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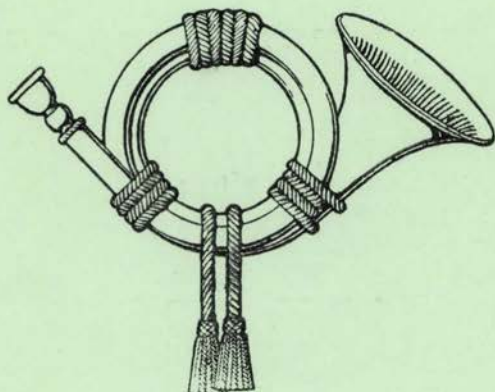
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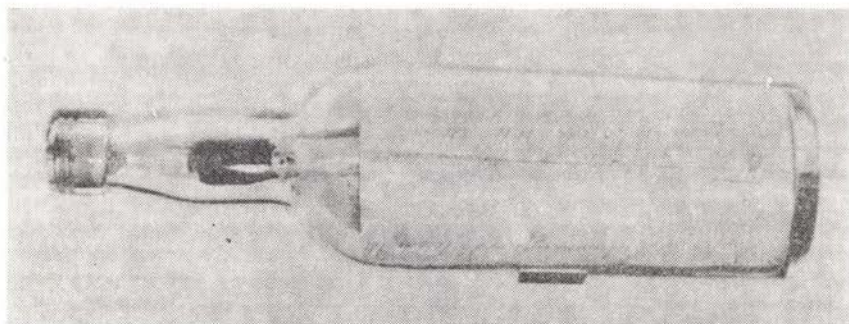
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Bottle Mail From Vestmannaeyjar

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The only whole bottle with letter and tobacco preserved at the Folk Lore Museum at the Vestmanna Islands

During the latter half of the last century, mail dispatches to the Vestmanna Islands were very scarce from the mainland. During the cod and halibut fishing season there were a lot of people from the mainland staying on the Islands during most of the winter. These people often needed to send messages to the mainland and so did the inhabitants of the Islands. These "guest workers" were mainly from the southern part of the country, so the distance was not so great.

It was first around 1870 that the medical doctor in the Vestmanna Islands started to try dispatches by bottle. People had noted that many different things floated from the Islands to the shore of the mainland in a short time, so that gave him the idea. The nearest shore was that of Landeyjasandur, the sand dune of the county, Landeyjar.

The first trials proved positive and the bottles floated ashore in Landeyjar in a surprisingly short time. It was established that some of them came over the strait between the mainland and the Islands in as short a time as 12 hours. Thus the bottles were thrown into the sea at the Islands when the wind blew straight off the Islands, ashore the mainland.

At Landeyjar and in the strait between the Islands and the mainland people say there is a stream that changes at tidal waters. At descending tide it streams to the east, but when the tidal waters are ascending (flowing higher) it streams to the west. The best and quickest way for the bottle mail was if the bottles were thrown into the sea when the tide was just starting to go up and the wind blowing off the Islands ashore Landeyjar.

This bottle mail became quite popular, and if the sender was careful he could rest assured the letter would reach its recipient. In the beginning there were no stamps, so the senders put a good bite of tobacco in the neck of the bottle to pay the finder for delivering the letter. A finger-long bit of chewing tobacco was the usual postage and well accepted by those living ashore who started to walk the strand after the wind had blown off the Vestmanna Islands to seek the bottles and the tobacco.

Although most of the bottles made it to their destination, some broke on the way, some got lost and some even took a trip to foreign lands.

Once a bottle from the Vestmanna Islands came ashore in northern Norway. I have not been able to find out what year but the story is well known

in Norway. As far as it can be traced, it was in 1890 and the story first published in 1897. It was a great surprise as no direct streams lead from the Vestmanna Islands to Norway. It is stated that the main stream, the Gulf stream, leads from Vestmanna Islands west to Reykjanes peninsula, then to the north at Western Fjords, and east alongside the northern part of the country. At the eastern fjords, the east Iceland stream, which is cold, streams south, bends to the east, and even reaches the coast of Norway, though it is cut off by the Gulf stream flowing north by the Norwegian coast. So this stream, the east Iceland stream, must have carried the bottle up to the Gulf stream by Norway where it flated ashore.

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Ballot Enclosed With This Issue

The proposed amendment to our By-laws which is the subject of the enclosed ballot was printed on page 82 in the August, 1978 issue of the POSTHORN. A letter to the editor appears on page 112 of the November, 1978 issue with comment on the same subject. Members are urged to refer to these published items, read them and the enclosed ballot with close attention, and vote their convictions within the deadline appearing on the ballot.

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SCC Regional Meeting At Milcopex

SCC members in the mid-west are gearing up for a regional meeting to be held in conjunction with the annual exhibition of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, MILCOPEX, to be held March 2, 3, and 4, 1979 at the Ramada Inn Airport. The theme of the show is "Aerospace: Past, Present and Future." In addition to SCC, there will be meetings of the Space Unit of the American Topical Association, First Day Cover Collectors of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, and the Wisconsin Blue and Gray Society, which specializes in Civil War items.

Judges for the 3-day show are David Bize, George Guzzio, and Sid Schneider. A judging seminar and judges' critique will also be featured at the show. The Grand Award winner is eligible to enter the APS Champion-of-Champions competition at STaMpsHOW '79 in Boston, August 23-26. The UNPA will operate a postal unit at the show.

The awards banquet on Saturday will offer a number of unusual souvenirs for attendees, including a ceramic tile. Can't wait to see it!

A prospectus was mailed to SCC members along with dues renewal notices in January.

Tentative plans to have another SCC regional meets at SOJEX in Atlantic City this spring have been cancelled. This was brought on in part by the unfortunate demise of SCC Chapter 8 in Southern New Jersey.

Our annual convention will be held at SEPAD in Philadelphia, October 5, 6, and 7, 1979. Last year frames were filled by the first week in August and the show was oversubscribed by 100 frames. If you want to get on the list for a SEPAD show prospectus, send a #10 stamped return envelope to SEPAD, Box F, Horsham, PA 19044.

The Board has already approved a national SCC convention for MEMPH-EX in 1980. Invitations for regional meets that year and for national convention sites beyond 1980 are welcomed. SCC will help towards local committee costs on regional and national shows.

—Alan Warren

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SCC ELECTION OF OFFICERS RESULTS

The following is the report of the SCC Election Committee.

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(Four other individuals received one vote each)	
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Wayne C. Sommer	2
Donald Himer	2

(Eleven other individuals received one vote each)

*Indicates those elected to serve SCC during calendar years 1979-1980.



Mail From Norway To France and the United Kingdom 1744 - 1844

By R. G. Jones

From time to time, any postal historian whose research is based on actual letters and entires, and not on investigations into Post Office and other archives, must accept that he is limited in that which he can explain. Any collector who has attempted to put together a collection of Norwegian pre-adhesive entires of the period covered by this article would freely acknowledge that, had not the archives of Huth & Co. of London and Schroder & Schyler Co. of Bordeaux become available, the scope of his collection would be very limited indeed. It is for this reason alone, and not personal preference, that this article is confined to mail from Norway to the United Kingdom and France.

I have covered a period of only one hundred years. Letters from Norway prior to 1744, and addressed abroad, are very few in number. I felt that little purpose would be served by going back before that date.

The first Norwegian handstruck mark was brought into use in January 1845, and I have confined myself to the period when Norwegian letters bore no indication of the town of origin, apart from a short period during the Napoleonic wars. The reasons why manuscript town names were used during this period will be explained later in the article.

The article is divided into four sections. In the transit of mail between Norway and the United Kingdom and France the importance of Hamburg is paramount. The first section from 1744 to 1806 covers the early years up to the date Hamburg was captured by the French and nearly all the Post Offices operating in the town ceased their business.

The second section, from 1806 to 1811, covers the short period when Hamburg was part of the Grand Duchy of Berg.

The third section, from 1811 to 1814, covers the period during which Hamburg became part of France and the Post Office was under the control of the Imperial French Post Office.

The fourth and last section from 1814 to 1844 covers not only the period following the collapse of France and the radical change in the map of Europe following the Treaty of Vienna in 1815, but also a very important change in the sovereignty of Norway. In 1814, following the Treaty of Kiel, the King of Denmark was forced to renounce his sovereignty of Norway in favor of the King of Sweden. This change was immediately repudiated by the Norwegians and a representative assembly convened at Eidsvoll prepared and adopted a national constitution on May 17th, 1814, electing as King, Christian Fredrick, later to become Christian VIII of Denmark. A Swedish invasion followed, and following negotiations it was decided that Norway should retain her independence and her new constitution subject to a merely personal union under the Swedish king.

SECTION ONE. 1744-1806

Mail to France

Prior to 1806, letters from Norway to France went through Hamburg,

where they were dealt with by the Thurn & Taxis Postal Administration, or through the United Provinces. Mail is therefore found with the transit marks of one or other of these administrations, depending on the route travelled.

Thurn & Taxis Postal Administration

The great majority of letters with the transit marks of this Post Office bear the words "Franco Hamburg" in manuscript, although in two cases Amsterdam was originally written and later deleted. One unusual letter was endorsed "Franco Basle."

The following transit marks have been recorded:

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|---|------------------|
| 1. Straight-line "Dallemagne."
Period of use 1744-1752. | DALLEMAGNE |
| 2. Straight-line "Hamburg".
Period of use 1752-1780. | HAMBOURG |
| 3. Straight-line "Hamburg".
Period of use 1780-1806. | HAMBURG |
| 4. Straight-line "Dænemark".
Period of use 1794-1806. | DÆNNEMARK |
| 5. Two-line R4
DÆNNEMARK
Period of use 1802-1806. | R4.
DÆNNEMARK |
| 6. Straight-line "DANEMARC".
Period of use 1806. | DANEMARC. |

Postage Rates

Not enough examples have been seen to be positive on the rates charged. These are recorded without comment.

1744. Frederikstad-Bordeaux	25 decimes
1756. Frederikshald-Bordeaux	25 decimes
1772. Trondheim-Bordeaux	34 decimes*
1787. Bergen-Bordeaux	34 decimes*
1793. Trondheim-Bordeaux	34 decimes
1795. Trondheim-Bordeaux	34 decimes
1806. Mandal-Bordeaux	19 decimes

These two letters were routed through Altona and bear a forwarding agent's cachet. All the letters bear Norwegian listing numbers on the reverse. None of the letters bear any French arrival marks, with the exception of the one endorsed "Franco Basle" in manuscript. This bears an unusual and interesting French handstruck mark—"EnNumre,," in red. Between 1789 and 1796 assignats were issued in France. These were intended to be used to purchase confiscated land. They soon lost much of their value and the French Post Office refused to accept them in payment for unpaid letters received from abroad. The "EnNumre" handstruck mark was used to indicate that the amount due should be collected in coin.

POSTAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED PROVINCES

The majority of entires seen are endorsed in manuscript "Franco Amsterdam."

The following handstruck transit marks have been recorded:

1. Straight-line "Hollande".
Period of use 1750-80.
2. Straight-line "D Hollande".
Period of use 1795-1804.
3. Straight-line "Hollande".
Period of use 1800-1806.

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Postage Rates

These are again recorded without comment.

1767. Trondheim-Bordeaux	30 decimes
1786. Trondheim-Bordeaux	34 decimes
1799. Trondheim-Bordeaux	30 decimes
1802. Trondheim-Bordeaux	15 decimes*

*This letter was routed via Altona and bears a manuscript forwarding agent's inscription. Unlike those letters routed via Hamburg, none of the letters routed via the United Provinces bear Norwegian listing numbers, probably because they were carried by sea direct.

Mail to the United Kingdom

Prior to 1795, mail from Norway to the United Kingdom was mainly routed via Hamburg. From Hamburg it was carried by the Amsterdam messenger of the Hamburg "Borsenalte," an organization of merchants who controlled the route to Amsterdam, among others. There was a straightforward reciprocal accountancy arrangement between the Post Office in Amsterdam and the Post Office in London. In 1795 Holland was overrun and conquered by France, and mail bags from and to England were diverted to Cuxhaven. In 1803 France occupied Hanover and the British mail was again diverted, first to Tonningen and then to Husum in Holstein.

None of the entires I have seen from Norway to the United Kingdom during this early period—and they have been very few—bear any transit marks. One letter dated December 29th, 1770, bears a manuscript endorsement of a forwarding agent in Amsterdam. The letters on arrival in the United Kingdom appear to have been treated as "Ship letters" and the postal charges marked in manuscript appear to confirm this method of charging. The letters normally carry an arrival mark, either in the form of a Bishop mark or a Foreign office handstruck mark.

SECTION TWO. 1806-1811

Mail to France

Hamburg was captured by the French on November 16th, 1806. Napoleon created for his brother-in-law, Joachim Murat, a new enlarged Duchy of Berg. The original Duchy of Berg had been an ancient German Duchy. The Post Office established by the Grand Duchy replaced most of the existing foreign Post Offices in Hamburg. The Grand Duchy Post Office started to issue handstamps almost at once, and during the short period of its life issued a great number.

I am restricting myself to those very few I have seen used on mail from Norway. The reason for this is perhaps historical. During the period 1664 to 1814 Norway had gone through a period of increasing prosperity and increasing population. A great deal of this increase in prosperity was due to the timber trade with Great Britain. It is perhaps worth recording that by 1814 the population of Norway was 900,000 and had doubled since 1664. In 1807, Christian VII of Denmark abandoned neutrality and embraced the cause of Napoleon. Norway, whose interests and sympathies were closely linked with Great Britain, suffered great and immediate damage from a British blockade and was more or less cut off from Denmark, so much so that a separate administrative commission had to be set up. It is easy to understand why the amount of mail going through the blockade was small.

GRAND DUCHY OF BERG

1. Straight-line "T.G.D.HAMBOURG"
Period of use 1806-1807.

T.G.D.HAMBOURG

2. Three-line "DANNEMARC. par
Hambourg. 4. B.G.D.
(Date)"

DANNEMARC. par
Hambourg. 4. B.G.D.
20 AVRIL 1807.

- Period of use 1807.

3. Two-line
"Dan. p. HAMBOURG. 4.
(Date)"

DANN.p.HAMBOURG.4.
19. AOUT, 1808.

- Period of use 1808.

Postage Rates

All the entires seen used during this period are marked "Franco Hamburg" in manuscript. They all bear Norwegian listing numbers on the back. The rate charged on all of them is 19 decimes.

Mail to the United Kingdom

During this period, and the period of the administration of the Imperial French Post Office in Hamburg, there was a blockade between Great Britain and this part of Europe. I do not doubt that letters got through, but they are not found marked with the transit marks of those towns in French control.

SECTION THREE. 1811-1814

In 1811 Hamburg became part of France and was given a Departmental number. From that date until the end of the French interrefnum in 1814 the Post Office of the Duc de Berg became an Imperial French Post Office.

Imperial French Post Office

1. Two-line DANNEMARC
P. HAMBOURG. R. 4
Period of use 1810-1812.

DANNEMARC
P. HAMBOURG R. 4

2. Two-line DANNEMARC
P. HAMBOURG
Period of use 1812-1813.

DANNEMARC
P. HAMBOURG

3. Straight-line R 4 HAMBOURG
Period of use 1810-1814.

R 4 HAMBOURG

Postal Rates

All entires seen during this period are marked in manuscript "Franco Hamburg" and have been charged 19 decimes. All letters bear Norwegian listing numbers on the back.

CENSORED MAIL

In the first part of this article I said that during the whole of the period covered, 1744 to 1844, letters from Norway bore no indication of the town of origin, apart from a short period during the Napoleonic wars.

By a Royal order of September 7th, 1807, any exchange of letters between Denmark—including Norway—and England was prohibited for security reasons. In order to prevent letters to England being sent via Sweden, from which there was a direct connection by ship from Gothenburg, no letter was to be sent to Sweden without being opened and resealed by the local authority. In December 1807 this inspection was extended to letters from all countries, and also on letters to Hamburg, where there was a Danish Post Office. In 1810 inspection was stopped on letters to Sweden and on February 5th, 1812 on letters to other countries, provided they were single letters. For heavier letters the sender had to certify that they did not contain any enclosures for abroad.

Since during his period Denmark was on friendly terms with Sweden, these provisions were not published or made public while they were in force. The letters opened under these instructions had, in addition to the town seal, the town name in manuscript—usually in a shortened form or an initial—placed on them. This is the first time that any indication of the town of origin is found on any letters from Norway.

I have seen letters which have been treated this way from: Christiania, Molde, Drammen, Frederickshald and Trondheim. All have been sealed with the official seal, but apart from the manuscript inscription they bear the same transit marks and have been charged the same rates of postage as other mail.

There is one letter which does not seem to follow the instructions given in the previous paragraph. It was sent on March 23rd, 1811, from Drammen to Bordeaux. It bears a manuscript "D", and was not re-sealed at Drammen. The letter bears the large and impressive seal of Stromstad, a town in Sweden. Did the Swedish Post Office know all about the censoring of mail after all? According to the official instructions they should not have done so, but this letter suggests that they did.

An Old Mystery Solved

The Icelandic Three-ring Numeral Cancellor 236 Was Used
At Flaga Letter Collecting Office in 1931-1936

By Sigurdur Thormar, Reykjavík, and Tore Runeborg, Stockholm

In recent papers in the POSTHORN there has been some speculation about the use of the Icelandic old three-ring cancel 236. Our findings, based on research over more than a year, might therefore be of interest to the readers of the POSTHORN.

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In his paper on Icelandic cancellations in *Nordisk Filатели* (1947 No. 6) Max Nørgaard wrote (here translated from the Danish): "The old Danish numeral canceller for Reykjavík, number 236, is seen used on a few later Icelandic stamp issues. It is found on the 1925 Landscape series and was, according to what Hans Hals of Stockholm advises me, in all probability used at Vatnsleysa (Arn.), which was opened 27 September, 1929. The error was corrected later with the issuance to Vatnsleysa of the correct one-ring numeral canceller 236 in the prevailing type."

We do not know who first doubted this. Anyhow, in a speech held in 1973 before *Föreningen Islandssamlarna* (Iceland Collectors Club), Stockholm, Per V. A. Hanner mentioned that there were several circumstances indicating that Vatnsleysa never got the wrong canceller. Two well-known Icelandic collectors, Jonas Hallgrímsson and Jon Adalsteinn Jónsson, took part in a meeting held at Stockholmia 1974 and agreed that the old cancel was certainly never used at Vatnsleysa. More probably it had been used at one or perhaps, in sequence, two branch post offices in Reykjavík. At that time it was also pointed out that the problem could hardly be solved until there appeared one or more letters, cancelled with the old 236 and bearing the address of the sender.

Not until late 1976 did a letter of this description appear, sold by an American auction firm, which kindly sent us a photocopy. This letter was franked with a 20 aur Gullfoss stamp, cancelled and bound to the letter with three-ring no. 236 (henceforth referred to as "236"). The sender's address was printed on the cover:

Letter 1 — Bjarni Runólfsson
Hólmi í Landabroti
Vestur Skaftafellssýslu
Ísland

It appears that in the summer of 1977 a collection of old letters was brought out in the Icelandic stamp market. It seems to have contained the following letters (letter no. 6 has not been seen by us but was described by Sigurdur H. Thorsteinsson in his paper in the POSTHORN May 1978):

Sender	Addressee	Stamp	Cancel
Letter 2		(Scott nos.)	
Björn Runólfsson	Jon Björnsson	145+145	"236"
Holti í Sidu	Nørrevoldsgade 22		(summer, 1931)
V. Skaft	Copenhagen		
Letter 3			
Ditto	Jon Björnsson	145+145	"236"
	Linnegade 28		(summer, 1932)
	Copenhagen		

Letter 4			
Sigrún Björnsdóttir	Ditto	145+145	"236"
Holti í Sidu			(summer, 1932)
V. Skaft			
Letter 5			
Ditto	Ditto	145+145	"236"
			(summer, 1932)
Letter 6			
Name not known to us but living in Skaftárdalur	Unknown to us	Unknown	"236"
Letter 7			
Björn Runolfsson	Jon Björnsson	146	HOLT SKAPT
Holti í Sidu	Askov Højskole pr. Vejen st. Denmark		22.11.1930
Letter 8			
Ditto	Ditto	145+145	HOLT SKAPT
			23.3.1931
Letter 9			
Sigrún Björnsdóttir	Ditto	146	HOLT SKAPT
			15.7.1932

(Bjarni Runolfsson and Björn Runolfsson are two different men.)

Jon Björnsson is alive and has told Sigurdur Thormar that he lived at Nørrevoldsgade 22 in the summer of 1931 and at Linnestgade 28 in the summer of 1932.

Research after appearance of letter no. 1

When we learned about letter no. 1 we were inclined to think that it had been mailed at Kirkjubæjarklaustur (henceforth called K.). The distance between Hólmur and K. is only a couple of miles.

Sigurdur Thormar knows the present postmaster of K., Valdimar Lárusson, whose father was post-master of K. in 1930, and interviewed Valdimar.

Valdimar said that he and his brother Siggeir, who had helped their father at the post office in K. in the 1930's, were both quite sure that the cancel used on letter 1, "236," had never been used in K. Valdimar knew very well what had happened in the post offices of Prestbakki and K. as regards cancels. He mentioned that póstafræidsla (PA=secondary post office) Prestbakki as long as it existed as PA had used the old canceller KIRJUBÆJARKLAUST, misspelled, with antique type letters and no year, and that K. as bréfhirding (BH=letter collecting office), i.e. before 1930, had used numeral cancel 42. When the PA in Prestbakki was moved in 1930 to K., a new canceller with date and year was issued to K. This cancel was of type "S II" (in Nørgaard's classification). K. had no other canceller until in 1965 it got a new one, type "S IV new". (In his paper Nørgaard said that K. also once had a cancel type "S I," but this is with absolute certainty a mistake.)

A third brother in the same family, Helgi Lárusson, was a friend of Bjarni Runolfsson and helped him with his foreign correspondence, as Bjarni did not know foreign languages. He reports that there was never a BH at Hólmur. Bjarni Runolfsson's widow, Valgerdur, further stated that the family was offered to take over the district PA when it was to be moved from Prestbakki

in 1930, but the offer was declined and no canceller had ever been in Hólmur. On the other hand, it was the postman's duty always to stop at Hólmur on his route.

We had now definitely found that "236" could not have been used in K. and had to start again from the beginning.

Many Icelanders, and also some Swedes and Danes, have considered—in view of the relatively large number of existing stamps issued in the 1920's and 1930's and with this cancel—that "236" can not have been used at a very small post office, such as a small BH. As they have thought it more probable that the cancel had been used in Reykjavík or perhaps Vík, Sigurdur Thormar started to investigate these possibilities.

The present post-master of Vík, Olafur Jónsson, was contacted. He had not been employed by the mail in the 1930's but had worked in the general store where the post-office was also housed. He could not remember that any other canceller than the VÍK of type "S I" had been used at that time at Vík.

Thormar further interviewed several people who had worked in the GPO of Reykjavík in the 1930's, all of whom said that "236" had not been used there at that time.

Research after appearance of letters nos. 2-9

Such was the situation when letters nos. 2-5 and 7-9 became known to us and a new search could be started. Our attention was drawn to Holt, which first had numeral cancel 218 and later got date stamp HOLT SKAPT, type "S I." Could Holt for some time also have used "236"? Or had the letters cancelled "236" possibly been sent over some other route?

Jon Björnsson, who received letters nos. 2-5 and 7-9, was son of Björn Runolfsson at Holt í Sidu. He has told Sigurdur Thormar that the letters sent by his family could be mailed over two different routes. Either they were left at the BH in Holt, from where they were transported to K.; or one could walk to Hólmur and there give them to the mailman. Hólmur could be reached without difficulty from Holt.

The mail route at that time went by horse from K. to Hólmur (which was a vídkomustadur—"stopping place"), then to Flaga, Herjólfssadir and Vík. From Vík the mail was transported by car to Reykjavík via Gardsauki. An extra mail route went from Holt to K.

Postman in this district was from 1897 to 1936 a man named Loftur. Loftur's son Bjarni, now living in Reykjavík, now and then accompanied his father on his ride with the mail. Bjarni says that all mail picked up at Hólmur was cancelled in Flaga, which was entirely in accordance with the rule that mail left to the postman should be cancelled at the first BH or PA that was reached.

The BH at Flaga was opened in 1917 and then got numeral canceller no. 22. In the summer of 1930 it got date stamp FLAGA (type "S I"), known used July 3, 1930 on a 20 aur stamp (Scott no. 146) in the collection of T. Runeborg.

But on December 1, 1930, the BH in Flaga was destroyed by fire, caused by lightning. According to Morgunbladid, the Reykjavík newspaper, everything in the house burned, only a cash-box and a couple of office ledgers were saved.

Now the appearance of "236" in this district can get its natural explanation.

The GPO in Reykjavík had to send Flaga new equipment, including a

canceller. Apparently this replacement canceller happened to be the old 236.

As said above, a date stamp FLAGA (type "S II") is known used before December 1, 1930, but as far as we know it was not until 1936 that a new date stamp FLAGA (also type "S II") came into use. It seems that the Icelandic mail did not have any new cancellers made between 1930 and 1936. A number of BHs were started during this time, but they did not receive any new cancellers of the bridge ("Swiss") type until after 1936. There are two distinct differences between the old and the new FLAGA postmarks of type "S I." The length of the name FLAGA is 13 mm in the old postmark and 14 mm in the new one, also the distances between the centers of the two outer stars in the lower part of the postmarks is 14.5 mm in the old postmark and only 12.5 mm in the new one.

In the period between these postmarks we find "236" on issues from Christian X first type—still much in use in the first years of the 1930's—to the M. Jochumsson issue of 1935.

It has been said that "236" can not have been used at a very small post office, such as a small BH, because the number of existing copies is relatively large. We do not find this a reasonable objection to the solution we have found. Our reasons are the following:

1. We know that the canceller was used for a rather long time, about 6 years.
2. We know that in this neighborhood lived several people who wrote many letters. Bjarni Runcdfsson was a rather big businessman (in electrical installations) and had a considerable correspondence both within and outside Iceland. And the family in Holt can be seen to have been fairly good letter-writers.
3. The "236" deviated considerably from all other types of postmarks used in Iceland at that time, which ought to have resulted in stamps cancelled "236" having been more noticed and saved for the future.

We thus consider us to have proved that the old three-ring numeral cancel 236 was used at the letter collecting office in Flaga, approximately from 1931 to 1936.

(Translated from the original in Swedish by Per V. A. Hanner, Stockholm.)

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DANISH COLONIES EXHIBITION

Sigurdur Thorsteinsson has written to ask "if anyone has seen this cancellation pictured, as a side cancellation on 1905 mail from Denmark. Ib Eichner-Larsen found it and published first, now I have asked people to try and locate it on mail. And, as one of my topics is "Iceland Abroad," I would appreciate any knowledge. It was used at a Danish Colonies Exhibition in Copenhagen Tivoli in 1905." Mr. Thorsteinsson's address is Kirkuvegi 8, Hvammstanga, Iceland.

—Barbara LeBlanc



The Post Offices Of Finland

By Ed Fraser

How quickly do our readers realize that the current Pori, Porvoo, and Raahe are actually the common cancels formerly using the names Björneborg, Borgå, and Brahestad? I find that some of the philatelic literature and auction catalogs use the current Finnish name rather than the historic or Swedish name that is on the 19th century cover or cancel being described. It is unfortunate that the current practice is not to use the historic name when discussing philatelic history, or at least using both names together.

To solve the problem, I have made up a good reference list giving the present or Finnish name of the post office, followed by the historic or Swedish name. I have put dashes before and after the ones that are the same for both. Many small post offices of the late 19th century are not included to keep the list manageable, even though they may be common enough cancels of their period.

In a few cases the historic Swedish name is more commonly used even today, rather than the current Finnish name. Also, in some cases the historic name is not a Swedish name. The name change is just a change from one Finnish name to a new Finnish name. As a sidelight, I have tried to indicate with an asterisk all the towns that are now behind the Russian border.

Current and/or Finnish	Historic and/or Swedish	Kaskinen	Kaskö
Alavus	Alavo	—Kastelholm—	
—Eckerö—		—Kausala—	
—Eura—		—Kemi—	
Evo	Ewois	Kemiö	Kimitö
—Haapavesi—		Kerava	Kerwo
Hamina	Fredrikshamn	Kokkola	Gamlecarleby, also Gamla Karleby
Hanko	Hangö	—Korpi—	
Hartola	Gustaf Adolf	—Kotka—	
—Heinola—		—Kouvola—	
Helsinki	Helsingfors	Kristiinankaupunki-Christinaestad, also Kristinestad	
—Herrala—			
Hikiä	Hikie	—Kuopio—	
Hyvinkää	Hyvinge	*Kurkijoki	Kronoborg
Hämeenlinna	Tavastehus	Kymi	Kymmene
Iisalmi	Idensalmi	*Käkisalmi	Kexholm
Ikaalinen	Ikalis	Lahti	Lahtis
Ilmajoki	Ilmola	Lappeenranta	Willmanstrand
*Impilahti	Imbilaks	—Lappila—	
—*Jaakimvaara—		Lappohja	Lappvik
—Joensuu—		Laukaa	Laukas
Joroinen	Jorois	Lauttakylä	Lautakylä
Juva	Jokkas	*Leipäsuu	Galitzina
—Jyväskylä—		—Leppäkoski—	
*Jääski	Jääskis	—Leppävirta—	
—Jämsä—		Lohja	Lojo
—Järvelä—		Loimaa	Loimijoki
Järvenpää	Träskända	Loviisa	Lovisa
Kaipiainen	Kaipiais	Maarianhamina	Mariehamn
Kajaani	Kajana	Mikkeli	St. Michel
—Kalajoki—		*Muolaa	Mohla
Karjaa	Karis	—Mustiala—	

Current and/or Finnish	Historic and/or Swedish	—Salo— Savonlinna —Simola— —Skarpens— *Sortavaala Suomenlinna —*Säiniö— Taavetti Tammisaari Tampere —*Terijoki— Tikkurila —Tohmajärvi— Tornio Turenki Turku —*Udelnaja— Urdjala Utti Uusikarlepvy Uusikaupunki *Uusikirkko Uusikylä Vaasa *Valkeasaari Vihti *Viipuri Vinkkilä	Nyslott Sordavala Sveaborg Davidstad Ekenäs Tammerfors Dickursby Torneå Turengi Åbo Urdjala Uttis Ny Carleby Nystad Nykyrka Nyby Wasa, or also Nikolaistad Walkeasaari Wichtis Wiborg Winkkilä
Mustio	Svartå		
—Mäntsälä—			
Naantali	Nådendal		
Nikkilä	Nickby		
—Nummela—			
Nurmes (K.L.)	Nurmis		
*Nurmi (Wp.L.)	Nurmis		
Nurmi	Nurmis (U.)		
Oitti	Ois		
Oulu	Uleåborg		
—Parikkala—			
—*Perkjärvi—			
—Pielisjärvi—			
Pietarsaari	Jakobstad, or Jacobstad		
	Björneborg		
Pori	Borgå		
Porvoo			
—Pulsa—			
Raahe	Brahestad		
—*Raivola—			
Rauma	Raumo		
—Rautalampi—			
—Riihimäki—			
—Routsinsalmi—			
—Ryttylä—			
—Saarijärvi—			
*Salmi	Sallmis		

Do any of our readers have a complete list of all Finnish Post Offices, but in Cyrillic print for help in working with the 1894-Bridge Type bi-lingual and tri-lingual cancels?

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HELP WANTED

William F. Smith, Jr. "needs assistance to locate U. S. suppliers of the Scandinavian Stamp Catalogs. . ."

He notes that the January, 1979 issue of LUREN notes the 1979 AFA catalog is available at \$7.95 postpaid from U. S. Marketing, 7520 S. E. 45th Ave., Portland, OR 97206.

The editor has received (Jan. 4, 1979) a considerable list of such current publications from Scandinavian International Philately, Box 8042, Rotterdam, Holland. Comprising the January, 1979 issue of that journal, for which subscriptions are available at U. S. \$8 (personal checks or banknotes, or an International Money Order, NO "bank checks") for one year (four issues), this effort of editor C. Nieuwland is of several years' standing and the claimed circulation is 300 as of the noted issue.

William D. Radford, 3750 Pau Ko Tuk Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54901 "Wants to exchange recent U. S. Stamps with a resident of Greenland for stamps of Greenland."

If you need help with your philatelic research, remember the American Philatelic Research Library, Inc., Box 338, State College, PA 16801 is available to you since SCC is now an APS affiliate! Write Librarian **Lois Evans** for details and information.

President's Message

A useful exercise for any organization is a self-analysis of its own strengths and weaknesses. The next step is to build on those strengths and remedy the weak areas. SCC is no exception, and we find many strengths of which we can be proud. First is our 43-year history as a philatelic specialty organization, which dates from its beginnings in the mid 1930's as the Finnish-American Stamp Club, through the maturing years as the Scandinavian Collectors Club of New York, and culminating in SCC as we know it today.

Secondly, we have a first rate journal in THE POSTHORN. The November 1978 issue hit 48 pages—one of the "fattest" in recent memory. The Stamp Mart does a tremendous volume of business for members, both buying and selling, and has been an extremely useful and valuable tool in building member collections and bringing Scandinavian collectors closer together.

We have an excellent library of specialty literature, which should be even more useful with the recent publication of the Library Index. Our medals and special awards programs bring recognition to outstanding Scandinavian philatelists.

However, we also exhibit some weaknesses that are in dire need of attention. Our membership roll has not grown dramatically in recent years, at least not at the rate of stamp collectors in general. Our chapters are a strength where they flourish, but several have been dissolved over the years, and others seem on the brink of expiring from time to time. Many need transfusions.

Our international image could use reinforcement, perhaps with closer ties to foreign Scandinavian collectors organizations.

With only a formal quarterly journal, communication to the membership is not as frequent as desirable. Ideas for SCC projects are often spawned, only to die prematurely for lack of someone to carry them out successfully.

There are probably other areas needing strengthening which will come to mind, and it is in all these areas that we need the help of our members. Suggestions for improving and expanding SCC's programs are welcome, especially from those willing to put their suggestions to work by taking on the project or chairing the committee which will bring the ideas to fruition.

We are fortunate to be able to start off the 1979-80 term with a good staff of volunteer workers, and I am pleased to announce and confirm the following appointments, subject to Board approval:

Editor of THE POSTHORN—Joe Frye
Business Manager of THE POSTHORN—Eric Roberts
Librarian—Stan Hanson
Publicity Manager—Marv Hunnewell
Membership Committee Chairman—Fred Bloedow
By-Laws Committee Chairman—Don Halpern
Parliamentarian—Wally Gaarsoe
Mart Manager—Wade Beery
Convention Planning Chairman—Eric Karlson

In addition, I would like to see a committee which would promote our publications including THE POSTHORN as well as the various monographs that are published as separate supplements from time to time. The promotion would be by entering these publications in the philatelic literature competitions at regional, national and international stamp exhibitions, which are receiving increasing attention. The Chairman of such a committee would

obtain the prospectus of those shows, here and abroad, which offer a literature competition, and enter the appropriate examples of our publications.

I have discussed this with our Editor, Joe Frye, who has respectfully declined to take on the job, as it would represent, in a very real sense, a conflict of interest. Joe is very active in working up guidelines for judging literature exhibits, and is also a frequent judge in this area. I agree it would not be wise or practical for him to promote SCC publications in these competitions. Therefore, will a volunteer please step forward?

Speaking of national shows, I see that SCC member H. F. Plesner took the Grand Award at PANPEX 78, held in Panama City, FL, with his Greenland Postmarks exhibit. John Peterson took the SEPAD Grand last with his excellent exhibit of 19th Century Postal Stationery of Sweden. Two Scandinavian literature awards were noted at STAmPsHOW '78 in Indianapolis—Mikko Ossa's "Suomen postimerkkien Väärenteita" with a gold, and SCC Chapter 17's monthly bulletin "Luren," edited by Paul Nelson, with a bronze medal.

On another subject, I recently had the pleasure of giving a talk at a meeting of Wilmington, DE Chapter 13. I feel one of the advantages they have in attracting and holding members is achieved by their having meetings on a rotating basis at members' homes. This technique adds a dimension of warmth and hospitality to the evening that other chapters should envy.

George Koplowitz, who has been working very hard on establishing the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation, reports that he has been successful in obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation from the Regents of the Education Department of the State of New York. He is now working on the IRS status.

One means of promoting SCC is by way of publicity. Whenever Marv Hunewell sends out a Press Release for SCC, it brings inquiries which usually result in applications for membership. I call on all officers, directors at large, chapter directors, and committee chairpersons to send any news to Marvin D. Hunewell, 6831 Ardale Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123.

By taking every opportunity to broadcast our accomplishments, we will increase the awareness of SCC throughout the philatelic community, and also attract new members.

We can see that SCC activity is going strong in many areas, but needs a shot-in-the-arm in some others. I challenge our members to pick up some of these loose threads and help collectively to build a better Club.

—Alan Warren

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Library News

By Stanley H. Hanson, SCC Librarian

Thanks to Fred Bloedow, Ben Cohen, Ron Collin, Harv Gudmunson, Gus Lund, "Doc" Melberg, J. Ronningen, Jack Schmidt, "Compex 79," Chicago Chapter #5, Norsk Filatelistforbund for library material. To Vic Engstrom and Alan Warren for slide programs for our AV Library. May we have the honor of placing your name for special thanks during 1979?

Put D-66-G and D-67-D back in the Library Index. We secured replacements for the two lost in the mails. Be sure to insure returned library material.

New listing of acquired material, as supplement #3, is in this issue. Keep your Library Index updated.

The SCC Library is the place for your photocopy of your collection. When having copies made, have some extras made. Bind them with the necessary identification and other pertinent information. So many research collections have been lost when the specialized collection is broken up on the auction block. Years later, those who want to do research are unable to do so because of the unavailability of the necessary material. Our Library, if we had the material, would be of great help to those who are seeking information on specific subjects. Vic Engstrom is the first to send a copy of his DWI collection. How about you?

SCC Library has in its Audio and Visual Department 15 programs. We should add about 10 more programs this year. Can we count on your support and help? Can you come up with a slide program of your specific favorite subject of your collection? The Library will pay out-of-pocket expenses for the extra slides. Share your joy with the SCC membership.

We are ready to serve you on your library needs.

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Librarian Stanley H. Hanson returned from hospital Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1979 following a fall on the ice and asks that those using the Library please understand that he will not be prompt in responses until about March, 1979. If you can withhold your requests for a few weeks, he'd appreciate it very much.

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- AV-15 The Definitive Stamps of The DWI, 1874-1917. Twenty-eight 35mm color slides. 8-page narrative. Plus 21-minute cassette. From Engstrom Collection.

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The Jubilee Cancellation

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2

A special cancellation was used at THINGVELLIR (ÞINGVELLIR) during the Festival on June 26, 27 and 28, 1930. It was the first special cancellation ever used by the Icelandic Postal Authorities. It must have been felt that there would be use for more than one canceler, so two of them were made.

In this special case when I state, "two of them were made," this means that not only were two of them made by the engraver, but two were also drawn and both drawings sent to the maker, so he did not dare but to make one from each drawing and an exact image.

There are slight differences in the two drawings. The following differences are the most significant:

1. The third beam coming from the sun on the left is under the middle of the letter N in fig. 1. That same beam is in direct line with the left upstroke of that same N in fig. 2.

2. There is a clear space between the sun and the top of the rock in fig. 1 in the upper right part within the inner circle. The top of the rock and the sun touch in fig. 2.

3. The left end of the rock comes nowhere near the inner circle in fig. 1. That same part of the rock touches the inner circle in fig. 2.

4. There are several differences in the drawing of the ground in front of the rocks.

Up to now, some experts have refused to take the canceler in fig. 1 as genuine. They thought it might be a poor falsification. But both these cancelers are in the possession of the Postal Authorities in Iceland and the strikes shown with this article are from those cancelers.

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The Postal Authorities collection of cancelers.
Folmer Östergaard: Altinstemler fra 1930.
Letters and singles in my collection.

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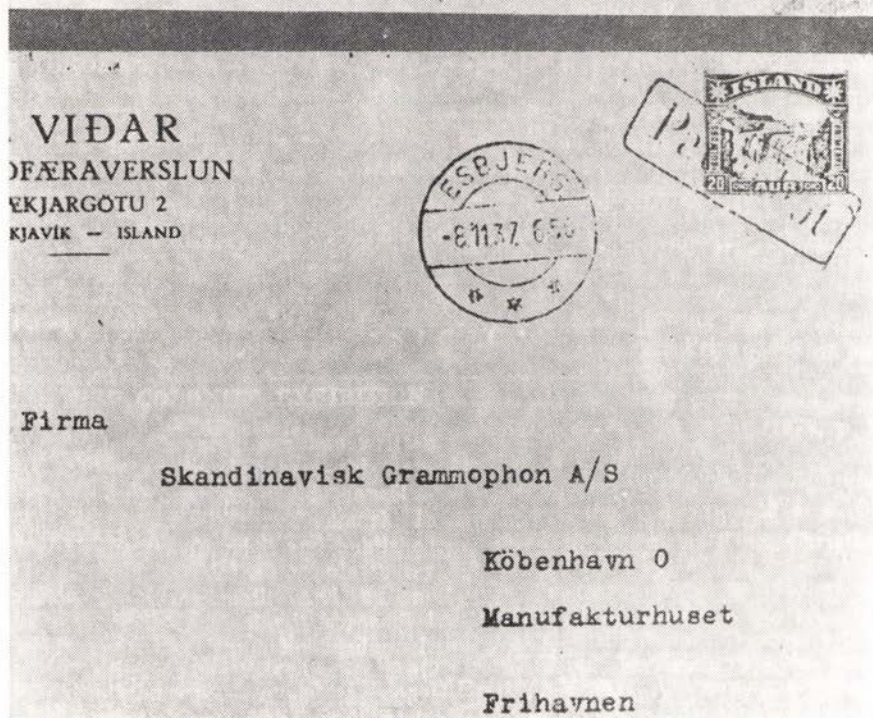
Icelandic Paquebot Mail

By G. G. Cass, England

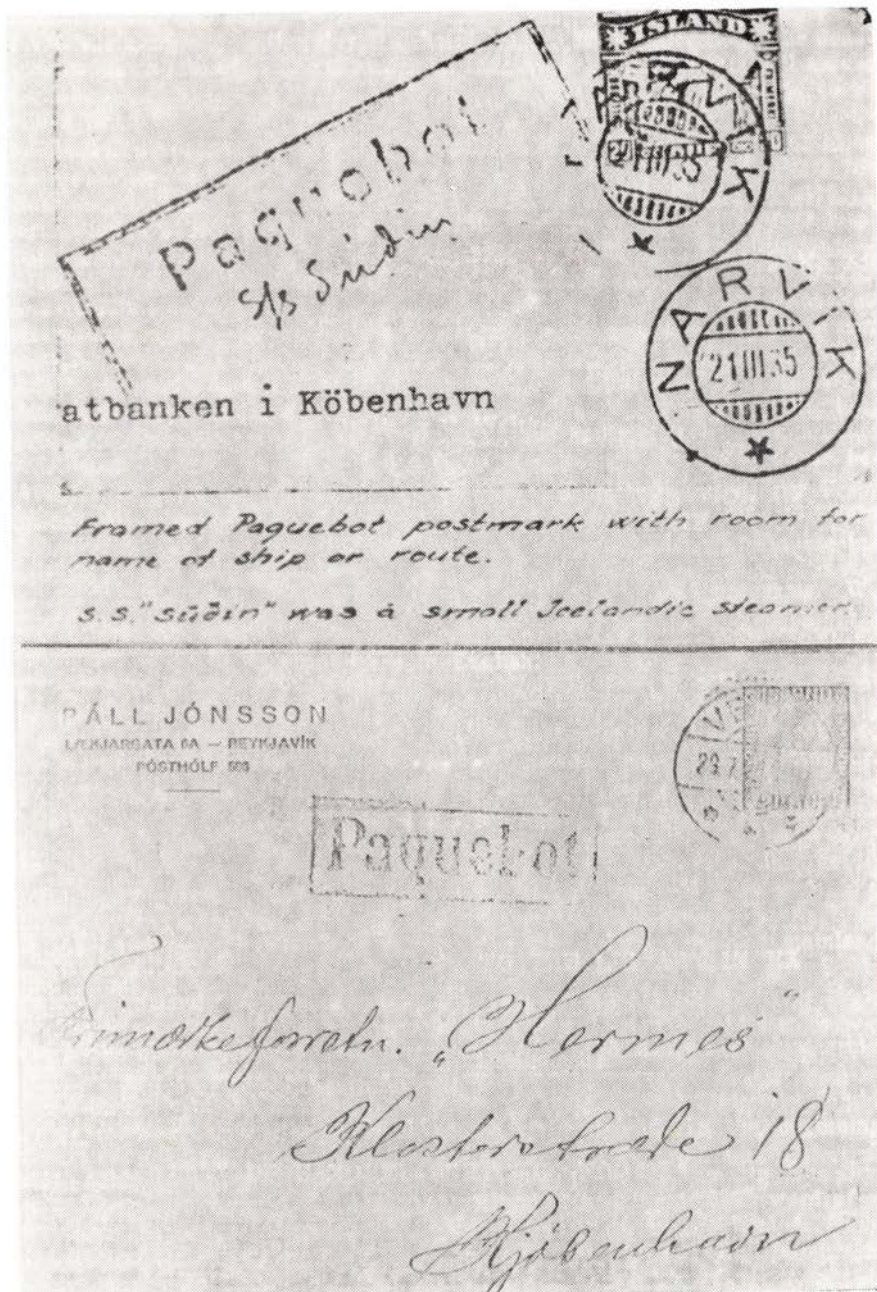
The interesting article by Roger Hosking in the November 1978 issue of THE POSTHORN, which included a listing of known incidence of paquebot markings on Icelandic mail, may be supplemented by the following informa-

tion:

A. (i) Cancellations—British Ports



Upper: Liverpool transit mark (type 55)
Lower: Esbjerg, Denmark cancellation (type 303)



Upper: Narvik, Norway cancellation (type 323)
 Lower: Vejle, Denmark cancellation (type 287)

Glasgow—169 (1938)
—other ports

Denmark:

Esbjerg—303 (1937)

Vejle—287 (1924)

Norway:

Arendal—319 (1921)

Narvik—319 (1921)

Fredrikstad—319 (1926)

(ii) Transits

Liverpool—55 (1902)

The writer believes that paquebot markings of other ports exist and will be happy to publish further lists from time to time if it is of interest to readers. The writer welcomes correspondence with readers interested in the subject of this short note and may be contacted at 63 Lumb Lane, Bramhall, Stockport, Cheshire, SK72BA, England.

Editor's Note: Mr. Cass has sent THE POSTHORN photocopies of these markings, four of which are illustrated.

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Chapter News

Chapter 2, Philadelphia—October meeting featured **Wayne C. Sommer's** slide program "Iceland's District Post Offices and selected Collecting Stations." November meeting devoted to planning for participation in SEPAD '79.

Chapter 5, Boston—Meetings now first Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m., Cardinal Spellman Museum, Weston, MA. Officers are Wayne Rindone, President, and Arthur J. Anderson, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

Chapter 12, Washington, DC—Regular meetings, 8 p.m. fourth Tuesdays except meetings in November on second Tuesday and December first Friday, room 1048, Museum of History and Technology, Smithsonian Institution, 14th and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC. Saturday sessions, for informal discussion, trading, and MART book review are held alternately in Maryland and Virginia. Remember that NAPEX '79 will be held at the Twin Bridges Marriott in Washington on May 3-6, and that the SCC's gold, silver and bronze medals will be available to the Jury if there are sufficient exhibits of Scandinavia-area philately.

Chapter 13, Delaware—**John Siverts'** program in November; family Christmas dinner and slide show in December; work and planning on the chapter's annual auction in January—this active and vital group meets the last Tuesday of each month at one or the other member's home. For details, contact Secretary-Treasurer of Chapter 13, **A. A. Gruber**, 27 Old Oak Road, Newark, DE 19711.

Chapter 17, Southern California—1979 is this chapter's 10th anniversary year. The 1979 officers include **Eric Roberts**, President; **Jerome V. V. Kasper**, Vice-President; **Don Potts**, Secretary and **Paul Lukens**, Treasurer. The Chapter Library compares very favorably in size and content with the SCC's National Library; their monthly journal **LUREN** and many other excellent benefits of membership are available to all philatelists of any place of residence. Details from P. O. Box 57397, Los Angeles, CA 90057.

Chapter 21—"Golden Gate" chapter officers for '79 include **Jerry Moore**, President; **Rene Reboh**, Vice-President; **Helmer Nielsen**, Treasurer; **Barbara LeBlanc**, Secretary and **Tom Olson**, Chapter Representative to the National SCC.

Editor's Mailbag

George D. Stribley writes, "On page 117 of the November, 1978 POSTHORN, no mention is made of Paquebot markings of Greenland. I have two covers—one cancelled 11-9-1940 at Godhavn, to New York, and the other from same location to Elizabeth, NJ, cancelled 3-10-1940, both with "Paquebot" markings." Thanks for the added information, Mr. Stribley!

SCC President **Alan Warren** has appointed **Victor E. Engstrom** and **Joe F. Frye** as SCC Representatives for the Society of Philatelic Americans and the American Philatelic Society, respectively.

Warren also announces that Chapter 17's newly-elected President, **Eric Roberts**, has taken over as POSTHORN Business Manager, releasing our long-time energy-cell member **Floyd Walker** from that post he handled so well.

The South Jersey chapter 8 of SCC has ceased to exist, Warren adds, and this cancels plans for a regional SCC meeting at SOJEX this spring.

Jay Smith sends a beautiful folder announcing an exhibition of "The Art of Norway," which will be held at the Minneapolis, MN Institute of Arts on Feb. 17-April 1, 1979 and at the Seattle, WA Art Museum on May 3-June 17, 1979.

The 1979 NORMA catalog of Finnish stamps has finally arrived and is available postpaid from **A. Hvidonov**, Box 1221, Great Neck, NY 11024. Unfortunately, the price was not stated in the letter bringing this announcement.

Congratulations to our elder scribesman **Carl H. Werenskiold** on his winning two silver and one bronze medals and the Harris Citation Award for his exhibits of Norway numbers 36 and 38 in 248 and 267 engraving types (a quarter century of "hard work" in assembling the material and the knowledge!) during 1978.

Capt. Howard F. Benson, Jr. ends a long and warmly complimentary letter of appreciation for the POSTHORN's contributing authors' efforts by suggesting that our Associate Editors consider, compile and submit a list of the five or six most important philatelic literature items dealing primarily with their specific country of interest to the POSTHORN editor. This listing will be published in the first available issue of this journal as soon as all the AEs have responded, and thanks a lot for the idea, Howard.

Benjamin H. Cohen responds to Victor E. Engstrom's "SCC's Role in Philatelic Judging" article, page 126 in the November, 1978 POSTHORN: ". . . regarding not putting a note on an exhibit page that a particular cover is the only one known to Turkey because it would insult the judges to tell them that. It is this attitude that empties the aisles a such shows as CAPEX rather rapidly. The sparse write-up on some collections, assuming that the judges know what they are seeing, is of little attraction to the collector who does not know what he or she is seeing . . . my point is that exhibitions are not just for the judges."

RECENT WINNERS OF SCC AWARDS

Barbara Le Blanc was recently awarded an SCC Bronze medal for her exhibit of "Postal History of Iceland" at PenPex-Pipex '78, which was held in Redwood City, Calif. Ms. Le Blanc also took the show's Grand Award for this exhibit. At the same show another one of our members, **Rene Reboh**, was awarded the show's Gold Medal for his exhibit of "Swedish Reply Coupons."

Mr. **Nels C. Nelson**, not an SCC member, was awarded an SCC Bronze

medal for his exhibit of Norway, at the Yakima Valley Stamp Show in Yakima, Wash.

Our heartiest congratulations to these individuals for their efforts in preparing and exhibiting Scandinavian philately.

Ronald B. Collin, Awards Chairman

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"NORWEX '80" COMMISSIONERS NAMED

The F.I.P.-patronage International Stamp Exhibition "Norwex '80" will be held in Oslo, Norway on June 13-22, 1980 at the Norges Varemesse, convenient to both the center of the city and the airport.

15,000 square meters of exhibit space will offer 3,200 frames in competition for philatelic awards, and a Philatelic Literature exhibit/competition will also be included in this event, which highlights the 125th anniversary of the adhesive postage stamp's use in Norway.

United States Commissioners have been named by the F.I.P. for "Norwex '80," and they expect to have available about mid-April, 1979 the first bulletin and provisional entry forms for both philately and literature divisions of the event.

To secure all bulletins and entry forms, send 5.00 U.S. funds to the appropriate commissioner:

(West of the Mississippi River)—Joe F. Frye, Box 22308, Memphis, TN 38122.

(East of the Mississippi River)—V. E. Engstrom, 1706 Gulf Shore Blvd., North, Naples, FL 33940. (NOTE—After April 1, Mr. Engstrom's address is 195-C Newport Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512.)

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Finland Happenings

A recent auction offered a totally "made-up" registered cover bearing all of the Finnish 1891 "Ringmark" stamps.

Though grossly "over-postaged" it was described as "an attractive and scarce cover. Probably one of the finest in existence. A great showpiece." It fetched \$2100.00.

The postage fee for mail going abroad at that period of time was 10 kopecks plus 10 kopecks for registry. The additional stamps on this cover would have been enough to insure the letter for thousands of dollars.

Would a collector of U. S. stamps have a rarity and showpiece if he displayed a regular postcard with ten \$5.00 stamps affixed and cancelled by the postoffice?

Please do not offer that the item was "philatelically used." This is nonsense! The postoffice will reject mail with less than the proper fee, but I cannot imagine them saying that an item bears too much postage.

To quote from the exhibition rules issued for ABOEX-79, in March, 1979, in Turku:

"Stamps, miniature sheets or other non-philatelic material designated by the FI as detrimentally unsuitable for philatelic exhibitions cannot be displayed at ABOEX-79. If any collector should include one (1) such item it must be covered and the entry so judged. A collection with several such items will not be judged at all."

Every collector should know the postal rates of his given interest to guard against purchasing "made-up" philatelic junk.

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News from Abroad

Turku will celebrate its 750th birthday with a 4-day philatelic exhibition which will take place at the end of march, 1979.

The Finnish stamp world states that the exhibition will be even bigger than NORDIA-75. Several members of our SCC Chapter are scheduled to exhibit. Many entries never shown before will be unveiled, plus loads of competitive and non-competitive displays. I will attend and give a full report.

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Another non-philatelic item appeared in a recent Swedish auction. From the 1889 period as usual, it is a cover bearing a 10 Mark "upper-corner" stamp and is not even registered. It was offered at a bottom price of 3000 SW. Kr. and enjoys the certification of a Swedish expert. Perhaps the "at-test" guarantees that the stamp is authentic but says nothing about the postage rate being incorrect.

The description is:

"A beautiful, but philatelic cover with 10m. 'VIBORG 23. X 00'. Cert. Gummeson ---- 3000."

It is possible that the word "non" has been left out of the text and should have preceded the word "philatelic." However, as has been stated before, (POSTHORN, Aug. 1978) this is another piece of non-philatelic junk.

It is incumbent upon the buyer to know his purchase. One can hardly fault the auctioneer for not being in-depth on postal rates.

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NIDARO EXHIBIT, Sept. 19-24, 1978, Trondheim, Norway

I was surprised and disappointed to see Finish "made-up" invalid items

on display. Most were from the "back-of-the-book" categories such as Aunus, Karelia, etc. Complete series of stamps neatly tied to covers and carefully cancelled were proudly included. Stuff like this is misleading to beginning collectors who often at high prices buy the junk. After all, they did see it on display!

Many wonder why a big European dealer bought so many Finnish items, including rarities, at Corinphila at high Swiss franc prices and rates and resold some of these choice pieces in the U. S. at a time that the dollar was way down. Strange economics!

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Perhaps it is because I receive so many catalogs from Germany and Sweden I have noted that the 5 and 10 kopeck oval stamps of 1856 really "go the rounds," especially in Germany. A stamp sold by one auction house may reappear a month or so later in another sale. This may be attributable to a paucity of material and the fact that these early emissions sell well, which invites speculation.

One such item, a 10 kopeck Finland #2 with "low box" cancellation was sold as Lot #1063 in a Sotheby Parke Benet auction in March 1978. It is rather smudgily cancelled with "KASKO 21 SEP 1857". The auction house noted in the description that there are "thin spots."

The same stamp reappeared in a later sale in Great Britain, Nov. 1978. This catalogue description makes no note of "thin spots."

I am not intimating that this is incorrect in any way. Dealers and auctioneers are entitled to bid just like any collector. It is the frequency of occurrence that makes me take note of the situation and pass it on to you.

So, collector, do not despair. What you miss today may show up again in a sale tomorrow.

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PLAUDITS!

Suomen Postimerkkien Väärenteita, (Forgeries of Finnish Postage Stamps) by Lehtori Mikko Ossa of Turku, Finland received a Small Gold in the Literature category of "Handbooks and Special Studies" at the 92nd Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society in Indianapolis in Sept., 1978.

Congratulations to Mikko Ossa and many thanks to the judges and the APS for recognizing the value of this treatise.

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"INVESTMENTS" in Stamps

Perhaps all SCC members should feel relieved and take advantage of the fact that their club offers much guidance in both general and specific interests. If the area is Scandinavian, anyone, no matter how neophyte, can reach an unbiased specialist for advice. In this connection, how do people without stamp knowledge become involved with the "investment services" now being offered in the philatelic press guaranteeing profits to anyone who will send them money? I doubt whether any one of these operations will offer Finland or for that matter Scandinavia. Please let me know should you find a Finland deal. I too could get rich!

. . . Mike Hvidonov

The 'Two-Ring' Postmarks Of Finland (1873-1893)

. . . A REVIEW, by M. E. Hvidonov

Juhani Olamo of Helsinki, Finland has compiled and written an extensive, well-organized study of the so-called, "double-ring" cancellations used by Finnish post offices during the 1873-1893 era. All the periods of varying postal indiciae of Finland's postal history have been studied and catalogued. The "double-ring" postmarks have been numbered as Type #6.

Mr. Olamo's treatise has been published under the sanction of the Philatelic Federation of Finland and issued as an official, integral segment of "Suomen Postimerkki Käsikirja," (Handbook of Finnish Philately). The previously-published volumes, 6 in all, were written during past years and are in Finnish only.

The book in review is part of a series covering an in-depth study of Finnish postal cancellations, and as a part of the handbook series. It is entitled, "Suomen Postileimojen" Käsikirja II (Finnish Postmark Handbook II). It is in Finnish but does include Swedish, German and English texts.

Part I of the cancellation research, for which accelerated work commenced in 1975, will be produced later, and hopefully will also include texts in other languages.

The "Foreword" explains that, inasmuch as the research of the earlier periods of cancellations has inadvertently usurped a great deal of time, Part II has been issued before Part I. This was necessary since the Finnish Federation thought it best to have this excellent work included as a part of the omnibus on Finland's stamps, as opposed to having it produced as a private printing.

In view of this and due to the fact that Mr. Olamo is a recognized authority in philately and research, the Board asked that it become part of the national effort with the proviso that they be allowed to add or alter the work—with the approval of the author—after consultation. Knowing personally the talents of the author, I suggest that very few corrections would be necessary.

Now, to the book . . .

Mr. Olamo describes the accelerated development of the Finnish Postal System from 1876 to 1889, with only 90 post offices handling some 2.9 million pieces of mail in 1876. This changed sharply to 222 post offices handling 16.4 million mail units by 1889.

The 2-ring, Type 6 cancellation designs came into use at the start of 1873, the earliest-known cancellation being Helsingfors, 2.2.73. He reasons that this cancellation was the result of an early experiment because post offices who were functioning, and newly opened post offices, continued to use the single-ring type of cancellations up until 1875.

To date there is no evidence to dispute the author's rationalization.

The writing covers in detail interesting facts concerning how colored ink cancellations came to be; forgeries; improper use of the cancelling devices, and their employment after the period of validity.

All the postmarks were beautifully prepared in line drawings by Mr. Veikko Ikonen. The artistic rendering of the cancellers was chosen as the method of display as opposed to the photographic means, and is quite understandable. In many cases the devices quickly broke down, producing thick, smudgy or generally illegible impressions. Some were in use for short periods of time, requiring that the drawings be "pieced" together from one or more items. The work of the artist is commendable.

The real "meat" of this volume is in the research. The postmarks are presented in alphabetical order rather than chronologically. Each item is accompanied by a clear, concise drawing. If more than one canceller was used by a town, there are additional illustrations and text detail.

Millimeter measurements of the outside and inside rings (when there are variances) are noted, and cancellation ink details are given for all postal emissions. Earliest and latest dates of usage of each are included when known.

Mr. Olamo describes in a simple table the estimated usage of each canceller, whether the device is of common or rare employment. He relates the use specifically to the issues of 1882, 1885 and 1889.

A rating of #1 would indicate that there were about 513 to 1024 known postal items with a specific cancellation and thus it would be rated "very common." If on this scale a canceller enjoys a #10, the item would be "very rare," with only 1-2 known. Intermediate evaluations are given, determined on the basis of available material to date.

Also detailed are the uncommon variations that became peculiar to the various post offices in Finland, among which are:

Ink dates applied by writing; postmarks that did not include the day, month or year or other detail; inverted characters such as upside-down 8's or 9's; scrambled dates (numerals in confused order), etc.

Writings like this invite collectors world-wide to search their albums and contribute to research. Mr. Olamo invites such response, and deserves the warm thanks of all interested in the world of philately.

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Editorial

The response to our November, 1978 issue—the "fattest" in recent memory—was warmly welcomed in my mailbox and on behalf of those who made it possible, the authors and contributors, those who took time to express their satisfaction and pleasure are sincerely thanked for having done so.

It has been mentioned to me from two sources recently that a huge backlog of material for the POSTHORN is on hand in the Editor's office. Nothing could be further from the truth! While it is fairly certain that some one to three "items," including perhaps one or two articles, on hand as of January 15, 1979—the copy deadline for the February, 1979 issue—may not find space in the February issues, that is ALL the copy on hand as of that date.

Yes, the February issue will be another "fattie." It seems to be widely accepted as fact that our journal is the major reward to the majority of our members for their continuing support and their dues payment. This editor, with the very close and kind cooperation and support of the SCC officers, intends to place as much quality content as can be procured in each issue.

Your continued participation in this effort by submitting news items, chapter news, special mention of specialized details or discoveries, to and including multi-part and in-depth studies on an issue or country is urgently desired and most necessary. Where your manuscript deals primarily with one of the countries' stamps—or a particular issue thereof—it should be sent to the Associate Editor (see list elsewhere in this issue) for that particular country, it least four weeks prior to the Editorial deadline for the issue in which you'd like to see it appear in print.

Deadlines for coming issues are:

May, 1979 issue—copy to Associate Editors by March 1, 1979; Editorial deadline is April 1, 1979.

August, 1979—copy to Associate Editors by June 1, 1979; Editorial deadline is July 1, 1979.

November, 1979—copy to Associate Editors by September 1, 1979; Editorial deadline October 1, 1979.

While a slight flexibility is always available for special reasons, the deadlines noted above should be adhered to as closely as possible. This will assure a continuous flow of material to our printer in good time for each issue to be mailed when you expect it.

During the coming four to six issues we hope to be able, manuscripts being provided in good time, to run a Special Issue of the POSTHORN for each of "our" countries—Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Finland . . . perhaps yet another for Greenland, D.W.I., the Faroes. Tentatively, the first such special issue will be that of August, 1979, for which anything dealing with SWEDISH philately is most earnestly solicited.

We will continue our policy of placing in print anything felt suitable for our readers and the journal as soon as possible. Unless a special reason applies, manuscripts will not be "accumulated" for these special issues except perhaps from one issue to the next subsequent issue when the next subsequent issue is the "Special issue" for that country.

. . . Joe F. Frye

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MAJOR GRANT FOR PUBLISHING AND TRANSLATION OF SCANDINAVIAN PHILATELIC LITERATURE

The American Philatelic Research Library, Inc., Box 338, State College, PA 16801 was the recipient of a \$10,000.00 grant in late December, 1978 for the specific purpose of translating and publishing deserving philatelic literature dealing primarily with the Scandinavian countries, where such works have not previously been published in English.

While the donor requests his name not be made public, it can be stated that he is a member of SCC, and he challenges any others interested in this most worthwhile effort to make their own contributions of funds in a like manner. He will match, subject to his discretion in any instance, any other contributions of this sort made at least for the immediate future, so this is your chance to double the funds you have available for the purpose. All such contributions are, of course, fully tax deductible.

A committee will be formed during the early part of 1979 to choose and handle details of publications to be translated and republished, and suggestions are welcomed by the chairman of the APRL Scandinavian Publications Fund, Joe F. Frye, Box 22308, Memphis, TN 38122 for both the members of that committee and possible publications for their consideration. Please give complete details with suggestions submitted—names, addresses, postal codes of individuals; the same for publishers or original works suggested for translation and republication, etc. Kindly be precise and correct, particularly in regard to titles and publisher information.

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COMPLETE SHEET of Denmark 1875 official 3 øre issue (one torn) for sale or trade. Part of margin ragged and missing; separations exist. James J. Reeves (SCC 2034), 2211 Murray Ave., Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Mini-Computers and Stamps

Demonstrated With Cancels On the Finnish Serpentine Issues

By Dr. Michael Adamowicz

(Computer Science Dept. Polytechnic Institute of New York)

A new development—the home computer—offers useful and entertaining assistance to philatelists. To demonstrate a simple data retrieval function, Dr. Adamowicz made up a short program for me to quickly identify town names on the single ring cancels used on the 1860 and 1866 serpentine issues.

Using a Commodore PET computer (which is a \$595 microcomputer which includes a basic 4K memory system with a Cathode Ray Tube screen, keyboard, tape cassette, and BASIC language interpreter), simple programs are made and stored on ordinary good quality audio tape (cassettes). The main limitation is the user's patience in entering data for storage. Since there are only about 84 different Finnish towns including those with and those without serifs, there isn't very much work involved. Typing in a full list of Swedish towns, for example would be much more tedious (but you would only have to do it once!). The mechanics of the program require the use of some symbols, say *, /, and +, for ä, ö, and å respectively for the three extra letters not in English, and a sign, say =, to use when a letter is visible but cannot be distinguished.

As written, the computer prints on the screen "String sought?" I can type in a letter or string of letters and/or "=" signs and request the computer to show all towns that this string would fit into. In a few seconds, the results appear. If the list is long, or if none are found, I can reexamine my cancel and try another choice. It also confirms to me that I didn't miss any possibilities.

As an example, on one cancel where I was only sure of one letter, an "M", because the cancel was double-struck with one strike slightly offset from the other. Entering "= M =" without serifs, I got back immediately "Loimioki, Tohmajärvi, Rautalampi." Checking the actual cancels in the Gummeson-Ossa-Stenberg book, "The Early Postmarks of Finland," clearly confirmed that it is Loimijoki. It is a blue cancel dated in 1876, and is listed in the book as a "can theoretically exist" item.

Anyone interested in a copy of the program can write to me or the Finland editor. Its usefulness on Finnish single-ring cancels is not great because the same end can be accomplished manually without great difficulty—albeit more slowly—but on inventorying and cross-referencing auction catalogs; covers and their dates, senders, cancels, and addressees; material expertized; etc.; the possibilities are certainly unlimited.

. . . E. Fraser (954) with Dr. M. Adamowicz

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\$2,549.95

CASH BALANCE, 31 December 1978

\$9,193.45

Checking	\$ 109.80
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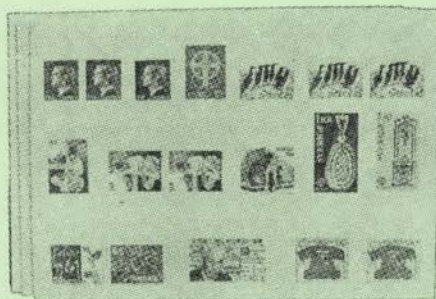
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