

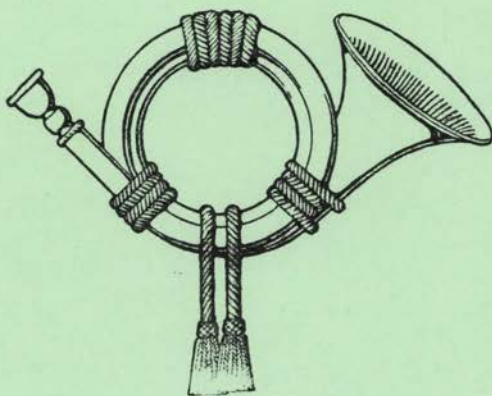
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The November 1983 issue will be a special edition commemorating the 40th year of publication of The POSTHORN.

We will not only feature the usual type of articles but will include also some of the historical moments for the Scandinavian Collectors Club.

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A New Approach

TO DANISH THREE RING, MUTE, NUMERIC, ALPHA-NUMERIC CANCELLATIONS

(1851 to 1900)

By Glen R. Hansen (SCC #2298)

(Part I)

AN AUTHOR'S FORENOTE

This series of listings and notes have been prepared to assist the author in the formation of a numeral cancel collection. In studying the available literature, mainly DANISCHE NUMERN UND STERNSTEMPEL, 1975/76 and DANISH NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS, Carl Emil Buyer, POSTHORN, October, 1946, (Vol. 3, No. 4), it seemed simpler to divide the existing listings into two logical sections, Pre-war and Post-war. A study of existing catalogues quickly showed that the 4RBS, 4S, and 4Øre values were the most logical stamps to utilize in formation of the collection which would be divided into the two chronological sectors.

Because of the numerous railroad cancels included in the numerals a study will have to be made of railroad postal history and some effort will also have to be made to find out more about the packet posts (local ship mail?) that seem to have been used.

Logically it would be most advantageous if a study group could be formed with perhaps a quarterly newsletter or some regular access to the pages of the POSTHORN. There are several interesting and basic questions to be answered when dealing with these cancels not the least important of which is language and spelling. This has particular reference to railroad cancels. JERNBANE is the Danish word, BAHNHOF is the German. Was the German word used in all instances for Schlesvig, Holstein and Lauenburg while the Danish word was used in Denmark proper?

A. Pre War.

During the years before the disastrous war of 1863-1864 Denmark had issued only its classic stamps, sometimes known as the square stamps. In 1851 the first of these stamps appeared on April 1st with the 4RBS. The first issue is known as a Ferslew printing although there is some serious question about whether Ferslew actually did print the stamps or only made the printing of the engraved burelage. A year later the first of Thiele printings appeared. In 1854 the dotted spandrel issues appeared and then were followed in 1858 by the wavy line spandrels. In 1863 the rouletted version of the wavy line spandrels appeared.

The dotted and wavy line spandrel designs were quite similar to the original 4RBS in appearance with the word KONGELIGT on the left margin being replaced by K G L and the word FRIMAERKE on the right margin being changed to FRM. RBS at the bottom was changed to S. These changes have been said to have been made to appease Schlesvig, Holstein and Lauenburg, all German speaking duchies within the Danish postal system.

Within this framework the 3 ring numerals of the pre-war period are usually collected on the following:—

- 4RBS Ferslew printings, April 1, 1851 to about May 1, 1852
- 4RBS Thiele printings, May 1, 1852 to about Nov. 15, 1854
- 4S Dotted Spandrels, Nov. 12, 1854 to about June 1, 1858



Dotted Spandrel



Wavy Line Spandrel

- 4S Wavy Line Spandrels, June 2, 1858 to about April 22, 1863
 4S Rouletted Wavy Line Spandrels, April 22, 1863 to end.

The Ferslew printings are very rarely found with 3 ring numerals as the issue was almost totally replaced by the Thiele printings when most of the 3 ring numerals began to appear. It would seem to be possible to form a collection of 3 ring numerals, up to 173, on the Thiele printings. With 174 appearing not to have been used, for some reason, 175 and up to 206 or 207 should be found on the Dotted Spandrel issue. 208 and up should be on the Wavy Line Spandrels. Any numerals over 225 found on any of the square stamps of Denmark would indicate late usage of the stamp.

The easiest way to gather together a collection of the numerals must be to concentrate on the 4S, both Dotted Spandrel and Wavy Line Spandrel. A few examples of 4RBS and of the rouletted 4S would be permissible but it would appear that cost alone, for most collectors, would militate against a specialized collection of the 4RBS, the 2RBS or of any of the other high priced square stamps. Quantities available would also have some effect as it is only in the 4RBS and 4S values that quantities printed reach figures that could be considered respectable.

In all four printings the 4RBS totalled just over 15,750,000 and the 4S Dotted Spandrels had over 33,000,000 stamps issued. The 444,000,000 of the Wavy Line Spandrels, imperforate, were augmented by the 12,000,000 of the rouletted version of that stamp.

The 4RBS has now been successfully plated with all 400 positions being identifiable. As well, each of the four printings appeared in many shades. Both these factors lead to some competition for the available copies from those who have no real interest in numeral cancellation. Even the 4S Dotted Spandrel issues have identifiable printings, six to be exact, and a certain amount of plating has been done.

B. Post War

Denmark capitulated on May 9, 1864, having seen all of Jylland to Limfjorden and Aalborg taken by the enemy. In the ensuing peace treaty Denmark lost all its duchies, Lauenburg, Holstein and Schlesvig and it was only after the war of 1914 to 1918 when a part of Schlesvig was returned as a result of a plebescite.

Denmark issued its first perforated stamps after the war in an issue that has become known as the Royal Emblems Issue. In this group the most readily available stamp is the 4S, of which just over 53,800,000 copies are known to have been printed.

In 1870 the Skilling values in the bi-colored stamps of Denmark were released and here a total of about 49,600,000 stamps of two major shades of the 4S were printed.

Five years later the Skilling issues were replaced by the øre values, and here the 4 øre, with 400,000,000 copies and the 8 øre with 446,000,000 copies are the most common.

Pre-War (1863-1864) Danish Numeral Cancels

#	Post Office	4 RBSk.	4 S. 1854	4S. 1858.	4 S. 1864
1	Kjøbenhavn	x	x	x	x
2	K.D.O.P.A. Hamburg	x	x	x	x
3	K.D.O.P.A. Lubeck	x	x	x	x
4	Aalborg	x	x	x	x
5	Aarhus	x	x	x	x
6	Aabenraa (*)	x	x	x	x
7	Assens	x	x	x	x
8	Bogense	x	x	x	x
9	Bredstedt	x	x	x	x
10	Burg, Femern	x	x	x	x
11	Cappeln	x	x	x	x
12	Christianfeld	x	x	x	x
13	Ebeltoft	x	x	x	x
14	Eckerndorfe (*)	x	x	x	x
15	Faaborg	x	x	x	x
16	Flensburg	x	x	x	x
17	Fredericia	x	x	x	x
18	Frederiksborg	x	x	x	x
19	Frederikshavn	x	x	x	x
20	Frederikssund	x	x	x	x
21	Friedrichstadt	x	x	x	x
22	Grenaa	x	x	x	x
23	Haderslev	x	x	x	x
24	Helsingør	x	x	x	x
25	Horsholm	x	x	x	x
26	Hjørring	x	x	x	x
27	Hobro	x	x	x	x
28	Holbaek	x	x	x	x
29	Holstebro	x	x	x	x
30	Horsens	x	x	x	x
31	Husum	x	x	x	x
32	Kallundborg	x	x	x	x
33	Kerteminde	x	x	x	x
34	D. Kjøbenhavn JB. P.	x	x	x	x
35	Kjøge	x	x	x	x
36	Kolding	x	x	x	x
37	Korsør	x	x	x	x
38	Lemvig	x	x	x	x
39	Lyngby	x	x	x	x
40	Løgstør	x	x	x	x
41	Maribo	x	x	x	x
42	Middlefart	x	x	x	x
43	Naksov	x	x	x	x
44	Næstved	x	x	x	x
45	Nibe	x	x	x	x
46	Nyborg	x	x	x	x
47	Nykjøbing Falster	x	x	x	x
48	Nykjøbing Jylland	x	x	x	x
49	Nykjøbing Sjælland	x	x	x	x
50	Nysted	x	x	x	x
51	Odense	x	x	x	x
52	Praestø	x	x	x	x
53	Randers	x	x	x	x
54	Rendsburg	x	x	x	x

x Possible

#	Post Office	4 RBSk.	4 5. 1854	45. 1858.	4 5. 1863
55	Ribe	x	x	x	x
56	Ringkjøbing	x	x	x	x
57	Ringsted	x	x	x	x
58	Roskilde	x	x	x	x
59	Rudkjøbing	x	x	x	x
60	Rødby	x	x	x	x
61	Rønne	x	x	x	x
62	Saxkjøbing	x	x	x	x
63	Skanderborg	x	x	x	x
64	Skive	x	x	x	x
65	Slagelse	x	x	x	x
66	Slesvig City	x	x	x	x
67	Sorø	x	x	x	x
68	Stege	x	x	x	x
69	Stubbekjøbing	x	x	x	x
70	Svendborg	x	x	x	x
71	Sonderborg	x	x	x	x
72	Thisted	x	x	x	x
73	Tonder	x	x	x	x
74	Tønning	x	x	x	x
75	Varde	x	x	x	x
76	Vejle	x	x	x	x
77	Viborg	x	x	x	x
78	Vordingborg	x	x	x	x
79	Wyck, For Island (*)	x	x	x	x
80	Aerøskjøbing	x	x	x	x
	These were the first 80 numbers assigned in 1852. All are in Denmark or Slesvig.				
81	Aarø Sund (*)	x	x	x	x
82	Frederiksvaerk	x	x	x	x
83	Garding (*)	x	x	x	x
84	Herning	x	x	x	x
85	Højer	x	x	x	x
86	Leck	x	x	x	x
87	Logumkloster	x	x	x	x
88	Mariager	x	x	x	x
89	Marstal	x	x	x	x
90	Rønnede	x	x	x	x
91	Silkeborg	x	x	x	x
92	Skjelskør	x	x	x	x
93	Storehedinge	x	x	x	x
94	Iastrup	x	x	x	x

81 to 94 were also assigned in the latter part of 1852 and these are all sub-post offices in Denmark and Slesvig.

N.B. (*) 6, 14, 79 and 83 were all in Slesvig and these numbers were not re-assigned when the war of 1863 - 1864 ended. 81 was also not used after the war.

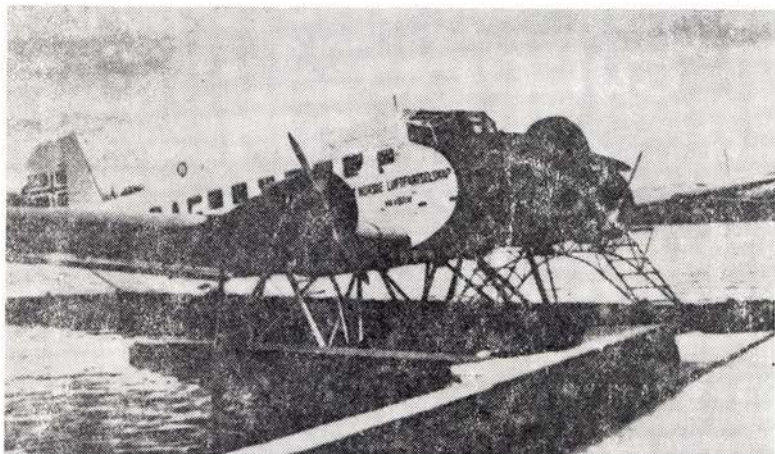
#	Post Office	4 RBSk.	4 S. 1854	4S. 1858.	4 S. 1863
95	Aakirkeby	x	x	x	x
96	Allinge	x	x	x	x
97	Augustenborg	x	x	x	x
98	Fjerritslev	x	x	x	x
99	Fredensborg	x	x	x	x
100	Gaabense	x	x	x	x
101	Graasten	x	x	x	x
102	Gudhjem (closed 1860)	x	x	x	
103	Hasle	x	x	x	x
104	Nexo	x	x	x	x
105	Nordborg	x	x	x	x
106	Skagen	x	x	x	x
107	Skjernbro (closed 1860)	x	x	x	
108	Skodborhus	x	x	x	x
109	Snoghoj	x	x	x	x
110	Stokkemarke	x	x	x	x
111	Svaneke	x	x	x	x
112	Saeby	x	x	x	x
	Allotted late 1852, early 1853 these are all small mail sta- tions in Denmark and Slesvig.				
113	Altona	x	x	x	x
114	Elmshorn	x	x	x	x
115	Eutin	x	x	x	x
116	Glukstad	x	x	x	x
117	Heide	x	x	x	x
118	Heilingenhafen	x	x	x	x
119	Itzehoe	x	x	x	x
120	Kellinghusen	x	x	x	x
121	Kiel	x	x	x	x
122	Lutjenburg	x	x	x	x
123	Meldorf	x	x	x	x
124	Neumunster	x	x	x	x
125	Neustadt	x	x	x	x
126	Nordtoft	x	x	x	x
127	Oldenburg	x	x	x	x
128	Oldesloe	x	x	x	x
129	Pinneberg	x	x	x	x
130	Plon	x	x	x	x
131	Preetz	x	x	x	x
132	Remmels	x	x	x	x
133	Segeberg	x	x	x	x
134	Uetersen	x	x	x	x
	Allotted July 1, 1853, these are all in the Duchy of Hol- stein. Re-allocated after the war.				
135	Ahrensboeck	x	x	x	x
136	Ahrensburg	x	x	x	x
137	Barmstedt	x	x	x	x
138	Bornhoved	x	x	x	x

#	Post Office	4 RBSk.	4 S. 1854	4S. 1850.	4 S. 1863
139	Bramstedt	x	x	x	x
140	Brunsbüttel	x	x	x	x
141	Crempe	x	x	x	x
142	Horst	x	x	x	x
143	Lunden	x	x	x	x
144	Reinbeck	x	x	x	x
145	Schwartau	x	x	x	x
146	Wandsbeck	x	x	x	x
147	Wilster	x	x	x	x
	Sub-post offices in Holstein.				
148	Lauenburg	x	x	x	x
149	Mölln	x	x	x	x
150	Ratzeburg	x	x	x	x
151	Bücken	x	x	x	x
152	Schwarzenbeck	x	x	x	x
153	Friedrichsruhe	x	x	x	x
	Post offices in the Duchy of Lauenburg.				
154	Blankenese L.P. 5.	x	x	x	x
155	Bordesholm L.P. 1.	x	x	x	x
156	Hanerau L.P. 2.	x	x	x	x
157	Kaltenkirchen L.P. 4	x	x	x	x
158	Lehnsahn	x	x	x	x
159	Schonfeld L.P. 3.	x	x	x	x
160	Schonwalde	x	x	x	x
	Holstein mail routes.				
161	Rendsburg R.R.	x	x	x	x
162	Altona R.R. Station	x	x	x	x
163	Kiel R.R. Station	x	x	x	x
	Holstein railroad centers.				
164	Rungsted	x	x	x	x
165	Slangerup	x	x	x	x
166	Humblebaek	x	x	x	x
167	Vedbaek	x	x	x	x
	Towns near Kjobenhavn allotted January, 1855.				
168	Rendsburg R.R. Terminal	x	x	x	x
169	Altona R.R. Terminal	x	x	x	x
170	Kiel R.R. Terminal	x	x	x	x
	Mail collection post offices at Holstein R.R. Terminals.				
171	Gettorf		x	x	x
172	Marne		x	x	x
173	Trittau		x	x	x
174	Not in use until after 1864. April 1855 additions.				

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The Last Flight Of The "Sea Eagle"

By Frederick A. Brofos



This is the sad tale of a pioneer Norwegian mail plane called the "Sea Eagle," or in Norwegian, "Havørn," which made its last descent in mid-summer of 1936. It is still remembered today, largely because of the tragedy of its crashing and destruction, which shocked everyone for a long time. Some of the mail it carried was salvaged with great difficulty and is now treasured by postal historians and airmail specialists. The Post Office applied a special explanatory handstamp (see illustration). I used to have two of these rare crash covers, but I donated one of them to the fine Norwegian Postal Museum which I always enjoy visiting when in Oslo. I notice that such covers have steadily risen in value from Kr 500 in 1978 to Kr 1500 in 1981.

Two interesting photos of the ill-fated plane are shown here. For the superstitious, it carried on its fuselage the somewhat ominous identification code LN-DAE (i.e., DIE!). It also carried a new invention, produced by a French communications firm. The outer part of this direction-finding apparatus was a round gadget which can clearly be seen in the photo, protruding from the plane's roof in front of the tail stabilizers. It was called an "RC-5 installation" or the "Busignies Automatic Radio Compass" after the inventor. As with so many crashes, there is a touch of mystery about what exactly went wrong. With no survivors and plane parts scattered over inaccessible mountain tops, one can only speculate.

The "Havørn" was a 3-motor "Junker W52" plane, one of several often run with German pilots by DNL—the Norwegian airtravel company. It had been used to inaugurate the Oslo-Bergen airmail route in 1935, from which trip special cacheted first-flight covers exist. Later it was used on the Bergen-Trondheim-Tromsø airmail route. It was here, on June 16, 1936, a few minutes past 7 in the morning, in a thick fog, that the plane crashed into Mount Risenika in the Lifjell area near the mouth of the Sognefjord. The plane was smashed to bits and all aboard—3 passengers and 4 crewmen—were immediately killed. It was considered the worst disaster up to that time in the early air traffic history of Norway. An extremely difficult and dangerous rescue operation was undertaken to remove the bodies and the mail from high up on the mountain top.



The violet cachet applied by the Post Office translates: "Re-found mail from "Havørn." Most of the salvaged letters appear to have been returned to the senders by the Bergen Post Office, who made an additional notation to that effect on the covers.

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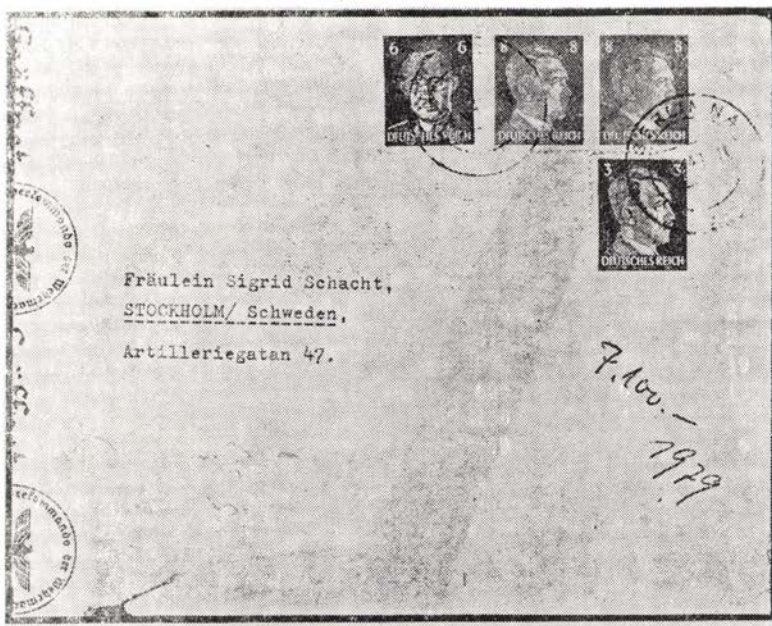
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Strange Are The Uses Of Philately

or
HOW SOME NEWS SLIPPED OUT OF GERMANY DURING
WORLD WAR II

By Sven Åhman (SCC #936)



This photo, taken from Dr. Heinrich Wittmann's auction catalogue in 1979, shows a cover of a duly censored letter with the British "Himmler" and "Hitler" forgeries and its enclosure contained a message in secret script. This cover was really well camouflaged by whoever handled it in the OKW censorship office—note the diagonal smear to reveal secret writing. (The black border does not belong to the cover but is from the background against which the cover was photographed.)

When the leading German stamp journal *Deutsche Briefmarkenzeitung* published a story about this cover in 1982, it was a story that held a special interest for me for I once met Sigrid Schacht. Before I came to New York in 1946 as the U. S. correspondent of the leading Swedish newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* (and eventually joined the SCC), I worked in the main office of the paper in Stockholm all through World War II from September 1939. I was also the local correspondent of the *Times of London* as a stringer. And when I met Sigrid Schacht, I was handed a remarkable piece of news on a platter.

She came to the office of *Dagens Nyheter*. She wanted to talk to somebody and I happened to be the one to see her. What she wanted to tell us was that she had decided to defect and seek asylum in Sweden. This must have been in late 1944 or possibly early 1945, and not a few Germans in Sweden were taking the same step about that time.

When I asked Fraulein Schacht what had made her wait so long, she said that she had made up her mind long ago, but that she had hesitated to put her decision in effect as long as it could endanger or seriously embarrass her

uncle who was Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's financial wizard, head of the Reichbank and Reich Economy Minister. But now she had learned that her uncle had been arrested and put in a concentration camp so her hesitation had vanished and she had decided to go ahead with her decision.

What she told me about her motive came out almost as an aside. But nothing was known at that time about Dr. Schacht having fallen into disgrace, let alone sent to a concentration camp, and I never asked her how she had learned about her uncle's fate. You may call it lack of presence of mind on my part. But only now, when the strange "Himmler" cover to Sigrid Schacht has come to light, I think I can guess through what kind of channel she learned the Nazi state secret that she had imparted to me.

Instead of a small squib that a woman secretary at the German legation had defected, Dagens Nyheter next morning could publish a front page story that Hjalmar Schacht had fallen into disgrace and had been sent to a concentration camp, according to his niece in Stockholm. Sigrid Schacht's defection was relegated to a subclause that morning.

I had relayed the story to The Times that night and this had a strange and funny sequel the next morning. The other prestige newspaper in London, The Daily Telegraph, had just sent a special correspondent of their own to Stockholm and we had become friendly—within the limits of professional competition, of course.

The following morning my telephone rang. It was my Daily Telegraph colleague. "Old man," he said, "I know these are things one generally does not ask, but couldn't you make an exception and tell me where I can find Sigrid Schacht?"

When my story had been published by The Times, he had apparently received "a racket"—a query as to why he had missed the story.

I did not hesitate to help him, now that the story was common knowledge. "In the telephone book," I said. "Why don't you look her up in the telephone book?" There was a long silence at the other end of the line. And then it came, an outburst of red-hot Irish rage and frustrations. "God damn it," he shouted, good Catholic as he probably was, "here I have been a newspaperman for 15 years and I have to be told such a thing!"

Now back to Sigrid Schacht's "Himmler" letter in 1943. In the spring of that year, Fraulein Schacht had received a letter in Stockholm, warning her that somewhat later she would receive a letter signed "Magda," and if she held this letter over a flame a message written in invisible ink would appear.

Somewhat later such a letter arrived—this very one with the "Himmler" stamp. Its visible contents were quite indifferent. But when held over a flame it turned out to contain the information that her brother Sven Schacht had been murdered in Belgrade. The brother had been in Belgrade right enough, but when the letter arrived he was actually, as became known later, in the dreaded concentration camp at Mauthausen, where he lost his life later on.

When the "Himmler" letter reached Sigrid Schacht in her apartment in Stockholm, she had a visitor, a journalist who was or had been the correspondent in London of a news agency servicing thirty German newspapers. He noticed the "Himmler" stamp on the cover, and as he was convinced that it was not official he counseled Fraulein Schacht to save the letter as an interesting contemporary document.

Sigrid Schacht lived until January 1978 and the letter was found in her estate. Later, her heir had it sold at auction in Munich by the noted German philatelist and stamp-dealer, Dr. Heinrich Wittmann.

Resistance Men in the OKW

Particularly in the German foreign office and in the "Abwehr," the counter-espionage organization headed by the famous Admiral Canaris, there were resistance people who could make possible the smuggling of British propaganda stamps into Germany. In this way, letters could also pass officially through postal censorship. As is well known today, the resistance movement had its center in the "Oberkommando der Wehrmacht," the top military leadership in Berlin, and from there channels went to many lower levels. Therefore, it was no problem, for instance, to pass such letters through the OKW censorship to foreign countries such as Sweden. For such correspondence to be guaranteed, it was enough if one of the officers who carried out censorship belonged to the resistance.

As for the letter to Sigrid Schacht with the "Himmler" stamp and the three "Hitler" forgeries, also of British origin, both its recipient and its contents demonstrate that the sender was well placed to have knowledge of internal circumstances concerning leading personalities in the Third Reich, as Dr. Wittmann writes in the Deutsche Briefmarkenzeitung.

Further Secret Letters Found

One may well ask whether Sigrid Schacht did not receive the later information that Halmar Schacht was in a concentration camp in the same way, when it was still totally unknown to the outside world. Dr. Wittmann writes that a couple of further letters, similar to the one he auctioned, were later found in the property left by the sender when he died. He considers established by examination of all relevant factors, that the letter to Sigrid Schacht about the fate of her brother in 1943 is genuine. First, the letter was submitted to the best present German expert on the propaganda forgeries of World War II, Joachim Hosang, who has written a four-volume work on "perforated war propaganda," called Gezahnte Kriegspropaganda. Two cancellation experts have found no fault with the cancellation "Berlin 30.5.43." A police inspector in Munich has established that Fraulen Schacht's address had been written on a typewriter which was on the market as early as 1930. In a court in Munich the authenticity of the letter has also been confirmed by interrogation under oath of the German journalist who was in Sigrid Schacht's apartment when the letter arrived. His name is not mentioned by Dr. Wittmann, who describes him as a person "held in high esteem."

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HERBERT BERNSTEIN

SCC member #844, Herb Bernstein, was stricken while attending the National Postage Stamp Show in New York last November and later passed away. A former member of Chapter 8 in Southern Jersey, Herb put together one of the world's finest collections of Faroe Islands material, concentrating on the early period. Before the second world war, Herb had built a significant collection of No. 1's of the world, which he had to leave behind when he fled Europe. Undaunted, after his arrival in the United States, he began again and put together another collection of No. 1's.

In recent years Herb had been concentrating on New Jersey Postal History. In addition to SCC, he was also a member of the Postal History Society and the American Philatelic Congress. His wonderful sense of humor and philatelic knowledge will be sadly missed.

—Alan Warren

Forgery Quiz Of The Month

1930 ZEPPELIN ISSUE OF FINLAND

By Ed Fraser

What is conspicuously very unusual about this particular genuine Zeppelin cover shown in Figure 1?

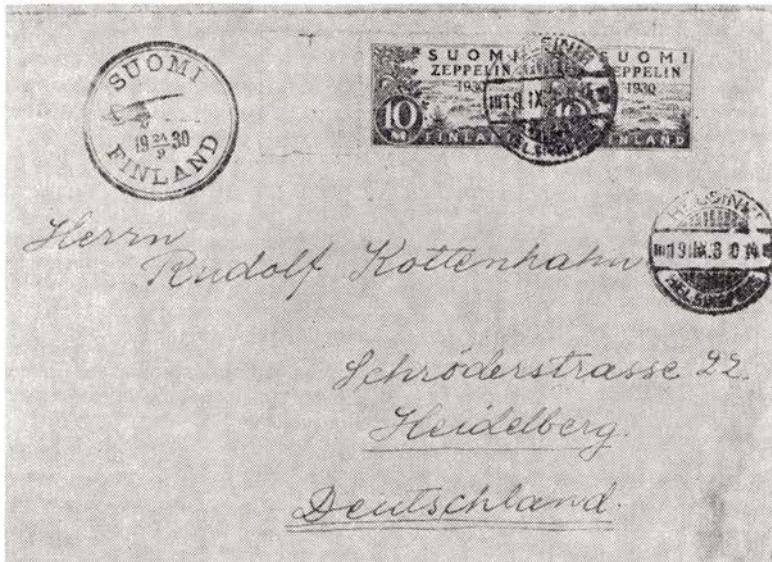


Figure 1

A properly franked and cacheted envelope from the Zeppelin flight.

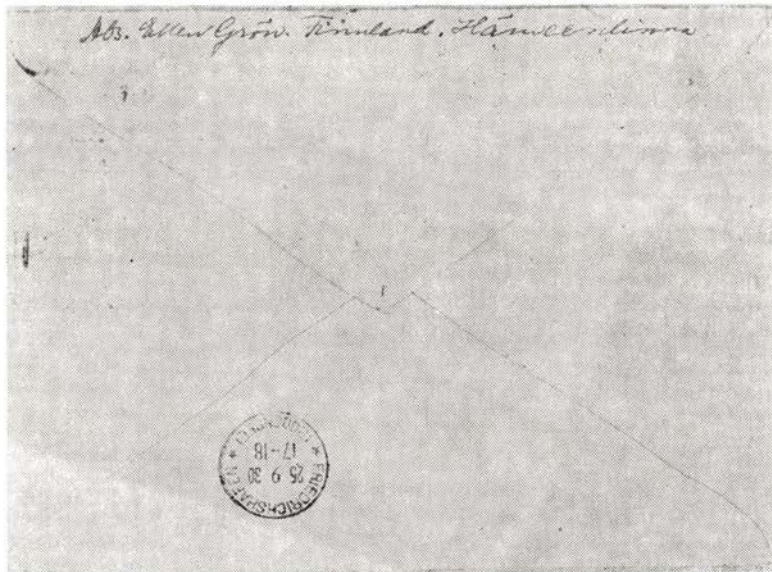


Figure 2

Reverse of cover in Figure 1, showing the proper Friedrichshafen receiving cancel.

(HINT: An understanding of it can often simplify the identification of many off-cover Zeppelin overprint forgeries.)

The answer is paragraph length in this issue on one of the later pages.

Suggested References:

Mikko Ossa "Forgeries of Finnish Postage Stamps" (c. 1977), pages 83-84.

"Facit 1974-1975" edited by Bo Isacson, page F-100.

"Posthorn," February 1974, pages 2-22, "Finland's First Pictorial Definitive Stamps" by Ernest Wise.

"Posthorn," November 1979, pages 180-186. Classic article on Sperati's forgery techniques.

"Posthorn," February 1982, pages 37-41 "Finland—Rogues Gallery and Auction Review."

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**SCANDINAVIAN PHILATELIC FOUNDATION SEEKS VOLUNTEERS
FOR COMPUTERIZATION STUDY**

The Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation has formed a Computerization Study Committee to investigate how computerization can help the Foundation in the translation, writing, editing and printing of philatelic literature. The Foundation is asking for volunteers to participate in this study. They are trying to locate persons who own or have access to computers, including home computers, or those persons who would like to assist in the electronic writing and editing of philatelic literature.

Currently the typical publication issued by the Foundation goes through several complete retypings. This traditional approach is both costly and time consuming. The various word processing programs that are currently available for personal computers may provide a capability for faster and better editing of rough drafts by greater numbers of individual editors.

If you would like to participate in this work of the Computerization Study Committee please contact the Chairman, Reino Marikallio, 338 West Road, New Canaan, CT 06890, or by phone at (203) 966-2940. Ray is a programmer at IBM and is the owner of an IBM Personal Computer that he uses to edit the publications of several organizations to which he belongs. The initial activities of the Committee will be to study the available personal computers and word processing programs and determine which ones might be standardized for use by the Foundation.

The Committee would also develop an inventory of persons who own or have access to personal computers as well as persons who would be interested in the electronic editing of Scandinavian philatelic literature.

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Icelandic FDC Cancellations

By William H. Lamkin
Associate Editor, Iceland

Recently on a survey of his First Day Cover collection, Mr. Ron Collin, River Grove, Illinois ran across a peculiarity in the cancellations on his Iceland First Day Covers. What caught his eye was the use of two very different types of cancelling devices on his covers. These appeared on covers for the same first day.

The differences are in the diameter of the circle of the canceller with a second difference in the placement of the dots within the circle of the cancelling device. For instance, the Forestry Issue of 1957 uses one canceller with a diameter of 31.5mm and the dots a little above the centerline of the date (Fig. 1). The second canceller has a diameter of 30.0mm and the dots centered vertically on the date line (Fig. 2).

Ron has numerous occurrences of these two cancellers in his collection. One each is shown herewith. If anyone has further information on these cancellations, please contact Ron at P. O. Box 63, River Grove, Illinois 60171 and also send a copy to the Associate Editor, Iceland.

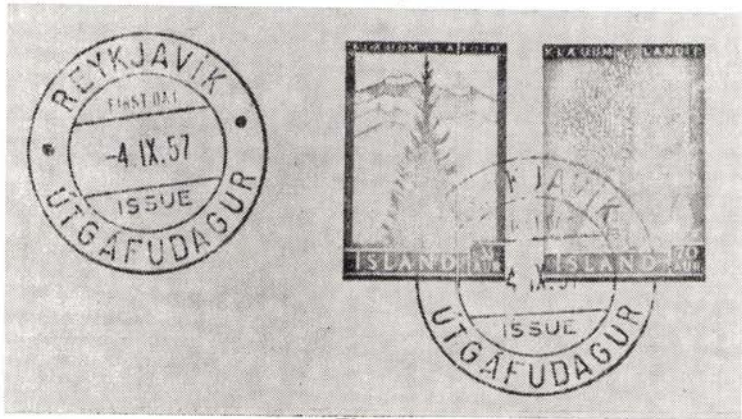


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

Posthistorisk Tidsskrift 4/82 continues the series by Hans Ehler Jensen on postal conditions at the time of the 1864 War, with Part 7. In a supplement to an earlier part, Max P. Clausen discusses usage of the 4 skilling large oval type of Denmark in Schleswig in 1864. Søren Jensen continues his article on Frederiksværk postal history. The 5-6/82 issue of **Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift** has a good article on ferry and ship routes of the 19th century, by A. Morell Nielsen of the Danish Post and Telegraph Museum. Another major article is begun in this issue by Erik Jensen (also of the Danish museum) on the early history of cancelling devices and machine cancellations.

In issue 8/82 of **Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift**, Tom Plovst continues his series on the Danish ferry freight stamp, and Carl E. Jørgensen discusses the reverse cross watermarks on Danish stamps.

In a recent letter to the editor of **Stamp Collector**, Michael Cline points up the importance of the Scandinavian postal museums as sources of information. He indicates that international reply coupons should be enclosed when writing these sources. Here is the list of museums:

Danish Post and Telegraph Museum
 Vesterbrogade 59
 1550 Copenhagen V, DENMARK
 Post and Telegraph Museum
 Tehtaankatu 21 B
 00150 Helsinki 15, FINLAND
 Frimarkjasalan
 26 Klapparstigur
 Reykjavik, ICELAND
 Post Office Museum
 Dronningensgate 15
 Oslo 1, NORWAY
 Postmuseum
 Lilla Nygatan 6
 10311 Stockholm, SWEDEN

Issue 4/82 of **Frimerker som Hobby** has a new column on the recent market for classic issues and unusual multiples of Norwegian philately. A report of prices obtained during the 1981-82 season is given, when such items changed hands at notable market prices. In the same issue, Ørn Gramh discusses 19th century postal history of Åland, and continues his series on Finland postal history with the 1875 issue.

Bältespännaren is the journal for Cinderella enthusiasts, and the December 1982 issue has an extended article by Gösta Ohlsson about Richard Wilhelm Lindhe, an important figure in the development of the Göteborg and Stockholm local posts. This same issue also has an article by Åke Torkelstam, in follow-up of his earlier one, on post cards imprinted with thematic information on new stamps, many of which were actually used for first day covers.

In the December 1982 issue of the British publication **Scandinavian Contact**, a letter to the editor provides interesting details on the occupation of the Faeroes by one who was there from 1943 to 1945, Justin Brooke. In his Iceland Miscellany column, A. D. Kindley provides details on several aspects of

Iceland FPO's, pointing out that covers addressed to "Iceland (C) Force" were more likely to get to Iceland than to stray to Ireland.

The latest publication, No. 4/82 of the F. G. Nordische Staaten in Germany contains information on Danish railroad cancels by Dieter Heil, who indicates that a catalog of these marks is in the planning stages. Günter Prade discusses Finnish postal stationery, and Orla Nielsen gives an in-depth study of the Iceland 6 aur. numeral issue with illustrations of plate varieties.

The February 1983 issue of **FH-NYTT** contains a fascinating article by Sven Åhman on a censored letter of 1914 which was sent from a London financial firm to Stockholm's Handelsbank.

Issue 1/83 of **Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift** from Norway has an article by Tore Gjelsvik on the Steamship "Nidelven" and the mails it carried to and from Hamburg during the period 1853-1865.

The October 1982 issue of **Het Noorderlicht**, published by the Dutch group "Skandinavie" has a listing by author Rene Hillesum of former Finnish communities (with both Swedish and Finnish names) which have been incorporated into districts of Espoo and Helsinki. Another article describes the new Norwegian town cancels with postal codes, and the many varieties of format. Issue No. 14 (1982) of **Posthistoriske Meddelelser**, edited by E. Menne Larsen, contains a supplement, "Feltpost i Danmark efter 1945." Announcement is also made of the forthcoming new edition of Helge Truelsen's catalog of "Danish Text Machine Cancels, 1924-1982."

Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift 1/83, published by SFF, has a list of experts and their addresses, so that members know where to turn for help when they need it. The listing for Sweden is rather specific, as might be expected, depending on whether one needs help with early 19th century covers, 20th century cancels, military post, or whatever. Experts for the other nordic countries are also given as well as those for most of the major collecting areas on a worldwide basis. In **SFT** 2/83, Robert Mattson of the Postmuseum describes the four designs of Oscar II issues which will be used for the promotional stamps for the forthcoming **STOCKHOLMIA 86**.

Issue No. 74 (January 1983) of **Met Noorderlicht** lists the post offices with postal codes in Åland as of April 1982. This issue also contains a philatelic history of Schleswig-Holstein 1848-1945 by Jan Dekker. The February 28 issue of **Linn's Stamp News** contains a follow-up article to a "Collectors' Forum" item which appeared earlier on the Åland Islands. The article by Denis M. Castelli invites collectors interested in the new issues of this area to contact him. He points out that **SCC** includes the Ålands in its nordic philatelic interest area.

Castelli goes on to discuss the two books of recent interest to Ålands collectors—the one on post offices and cancels by Eero Helkio, and the other on postal history and cancellations of the Ålands by Karlberg and Hirvikoski. Castelli also mentions Chapter 17's Luren, and ends his article by pointing out that the Åland stamps are intended for internal use, and that the stamps of Finland will also continue to be valid.

Issue 1/83 of **Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift** reviews the recent **SILFI** and **SOLEX** shows, and calls attention to the fact that **SCC** has offered its medals for use at **PHILOS 83**, the national show to be held in Holstebro to mark that club's 50th anniversary. In the same issue, Tom Plovst continues his series on the Danish ferry stamps, and Erik Wowern discusses several forgery fers including Greenland overprints, Faroe provisionals, and Danish bisects with Vestmanhavn and Thorshavn cancels.

Scandinavian New Issues, Are There Too Many?

By Marvin Hunewell

How do the Scandinavia countries "stack up" to other nations when it comes to new issues? Everyone knows that the Nordic countries have minimal new issues released per year? OH, do they? Let's take a look at statistics as compiled by LINN'S STAMP NEWS, in its "LINN'S TRENDS," and the following statistics are just a small sampling of the vast number of countries LINN'S tracks.

Country	Stamps to date	Average per Year	
	(over)	to date	1973-82
German Democratic Republic	2,450	74	93
Sweden	1,425	12	46
U.S.A.	1,950	14	45
Canada	900	7	41
Great Britain	900	7	41
Australia	750	12	28
Denmark	775	7	24
Norway	875	7	22
Finland	875	7	19
Iceland	600	6	12
Greenland	150	4	7
Faroese	50	1	6

Space does not permit us to list the many many countries leading most (i.e. except Sweden) Nordic countries in new issue production. Are all of these new issues necessary? This is one question we keep asking ourselves. Time will tell how new issue trends develop for the Nordic countries as well as for the rest of our world.

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Chapter News

Chapter 22

The address for Chapter 22's Regional Director George W. Brooks has been changed to P. O. Box 57591, Webster, TX 77598.

Chapter 13

The 13th Annual Auction of Chapter 13 is included in this issue (see centerfold). Chapter 13 has been using the proceeds from its annual auctions for reinvestment in SCC and Scandinavian philately in the form of SCC memberships and to prepare slide shows and educational materials which are available to all SCC members. Recent meetings included a series built around the economic outlook for Scandinavian material. Members discussed the catalogue values and amounts realized from recent auctions. Russ Mascieri of the Danam Stamp Auctions led these discussions.

Chapter 21

The Golden Gate Chapter elected new officers at its last meeting. Elected President was Raymond R. Erickson. Other officers include Helmer Nielsen, Secretary/Treasurer; Tom Olson, SCC Representative; and Jerry Moore, Program Chairman and Immediate Past President. This Chapter meets six times each year in conjunction with various stamp shows in the San Francisco Bay area. All meetings are informal and feature Mart sales books, an informative program by members, and good philatelic fellowship. The April meeting featured Swedish Booklets by Rene Reboh.

A Critique of the Danish West Indies Section of 1983 Scott Specialized (1983 Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps), Scott Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. 10022.

By Victor E. Engstrom

In view of new information, any catalog, article, or piece of published philatelic information should be updated and corrected to continue to be valuable. To copy old mistakes is a disservice to philately.

I was happy to see that Scott finally has made some corrections in the DWI sections of 1983 Scott Specialized and Volumes 1 and 2. The different directions of the burelage on #1 and #2, properly identifying these stamps, has been added; the notes about the older reprints have been properly placed; and some issue dates for the perforated classics and the bicolours have been corrected. Although the yearly letters that I have written to Scott were never acknowledged, perhaps their contents did some good.

There follows some more corrections that would better the catalogue, a few nit-picking items, and some suggestions that indeed would help to make Scott Specialized truly specialized.

1. Preamble: 100 BITS: The word "bit" is both singular and plural. Look at the picture of the 5 Bit stamp, figure A8—no "s" there or on other bit stamps.
2. Date of first listing: 1855. This should be 1856, (April 1). While the stamps were actually delivered to the DWI postal authorities in 1855, the DWI Post Office was not opened until 1 April 1856, and stamps were first put on sale on that date. The earliest recorded use of any DWI stamp is 10 (or 16) April 1856.
3. Scott 1b, 3c white gum is priced only unused. The white gum stamp has a characteristic, identifiable bright carmine shade that is known used, unused and on cover. It probably exists in greater quantities than earlier calculated. I suggest that it be listed in all three conditions.
4. Reprint of DWI #1. The Danish Government provided me with a reprint of DWI #1, printed from the old original plate, to be used specifically to assist interest in the multi-volume work, "Danish West Indies Mails, 1754-1917." I was given 175 full sheets of 100 stamps that, cut into quarters, would provide quarter sheets for 700 numbered books of Volume 2. This is an official reprint with strict accounting, provided to me in the same manner that G. A. Hagemann was furnished his reprints in 1930 and in 1942, all to further DWI philately. At this writing, the first printing of 400 copies is just about sold out. The remaining 300 quarter sheets will be used for the second printing. A Scott listing as follows is in order, to be placed in italics after #1: "The 1978 reprint of #1 is bright carmine, unwatermarked, and carries printing in three lines on the back of each pair of stamps 'Reprint by / Dansk Post Og Telegrafmuseum / 1978'." Quarter sheet suggested price \$75.00.
5. DWI #4 (the 4c perforated classic): I suggest that the price on cover be omitted or put in italics. I record only two acceptable covers with this stamp, and one of these has not surfaced in 34 years. The other was last sold in a 1954 Pelander auction, but has been seen in International exhibition.
6. DWI 5-13 (The bicolours): While listing these by printings would take some additional space, a specialized catalogue should take this into account

since prices vary greatly, especially with some varieties and inverted frames.

7. DWI #7 (4c bicolor): The sequence of listing is confusing. Scott "c" and "d" refer to the basic stamps which is printing 2 with the common shade, while Scott "b" is for the rare printing 1.
8. DWI #12 (14c bicolor): Only one cover is known. I suggest that the price be omitted since there is no recent auction sale. (The current owner refused a \$20,000.00 offer for the cover.)
9. Date of issue of bicolors: Incorrect as listed. 1c, 3c, 4c, 7c, and 14c were all put on sale in 1874.
10. DWI #14e (pair, one without surcharge): Omit this listing. One known, but surcharge has been removed. No certificate.
11. DWI 1620 -(Perf 13 bicolors): As item 6 above, listing by printings desirable.
12. Postage Due notes: There are 4 printings of the 1c, 4c, and 6c stamps, and 3 printings of the 10c stamp.

Reference: Danish West Indies Mails, 1754-1917. Vol. 2, Scandinavian Printing and Publishing Co., Washington, D. C. 20044.

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CATALOGS FOR SALE. 1983 Facit Specialized Scandinavia \$18.50; 1983 Norgeskatalog \$14.00; Latest Norge Handlerkatalog (#10) \$3.50; 1983 Wovern Faroe Islands (GF10) \$8.45; 1983 Wovern Greenland (GF5) \$6.10; others available, all postpaid. Eric Roberts, (#1963), P. O. Box 1304, Claremont, CA 91711.

EXCHANGE. Early used Norway for your early mint or any varieties. Harry B. Jones, (#2484), P. O. Box 2395, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

SWEDES and FINNS souvenir booklet with four sheetlets issued June 1938 for the Tercentenary, \$1 with SAE. Alan Warren (#1087), Box 17124, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

GERMANY—Mint B309, #665, 666, 667, 668, one-third Scott's 1982. Singles, blocks, multiples. H. W. Miller, (#1619), 821 Vermont, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Icelandic Stimpilmerki Update

By George W. Sickles, SCC #1545

It has been ten years (November 1973) since I first wrote about Icelandic Stimpilmerki (Revenue tax stamps). Much has happened in the ensuing decade to affect the use of these revenues: the escalating monetary system, inflation on the rampage, changes in the collection of taxes, etc. Thus I shall update the new developments as I know them.

In the 1973 article, a 10,000kr stamp was reported, but no philatelist had seen one. In a letter to me, Rogert E. Allen first reported seeing it in the Icelandic Finance Ministry in 1979. Now in 1983, I have one in my collection. The stamp is perforated ten and three-quarters and has a single color, olive green. (Fig. 1). While in Reykjavik in August, I saw a photocopy of a document bearing two copies of this stamp; the paper had a stimpilgjald (tax) of 20,960kr. The date of tax payment was 14 October 1971, showing use at a date quite earlier than I had previously anticipated.

So one can see that, in the 1970's, when inflation was rampant in the United States, Iceland's wrestling with this world economic problem was certainly no exception. In 1970 Iceland needed a tax stamp with a value ten times the highest value she had previously issued. But the inflationary need did not stop here. In 1978 (?) appeared a 100,000kr stimpilmerki, again multiplying the new high value by ten. This new stamp is also perforated ten and three-quarters printed in a brown-orange color. (Fig. 2.) This stamp was only valid for a period of from two to three years. It will probably become scarce because of the short term of usage. The face value of this stamp was two hundred dollars when declared invalid on 31 December 1980.

The rapid devaluation of the Icelandic Kronur can be shown through the 10,000kr stamp which had a face value of one hundred dollars when issued, but less than ten years later had a face value of only twenty dollars when invalidated at the end of 1980.

On 1 January 1981, the Icelandic government made a change in its monetary system, dropping off two zeroes from the existing exchange rate, re-instituting the eyrir (plural aurar) as a division of the kronur. Postage stamps

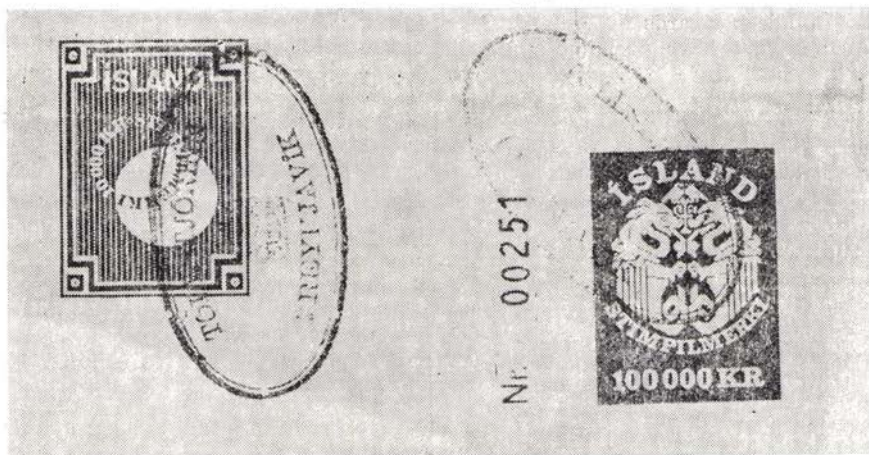


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

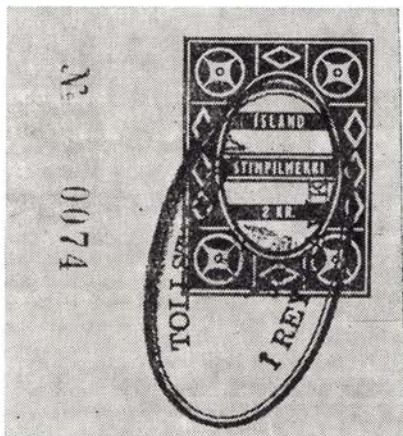


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

had been issued without denomination designation for several years, so the 1000 value postage stamp merely became 1000 aurar instead of 1000 krona. Unlike the postage stamps, all stimpilmerki had been printed in the krona denomination, so on the date of changeover, all stimpilmerki were declared invalid for use and a new issue was printed to replace them.

The new issue became valid effective 1 January 1981. These stamps were printed from existing plates; however, all denominations were assigned new colors (listed later in a catalogue form), and the stamps were now rouletted instead of being perforated as all others previously. The glue is also different, having dry backing instead of gloss. Two examples are illustrated. (Figs. 3 and 4.)

Now, what are the chances of these stamps issued after 1970 becoming available on the philatelic market? I was fortunate to have an audience with Mr. Höskuldur Jónsson, an official in the Finance Ministry, and subsequently sent him my previously published articles on this subject. He became interested in my work and study. As a result, he presented me with copies of the two invalid high values before the remainders were to be destroyed. He authorized my purchase of the new 1981 stamps as well, not a usual procedure even for Icelandic citizens.

Usually there is a time lag of fifteen to twenty years for the documents to lose their usefulness and potentially find their way to the philatelic market. We can hope perhaps to have the 10,000kr and 100,000kr becoming available at the earliest about 1986, and more realistically not before 1995. With the high face value of the 100,000kr, and its short period of usage, this stamp may be one of the rarest indeed.

In addition to the time lag, other obstacles will impede the appearance of the new 1981 stamps. The most common document found is the Vixil (Promissory Note); most of these loans are processed through the banks which long have used meters instead of stamps. The use of the stamps will be limited to smaller communities throughout the land. Another document which had stimpilmerki affixed was a marriage certificate. Mr. Jónsson told me the law authorizing this had been changed. Later I had this confirmed by the minister who married me in 1945. He had furnished me with copies having stamps in 1954. In 1982, I went to the Vital Statistics department for new copies of my certificate and specifically asked for stimpilmerki to be

affixed. The clerks had no idea of what I was talking about. Now there only appears the seal of the department; alas no stamps!!

For those collectors who use my 1973 cataloguing, I add the following listings:

17.	J	10,000kr	olive green	perf 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
21.	N	100,000kr	brown-orange	perf 10 $\frac{3}{4}$
22.	E	1kr	green	rouletted
23.	E	2kr	bright blue	rouletted
24.	G	5kr	bright blue	rouletted
25.	G	10kr	bright orange	rouletted
26.	H	50kr	brown-black	rouletted
27.	H	100kr	light gray	rouletted
28.	I	500kr	light green	rouletted
29.	I	1000kr	light chocolate	rouletted
30.	N	5000kr	purple	rouletted

However, I recommend the new Scandinavian Revenue Catalogue soon to be released by Paul Nelson of California.

I must make several acknowledgements and credits for the contents of this article. Thanks go to Magni Magnusson, a good philatelic friend and Icelandic stamp dealer. Also my heartiest thanks to Mr. Höskuldur Jónsson, the official in the Icelandic Finance Ministry, without whose help there would have been no article. Also thanks to Jóhannes Arason, my brother-in-law in Reykjavik, who made the on-site arrangements when I had to leave Iceland before completion of the transaction. And finally, my thanks to Elizabet Einarisdottir, Johannes' wife, who delivered the stamps to me in the United States.

In conclusion, there has been no citation of sources in this article because none are available, except perhaps data from the Finance Minister on dates of printing and numbers printed. To the best of my knowledge, these have yet to be researched. I hope fellow collectors find the contents of this article valuable in the pursuit of their revenue collections.

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Book Review

By Victor E. Engstrom

FRIMAERKE-ÅRBOGEN 1982/83, by Ib Eichner-Larsen, published by Aarhus Frimaerkehandel, Aarhus, Denmark. 144 pages, in Danish.

This is an intriguing little book on philatelic activities, mostly concerning Denmark in 1982. It is the latest of the year books written by Ib since 1967/68. Ib, as many SCC members know, is the philatelic editor of Berlingske Tidende. His philatelic interests are many, as evidenced by this book.

The book contains varied subjects including new stamp issues projected for Denmark, the Faroe Islands and Greenland this year; stamp exhibitions this year and medal winners in important shows last year; pages on the work of master engraver Czeslaw Slania; pictures of early classic covers addressed to the Faroe Islands from Denmark, Norway and Iceland; Memorial to Robert Bechsgaard; Statistics on Danish, Faroe Islands and Greenland issues of 1982; illustrations of commemorative Danish postmark; and even a section on the philatelic aspects of the Falkland Islands controversy.

Although the text is in Danish, it is so replete with photographs, illustrations and statistical tables than an understanding of the language is not vital.

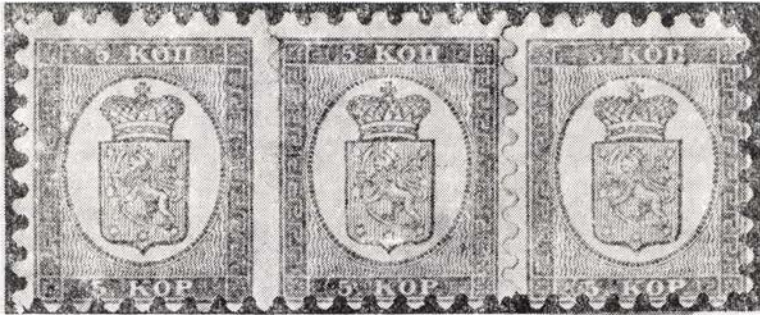
Copies may be obtained from AFA. The price is 40 Danish Kroner.

News From Finland

By Mike Hvidonov

5 Kop. 1860 Rarity

Mikko Ossa and ABOPHIL seem to come upon and publish a goodly amount of new found rarities. The Feb. 1982 issue of ABOPHIL pictured a 4-block of the 1860 rouletted stamps in mint condition. The Nov. 1982 publication introduces a great multiple in a row of 3, with flawless perfs and original gum (see pic.). These multiples are not really appreciated. Mr. Ossa comments that cancelled rows or blocks are already great rarities, those found in mint or unused condition are "truly treasures." In his opinion they are rarer than the tete-beche Ovals and the 1866/8 penny roulette V stamps. To his recall there are just a few rows of 3 and perhaps 2 rows of 4 known.



5 Kop. 1860 rare, unused row of three.

In mint condition the 10 kop. value of 1866 boasts quite a few rows of 4 and one row of six. Cancelled 10 kop. multiples find a few blocks of 4 and one group of 6. Cancelled items usually are ink crossed though there are some groups with town cancellations. The mint examples are rarer than the cancelled types.

When reviewing old catalogs just a few mint groups are found. In the writings of Leo Linder in the Finnish Postal Handbook, it was stated that "only pairs of the 5 kop. mint exist and are the largest known." However, with the passage of time new things show up. The new strip featured is from the collection of Fabergé but it was not included in the London sale some years ago. It is now a part of a Finnish collection.

1875/1882 Carton-like Paper

Also reported in ABOPHIL is an interesting philatelic paper-type article. The 1875 Senate and 1882 printings contain some known denominations printed on a heavier carton-like paper, but to date we have seen very few. Those that we have seen caliper 0.95 to 0.01 or even thicker. For decades our own Reino Poutiainen has searched for these odd items. Reino offers that in a discussion with Anton Salmenkyla on the "why's and wherefores" of these items Mr. Salmenkyla believed that these thick papered stamps were the product of the wrapping paper used around the stamp paper which some how was usable at press time.

Thus far we have found specimens from the 1875 group of 5 and 20 p. stamps and from the 1882 issues some 25p. items and some from the 1 mark last printing final color. Specimens from Erkki Larkan's collection contains

one 5 p. stamp cancelled in 1879 and a 20 p. from the end of 1881. It seems certain that this heavy paper may appear in any one of the printings but may not be known because of the ignorance of their existence. It should be noted that while the present market value may not be large, the fact remains that the collecting importance is consequential.

While we are immersed (happily) in the information coming from ABO-PHIL and the talented senior editor, Mikko Ossa, let me note in brief some other items that may be of importance to your collection.

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5 Kopeck Printed Entire Sheets

The 5 kop. printed Entire Sheets belong, too, to the treasure troves of Finland's philately because they rarely exist with accompanying additional postage. Most of these have a 5 kop. 1856 Oval affixed and even these are considered rarities. A few more are known as cut out examples because people tended to cut out the "important" part and discard the sheet itself. Even in this state they belong in the collection. Too sad is the fact that a few of these sheets have had the oval stamp removed by a "stamp collector" with poor knowledge.

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8 Penny 1866 Roulette V



It has been determined that just about 25 of these Rare items exist and of these many are badly damaged. There are a few in very good condition with just a number of missing teeth. Relative to the pictured item, I have seen just two or three in better condition. Even in a Rarer category is the 8 penny Roulette IV. To date we just know of 3 in existence.

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Red Cross Stamp Oddity



Red Cross stamp from 1938 with wide fold.

Pictured is a Red Cross stamp from 1938. It is a 2 Mark stamp with a wide fold which runs through the stamp picture vertically. Most of these oddities come from the 1940-1950 period. These are more common. When one appears from the 1930 emissions it is regarded as rare. (This too is courtesy of ABOPHIL.)

Solex 82

By Alan Warren

The national exhibition SOLEX 82 held in Sollentuna, Sweden and marking the Sollentuna Filatelist Klubb's 25th Anniversary was a major success. The 900-frame show brought together a number of major Scandinavian area collections, other country exhibits, and a traditional "Quartet" section in which four countries participated. This last section was devoted to exhibits from Sweden, Russia, East Germany and West Germany.

SCC was able to participate in this show through donation of its set of three medals. The recipients were Elof Alander of Sollentuna who took the SCC gold for a Swedish collection; the SCC silver went to Bror-Erik Sahlstedt of Helsinki for local postal history of Ekenäs and Karis; and the SCC bronze was taken by Leif Bergman of Lidingö for perfins. A handsome certificate with a medallion of the Sollentuna Filatelist Klubb was presented to SCC. The grand prize of the "Silver Rider" trophy (see The POSTHORN, November 1982, p. 193) was awarded to "Sign' Axel Sand for Swedish postal history 1590-1880.

The exhibition catalog carried interesting articles on the postal history of Rotebro by Åke Oden, on the 19th century sea of "Porto" and "Franco" marks by Karl-Erik Stenberg, and the skilling banco issues by Robert Mattson of the Postmuseum. The palmares lists, catalog, and SCC certificate have been turned over to Stan Hanson for the archives.



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Collecting Finland's Classic Stamps

Part 3

By Mike Hvidonov

The 8 penny black on green stamps of 1875 were produced essentially for use on third class mail (printed matter) scheduled for foreign destinations in accordance with the Postal Act of July 1, 1875. The total printings of our 8 penny stamp emissions was quite low. Because of the small number the relative cost of both used and unused stamps is not cheap.

The 8 penny stamp is not easily acquired on card or letter. At least one mailing piece is important to the exhibit pages because of the lack of cannon items to dress and sparkle this period. The real "piece de resistance" is a lone 8 penny stamp on third class mail sent abroad—the real planned use.

They appear all too rarely and I suspect they have the same important value of an 1866 8 p. "big-toothed" stamp employed in the same manner. I am not certain whether the lack of these solo 8 penny items is due to the fact that very few senders mailed printed matter over seas or if the recipients relegated these gems to the waste basket. Cost notwithstanding the avid stamp enthusiast should seek out this fine piece.

To continue, any letter bearing an 8 penny stamp as additional postage is not to be bypassed. Perhaps more 8 p. stamps used in this manner abounded years back but of recent times a few fingers of one hand can total the extra postage examples of the 8 penny used this way that I have come upon in the past 10 years. They are fairly Rare. (Pic. 1 displays an 8 p. stamp on a Registered letter along with 2/5p. and a 32p. stamp. The German sticker label, happily transparent, adds a note of interest and was affixed in Germany. It merely notes that the missive arrived via railway and is Registered.

Of the 5 eight penny color emissions it is the 2nd printing, dark yellow green (Norma: 16 SBx) that is most problematic to attain in either used or unused forms, with the mint piece decidedly harder to find.



Fig. 1

Perforations

All 8 penny stamps exist with perforation 11 only, on all 4 sides. Any variation must be a "tooled" forgery.

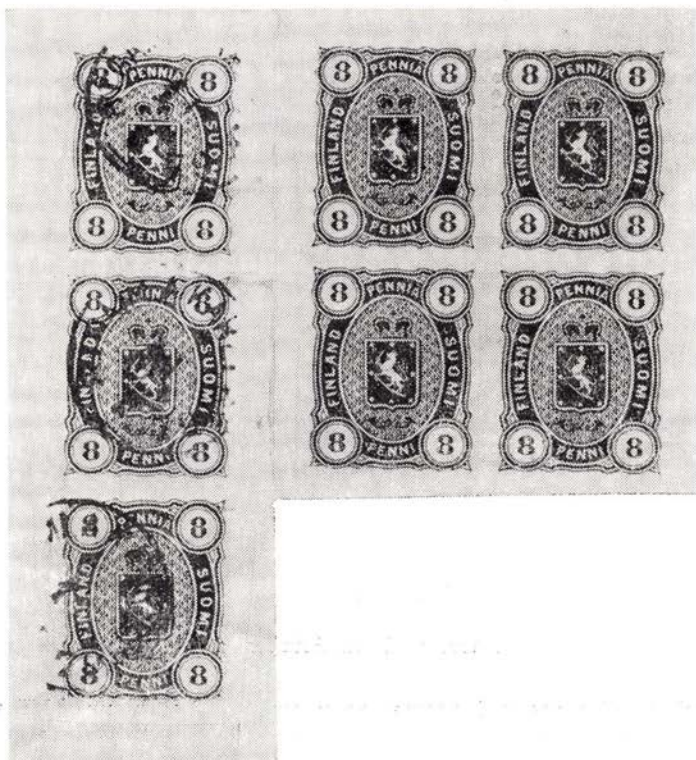
I've seen just a few of these poorly contrived pieces—all are obviously the work of some "banana."

Large Pieces

Multiples in any number are seldom seen and are important from the cosmetic standpoint to break the unstimulating cadence of "just one or 2" of each emission.

In the estimation of the late Leo Linder, "the largest mint group known is the 4-block." I believe that there are 2-4 accounted for at this time and we cannot be certain that one may have been counted twice.

There are 2 big groups cancelled—a block of nine and one of 10 stamps. (Pic. 2 shows one of these Rare mint blocks and a vertical strip of 3 cancelled).



Picture 2. A vertical strip of 3 and a rare mint block of 4 of the Dark Green emission.

Early and Late Usage

The search for early cancels or the equally important late usage cancelled stamps is substantially more difficult because of the dark greens with black line work, excepting in the 1st printing where the green is of lighter hue. All legible cancellations should be studied and published for the sake of philatelic research. (Pic. 3 is an item from the collection of Fabergé and emanates from the 5th and last printing "Black-ish green." It bears a nice Helsinki Post Station cancel 12.12.81). According to the Finnish Handbook

the latest date known or recorded in Finland is Feb. 14, 1881—a difference of almost 10 months. The earliest known cancel is Sept. 23, 1875. This is from the 1st emission (blue-green) which color allows for more legibility.

The 8 p. stamps were valid until 12.31.1900 so my late used gem may bow one day to one born of a cancellation a day or even 19 years later. So check your collections!

Concluding this chapter I should add that nice “tied-to-piece” samples appear once in a while. Sometimes with a colorful red 32 penny stamp as a partner. Such additions serve to take the page into a brighter aura since the greens are a little morbid in weight. I have seen the bidding for these morsels go a little high so when one comes your way bid fairly lest it slip away. Pic. 1. 8 penny dark green emission stamp on registered letter to Germany.



Pic. 3. Ex-Fabergé 8p. with late usage cancellation.

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 39 o 3AKd (4) 1860, 5k, 1. teeth missing, still F stamp-- (Kr425) 75.00
 40 o 6Ca (7) 1867, 8 pen, ½ tooth missing, fresh and FVF (Kr425+)67.50+
 41 o 7B (8a) same, 10 pen, ½ tooth missing, fresh, VF (Kr350) 100.00
 42 o 10C (11) same, 1 mk, all teeth but tips trimmed 1 side, FVF
 (Kr2000) 400.00
 43 o 11 (16) 1875 32 pen, thin, pulled perf, o/w F, scarce (Kr3800) 700.00
 44 o 16SIIABi (28d) 1881, 20 p., perf 11x12½, VF ----- (Kr350) 40.00
 45 o 17S AB (29d) same, 25 p, perf 11x12., sm thin, cr o/w FVF
 (Kr550) 100.00
 46 o 15S (20) 1881, 10 p, perf 11, sht. corn perf, cr o/w F - (Kr325) 60.00
 47 o 18S Aa (23a) 1875-81, 32 p rose, lt. canc., VF ----- (Kr225) 45.00
 48 o 19S Ab (24) same, 1 mk, perf 11, nice canc., fresh, F (Kr700) 130.00
 49 o 24 (35) 1885 Arms, 1 mk, lt. cds, fresh, VF ----- (Kr90) 16.00
 50 o 25 (36) same, 5 mk, lt. cds canc., scarce stamp, FVF (Kr1800) 325.00
 51 o 26 (37) same, 10 bk, v nice copy difficult stamp, FVF (Kr3000) 500.
 52 Cv 216 (214) 1938 Delaware, FDC to Del., regist., VF ----- (Kr50) E 5.00

GREENLAND

- 53 o 28 (26) 1950-60 Fr. IX, 1ö grn, cpl. used sheet, folded (Kr100+)15.+
 54 Cv 30,33 (28,32) same, cv. canc. Jacobshavn 22.6.1954, VF (Kr330) E 20.00
 55 * 35 (34) same, 2 Kr red, PLT NO blk of 4, LH, FVF-- (Kr160) 30.00+
 56 * 34 (33) same, 1 Kr brn, PLT NO blk, wrinkles 1 stp, LHVf
 (Kr480) 56.00+
 57 * 41 (35) same, 5 Kr gry, PLT NO blk, LH, VF ----- (Kr88) 18.00+
 58 * 39,456 -(38,40-1) 1957-61, 3 diff. PLT NO blks, #46 has
 small thin o/w FVF LH ----- (Kr236+) 43.00+
 59 Cv 39b (38) 1957, 60ö, Angmagsslik, Sermiligar cds, sm tr o/w F
 (Kr150) E 5.00

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60	*	5 (5)	1873 3sk gry, p. 12½, no gum, sm thins, o/w VF (Kr1000)	250.
61	o	7 (7)	same, 16sk, type B canc. Gronland certifi., 6mm tear (Kr1500)	300.00
62	*	8 (15)	1882-98 3a orange, cent. R, just F	(Kr180) 37.50
63	*	10b (16)	same, 5a, 1mm natural paper blem near T o/w F	(Kr210) 35.
64	*	14b (13)	1876-1901 20a viol., p. 14x13½, FVF	(Kr125) 22.50
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69	*	22 (23)	1896-1901, 4a rose/gry, perf 13, LH, FVF	(Kr60) 11.00
70	*	26 (26)	same, 10a red, block of 4, appears NH, VF	(Kr100) 20.00
71	o	27 (27)	same, 16a brn, scarce used, cent. T, just F	(Kr225) 45.00
72	*	28b (28)	same, 20a dull blue, gum wrinkle, still FVF	(Kr70) 15.00
73	*	29a (29)	same, 25a blue/brn, FVF	(Kr140) 12.00
74	*	81 (76)	1907-8, Two kings, 10a red, crown wmk, F	(Kr400) 75.00
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77	o	103 II, 107 II, 122-3 II (140-43 rev) 19244-30, the four 10 Kr. surcharges, all canc. TOLLUR, VF strikes	(Kr320)	59.00
78	*	108-13 (86-91)	1911 Sigurdsson, all but one LH, FVF set	(Kr280) 57.35
79	o	114-20 (92-8)	912 Fr. VIII, 5 Kr. thin o/w F	(Kr1300) 264.50
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83	*	158 I (139 var)	1922-33 Surch, 10 on 5a var. "surch. above fig. of value," FVF	(Kr750) E 50.00
84	o	178 (157)	1930 Parliament, 20a red, FVF	(Kr225) 40.00
85	o	179 I (158 var)	same, 25a, var. "white dot under 25," faint cr. UL o/w VF	(Kr80) S 8.00
86	*	188 (C3)	1930 Air, 10a blue, strip of 3, VLH, FVF	(Kr360) 45.00
87	o	190 (C5)	1930 Air, 20a brn/blue, evrt. marg. AIR, VF	(Kr500) 65.00
88	o	193 (C8)	same, 1 Kr. grn/red, F	(Kr375) 55.00
89	o	199 (175)	1931-2 Gullfoss, 75a, F	(Kr100) 16.00
90	o	208 (C19)	1934 Air, 1 Kr. brn., FVF	(Kr125) 20.00
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92	*	227IV (203)	1938-47 Geysir, 15a viol. blk of 4, NH, VF	(Kr161) 16.00+
93	*	246,9 (222a,-5b)	1939-45 Fish, cpl. bklt., 10a gry (5), 25a red-brn (6), plain salmon cover, VF	(unl) E 25.00
94	o	249 II (225var)	25a red-brn, reentry or "dubbelpr." var, F	(Kr40) E 6.
95	Cv	252-4 (213-5)	1939 World Fair, FDC as issued, FVF	(Kr90 E) 10.00
96	*	321-5 (278-82)	1953 Manuscripts, VLH, VF	(Kr200 as NH) 29.45
97	*	378 I (328var)	1960 Europa, var. "color spot in wheel," NH VF	(Kr70) E 9.00
98	o	Tj18b (O28)	1902-03 I GILDI, 16a carm., F	(Kr200) 40.00
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102	o	Greidslumerki opt. on Fac. 198, also 10a blue (Fac Type K)		E 10.00
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NORWAY

- 104 o 1 (1) 1855, 4sk blue, 3 large and 1 normal margin, FVF (Kr1000) 160.
 105 o 2 (2) 1856-7, Oscar I, 2 sk yel., VF Christiania 1859 cds, VF
 (Kr1000) 170.00
 106 * 4a (4) same, 4sk blue, no gum, sl. staining on back, FVF (Kr1250) 225.
 107 o 5 (5) same, 8sk brown-carm., clear, full no. 25 canc. VG-F (Kr275) 55.
 108 o 10 V (10) 1863-4 Arms, 24sk brn., Pakkepost canc., VF (Kr250) 60.00
 109 * 16 I,V (16var) 1871-75 posthorn, 1sk, var. "small 'N' in
 NORGE" in pr. w. normal, cent. L, just F ----- (Kr265) E 25.00
 110 * 16 II,IV (16,16b) same, var. "E.EN" in mrg. blk of 6, just F
 (Kr555) 112.50
 111 o 30 (28) 1877-78, 25ö violet, 2 sl. shortened perfs, still VF (Kr900) 150.
 112 o 41 (41) 1882-5, 12ö green, unshaded PH, centered, fresh, VF
 (Kr3000) 550.00
 113 o 90 (64) 1907 Haakon VII, 1 Kr grn, cds, F ----- (Kr150) 47.50
 114 o 91 (65) same, 1. Kr blue, cds, missing perf LL o/w VF (Kr600) 110.
 115 * 92 (66) same, 2 Kr. red, fresh, 1mm thin LL perf o/w VF (K(900) 200.
 116 o 92 (66) same, 2 Kr., cds, shortened perf LL, F ---- (Kr800) 140.00
 117 o 93 (67) 1909, Haakon VII Die B, 1 Kr grn, cds, FVF (Kr900) 150.00
 118 o 94 (68) same, 1½ Kr blue, cds, cent. T, just F, pretty (Kr3200) 550.00
 119 * 159-62 (132-5) 1928 Ibsen set, fresh, almost VF ---- (Kr170) 28.50
 120 Cv 351 (274) 1946 Little Norw. pr. on neat cv., not FD -- (Kr65) E 8.00
 121 * 426-8 (340-2) 1955 Norwex opts., VLH, VF ----- (Kr325) 52.50
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Two Interesting Danish Stamps

By John A. VanLund

(The following letter was received by the Associate Editor for Denmark last year, and we would like to share it with you:)

Dear Mr. Hunewell, I enclose two stamps, each shows something which may be of interest.

The 4 øre blue (AFA 198/Scott 222) is a cheap stamp, and my copy here (Figure 1) is badly scuffed. I thought I had an unusual double strike, that is, until I read in J. Schmidt-Andersen's "The Postage Stamps of Denmark, 1851-1951," on page 161, the following: "The 4 øre occurs with clear traces of "double strikes," visible in the figure 4 and in the background network between DANMARK and the wavy lines. These double strikes can be seen on many stamps in the sheets from the last 'batches'." (Figure 2)

You will notice that the date of cancellation is 27 Dec. 37, which qualifies it for the end of the run of AFA 198. The double print is very clearly noticed in the figure 4, and to some extent in the wavy lines at the left and right of this figure. Does any other collector have such a variety?



Fig. 1.



Fig. 2

The 5 Kroner Newspaper Stamp (Figure 3) (AFA 9/Scott P9) has an interesting cancel. Notice the date, 29 Sep 07! This is two days before the use of these stamps was to start. (The town cancel, if I am correct on this, is FREDERIKSBORG.) Again Schmidt-Andersen says, on page 242: "The original issue . . . was made on 21st September 1907, though their use did not begin until 1st October of that year."

Was it common in Denmark for the "first day" to be anticipated, and did this occur frequently?

Both of these examples came from close examination of cancellations and search for some of the early examples of the engraved (recess-printed) stamps of 1933.

Best wishes, John A. VanLund

Assoc. Ed. Comments: Thank you John for sharing two interesting items from your collection. Can anyone help us out in explaining how the Newspaper Stamp was used two days early? Were these "pre-cancelled" like the Postal Ferry Stamps were? Or what reasoning would explain the early cancel?

I mentioned to John in my reply that the 4 øre "double strike" has been reported in one catalog I know of, and that is the "Specialkatalog over, Danmarks stalstukne frimaerker, Varianternes Vidunderlige Verdun." (This is a



Figure 3

4-volume set of booklets covering the many minor varieties of the recess-printed "wavy line" issues between 1933 and 1965.) But like John asks, how many other SCCers have a copy of this variety? Another question is: Why isn't it listed/priced by AFA like AFA Nos. 196ax, 203ax, 235ax, 233x, 248e, et al?

Marvin D. Hunewell

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Library News

By Stanley H. Hanson, SCC Librarian

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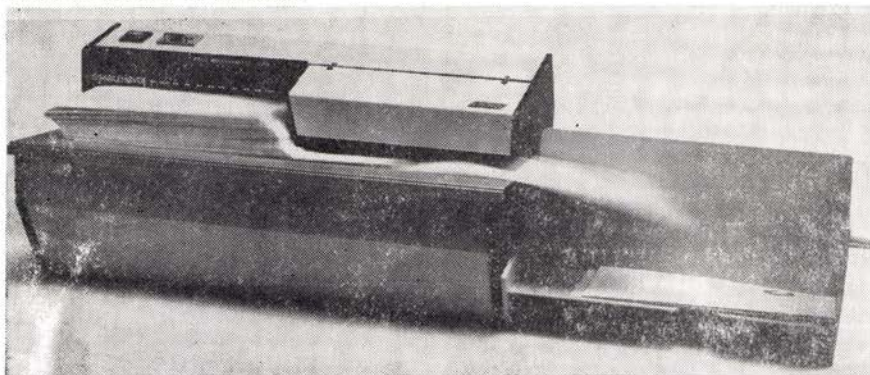
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The new "Krag 25" is conveniently small and compact in size, as well as easy to operate and maintain. Weighing only 16 kilos, it has been developed in cooperation with the Norwegian Postal Service, where 100 machines are already in operation and 50 more are under construction. Its capacity is around 130 or more letters a minute, or between 8 to 10,000 an hour.

One expects the machines to be marketed world-wide by their American business associate, Pitney Bowes Inc., under the name "PB 3900." Several countries abroad have already expressed an interest, namely Australia, Canada, Italy, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Finland and Sweden.

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President's Message

By Wayne Rindone

The 1983 SCC National Convention will soon be upon us. As previously announced, our annual meeting will be held in connection with NAPEX '83 June 10 to 12 at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. SCC activities include a dinner Friday evening, June 10, a Board of Directors Meeting (to which all interested SCC members are welcome) on Saturday morning June 11 at 10 a.m., and a general meeting and slide program will be presented Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Further details are available from SCC Chapter 12 President Howard Schloss, 261 Congressional Lane, Apt. 515, Rockville, MD 20852, or stop by the SCC table at the show.

A previously unannounced feature of the 1983 National Convention will be the presentation of a special Scandinavian exhibit award made available to the SCC by one of our dealer-members. This award, which will be called the 1983 SCC National Award, will go to the best Scandinavian exhibit in the show. It has been generously contributed by Scott and Joanna Taylor of Scojo Stamps, and it will consist of an object from Scandinavia, yet to be selected at press time.

Just a week before our national convention, SCC Chapter 4 will host a regional meeting in Chicago at COMPEX. Details are given elsewhere in this issue. Another Regional Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday afternoon, August 27, 1983, at STaHpsSHOW 83 in the Pittsburgh Convention and Exposition Center. The Pittsburgh Chapter (Chapter 20) is hosting the meeting, which will include a slide program from the SCC Library. Details will be available from Regional Director Ron Nadler, 4003 W. Benden Drive, Murrysville, PA 15668.

A couple of items of news from Scandinavia have been brought to my attention. First, an account of the SOLEX 82 exhibit held in Sollentuna, Sweden, last November, appears elsewhere in this issue, including information on the winners of the SCC medals awarded at this show. Secondly, a major national exhibition has been scheduled in Stockholm in 1986. STOCKHOLMIA 86 will be held in the same large exhibition hall in Alvsjö, just south of Stockholm, where STOCKHOLMIA 74 was held, and it will take place from August 27 to September 7, 1986. 1986 marks the 350th anniversary of the formation of the Swedish Postal Service and the centenary of Sveriges Filatelist-Förbund (Swedish Philatelic Union), host society for the exhibition. This show promises to be an important international Scandinavian philatelic event, and it is not too early to begin to think about how SCC might participate.

I would like to announce the appointment of the following SCC members to the following positions.

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Most of these people are continuing in positions they already hold, and in which they have made significant contributions to the administration of the Club. The success of the Club is due in large part to the hard work and dedication of these appointed officers.

As Bob Gross mentioned in the February 1983 POSTHORN, a number of members have recently expressed their hope that SCC will once again publish a membership directory, in order to encourage and facilitate contacts among the club's members. If we do publish such a directory, we will clearly have to respect the wishes of those members who prefer not to have their names published with an address. Are there other reasons to be careful about publication of such a directory, or are there other kinds of information that have not appeared in past directories that you feel would be useful in a new one? Let us know what you think, so that we may have a well-informed discussion of the topic at the June 11 Board meeting.

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The Editor's Notebook

By Bob Gross

We never dreamed that making a change in the format of The POSTHORN would be of interest to so many members. We had a total of 31 letters and phone calls about the change, all of them favorable. We appreciate your letters and calls. If you have any suggestions for changes, just let us know.

With this issue we are incorporating another format change. With the new Title Page on the front inside page, we are adding a complete Table of Contents for each issue on the second inside page. This change is a result of suggestions from Wayne Rindone, our President, and a number of other members. Hope that the new Table of Contents will assist you in locating articles.

We want to urge each of you to look over the Centerfold pages containing Chapter 13's 13th Annual Auction. The proceeds of these auctions are used to further Scandinavian philately and the Chapter deserves your support.

Harlan Miller, our Printer, tells us that for the next few months he will be in and out of his place of business, but he has assured us that he will be there to publish future issues on time. With the help of his son and grandson he has catalogued a 50 year accumulation of stamps and is traveling throughout the mid-west selling them at stamp shows, flea markets, etc.

Our thanks to Glenn Hansen for a copy of the old Charles J. Phillips catalogue of Danish Stamps (1851-1899) from the A. A. Kranhold collections. We will pass it on to the SCC Library. Glenn's article on the Danish Three Ring Mute, Numerica, Alpha-Numeric Cancellations starts in this issue and will be continued in the next two issues. He is very anxious to get a study group organized dealing with the 3-Ring numerals. Anyone interested should contact Glenn Hansen, 375 Jefferson Avenue, Winipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2V 0N4.

We want to thank Jan Hansen of Corona, California for calling to our attention the fact that this will mark the 40th year of publication of The POSTHORN. As a result of his letter we are going to publish a special souvenir 40th Anniversary Issue in November. Thanks again, Jan, for your suggestion.

We want to urge each Chapter of SCC to send us Chapter News for each issue. Of particular interest to other SCC members is information on any publications your chapter issues that can be purchased by SCC members.

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Mr. V. I. Ansamaa And Mute Cancels At Lahti

Part III

The Earliest and Latest Usages and Notes on Expertization

By Ed Fraser

Parts I and II, in the November 1981 and May 1982 POSTHORN respectively, explained the usages of mute cancels at Lahti. These articles illustrated some mute cancels on items dated between 23 June 1923 and 23 August 1941, and suggested other mute cancels exist. As described before, this use of mute cancels occurred on mail that needed to be "subsequently cancelled," and is attributed to the direction of Mr. V. I. Ansamaa in Lahti. However, the story is probably more involved. According to Aaro Laitinen, the early use of mute cancels in Lahti was apparently initiated by Mr. V. I. Ansamaa's father by occasionally using simple cork cancels. Mr. V. I. Ansamaa, who retired in 1960, would have been at most 65 years old then, as that is the mandatory age for retirement from the Finnish post office. Hence, the father-



Figure 1

Back of cover with mute cancelled 1901 lithographed 20 penni stamp accompanied by a dated Lahti cancel of 6 March 1901. The stamp is placed over a monogram type design.

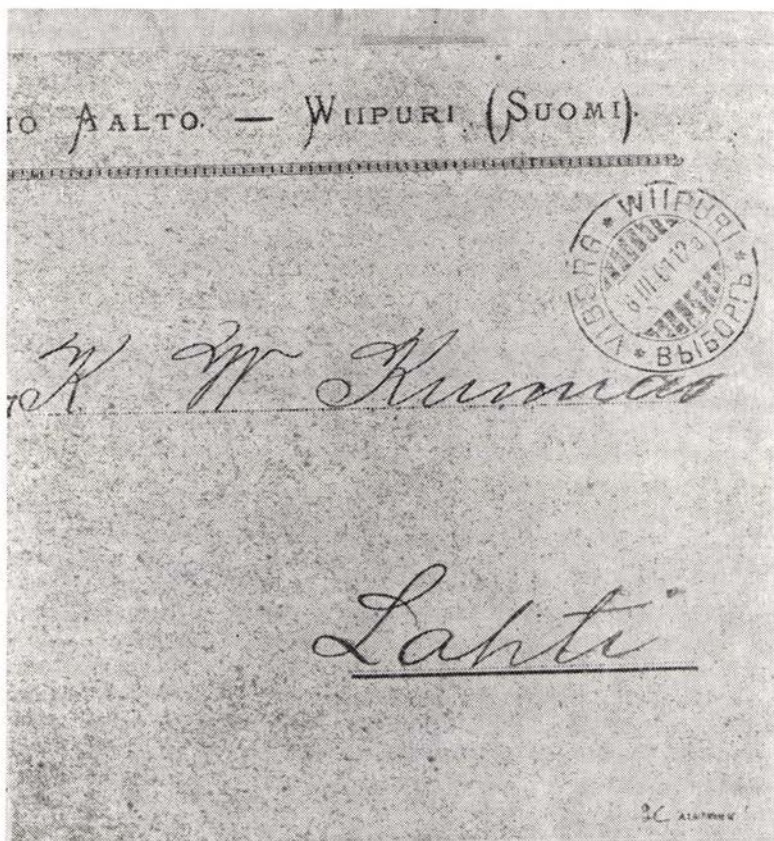


Figure 2

Front of cover shown in Figure 1, showing town of mailing to be Wiborg, with WIBORG 6 III 1901 dated cancel. It is not unusual in this period to see covers with the franking on the reverse.

to-son explanation for the practice going back to the early 1900's. A brief story about Mr. V. I. Ansamaa, his father, and these cancels, appeared in the 31 December 1982 "Karhunhammas" magazine, and a translation appears as an addendum to this article.

Unfortunately the number of known covers showing this practice is quite limited. This is probably because these usages have not been widely looked for, and because they were originally only a fraction of the mail handled at this one post office.(1) Two recently found covers are especially interesting because they provide good historical documentation of the long time period of this "subsequently cancelled" practice.

The first cover, shown in Figures 1 and 2, is one of the earliest usages known. It is a commercial cover from Wiborg, and the front of the cover has the date cancel of Wiborg of 6 March 1901.

Normally the stamp would be cancelled with this same canceller. However, since the stamp was on the back of the cover, it probably was overlooked, and cancelled with a mute cancel upon arrival in Lahti (also 6 March 1901). This mute cancel is described as #2C and is shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3

Drawing of cancel described as #2C in A. Laitinen's 1981 catalog "Die Figur-
stempel Finnlands—The Figure Cancels of Finland" (Actual size).

This cover alone would not confirm that the mute cancel was applied in Lahti, although it appears very probable. The existence of another cover provides confirmation. It is a registered cover, franked with two 1902 typographed 20 penni stamps (domestic registered mail rate) and with the KUHMOINEN post office's registry label. However, the Kuhmoinen post office failed to apply a dated cancel on the stamps or on the envelope. The cover, addressed to Lahti, is backstamped in Lahti on 1 August 1902. The stamps are cancelled with mute cancel #2C. The application of a mute cancel on registered mail at Kuhmoinen, without a dated cancel, would have been unusual. However, use of a mute cancel at Lahti can again be considered probable, and use of the same mute cancel on another cover from a different town but also addressed to Lahti is ideal confirmation. Even the possibility of common routing for these 2 covers seems impossible. Kuhmoinen is about 75 km. NNW of Lahti and Wiborg is about 175 km. ESE of Lahti. It's also interesting that this cancel must have been available at least for 17 months (6 March 1901 to 1 August 1902)—I might guess much longer—yet to date no loose stamps with this cancel have been recorded.(2)(3)

Jumping to the other end of this Lahti "subsequently mute-cancelled" period, an interesting picture post card from 2 July 1942 has a unique mute cancel which is shown in Figure 4. This card is addressed to Lahti, and the message indicates the card is dated 2 July 1942 from Tainionkiski. The post card is from a woman in the "Lotta," a Finnish women's para-military organization. Unfortunately there are no other cancels or postal markings. Although undoubtedly other uses of Lahti mute cancels may be found, possibly into the 1950's (see Addendum), this post card is at this time apparently the latest known usage.

Covers such as this pose special problems for philatelists: how does one know, especially for a unique item like this, if it is a casual creation not relating to postal practice at all, or even a deliberate forgery? The answer, of course, is to get expert counsel.

Kauko Aro spoke to Aaro Laitinen in Finland for his opinion about this item in particular. Mr. Laitinen said that he believed the cancel was legitimate. It also turned out to be a most timely inquiry because Mr. Laitinen had just been notified that he was going to be certified by the Philatelic

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Figure 4

Lahti mute cancel from a post card dated 2 July 1942 (New listing as #89B)

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The annual FLOREX show in St. Petersburg, FL saw a gold medal go to Victor E. Engstrom for his DWI Postal Stationery, and at the VAPEX show in Virginia Beach, a silver medal was taken by Michael E. Falls for "Iceland: From 1873 to the Founding of the Republic in 1944." At ARIPEX, Michael Cline took a silver with his "Scandinavian Airmails." At ESPAMER held in San Juan, Gary H. Houeer won a large silver for his "Greenland: Pakkeporto." At the same show's literature competition, SCC's The POSTHORN won a large silver medal as well.

ANSWER TO FINNISH ZEPPELIN FORGERY QUIZ:

Although the cover in Figure 1 is genuine in all respects, it is cancelled 19 Sept. 1930! Almost all "ZEPPELIN 1930" overprinted 10 mark stamps are cancelled 'Hel'sinki 24 Sept. 1930.' This stamp was only valid on letters and postcards to be distributed by the air-ship upon its return to Germany on 24 Sept. 1930. The postage rates were 20 marks for a letter (2 stamps) and 10 marks for a post card (1 stamp). Additional postage was required if forwarding after the Zeppelin flight was to be by air mail, based on the Finnish air mail rates that became effective in April 1930.

Sometimes Zeppelin stamps, which were apparently only sold in Helsinki, were mailed outside Helsinki and were cancelled before delivery to Helsinki, and before 24 September. Also, some items were cancelled in Helsinki before 24 September. (These would also be "pre-official-first-day," in effect.) There are some genuine stamps that were used improperly and cancelled after 24 Sept. 1930, but they are very seldom seen and I do not have information available about them.


All covers and cards must have the Friedrichshafen 25.9.1930 receiving cancel. Many different forgeries are known. Although the full date does not show on many loose, used Zeppelin stamps, the moral of this quiz is: BEWARE OF USED ZEPPELIN STAMPS THAT MAY NOT BE CANCELLED 24.9.1930 IN HELSINKI. Very few are genuine.

It should go without saying that all "overprint" items, mint or used, should always be treated with caution. The hardest to detect forgeries are forged overprints.

The 1974-75 Facit indicates that these stamps went on sale on the 17th of September, 1930, although they had no franking value and (perhaps) were not to be cancelled before the 24th. I have recently received a most interesting letter from Bo Isaesson advising that he is going to check the details of the information as presented in the Facit catalog and probably revise it. One or two sentences in the Finnish Handbook ("Suomen Postimerkkien Käsikirja, Volume IV") are unclear, and further clarification is necessary. Also, does any reader know if there was a postal directive saying that the Zeppelin stamps were only to be cancelled on 24 September? Does anyone know of examples dated before 17 Sept. 1930? I am also collecting information on this issue and its usages for a future detailed article on Zeppelin forgeries.

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Federation of Finland to expertize items involving mute or figure cancels. A short time later, for a nominal fee plus postage costs, the certificate (#11) shown in Figure 5 was issued. Certainly the specific wording on the certificate leaves no doubt about the current standing of the item. (Of course, if any reader has, or knows of, similar items, please let me know.) It should




Expert, authorized by
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Aaro Laitinen

Mr. Ed Fraser

**EXPERTIZING
CERTIFICATE**
No. 1

Description: The figure cancellation with 8 bars on the postcard is genuine and it belongs to the occasional figure cancels of Lahti. At this moment it is the only known specimen of this figure cancellation.



Pori, Finland, November 1, 1982

Aaro Laitinen

Figure 5

A Photo-Certificate. A statement of opinion by an expertizer with an attached and tied photo (or clear xerox) can give the collector an accurate description and verifiable future reference about an item. Here a photo-certificate for this mute cancelled post card establishes its current status as being a genuine "subsequently cancelled" Lahti mute cancel usage.

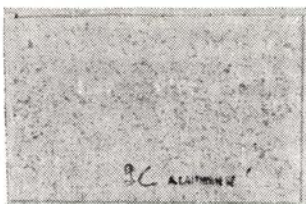


Figure 6

Expertizer's signature from cover shown in Figure 3, "A. LAITINEN SF," and annotated "2C."

be expected that unique items will frequently be held "pending," and not be able to receive any opinion or certificate until complementary material is discovered. Of course, an expertizer may have additional information available, and even special knowledge of the cover, sender, recipient, etc., that can enable him to give an opinion.

When should an item be expertized?

Sometimes an item just looks odd—blurry printing, small design differences, irregular perforations, possible repairs, slightly unusual cancel or date, etc.—or it may be something that is known forged. Every aspect should be explainable by reference to known varieties, and subtle points should be checked to confirm that the item is OK. If any doubt remains, it will also raise doubt in some other collectors' minds, and the item should be formally examined by the appropriate expert. A photo-certificate probably should always be requested if this cost would be less than the difference in market value of a definite, expertized item, and its lower value as an uncertain item. This should apply to the dealer or auctioneer looking to sell the item as well as to the collector who wants to "bury" the item in his collection. Another alternative—but not for unique items—is to have the item "signed." Although I am very much against adding any marks anywhere on a cover, in light pencil or otherwise, one exception I would consider is to have the cover signed by the appropriate expertizer in an inconspicuous place.(4) A good example of this is shown in Figure 6, enlarged from the lower right corner of the cover shown in Figure 3.

Additional comments appreciated. 7d Fraser, 60 Broad St., 26th Floor, New York, N. Y. 10004.

Footnotes:

1. During the 20th century, several other post offices used mute cancels in a very limited way. The most common was the #226 cancel used at Nikoistad (Vaasa), as mentioned in the November 1982 POSTHORN, pages 204-205.

2. Coincidentally, the only mute cancel attributed to Kuhmoinen is described in E. A. Hellman's 1961 book "Die Figurenstempel Finnlands" as #45. It is only known used on a 20th century cover from Kuhmoinen to Helsinki franked with 1902 typographed 2 penni stamps. The cover is cancelled "KUHMOINEN 21 VI 08.31" and "HELSINKI 23 VI 08.9f." While there is no evidence in this case of in-transit mute cancellation, it is interesting that Kuhmoinen is about 175 kkm north of Helsinki with Lahti being a principal town close to midway between them. The cancel, smaller but somewhat similar to Figure 4, is drawn below as Figure 7.



Figure 7

1908 Kuhmoinen mute cancel #45 (actual size).

One might speculate that this could be a "Lahti cancel" applied in transit.

3. There are a few cancels similar to #2C from the early 20th century that have slightly different diameters. Their towns of usage are unknown, and they are not known on cover.

4. This I feel will definitely enhance the cover and establish its "pedigree." I am NOT referring to "guarantee marks" dealers might stamp on an item, which would be best left off. The item should be properly expertized instead.

ADDENDUM

The father of the originator of the Ansamaa cancellations:

From "Karhunhammas," 31 Dec. 1982, edited by A. Laitinen, "Since we are presenting two so-called Ansamaa cancellations in this issue, there is reason to publish at this time a letter which the editor received in November from Olavi Kokko in Lahti:

'In 1974 I had requested that you (A. Laitinen) identify a few 'Ansamaa' cancellations. When I now have just heard for the first time this story about the father of the originator of these cancels, I have dashed off this letter to tell you about it. (I realize that it is only a non-philatelic sidelight, but such interesting stories help to make philately interesting.)

The current chairman of our local stamp club, Pekka Taitto, gave a talk about the development of the post office here in Lahti and the surrounding area, starting from the hazy period of its beginnings. Among other things, he related the following:

'The village of Lahti, located in Hollola County, received the rights of a town in 1878. In that same year, the first uniformed mailman appeared on the streets here. His name was Johan Andersson, and he was the father of the postal clerk V. I. Ansamaa. Mr. V. I. Ansamaa in turn has acknowledged being the originator of the Lahti figure cancels—and he still lives in Lahti and is well known and is highly regarded, particularly among the older generation. Among the younger generation, the stamp collectors probably know him at least by name.

'(Additionally) the main post office in Lahti moved into their own building in 1960, which is their current location. According to Mr. Ansamaa's recollections, he figures his cancellers had been lost around 1955 or (at the latest', at the time of the move (in 1960). We can therefore argue with justification that a genuine Ansamaa cancellation does not exist from the period after 1960.

'Wishing you a nice autumn, Olavi Kokko'

Thanks are due for Kauko Aro's oral translations of conversations, questions, letters, and articles which have formed the basis for notes I have used to write this article.

Changing a family name was fairly common in Finland, often occurring in years of strong patriotic sentiment. In the 19th century and earlier, Latin forms were often used. Later, Russian names were changed to a Swedish or Finnish form, and some Swedish names were changed to Finnish names.

Ed Fraser

Cancellations Of The 1866 Emissions

Part II

By Mikko Ossa

This is Part II of a very informative series by Mikko Ossa of TURKU. In part I of this subject we examined the Main-type cancellations on the "big-toothed" Penny-value stamps. In addition to these, Mr. Ossa relates, there were various other types of cancels employed whose main purpose was not to cancel stamps but to describe special postal facts concerning the transportation of the mails. The postmasters of the time were not very diligent in the application of the devices and often used them to invalidate the stamps. These special items add interesting color when one is building a collection of 1866 adhesives.

These variations include ANK, FRANKO, RAILROAD, RAILROAD STATION DATERS and FIGURE CANCELLATIONS along with some others. All exhibits should contain some examples of as many of these as is possible. The ideal is to find them on complete postal pieces even though some of the smaller design items can be well shown on single stamps. Foreign cancellations on Finnish stamps add yet another enhancement, with the exception of Sweden.

ANK and FRANKO Cancellations



Picture 1. An example of the oval FRANCO canceller used in the city of TURKU.

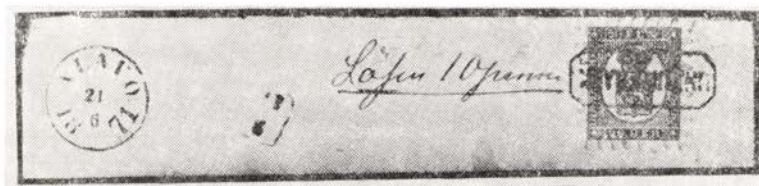
ANK cancels were designed as "arrival cancellations." The first ANK cancels occur toward the end of the Oval stamp period. They were used with some frequency on the 1866 stamps but rarely on the 1860 Roulettes. It appears that the ANK cancel was used directly on stamp(s) originally not cancelled in the PO of origin. It also seems that the ANK cancel was used at the sending PO when the official canceller was broken or in repair. The FRANKO cancellations post-date the stamps but they became more common in the 1860's when all PO's had received them as standard issue. These also were often used to cancel stamps. Most common of the various types is the oblong box type with 8 sides.

The variety FR.KO type was used in 10's of PO's and it is not possible to identify specific ones related to the PO's using them because of the simplicity of design.

From time to time an oval type Franco cancel (Pic. 1) was used in TURKU. There were 2 sizes and sometimes these were applied on the stamps and others properly used. Some PO's had FRANCO cancels that were privately made and these are found on the 1866 stamps.



Picture 2. Two 20 penny Roulettes on letter from NIKOLAISTAD to Berlin in the year 1871 with a black "UNZUR. FRANK" stamp noting that postage is due.



Picture 3. An example of the UNZUR. FRANK stamping used by the town of ALAVO.

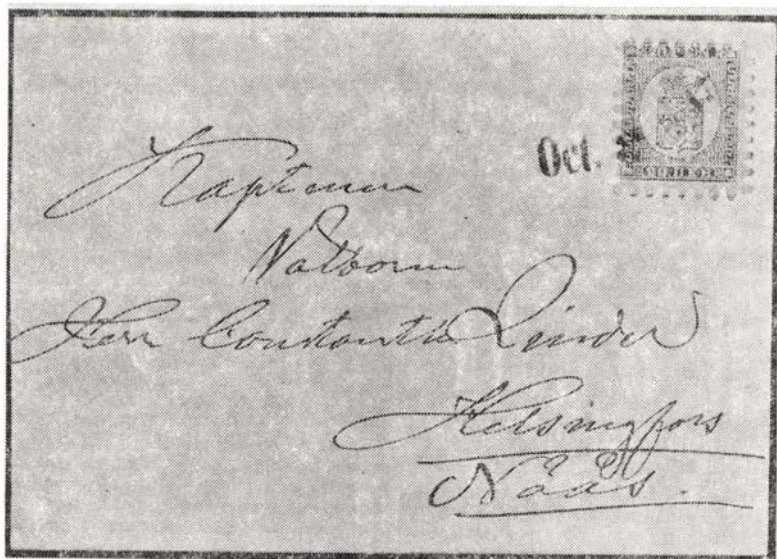
An Interesting UNZUR. FRANK Cancellor

There is an 8 sided UNZER. FRANK type (understandably) abbreviated from the German, "UNZURREICHAND FRANKIERT." This translates to "insufficient postage." It was used on letters to foreign areas for which the receiver had to pay the postage fee. (See pic. 2).

This cancellation was supposed to be employed by those postoffices that forwarded foreign mail. There were a few PO's that used them though they did not forward mail to foreign areas. One of these towns was ALAVO/ALAVUS. (See pic. 3). We do not know the periods of usage because of the rarity. Sometimes they were impressed on the stamp even though the instructions was to apply them to the letter. They were temporarily utilized on domestic under-postaged mail to denote "postage due" until our so-called "T" cancels came into use.

Railroad Mail Car Official Stampel

The earliest RR cancel appears from the Helsinki to Hämeenlinna route. These are a bit more seen on the 5 and 10 Kop. 1860 stamps starting from 1862. They were the same cancels used to stamp RR tickets. They bore the



Picture 4. This cover bears a HELSINKI-HAMEENLINNA date cancellation and is a great Rarity. Even loose stamps so cancelled are rarely seen.



Picture 5. 40 Penny Roulette letter cancelled March 1871 to WALKEASAARI. The stamp is cancelled with a POSTKUPE circular indicia. It has a Rare blue St. Petersburg cancellation.

date and month in varying order and were always applied to the stamp. They are highly valued on the Kopeck stamps and next to impossible to get on postal items. When found on the 1866 Penny-value stamps they are a higher

philatelic Rarity. I know of just a few singles and postal items all of which appear on the earlier printings of the 20 penny stamps. (See pic. 4).

Another RR cancellation type used as an official stamp canceller in the Railroad stations until they got their own PO must be included in this writing. Sometimes it was struck on the stamp but most often it is on the letter itself. The color is usually blue. These types were used on the Helsinki-Hämeenlinna route, as well as Riihimäki-Pietari route which opened in 1870. Some exceptions that are Rare are those used in Hyvinge, Turengi and Träs-kända.

Postkupe Cancellations

Fairly soon the large sized cancellations with text came into use. The text reads "FINSKA JERNVAGENS POSTKUPE EXPED." They are not Rare. Because there are so many they belong to a research field of their own. (Pic. 5).

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Transfers And Re-entries

By Alan Warren

With each release of a new volume in the multi-volume treatise "Danish West Indies Mails, 1754-1917," I am more impressed with the quality and depth of research and writing which went into the project. I'm not sure that Vic Engstrom, who is Editor-in-Chief of the work, was aware of the magnitude of the project when he first took over the SCC DWI Study Unit and began compiling the data which was subsequently organized for publication by Ray Norby's Scandinavian Philatelic Printing and Publishing Company.

The latest volume details much of those "back-of-the-book" materials which are difficult to study, because there is little published information. Fortunately Vic Engstrom has gotten together specialists in these areas to contribute their knowledge and experience so that the rest of the philatelic community can benefit. Some of the subjects covered in Volume 3 include revenues, essays and proofs, reprints, fakes and forgeries, postmarks, postal rates and regulations, registry marks, postal forms and labels, free franks, soldier's mail, stamps of the West Indian navigation companies, Christmas seals, and the transfer of the DWI to the United States. A price guide at the end of the book will help those who are seeking this kind of material in today's marketplace.

The three volumes are well edited and printed and bound. The latest volume is very lavishly illustrated with examples of each of the subjects under discussion. The entire series is a credit to the editors and publisher, and especially for the individual contributors who helped make it all happen. I believe the first volume is out of print, although if there is sufficient interest, it may be reprinted. Price and availability can be obtained from Scandinavian Philatelic Literature Service, Box 175, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044.

Another recent publication which is particularly useful for those of us who would like to specialize in some area without spending a fortune is the "SAVA Katalog Danmark 1904-1933." The word SAVA comes from "samlecaerdige varianter" or collectable varieties. This particular volume covers the typeographed issues of Denmark which appeared in the time frame indicated. The catalog enables one to identify the many fly-speck varieties to be found

on these issues. The new catalog follows on an earlier one which covered the steel-engraved issues of Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroes, published last year. Both books are edited by Poul Ekelund, and are available from various dealers who advertise in The POSTHORN.

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, The POSTHORN continues to capture awards at the various international philatelic literature competitions. In the February issue of "The American Philatelist," APS Affiliate Coordination Chairman Bob de Violini devotes two paragraphs to the November issue of our journal, and the Library Index which appeared as a supplement to that issue. Bob encourages those readers who may want more information about SCC to write to our Executive Secretary. This is one of the benefits we receive as an APS Affiliate, i.e. free publicity. SCC members are also urged to review that Library Index, compiled by our dedicated Librarian and Director-at-Large Stanley Hanson. Many of the items in our library are out of print, and often beyond the means of many of us when they appear in auctions. Therefore you should feel free to make use of the library by contacting Stan and borrowing those items you may need to research and write up your particular area of collecting interest.

Speaking of the SCC Library and the latest DWI volume, the Editor-in-Chief Vic Engstrom, and publisher Ray Norby, have donated a copy to our SCC Library. We are truly grateful for their generosity in making this important series available to the membership for reference.

The next major Scandinavian show in northern Europe will be NORDIA 84, to be held July 3-8, 1984 in the Laugardalur Sports Hall of Reykjavik, Iceland. The 700-frame exhibition is open to members of the Philatelic Federations of the Nordic countries, and is sponsored by the Icelandic Philatelic Federation. Commissioners appointed in the participating countries are: Henrik Eis, Denmark; Pentti Hamalainen, Finland; Eivind Evensen, Norway; and Gösta Hedbom, Sweden. SCC member Halfdan Helgason is Chairman of the show's Executive Committee.

The first of several souvenir sheets promoting the show was issued last fall. Another is scheduled for October of this year, and a final one will be released on opening day of the show. The show organizers are soliciting advertisements for the promotional booklets. This important show may offer an opportunity for an informal (or formal) SCC get-together. Advertising rates and other details can be obtained from Halfdan Helgason, Norraen Frimerkjasyning, Postbox 5530, 125 Reykjavik, Iceland.

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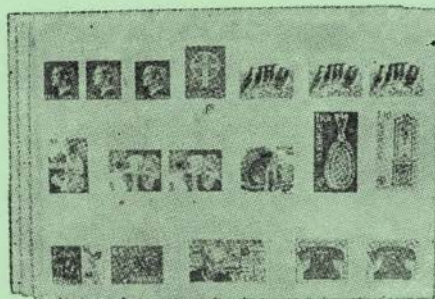
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