules regarding them, more services for the chapters and for the individual members, and lastly, improvements in the Posthorn. In short, steps to make the S. C. C. a truly international society, with proper representation and participation of all its members.

A few steps in this direction have been taken with the amendments that were passed at the annual meeting just held, and in the election of a slate of officers committed to carrying this process further. More will need to be done; some plans have already been discussed among the old and new officers, and proposals will be put up for action by the Board or the membership as appropriate.

To this end, meetings of the members as well as the officers are most important. Our By-Laws as presently written do not provide for a national convention, but they do allow for regional meetings, and we plan to hold several such in the course of the year. The first of these, at SOJEX in Atlantic City on April 14 to 16, has already been announced in their prospectus, and we hope it will be well attended. The second is expected to be held at COMPEX, in Chicago, May 26 to 28. We hope to have another in the fall, probably at NOJEX. At all of these we hope to get meaningful discussion and suggestions for the future course of the club.

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The Voice of S. C. C.

Hello! Goddag! Og (och) vel(väl)kommen!

And what sort of "editorial" is that? Well—it seems to me that when I now take over the editorship of THE POSTHORN, some sort of "Hi" is in order, although perhaps I am known to the majority of the members, anyway. And in the same breath, I certainly want to express the hope that you'll feel "at home" in the pages of your club magazine. So why the "welcome"? The Posthorn isn't new to you—you have been getting it for decades.

That's just the point. You have been getting the magazine. During some trying times, you only got a few issues, and at other times, the issues would be considerably late. The Posthorn will now come to you regularly, and with at least four issues in 1967, and hopefully more in 1968, finally to appear monthly! The Posthorn has always been a club expense, as you will have noticed from the Treasurer's Report for every year since it started. It will now become a self-supported enterprise, and this will be done by offering subscriptions to non-members and also solicitation of commercial advertisements, as well as the "Members' Bulletin Board" (see page 9). The Posthorn, therefore, will no longer be a financial "burden" to the Club, and the several hundreds of dollars thus saved will be used for other ways of promoting our cause. Then, too, The Posthorn will more and more become the means of carrying messages and announcements to members and chapters, thus filling a long-felt need among the membership. Some of these features will require space which has not been available in the past, and the "New Issues" column, therefore, will be discontinued. The various new issues of all the Scandinavian countries are quickly and thoroughly covered in the regular philatelic press, and included in the annual catalogs, and there is really no need to repeat this kind of information in The Posthorn. However, the many-times interesting background stories of the reasons for the issuance of certain stamps may well be the subject of an article from time to time.

Of course, The Posthorn will constantly attempt to bring you information of lasting value, such as research reports, new discoveries, studies, and other scholarly works on any facet of Scandinavian philately—so in this respect, there will be little change since this has always been the function of The Posthorn.

I hope that I shall be able to carry out these plans, and thereby furnish a certain "newness" to our magazine. It is to this "newness" I bid you welcome!

Once this has been achieved, I believe that all of us will read The Posthorn with a feeling of being "in touch" with the Club—in touch with members in all parts of the world—in touch with the many chapters—in touch with Scandinavian philately itself; past, present, and future. Then, THE POSTHORN will truly be the Voice of S. C. C.

In sending out "my" first issue of The Posthorn, I wish to express thanks and admiration to all past editors, especially past editor Ralph E. Danielson, who put up with so many difficult circumstances for so many years, and yet got us The Posthorn. Perhaps this tribute to him reflects the sentiments of the whole membership toward our members in the Chicago area, without whose help and assistance S. C. C. would today be a sorry lot. We recall how, unfortunately, S. C. C. almost collapsed several years ago, and how "Chicago" stepped in and saved the Club. Therefore, whatever success we shall enjoy now and in the future will actually be built on the foundation provided by our friends in the Chicago area.

Also, the whole membership joins in extending good wishes to the 1967 Club administration, headed by our new S. C. C. President Svend Yort. From

his message on the front page you can easily see in what direction our Club is going. With the cooperation of all members, it is simple to understand that great things can be done. Together, we will do them!

Reidar Norby

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1967 Annual Business Meeting of S. C. C.

Chicago, Illinois, February 2, 1967

Pelting Chicago and its suburbs for the first time in 100 years with a 23-inch snowfall in 24 hours, this local record blizzard forced postponement of the SCC Annual Business Meeting from January 26 to Thursday, February 2. This date was also jeopardized in the Windy City with an additional 6-inch blow which curtailed attendance, and forced the second cancellation of President Elect Svend Yort's flight plans from Washington to Chicago.

President Robert P. Stevens convened the seventh SCC annual business meeting to be held in Chicago. The Treasurer's Report (page 6) was presented by Jens W. Nyboe and accepted. The President appointed Paul C. Mead to audit the Treasurer's report and books, preliminary to turning them over to the new treasurer. A total of 182 votes were tabulated, including 175 ballots and proxies mailed to national headquarters. This is approximately 50% more than the past several years. After this it was announced that the new national officers effective with the close of this meeting comprise:

President — Svend Yort, Washington, D. C.

Vice-President — Herbert Bernstein, Vineland, N. J.

Treasurer — Robert P. Stevens, Chicago, Illinois

Secretary — Frank E. Shaug, Middletown, R. I.

POSTHORN Editor — Reidar Norby, Washington, D. C.

Board of Governors (1969) — William Stericker, Upper Darby, Pa.

Board of Governors (1968) — Mrs. Helen Rocco, Vineland, N. J.

Board of Governors (1967) — Willard S. Johnson, Hopkins, Minn.

The proposal (Art. 5, Sec. 2) that only 6 SCC members would be required to apply for a charter as a SCC chapter was passed with only 9 dissenting votes. There was a close race on Art 5, Sec. 3 (the question of requiring members of local chapters to be members of SCC) with 73 votes giving the majority to 50% (of chapter membership to be SCC members) and 68 votes cast for the 75% requirement. 23 were for remaining at 100%, while 18 did not vote on this issue.

Other amendments voted upon carried heavily in the affirmative, including and perhaps especially Sec. 4 (Art. 5) which provides that a member shall have one basic chapter affiliation, in which he may hold elective office, but he may be a member of other chapters. In that case, his basic affiliation shall be reported to national headquarters.

President Stevens reminds the membership that the last issue in March 1968 of LINN'S WEEKLY will be the Scandinavian Collectors Club special issue. And that a Western Regional Meeting will be held at COMPEX 1967 (May 27) where once again a 60-odd frame exhibit of Scandinavian philately will be presented in one section. Mr. Stevens also reported briefly on the plans discussed by incoming President Yort for this Western meeting, and an Eastern Regional Meeting at SOJEX 1967 (April 15) in Atlantic City, N. J. SCC has also reserved a Society Lounge at NOJEX 1967 (Sept. 21-24) in Newark, N. J.

The meeting closed with commendation and sincere best wishes to the newly elected officers, truly national in scope.

The Manuscript Cancels Of Iceland

By Robert A. Helm (822)

There has been great speculation about this type of cancellation. Little has been written, and widely scattered over space and time. The late Max Norgaard in his monograph on postmarks (*Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*) nearly twenty years ago mentioned manuscript cancels only in passing, and gave only one example: SKST, which stands for Skagastromd (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1

E. A. G. Caroe was more thorough and precise in his monumental work "Icelandic Posts 1776-1919," but only mentioned three others: RH for Raufarhöfn, OLV for Olafsvik, and SAURBAER for Saurbaer. Four additional examples (Arnholsstadir—Eski.—Skag.—Vidimy'ri) were shown at SIPEX, and yet another (H for Hrutafjordur) was shown at a meeting of SCC Chapter 9 after SIPEX.

In Iceland (August 1966) I had the privilege, through the courtesy of Mr. G. Briem, Director General of Posts and Telegraph, of examining the (late) Hans Hals collection, in which many unique examples exist. Other examples (not in the Hals collection) were also shown me.

To study manuscript cancels, one must go back to the year 1872. In the summer of that year, the Danish Ministry of Justice (which controlled Icelandic postal matters) instructed the High Sheriff of Iceland to issue rules for the guidance of postal officials, both the "Postafgreidslumenn" (Provincial Postmasters) and the "Brjefhirdingarmenn" (Mail Collectors). On October 31, 1872, the High Sheriff gave instructions for rates and cancels. Only the latter concerns us here

" No postmarks were issued to collection offices, the rule being that mail going forward should be cancelled on arrival at the first "Postafgreidsla" (Provincial Post Office) en route, while local mail destined for another "Brjefhirding" (Mail Collection Station) without passing a "Postafgreidsla" should be cancelled in ink, preferably with a cross, or by the name of the dispatching office written across the stamp in manuscript, if desired in abbreviated form" (Caroe, p. 43)

Manuscript cancels (also called pen cancels or ink cancels) are found as crosses, crudely scrawled or carefully drawn from corner to corner; parallel lines; or parallel lines with one or more diagonal slashes thru the lines (fig. 2).



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

As of August 10, 1966, thirty-three town names, town abbreviations, personal signatures, and single initials have been discovered. All but three have been identified as to place and/or person of usage. They are:

No.	Cancel	Post office, place used, position
1.	A-Scapt	Höfn in Auster Skaftafellssýsla
2.	Arnhólsstaðir	Arnhólsstaðir
3.	Brjánslaekur	Brjánslaekur
4.	Eski.	Eskifjörður
5.	Eyrarbakki	Eyrarbakki
6.	EBakki	Eyrarbakki
7.	H	Hrutafjörður, used at Borðeyri
8.	Haukadalur	Haukadalur
9.	Husav.	Husavík
10.	<u>Husav.</u>	Husavík
11.	Husavík Postkontor	Husavík
12.	Jon. 27/8 '18	Personal signature, location unknown
13.	Jon B. 27/8 '18	Personal signature, location unknown
14.	Keflavík 7-1-92	Keflavík
15.	Kjartan Helga. 20/10 '18	Hruni
16.	Kr. Danielsson 15/8 1918	Utskalar
17.	Lindarbrekka	Lindarbrekka
18.	Lon i.	Lon, Austur Skaftafellssýsla
19.	Olv.	Olafsvík
20.	Olafsvíkurbrjefhird.	Olafsvík
21.	Rh	Raufarhöfn
22.	R	unknown, possibly registration
23.	S. Gudmundsson	Vík (the Sheriff)
24.	S. Gudmundsson 1/10 '18	Arnessýsla, Selfoss (rubber stamped Arnessýsla)
25.	Saurbaer.	Saurbaer
26.	Saurb.	Saurbaer
27.	Selfoss	Selfoss
28.	Siglufjörður	Siglufjörður
29.	Skag.	Vidimy'ri
30.	Skst. Apr. 93	Skagaströnd
31.	Vidm.	Vidimy'ri
32.	Vidimy'ri	Vidimy'ri
33.	Vik	Vik

Some of these town-name-manuscripts were in use for a very short period of time and no longer used when a regular town canceller became available. For example, Eskifjörður received its provincial postmark in January 1873, and thus "ESKI" was not used for more than sixty days. And others are comparatively common. For example, RH (for Raufarhöfn) which was used from November 11, 1876, until the Crown-and-Posthorn canceller replaced it in 1893 (or 1894).

The earliest usage of manuscript cancel is probably "ESKI" (or any other provincial post office as yet unknown) since the provincial postmasters received the High Sheriff's instructions before anyone else. The latest known usage of a manuscript cancel is "Kjartan Helga" at Hruni on October 20, 1918.

It is interesting to note that many stamps are found with the manuscript cross (or initial, or town name) also cancelled with a regular town cancel, usually a Reykjavík type (Swiss). The mail collectors in some parts of the country apparently took no chances and cancelled all of the mail in ink, and not just the local mail.

Nine numeral manuscript cancels are also known and authenticated. I

have seen the following:

25 (2 copies, both within a Type I numeral ring)—44—96—148 (7 copies)—156—158 (Fig. 3)—160—171 (8 copies, all with Type I 171 cancel applied over the manuscript cancel)—260.

Many of these manuscript-pen-ink cancels are probably unique. Some examples have been illustrated, and a collection of slides of all known examples is being prepared. If any reader knows of, or has possession of manuscript cancels not included in the list, I would appreciate hearing about it (ideally with a sketch or photograph).

October 18, 1966, I came into possession of manuscript cancel "HK", so far unknown and unidentified (Fig. 4). Therefore, as of that date, there are thirty-four of these items known.

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TREASURER'S REPORT—1966

Receipts

Membership Dues—Received		\$1,504.45	
Booklet Publications & POSTHORN Copies at 50c each		77.65	
POSTHORN—Advertisements Paid		10.00	
SIPEX Lounge Contributions: Chapter 3	10.00		
Chapter 4	25.00		
Chapter 7	25.00		
Chapter 8	10.00		
Chapter 9	50.00		
		120.00	
		<u>1,712.10</u>	\$1,712.10

Expenses

Publications:	Printing	Mailing	
January 1966 POSTHORN (12 Pages)	\$ 84.00	\$ 45.77	
April 1966 POSTHORN (20 Pages)	129.65	38.75	
July 1966 POSTHORN (24 Pages)	178.25	31.91	
October 1966 POSTHORN (20 Pages)	109.00	46.38	
	<u>\$500.90</u>	<u>\$162.81</u>	\$663.71
SIPEX—S. C. C. National Meeting, Washington, D. C.			
Lounge Rental (10 days)		\$ 200.00	
Meeting Room and Refreshments (½ Contributed)		92.00	
Viking Awards—8 (at 50% cost—50% Chptr. 9)		45.00	
Planographed Brochure (4 Pages)		28.09	
		365.09	365.09
Membership List (800 Copies) 24 Pages and Cover		164.00	164.00
Normal Membership Expenses—General		173.47	173.47
General Office Expenses: Printing—Postage		248.62	248.62
			<u>\$1,614.89</u>
	Gross Profit in 1966		97.21

Net Worth:

Balance, Chkg. Acct.—First Nat. Bank, Chicago	\$1,289.61
Balance Svgs. Acct.—Emigrant Ind. Svgs. Bank, N. Y. C.	1,307.29
	<u>\$2,596.90</u>

Membership Report

Active Members (92 new in 1966)	540
Honorary Members	7
Life Members (Paid Up)	15
	<u>562</u>

Jan. 15, 1967

JENS W. NYBOE, Treasurer

Two Important SCC Affairs Coming Up!

Two of the more spectacular ANNUAL SCC activities are just around the corner. We refer, of course, to SOJEX 1967 in Atlantic City, N. J. and COMPEX 1967 in Chicago, Illinois. Many members will be interested in attending, as well as taking part in the competitions. So here are the details:

SOJEX 1967. April 14-16, 1967 in The Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

This event, which used to be staged in the fall, will from now on be a spring show, and without a doubt one of the more important philatelic events on the Eastern Seaboard. It is sponsored by the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, of which SCC Chapter 8 is a member club.

SOJEX features a Scandinavian section, and since Scandinavian entries have always been much in evidence, we certainly expect the same this year. Especially so this year, because SOJEX has been chosen as the site for a SCC Eastern Meeting, which will no doubt be of more impact than the usual Regional SCC meetings, and will as such draw more attendance from SCC members.

In addition to viewing the competitive exhibitions, visitors will have a good time at the various meetings of many nationally prominent stamp clubs and societies. As far as SCC is concerned, there is the traditional SCC meeting on Saturday, which as mentioned, will be quite important this time. The refreshments served at these meetings are worth the trip to Atlantic City . . .

Prospectus (with entry form) is available from Mr. Earl Rehman, 305 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N. J. 08037. The entries have to be in by March 20, so we ask those of you who intend to compete to get those forms filled in quickly and mailed without delay.

Chapter 8 Secretary Mrs. Helen Rocco expressed her group's sentiments thus: "Please emphasize that I expect to see a good many SCC entries to make us look extra good, so good that others will take notice!"

COMPEX 1967. May 26-28, 1967 in the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

This huge Mid-West Affair is sponsored by the Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland (COM-P-EX), an organization of several stamp clubs in the Chicago area. SCC Chapter 4 is a member club. Naturally, COMPEX also features a Scandinavian section, as well as a SCC Western Meeting (somewhat more than a Regional Meeting, as explained under SOJEX).

Chapter 4 Vice-Pres. Benjamin H. Cohen, who is also the SCC-COMPEX gobetween, plus one of the COMPEX directors this year, has sent the following:

"Chicago SCC Chapter 4 invites all SCC members to join us by helping to fill some of our 68 frames with outstanding Scandinavian material. The usual hospitality room for meetings, cocktail party and the popular Coffee Klotch will again be available.

This show of almost 1000 frames is always an outstanding one and offers a good opportunity to renew old friendships, make new ones, and see extremely fine displays. There is also a 40-table dealers bourse!

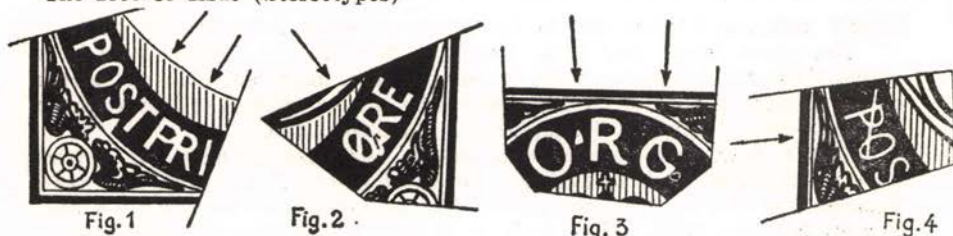
The show will be held in the same place: the Messanine floor of the LaSalle Hotel in downtown Chicago. Exhibition entry forms are enclosed with this issue of The Posthorn. Please note that the deadline is March 15, and early entries will help us considerably. Entries should be sent to me at 752 West Dempster Street, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056."

To which we can only add that COMPEX is such an experience that all members should make it their business to get there! The "Chicago snow" will be gone by that time, and in addition to the many attractions of COMPEX itself, Chicago is a good spot to spend some vacation days. For those of the members who haven't been there yet, wouldn't this be a good time to bring your wife to Chicago? She doesn't have to be at COMPEX all the time—there are some shops there, too.

Norway—Some Uncataloged Varieties of the 1883-85 and 1886-93 Issues

By Svend Yort (158)

The 1883/85 Issue (Stereotypes)



Stereotyped stamps are usually prolific of varieties, and this issue is no exception. The *Norgeskatalogen* lists a few, but there are many others equally prominent. Fig. 1 is sketched from a 3 øre (Scott No. 38, N. K. No. 41). A white spot in front of the "F" of Postfrim, has converted it into a "P," and joined it to the "R," making the word read "Postprim." In addition, there is a white triangular flaw at the bottom edge of the oval between the "S" and the "T." This variety was mentioned in the literature many years ago, but for some reason, *Norgeskatalogen* does not list it, neither does the Handbook.

Fig. 2 is taken from a 5 øre (Scott No. 39, N. K. No. 42). The "Ø" of "ØRE" is deformed at the bottom by a large white spot, which also touches the "R," and above this there is also a fine white line connecting the two letters. The Handbook mentions a variety with a "line joining the Ø and R," but as there is no illustration, it is hard to say whether this is the variety intended.

Fig. 3 is also a 5 øre (same issue) which has a large white spot between the "O" and "R" of "Norge," and in the "G" a curved white line joining the crossbar of this letter with the back, closing off the lower part of the letter. This variety is mentioned in the Handbook, but not in N. K., although it is just as prominent as many that are listed.

Fig. 4 is a 10 øre (Scott No. 40, N. K. No. 43). A fine white line runs vertically through the top of the "P" and the bottom of the "O" of "Postfrim." A variety is mentioned in the Handbook, "white line joining P and O," but this would hardly seem to be an adequate description of this variety, if indeed this is the one that is intended.

Since I have found only one of each of these, confirmation of any of them, especially Nos. 2 and 4, would be appreciated.

The 1886/93 Issue (20 mm)

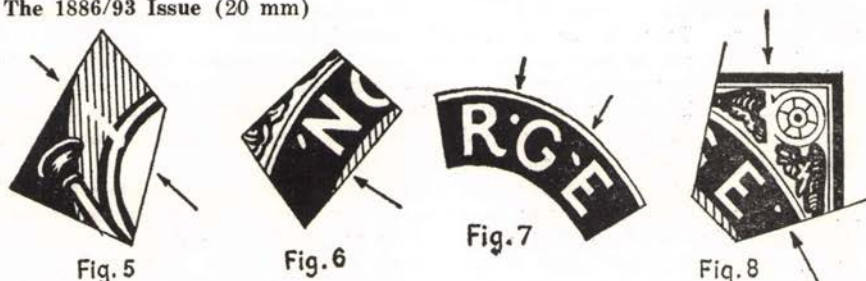


Fig. 5 is a 5 øre, Plate 1, Type 2 (Scott No. 39e, N. K. No. 52 I). A broad white gash runs diagonally across three or four of the background lines, and

into the outside line of the posthorn at the left. The inside line of the posthorn also has a dent on the inside at the point opposite this. In addition, the stamp is without period after "Postfrim". It is surprising that this is not listed, considering how much the "no period" varieties are hunted. I have two copies of this, mint and used, so there is no doubt about the variety.

Fig. 6 is a 10 øre, Plate 2, Type 3a (Scott No. 40a, N. K. No. 53 II), with a prominent white oval spot just before the "N" of "Norge." Of this I also have two copies. (It is mentioned in Vol. II of the Handbook as "white line in front of the N").

Fig. 7 is the same 10 øre, same plate and type, with two white spots in "Norge" (between "R" and "G" and between "G" and "E"). I have tried to indicate the shape and placement of these in the sketch: the first is quite round, the second more oval and slanting. I have two copies, and this variety is clearly identified in the Handbook.

Fig. 8 is a 10 øre, Plate 6 (Scott No. 40c, N. K. No. 53 VI). There is a break between the wheel in the upper right corner and the horizontal wing, which also affects the outer rim of the wheel, and in the colored oval there is a small white dot right below this and in line with the top bar of the "E." Strictly speaking, this is not an unlisted variety; it has been listed in Norges-katalogen at least since 1959, but under Plate 5, not Plate 6! Of course, this plate was No. 5 before the present Plate 2 was identified and inserted in the catalog, so probably someone simply forgot to change the reference when transcribing their notes, but it is a wonder that it has gone uncorrected so long. I wonder how many collectors have hunted for it in vain among their copies of plate 5!

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Elsewhere in this issue, the new Editor of THE POSTHORN, Ray Norby, explains some of his plans for our publication. This is of course the most important single item for all our members, and for our continued progress. It is an old cliché, but true, that collectively, you can get out of an organization such as ours only what you put into it, so I take this first opportunity to ask all the members to give him and me their support in our new endeavors.

Svend Yort

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MEMBERS' BULLETIN BOARD

Under this heading, The Posthorn will accept ads of very limited size, and from SCC members only. These "boxes" will have a text area of about 2x7/8" and be limited to 6 lines (fewer lines with heavier type) and sell for \$1 each.

Here's an opportunity for you to advertise your philatelic needs, and have hundreds of your fellow-members in a variety of places know what you're after. And you can offer stamps and other philatelic items for sale, too. Works both ways!

If your message is "dated" (has to appear in print within a certain date, or else become worthless) you must send your request (with payment) to the Editor by March 10 (for the April issue), June 10 (for the July issue), August 10 (for the Sept. issue). Further deadlines will be announced later. Here are a couple of (fictitious) examples:

WANTED

Norway No. 1 w/dbl foot.
Price no object. Write
Joe Blow, 10 Park St.
Stampless, Perf. 33836

Have Denmark #1 (Facit)
Want Finland #11 mint.

MARK GREEN
Box 1867, Mint City
State of Philately 77694

Advertising In The Posthorn

For several reasons we are anxious to attract advertisers to The Posthorn. Many members would like to know what's available where and at what prices, and if we can bring you such information, we consider it a service to the members. We expect the advertisers to pay a reasonable fee for the opportunity of "showing their wares"—and in our case, being able to show these "wares" to a 100% Scandinavian-orientated readership! This ad-revenue will help pay for the expenses of publishing the magazine, and go a long way toward our goal of freeing the SCC Treasury from such expenses. So—it's beneficial all around, and we urge our members to help solicit ads, at the following rates:

Full-page (text area approx. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 7''$) \$20.00 per insertion (\$25 for back page)
 Half-page (text area approx. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$) \$12.50 per insertion
 Quarter-page (text area approx. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$) \$7.50 per insertion
 1/8 page (text area approx. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 7/8''$) \$5 per insert. (same text 4 times \$15)
 1/16 page (Members' Bulletin Board—for SCC-members only) $2\frac{1}{4} \times 7/8''$ boxes with text limited to 6 lines, \$1.00 per insertion.

And to make the ad-getting a little more interesting, we offer a 10% commission—payable to the chapter of your choice—and trust that this will encourage all members to help boost the treasury of your chapter, and help The Posthorn reach its goals! Members who don't belong to a chapter may use their commission as donations to SCC's general treasury—or designate a chapter as the beneficiary.

However, we reserve the right to limit or otherwise regulate the number of ads. We don't want The Posthorn to become an advertising periodical—we just want enough to have the magazine break even, cost-wise!

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Scandinavian Stamp Mart

Want to buy the duplicates of other collectors? Want to sell your duplicates? Want to put your duplicates to good use—those you have been having around for years and never figured out what to do with?

Then the SCANDINAVIAN STAMP MART is for you!

As most of you probably know, the "Mart" has been in operation for nearly two years, and has proven a tremendous success. It is run by SCC Chapter 9 and is only open to SCCers. It's SCC's way of buying and selling stamps.

The system can help any SCC member, no matter where he lives, and whether he belongs to a chapter or not. Sales books of handy size ($5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}''$) are available at 15c each (obtainable from the Mart Manager or in many cases through the chapter you belong to). You place your duplicates in these books (mark them with catalog number and value, as well as your net sales prices) and enter them in the Mart by returning them to the Manager. And before long, your duplicates are being examined by anxious buyers throughout the land. After your book(s) has(have) reached a point where not too many stamps are left, it(they) is(are) returned to you with an accounting for the stamps sold (and a check), minus a 20% deduction for the services rendered.

On the other hand, you may not have (or want) stamps sold through the MART. But you might be interested in securing stamps for your own collection, and what better place than the Mart to "go shopping"?

The MART handles nothing but Scandinavian stamps and other Scandinavian philatelic items (covers and items which will fit into the sales books), and the selection varies considerably—from 5 and 10c items to \$100 and more (per item!). Not every Mart book contains such extremes, but after you have looked through a number of them, you will agree that the selection is splendid.

The Mart Manager is Arthur L. Lind, P. O. Box 4204, Long Island City, N. Y. 11104. You will find it worth your while getting in touch with him!

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Chapter 1—Seattle Washington

Meets every first Wednesday. Collectors Club, 908 East Madison St., Seattle, Wash.
 Secretary: Miss Harriet Hintze, 1312 University Street, Seattle, Wash. 98101

Chapter 2—Philadelphia/Delaware

Meets every third Monday, Liberty Federal S. & L. Bldg., 202 N. Broad St., Phila.
 Secretary: Mrs. Christine Blinn, 132 Progress Ave., Woodbury, N. J. 08096

January 16, 1967 saw the annual business meeting of our chapter, and the following officers were elected unanimously: President: Alpheus McCloskey, Vice-President: Peter B. Corson, Treasurer: John Hoyer, Secretary: Christine Blinn. What little other club business there was did not take much time, so that the members could devote sufficient time to the program of the day: A "clothes-line" exhibition of the members' favorites. Such items and subjects as North Ingermanland, Danish reminiscences, classic Finland, cancels on covers, free-hand drawings from commemoratives, first-flights of Finland, were viewed and discussed. The exhibitors were Pete Corson, Rob Rogers, John Hoyer, Christine Blinn, Al McCloskey, Bill Stericker. This kind of activity will undoubtedly be repeated at the chapter, possibly expanded to include prizes for the best exhibits, and perhaps judged by the whole membership à la Chapter 9.

Next meeting will feature Herbert Ert who will show UN Peace Force covers, and since Scandinavian countries are prime participants in that Force, it should prove more than interesting. That meeting will be Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Chapter 3—Detroit, Michigan

Meets every third or fourth Saturday, at homes of members on a rotation basis.
 Secretary: Vacant since death of William Sarenus—duties handled by Chapter President Verner Andersen, 12120 Payton, Detroit, Michigan 48224

Chapter 4—Chicago, Illinois

Meets every fourth Thursday, Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois
 Secretary: Alanson C. Schwarz, 744 S. Washington St., Hinsdale, Illinois 60521

What will go down in history as the "Chicago Snow" postponed our meeting, so that we got together on Feb. 2 (instead of Jan. 26)—with the snow still coming down! In spite of this, 12 members met for the Chapter's annual business meeting and got the following officers elected: President Fred Blood-

ow, Vice-President **Ben Cohen**, Secretary/Treasurer **Al Schwark**, with **Ben Cohen** doubling as Program Chairman.

A pleasant business transaction was the admitting of **Robert A. Sievers** as a new member, who by the way drew the door prizes and got himself the first! (and it wasn't a put-up-jcb, either—honest!).

Our next meeting will feature **Jens Nyboe** who will display and talk about his fantastic collection of Danish TB seals. That'll be February 23rd (without snow?).

Chapter 7—New York

Meets every 2d Wednesday, Norwegian Seamens House, Hanson Pl, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Secretary: **George Koplowitz**, 25 Stratford Road, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218

The January 11 meeting was the annual business meeting of our chapter, and President **Carl Werenskiold** marked the occasion by reviewing last year's accomplishments, such as the adoption of Chapter By-Laws and the many interesting programs which were presented. The election of new officers gave these results: President: **Robert Booman**, Vice-President: **Carl H. Werenskiold**, Secretary: **George Koplowitz**, Treasurer: **Birger Bendixen**, Program Chairman: **Hans Windfeld-Hansen**. **Walter Wolff** was appointed Auditor, and **George Koplowitz** continues as the chapter's MART Representative.

The meeting also took notice of member **Lorentz Hinrichsen's** recent tragedy, the death of his wife, and a fire and explosion which demolished his home.

George Koplowitz provided an interesting presentation of the early issues of Finland, supported by several pages from his collection. As is usual at our meetings, a lightning sale took place, conducted by "auctioneer" **Walter Wolff**. The rest of the evening was spent in browsing and sipping coffee and munching cake

Our meetings start promptly at 7:30 p.m., and we hope that all POSTHORN readers in the New York area will drop in and share the experiences and enjoyment which Scandinavian philately provides—the Chapter-7-way!

Chapter 8—South Jersey

Meets every third Tuesday, 405 North 9th Street, Vineland, N. J.
Secretary: **Mrs. Helen Rocco**, 405 North 8th Street, Vineland, N. J. 08360

January 17, 1967 was another red-circle-day: the monthly meeting of our chapter. But the attendance was bad because of weather (our jinx this time of year). Also, our President, **Cliff Bieber**, has had to move up north, being treated for his lung ailment in Philadelphia. Get well, Cliff!

But the members were busy inspecting stamps, which the chapter buys from time to time. The stamps are auctioned off, and by the time everything is sold, the chapter has made a profit—which goes into buying another lot. Which in turn means more fun at future meetings.

Of course, this time of year we are awfully busy with preparations for our participation in SOJEX, which we feel is going to be a good SCC showing, what with many top-level exhibits and the Eastern SCC Meeting.

It's been advocated before, but we would like to say it again: Our area is not jumping with Scandinavian-interested collectors, and we might perhaps at this time be one of the smallest SCC chapters. But that doesn't mean that we can't try to attract as many collectors as possible who might have Scandinavian interests. For this reason, it is very important for us to "advertise SCC" here, and we plead with all SCC members to please help us! We need to fill as many Scandinavian frames as possible at SOJEX. The more we can show, the more potential members we'll get! "If you need a SOJEX Prospectus, just let me know" says Helen Rocco. The more the better!

Chapter 9—North Jersey

Meets every third Thursday, Commonwealth Club, 551 Valley Rd., Upper Montclair, N. J.

Secretary: **Angus Todd**, 850 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, N. J. 07657

Meeting Jan. 19, 1967 had two main features: The Icelandic Wholesale Auction, and the annual business meeting with election of some officers.

Mogens Jacobsen was the auctioneer, with **Bradley Arch** and **Bob Helm** the tabulators. There were 108 lots of Icelandic wholesale material, fully described in an auction catalog circulated as a supplement to the December issue of the "Scribe." This, plus word-of-mouth and other "broadcasting," drew a lot of buyers to the floor, as well as mail bids. The success of the auction is perhaps best described by the fact that the total of all prices paid was more than double the anticipated estimate! Even dealers (nine of them) had bids in! Before 10 p.m., all lots had been sold for a total of \$777, the Treasury earning a 20% "take." We want to give special thanks to **Mogens Jacobsen** for his able handling of this affair, as well as the mail bidders for their support and the floor bidders for their enthusiasm.

With 24 members plus 2 guests, the annual business meeting was presided over by President **Vic Engstrom**. All matters were quickly handled, and included reports and progress of the MART, the SCRIBE, and the LITERATURE SERVICE.

Chapter 9's officers serve two-year terms, and only 3 offices were subject to election, which brought these results: President: **Victor E. Engstrom**, Secretary: **Angus Todd**, Program Chairman: **Thomas Cullen**. Completing the second half of their terms in office are Vice-President **Eric Soderlind**, and Treasurer **Gerald R. Engstrom**. **Vic Engstrom** then thanked the members for their support during the past year and briefly outlined activities for the coming year. He expressed appreciation for the work performed by **Art Lind** (MART Manager) and **Ray Norby** (Scribe Editor and SPLS Manager).

Chapter 10—Toronto, Canada

Meets every fourth Wednesday, 1224 Broadview Avenue, Toronto, Canada

Secretary: **William A. Daubert**, 8 Park Vista 206, Toronto 16, Ont., Canada

Chapter 11—Iceland

Meets every first Saturday afternoon, Cafe Holl, Reykjavik, Iceland

Secretarial duties temp. handled by **Sigurdur H. Thorsteinsson**, Box 26, Hafnarfirdi

It appears that all formalities have now been settled as far as our only overseas chapter is concerned (notice all the Icelanders in the list of new members) and news of the activities "out there" will be incorporated in this column as soon as the group gets its officers elected, and has settled down to "routine."

Chapter 12—Washington, D. C.

Meets every fourth Tuesday, Museum of History & Technology, Smithsonian Institution, Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Secretary: **Wade H. Beery**, 115 Amelia Drive, Manassas, Virginia 22110

Jan. 24, 1967 saw the first annual business meeting of the newest SCC chapter with 19 in attendance (16 members plus 3 guests). Prov. Pres. **Norby** opened the meeting by "stating for the record" the circumstances under which this meeting was called and declaring it legally in session for the conducting of the Chapter's business. It was decided that charter membership would be open to all who attended, as well as those who had attended previous meetings,

these to be added to the original 13 SCC members who signed the petition to SCC for chapter status.

The election of permanent officers gave these results: President **Reidar Norby**, Vice-President **William E. Bullard**, Secretary/Treasurer **Wade H. Beery** (who was also re-appointed as MART Representative). Program Chairman to be appointed at a later date.

Pres. Norby thanked the members for their support and enthusiasm, and paid special tribute to **Mrs. J. Robert Boatman** who has been serving as the Chapter's Prov. Secretary since its inception.

Ernst M. Cohn then gave an unusual presentation of Danish and Norwegian Crown-and-Posthorn "brevhus" cancellations. He showed such a multitude of examples of these little known cancellations, and that's what made his presentation so unusual. A most interesting and educational experience, which will probably result in more studies and interest in this particular field.

The meeting was concluded by the "usual" browsing and MART-books activity. We say "usual," because it seems that whenever and wherever Scandinavian collectors get together, everybody has something to tell or show everybody else!

Because of collision of dates, our Chapter will meet on the third Tuesday next month (February 21), thereafter to revert to the usual meeting day (fourth Tuesday).

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that I must report the death on Jan. 1, 1967 of
WILLIAM SARENIUS, SCC 244

He was one of the four founders of our Detroit Chapter back in January of 1942. He took a very active part in the Club—served in every capacity—won numerous awards for his outstanding collection of Finland—and also collected the other Scandinavian countries, plus U. S., Canada, Great Britain, and Germany. His last contribution was to again serve as secretary of our Chapter. He will be remembered and missed by all who knew him.

Verner Andersen, President Chapter 3

All members of SCC join this expression of sorrow.

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