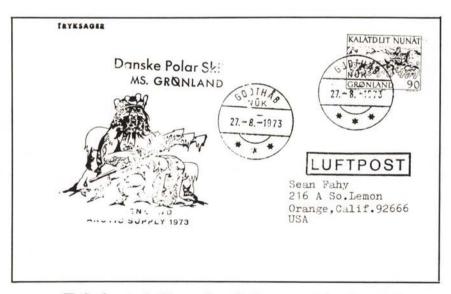
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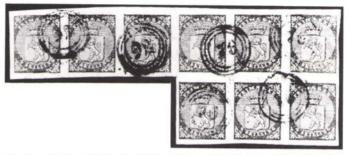
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Fabricated Greenland Covers Discovered At SESCAL Dealer's Table by Alert Danes

By Dan Laursen

Falsified covers produced by a West German philatelic swindler arrested in 1987 by Bad Harzburg Police turned up at SESCAL on a dealer's table, only to be exposed by alert Danes. The alleged faker, Hans-J. Rautschke, specialized in fairly low-priced Arctic and Antarctic cacheted covers — but he went at it in a big way for the profits available in this popular modern specialty, said police investigators.

Police found a large assortment of rubber handstamps with names of Danish and other nation's polar ships, along with other cancellation paraphenalia in his shop. A list of the Danish ship name stamps is shown in Fig. 3.

Unfortunately this forgery operation has been going on for quite some time. It was inevitable that some of the material would have found its way to the U.S. west coast, where at SESCAL the SCC held its annual convention and this Dane—along with Ib Eichner-Larsen—spotted the covers on a dealer's table. It was the reversed slash in the Ø in Grønland that attracted our attention! (See Fig. 1.)

Also, the words Danske Polar Skibet is not proper Danish usage. This is the Swedish usage, please note! And beneath the cachet of frosty King Neptune the legend reads "Greenland Arctic Supply 1973." No such enterprise is known in Denmark or Greenland. Otherwise the cover has a filler and the unsealed flap is tucked-in as with most other FDCs and CTO items. "Tryksager" stamped at the upper left indicates printed matter, but the rates published by Lindskog & Hopballe and Poul Frølund of the Greenland Group reveal the cover is over-franked, which is also true of the other covers shown in this article.

The flight cover shown in Fig. 2 is a very sneaky item because it looks so con-



Fig. 1 — The reversed Ø in Grønland caught the attention of alert Danes at a dealer's table in SESCAL, Los Angeles, CA.

vincingly genuine. Yet when examined closely a lot of peculiar things turn up. What makes it look authentic is the genuine postmarks and the USPS return marking.

Yet the deceiving cachet is not without a couple of blunders. First, the addressee Mr. Lars L. Lindgren (a typical Swedish name) at General Delivery, Barrow, Alaska 99723, USA, is printed in



Fig. 2 — A few mistakes became obvious upon closer examination of this alleged flight cover from Greenland to Barrow, Alaska.

brown printer's ink identical to ink of the cachet's map. Note that all of North America (including Canada) is labeled Alaska, despite the fact that only a small northwestern portion actually makes up Alaska. Additionally, there is no existing polar flight route from Cape Farewell, Greenland, to Barrow, Alaska, as shown on the cachet

More Blunders on Back

Further the reverse or back of this cover offers oddities: 1.) A large rubber handstamp depicting Greenland and a 1972 topped by "Greenland Arctic Supply" and underlined by "Grølands Forsyningen" — all non-existant according to J. Lauritzen of Copenhagen, who states that "DAN" ships do not have



Fig. 3 — Illustrated above are some of the fake rubber stamp markings with names of alleged Danish Arctic and Antarctic ships used in the swindle described in this article. Note that the bottom four ships names belong to Danish racing boat participants in the annual German Race Week at Kiel on the Baltic Sea. These were among 330 handstamps confiscated by Bad Harzburg Police in 1987.



Fig. 4 — This cacheted cover along with Fig. 2 places two supply ships in port the same day at Godthåb, an unlikely occurance.

any rubber handstamps similar to those shown by "MS. Erika Dan."

Another unlikely marking is the English printed request "After 3 days please return to sender:" who just happens to be Hans-J. Rautechke of Bad Hartzburg, W. Germany. Why didn't any collector question why such a letter, a typical #6 American Envelope not used commonly in Europe, was customized to appear of foreign origin? The entire matter stinks of fraud.

Another footnote to this alleged genuine Arctic cover is that everyone concerned had overlooked the basic probability that any special cachet cover from a Danish ship would also be franked by a Danish stamp.

Unbearable Conclusion

The cover in Fig. 4 shows three more blunders, in addition to those already mentioned. First the name of the ship "MS. NANOK S" which in the Greenland language without the "S" suffix is the word for polar bear. Also to be pointed out are the identical cancel dates of the covers in Fig. 2 and Fig. 4—both postmarked "Godthåb Nuk 27.8.1973." A coincidence high unlikely since the Royal Trading Co. would not schedule such an event if only because the few longshoremen in Godthåb cannot handle two ships at the same time.

Naturally, the purpose of these fabrications is the profits to be made from this currently popular specialty area of sea post or sea mail. And Greenland is very popular because of its

relatively new postal stamp area; until recently known for a very conservative issuance policy controlled by the Danish P&T.

Helpful in this fraud, unfortunately, were both the Danish and Greenland officials manning the post offices in Greenland, who are friendly and obliging to anyone requesting favor cancellations on any number of stamped, unaddressed envelopes — thus providing a legitimate headstart for a philatelic swindler equipped with faked handstamps to embellish the covers.

I cannot warn Greenland collectors enough about being very careful when purchasing alleged Greenland "sea mail."

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Facit & SFF to Combine In Catalog Publishing

Swedish stamp catalogs next year will see major changes, according to a joint announcement by Facit and the SFF publishing houses. The Facit Catalog has long dominated the Swedish and world market for years as a major publication of Frimarkshuset.

On the other hand, the very specialized catalog printed by the Swedish Philatelic Federation (SFF) has been in the background despite its contents of much more information. Also joining the Facit-SFF venture will be other less-known catalogs produced by different stamp companies.

The purpose of combining forces is to beat rising costs of printing competing catalogs. A new philatelic publishing house has been formed, combining SFF, Frimarkshuset and the Skogs Book Printing Co.

The first edition of the new SFF-Facit Specialized Catalog 1990 will be released some time this year. In addition, there are plans to issue a simplified Swedish catalog yearly and a detailed postal history catalog every three years.

U.K.-Printed Swedish Discount Booklets Prove a Treasure Trove to Specialists

By Uno Ahlqvist

(Translated by Ben DeLambert)

Many collectors tend to think that the first eight Swedish discount stamp booklets are pretty boring from a collector's viewpoint. I would like to prove that this is wrong. To those who believe that the only existing variety is the spine print on the booklet cover, I shall present an overview of currently known varieties.

The discount stamps and booklets through the year 1986, were printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd., England. This means that there is no point in looking for cylinder or check numbers in these booklets. There exist, however, a number of varieties in addition to the spine prints, that could be well worth looking for.

H313 Discount Stamp 1979 (Dove)

20 rabattmärken för brev och postkort inom Sverige. Pris 20 kronor



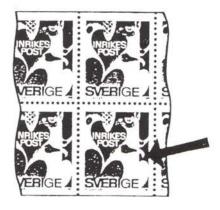


Here is shown a variety normally called "Booklet with parts of extra pair of stamps." The booklet pane normally ends with a vertical perforation row, but in this case the pane was cut so that a small part of the 11th row of stamps is found at the free end of the pane.

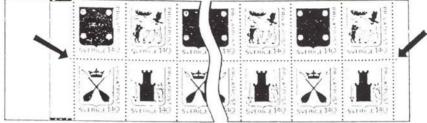
The above also means that there must exist corresponding booklets (from the other half of the printing cylinder) where the 10th pair of stamps at the free (left) end of the pane, is missing perforations. These would look like the angle cut stamps that exist normally in some other Swedish booklets. Such booklets are known to exist, but can not command any premium as they can easily be duplicated by trimming a normal booklet with a pair of scissors.

H321 Discount Stamp 1980 (Squirrel)

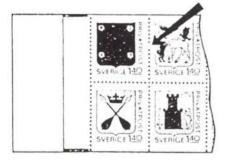
Here we find the SFF Catalog listed variety (Parts of colored guide lines). On the left selvage, used to fasten the pane to the cover, one can occasionally find two thin yellow lines. The wider the selvage the longer and clearer these two lines will appear (compare with H334). In addition this booklet sometimes contains the variety called: "Squirrel with three toes." In the lower row of stamps, the fourth stamp from the right occasionally has a defective squirrel with three toes instead of two. This stamp is of interest to collectors of varieties.



H330 Swedish Coats of Arms 1981



This booklet offers the greatest opportunity for finding varieties. No less than three are known. Theoretically all three could exist in a single booklet, but as yet not even two have been found together in a single booklet, but keep your eyes open. First we have the cataloged variety H330B where the selvage at both the free and fastened ends have an extra perforation hole in the margin. The catalog value of this variety is 300 Kronor. If you are lucky enough to find this variety together with spine print, the value is 800 Kronor. This price has been exceeded at recent auctions.



The third variety found on H330 is known as "Booklet with parts of colored squares (on the selvage)." The prerequisite for finding this variety is that the selvage must be extra wide.

This booklet is further known with missing perforation holes. On occasion a perforation pin can break off resulting in a missing hole. This has happened with two different pins in the same row. The illustration shows a booklet with the 8th hole from the top missing. Booklets are also known with the 15th hole in the same row missing. No booklet is currently known with both defects.



H337. Swedish Coats of Arms 1982

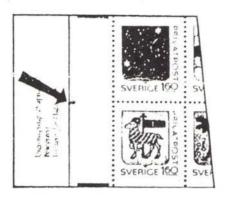
Two of the varieties found in booklet H330 are found also in this booklet:

"Missing perforation hole" see illustration

"Parts of two colored squares" as shown above in the third variety of H330.



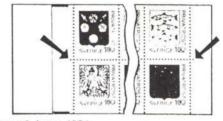
H344 Swedish Coats of Arms 1983



The SFF Catalog mentions that in this booklet parts of colored guide lines' can be found. They are located in the selvage used to fasten the pane to the booklet cover and extend in one millimeter or two from the edge. The wider the selvage, the longer the lines will be. In all probability these lines are part of one or more crosses engraved into the printing cylinder to facilitate correct color registry. You can be sure that if these two lines are printed on top of one another, the colors on the booklet pane will be proper registry. This variety is relatively common.

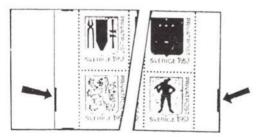
H359 Swedish Coats of Arms 1985

As with booklet H330 here is cataloged variety H359B, where the selvage has an extra perforation hole at both the fastened and free ends. The catalog value is here 300 kronor, or 800 kronor if in combination with spine print. In my judgement, however, H359B is considerably scarcer than H330B, and the catalog value is understated.



H368 Swedish Coats of Arms 1986

In this booklet can be found a new type of margin markings in the form of black guide lines.



Vertical guide lines can be found at either edge of selvage.



A horizontal guide line can be found at the free end of the selvage.

A booklet can not contain both the vertical and horizontal guide lines. Both varieties exist in booklets with spine print, but this combination is not common.

Beginning in 1987, the printing plant of the Swedish Postal Service took over the printing of discount stamp booklets. This marked the beginning of a new type of booklet produced by the newly purchased machine. What varieties this machine will produce, only the future will tell. Hopefully, in another decade or so, I will again return with a new article about — "The domestically produced discount stamp booklets — a treasure trove."



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Iceland's Two FRAMA Machines Prove Most Popular Among Collectors (?)

By Alfred A. Gruber

In 1983, Iceland introduced a new type of postal adhesive device called a franking label. These labels are not to be confused with postage meter imprints which are applied directly to the envelope. According to Iceland's agency, Frimerkjaslan Postphil, "the labels are glued to the items to be mailed in the same manner and according to the rules as apply to ordinary stamps." Collectors have taken to calling these adhesives FRAMAS.

A coin-operated machine manufactured in Switzerland by FRAMA-AG is used to dispense the labels. The first one in Iceland was put into service in Reykjavik's main post office on June 29, 1983, on a trial basis. A second machine (Fig. 1) was placed in operation May 19, 1988, in the post office R-3, Kringlan 8-12, 103 Reykjavik, known to the citizenry as the "new shopping mall." This machine (No. 2) contains a roll of paper upon which the labels are printed.



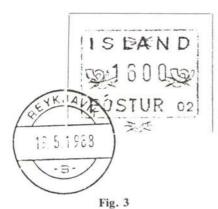
Fig. 1



Fig. 2

The selection includes the three base rates for air delivery of postcards and letters within Iceland and to all foreign destinations. The machine, which has no change-making capability, accepts coins of 1, 5, 10 and 50 ISk and dispenses labels one at a time as selected until the money is exhausted. One patron reported odd change was issued in the form of a FRAMA label. The machine (No. 1) in Rekiavik's main post office lobby is similar. It has the ability to print any value from 0.1 to 93.4 ISk, delivering one label for the exact sum deposited. Examples from each machine are illustrated on first day use in Figs. 2 and 3.

Each paper roll is forty millimeters wide and each label is cut to just over thirty-two millimeters high. The paper itself is medium thick at 3.1-3.3 mils on the six specimens measured, although there have been rumors of other paper thicknesses. The unwatermarked paper has a translucent quality making it appear thinner. It is lightly but cleanly preprinted with a three by eight millimeter insignia of the Postal Giro Service in a checkered pattern. The design is similar to that seen on the 1971 Postal Giro stamp. The pattern dimensions result in four to five insignias appearing on each label.



The FRAMA machine, like a typewrtier, prints using a colored ribbon. The resulting matrix effect, while rather crude, is readily seen with slight magnification. The design includes a closed box measuring thirty-two millimeters wide by twenty-nine millimeters high with the other features best seen in Figures 2 and 3. All examples viewed were well-centered on the paper. The differences between the two machines' products are the digits at lower right and the placement of the value figure (possibly adjustable).

The color on all the 1988 printings seen by this writer is red as on the 1979 Famous Islanders IV 170 ISk issue. The ink is colorfast when soaked one half hour in room temperature water. Facit 1987, pg. I-53, notes that changing the

ribbon may result in new types, presumably in color. And indeed, one example canceled Nov. 17, 1983, is nearer the red of *Facit* No. 224, proving once again all reds are not alike.

A collector who had the opportunity to examine about three thousand contemporary Iceland covers reported seeing FRAMAS on only three items. One possible conclusion is that the overwhelming majority of Icelandic postal users prefer buying stamps to standing at the dispensing machine with coins and receiving labels one by one. Another possiblity is that the sales are going primarily into "philatelic" use. More information from the postal authorities is needed to make accurate reports of FRAMA use.

The Icelandic postal service seems to be treating FRAMAS as if they are postage meter imprints. Of five covers received, only two had postmarks. The only one from machine No. 2 (a postcard) is known to have been mailed from a different station than where the purchase was made. This creates a problem for the collector as "tied" covers are normally the only ones of interest. Yet these franking labels must be considered on a par with regular stamps as they are paying for postal service. This makes the FRAMA franking labels true postal emanations and therefore collectable.

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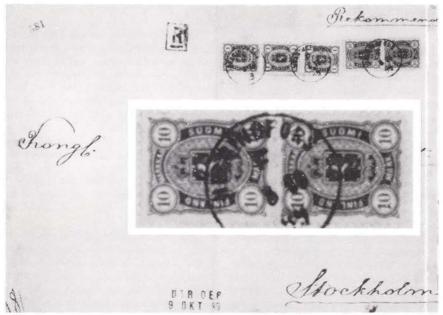
Provinsbanken støtter julemærkesagen 1988







DENMARK'S NEWEST METHOD of selling Christmas Seals to businesses who routinely use postage meters is illustrated above in actual 1 er-printed size. This novel approach was the result of a proposal made son years ago by a collector-journalist, admits a modest Ib Eichner-Larsen who submitted this example. Printed entirely in red ink, the slogan above the mini-seal reads "Provinsbank supports Christmas Seals 1988."



Front of a large cover bearing a vertical pair of the 1885 10m. yellow-brown emission (N:34b) (inset) with three 1 mark stamps on an over-size letter to the Government Foreign Office Dept. in Stockholm. The item is canceled with a single ring Helsingfors, 5.10.89 cancellation in black.

The 1885 High Value Emissions

By Mike Hvidonov

The 1885 emissions do not enjoy as many facets of interest as some of the earlier Classic issues which were more prolifically produced under the antiquated production limitations of those early times.

It is apparent that some exhibitors choose to terminate their Classic presentations with the 1875-82 printings. Perhaps the reasons for this, in part, hinges on the fact that the limited number of printings make for an absence of "cannon-type" items and allow fewer opportunities to find double perforations, important plate errors etc. It also seems to me that viewers and judges do not pay full attention to the 1885 frames, showing a preference to stay longer at the more exciting older philatelic period frames. Perhaps if

some informative writings are done on this 1885 period all viewers would find more interest in this grouping.

The 1885 issues do boast a 5p. tetebeche; a 20p. tete-beche (which can be found in two different plate positions) and the well sought after I mark stamp on letter; an item which may one day be in the rarity classification.

The advanced collector can start the interest perking by acquiring a few of the above rarer items and then by building the balance of the 1885 elements around their importance. If one is fortunate in coming upon some larger groups, rows and blocks, along with a mixed period postage cover and many gorgeous cancellations the frames will take shape nicely. Of course, many of them are hard to find but there are

thrills in the search.

The 5 and 10 mark stamps

Because the philately of the minor 1885 issues in this segment provides minimal display excitement. The 5 and 10m. values take on strong significance and require special attention which I offer to the collector in two views for consideration. Firstly, these stamps deserve and mandate prominence, as surely as the I mark emissions of 1866 and the beautiful 1 m. violet-hued stamps of 1875-1882.

There are three emissions of the 5 m. stamp and only two of the higher 10 m adhesive. There are just 10 stamps to acquire, if one wishes to show both mint and used examples, but they are relative-

expensive. In my humble opinion it is e best way to exhibit one's philatelic nowledge and thoroughness. The effort rould be noted by the judges and proerly credited if the judges are "worth neir salt." I have seen at least one judge weep by my frames and never see the tems. Too many judges choose to ignore the philately. There is nothing that the collector can do to change this indifference.

It should be noted that the first 10 m issue (darkbrown/red) delivered in 1885 is rare. *Lape* lists both mint and used as being \$400 (each) more expensive than the 1887 printing. Perhaps one example of this issue would be sufficient.

The Easy 4-block Way

The second approach is to find and buy a four block of each value, mount them with the color description and if possible the plate positions and hang it. This gets the philatelic effort and study out of the picture. These blocks are always (almost) sold in pairs. While expensive, they hardly are in the high rarity scale although some people may consider them to be. I have been offered these pairs three times in the last three years and declined each offer. I view this handling of these emissions as camouflage. They may have a place in FIP exhibitis where frame space is often limited. They could then be combined on a page with tete-beche pairs or a 1 m.

cover. Probably, some judges will still sail by.

My preference is always that the exhibit show philatelic knowledge and tend to go with the issues rather than the blocks. The blocks offered to me ran between \$9,000 and \$11,000. They have gone up a bit. Getting all the single values would cost a bit less. My stamps were purchased years back when prices were lower. One can do fairly well, with a little bit of luck, at floor auctions in the U.S. and in Europe.

If the well-heeled collector chooses to show all the emissions and then add the 4-blocks too . . . that is all well and good.

The Traditional Exhibition must contain the philatelic knowledge; it should show as many beautiful mint and canceled stamps as space will allow. The emissions must be in correct order. Of course, covers and major items have to be dominant especially in world competitions.

If we start (continue????) to by-pass the requisites that separate the collector from the philatelist, we ditch the standards that have existed for years which in effect is the heritage willed to us by such great philatelists as: Agerthon Faberge, E.A. Hellman, Anton Salmenkylä, Leo Linder, Jaakko Kempainen and many others.

The High-Values on Letter

The determination of the values of either the 5 or 10 m, stamps on cover cannot be estimated. There are no measures because these items are never seen in the market place nor are there any reports of Private Treaty sales. They rarely appear in major exhibits.

There was just one at FINLANDIA. Perhaps the next few years will bring one or two to the auction floor. Only time will tell.

I should clarify that it is not my intention to deracinate (displace) the 1885 segment of Finnish philately. It is my intent to constantly stress to the collector that Traditional philately is the heart and soul of the Exhibition and essential to the complete comprehension of Fin-

nish Postal History . . . it is the only way to go!

This brief article was inspired by the following writing which appeared in *Abophil* in February:

The 1885/5 and 10 m. Values

"The 1885 printings of these two high value stamps was small. The 5 m. was 10,000 and the 10 m. a mere 7,500. Many were used for postage purposes. By observation it would seem that a large number are poorly canceled and flawed.

Recently the availability of these stamps has been plentiful. Some very nicely canceled 5 mark stamps average sales-wise between \$150 and \$225. The 10 m. counterpart wavers between \$300-350. Perhaps these favorable buys are caused by the fact that there are not many new collectors starting Main-type projects. I'd estimate that if there were 200 or more active buyers at this time that the entire 5 and 10 m. inventory would be bought out, and in collections."

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P&T of Finland Lists Mini Sheet Sales Tallies

Sales figures for FINLANDIA 88's four miniature sheets beginning in 1985 and ending Dec. 31, 1988, have been announced by the General Directorate of the P&T of Finland. Most popular was the first mini sheet offered in 1985, which outsold the next three in support of the World Philatelic Exhibit held in Helsinki.

All four sheets had motifs related to different means of mail transportation. The 1885 sheet also was the first ever issued by Finland. Until now a final count could not be assertained because sales of individual mini sheets was fixed to the end of 1988.

Since this period has now ended, the totals can be announced. The 1985 mini sheet sold 539,851 copies, the second mini sheet sold 327,217 copies, the third 364,898 and the final fourth FINLANDIA 88 "Faberge" mini sheet sold 259,934 copies. The 1985 sheet has been

Kekkonen Park Stamp Wins



The Finnish definitive stamp "Urho Kekkonen National Park," released on Jan. 1, 1988, was chosen by 23,198 voters as the most beautiful stamp of the year. The FMk 2.40 issue shows a view of the park to the northwest, with the Saariseelkä Falls in the distance. The park is located in eastern Lapland.

Design of the stamp is by artist Pirko Vahero, who works at the Bank of Finland Security Printing House.

The stamp "Midsummer," included in the Finnish Red Cross series dedicated last year to traditional festivals, came in second with 13,139 votes. It was designed by artist Rolf Christianson. The third choice was the issue "Winter Sports — Matti Nykänen," which garnered 10,211 votes.

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withdrawn from sale.

Not included in the above totals for the second, third and fourth mini sheets are the additional copies reserved for year sets still available to the public. They include 65,000 copies of the 1986 edition, plus 60,000 each for the 1987 and 1988 year sets.

Obviously the 1988 "Faberge" mini sheet, also used in booklet format as an adult admission ticket to FINLANDIA 88, with its smaller sales will be the target for year set purchasers. Collectors should note that the admission ticket version issued was a booklet containing one Faberge mini sheet with an entry stub attached. Years sets will offer the mini sheet issue without the booklet or entry stub.



Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

Issue 2/1988 of North Atlantic Philately continues the discussion by Kristian Hopballe on the printing of stamps with a description of planographic printing. The same author offers the third part in his series on postal conditions in Iceland during World War II. Another third part is the article by Olafur Eliasson on the local rates in Iceland, with the current one on printed matter.

The December issue of Scandinavian Contact from England offers the 23rd and final part of David Loe's exhaustive post office gazetteer of Iceland./He concludes his study with the collecting offices in the southwestern part of the country. Loe estimates there are over 1200 different postmarks of Iceland, and it is his desire to issue his study one day in a single volume.

In the same issue Bill Ross offers another installment of his introduction to the postal history of the Åland Islands, and David Thompson continues his study of the Vaasa issue of Finland with illustrations of plate flaws in the 30, 40, and 50 pennia stamps.

New Handbook

Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift for November 1988 has an article showing some of the various types of cancels which will be listed in the new handbook of cancels to be published by SFF. Jan Billgren presents another part in his series on collecting Swedish postal history, followed by part 4 in the December issue. In that issue Ulla Lindberg provides an update on aerograms of the Nordic countries since the 1983 handbook. Robert Mattson gives us another installment of the Normal Cancel 10 Handbook which is under revision, and Armand Mansson writes the third part of his series on ship post cancels.

RPOs and Forwarders

The January issue of *Luren* carries an article about the Trondheim-Støren Railroad of Norway by Frederick A. Brofos. Two lovely covers from the 18th and 19th centuries showing markings by forwarding agents illustrate the article by Ole Steen Jacobsen in the December issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*. In the same issue, Bent Bryld Gravesen discusses Denmark's 10 øre bicolor postal card.

In the *Philatelic Reports* No. 4, 1988, published by the FG Nordische Staaten in Germany, Edgar Platzke details plate flaws of Denmark's 1987 HAFNIA sheet, and Manfred Stadlmann describes paquetbot and cruise ship markings on Faroes covers. Jurgen Tiemer tabulates Norway's postal rates for inland letters and postal cards from 1855 to the present.

Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift for January 1989 carries an article about the Djursland railway cancels by Thorkild Andersen. This year the Dutch collectors group "Skandinavie" celebrates its founding 25 years ago, and the January issue of their journal Het Noorderlicht mentions the Danish West Indies collection of the well-known Dutch collector Jan Dekker, now on view at the Postmuseum in Gravenhage. The same issue also identifies counterfiet stamps and cancels of Norway from 1937 to 1941, as compiled by Carl Werenskiold and W.H.J. Willebrant.

Cinderella Material

The December issue of *Bältespännaren*, the Swedish journal of back-of-the-book materials, carries a review of FINLANDIA 88 by Åke Torkelstam



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also writes about the numeral labels placed on parcel cards, for example those sent to the Swedish UN forces in Cyprus.

In another article in this issue, H.E. Larsson discusses the "På Post" stamps used on Swedish envelopes to emphasize the country's neutrality during the second world war. Regional philately, i.e. collecting cancels and other materials related to one's home town, state, province, etc. is of growing interest in many countries including Sweden. The 1988 exhibition for "Hembygdsfilatelister" was held in Solna. A major supplement entitled "Posten i Solna" accompanies this same December issue of Bältespännaren. Although the organization stresses Scandianvian Cinderella materials, their journal often has articles on similar items from other countries. Collectors interested in joining the group should write to the Secretary U. Stigstedt, Radarvägen 39, 183 61 Täby, Sweden.

90th Birthday

The December issue of KPK's Nor-

disk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift celebrates the 90th birthday of the Danish philatelist Tage Buntzen, who has been a member of KPK for 70 of those years. For many years he was international commissioner for Denmark to many exhibitions. Also in this issue. Orla Nielsen shows how to differentiate among the varieties of the early Reykjavik circle die cancels, and Niels Klottrup describes some foreign post cards arriving in Denmark just after the turn of the century, and requiring postage due. Svend Hovard has a lengthy article on railway cancels used on the lines between Copenhagen and Holte, Klampenborg, Helsingør and Helsingborg, as well as Sjællandske Kystbane.

Of interest to Iceland collectors in this issue is the first in a series by Ib Krarup Rasmussen on postal service between Denmark and that country during the period 1870-79. This first installment describes events leading up to the regulations published in 1869 which were to take effect the following year.

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Prephilatelic Stamps of Hafnia

By Børge Lundh

KIÖBENHAVN — KJÖBENHAVN - KIØBENHAVEN KJØBENHAVN - KJØBENHAVN

together with handstamps still in use after the introduction of the postage stamp on 1 April 1851:

Types IV - VIII - X - XI - XII - XIII

The number stated letters known are those registered by the author.

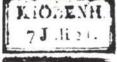
The Postal Authorities ordered the first Copenhagen handstamp made on 26 Jan. 1821 for canceling unfranked letters for abroad, but for those countries only where the compulsory "payment in advance" had been abolished.

I cannot explain why the first two letters, from 5 June and 7 July 1821, are not followed by another letter, No. 3, until 22 Nov. 1831, after an interval of ten years.



Type I: is a rectangular, framed-stamp with a double frame: 28x14mm, text 21mm in the upper part of the frame: KIÖBEN., and below the date and year. It is a metallic stamp, where KIÖBEN is an entirety, which may be displaced to the right or left. The date numerals are loose type because they had to be changed daily.

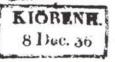
Earliest Known, 5 June 1821, text in the middle, front-stamp, to Leipzig.



Letter No. 2, 7 July 1821, text in the middle, front-stamp, to Leipzig.



Letter No. 3, 22 Nov. 1831. Cholera letter to Leipzig; text in the middle, front-Stamp.



8 Dec. 1836, text displaced to the right, full-stop (period) after "36" missing, to Gothenburg.



23 July 1839, text displaced to the right, loose numerals: 2 and 3, to Uetersen.

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21 September 1839, text displaced to the left, front stamp, to Langerfeld, per Schwelm.

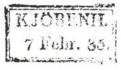
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11 Jan. 1840, text in the middle, to Langerfeld, per Schwelm, front-stamp.

1834: two letters known — 1835: four letters — 1836: five letters, making a total of 14 letters before 1837. Dated 1837: 20 — 1838: nine — 1839: 10-1840: six letters. In general, letters earlier than 1841 are to foreign destinations, some for Sleswig-Holstein with dispatch cancellations (partly front and partly back stamped) — 10 letters from Norway, however, having transit cancellations, with destination England. All of the seven letters in 1841, from January 6 to February 6, are with destination Denmark. Total letters known: 65.



Type II: is a rare, framed-stamp with a double frame, 28x14mm, text: KIÖBENH., 21mm wide, letters "N" and "H" broad. Known letters: 11 March 1828 to Leipzig, 10 Nov. 1829 to Breitenburg, and 27 Oct. 1835.



Type III: is another rare, framed-stamp with a double frame, 28x14mm, text: KJÖBENH., 22mm wide, here spelled with a "J" instead of an "I." One letter known: 7 Feb. 1835, destination Wohlen, Switzerland.

All handstamps in Type I-II-III are in Roman letter styles with the same rectangular, double frame, but with varying letters.



Type IV: is a one-ring stamp 23.5mm in Roman (Antiqua) letters III-1 with a curved text: KIØBENHAVN with distinct serifs on the letters above and below, the letters often touching each other below between KI - EN - HA. Height of letters: 3.5 to 3.9mm. The cross or data-line, between date and year, is in a few cases in 1836 an unbroken 9mm line, which from 1836 to 1851, is usually broken into two parts. The inclined line in "Ø" is short and does not extend beyond the oval. The second "N" is oblique and 2.5mm at its top. The numerals are broad, the "4" is open above, and the width of the year is 9 to 10mm.



The cancellation is a back-side one used by the sender and is known on letters to Finland, Norway and Sweden: 15/12/1936 to 31/12/1840. Although 121 letters are known (93 to Norway, 12 to Finland and 16 to Sweden). In the Kingeling Archives at Åbo, Finland, there are many letters, five with cancellations in red ink dated 3/9 to 29/6 1837.



Forty-two letters are known with cancellations in red ink: 15/12 1836 to 15/9 1837, 33 to Norway, two to Finland and seven to Sweden.

Seventy-nine letters are known with cancellations in black ink: 12/10 1837 to 31/12 1840, 60 to Norway, 10 to Finland and nine to Sweden.

From Jan 1, 1841, this cancellation is common on inland letters, as a back-side cancellation. Twenty-five percent are franco letters. Black ink: 1/1 1941 to 26/11 1846.



Blue or bluish-green ink: 27/2 1847 to 25/11 1850. During these nine years the stamp is rare on letters from abroad, partly as dispatch and partly as transit cancels on letters from Norway. It has been used during the postage stamp period as a front cancellation, in bluish-green ink until 8/4 1851, then in black ink until 6/10 1852, rare on letters from abroad.



Type V: is a double-ring stamp: 23.5x16mm, with curved text in Roman letters: KIØBENHAVN above, between the rings; a short inclined line on "Ø" and the year in the rings below. Date and month in capital letters, sometimes abridged to three characters — inside the inner ring. Known: 19/5 1837 to 25/7 1841, total of 23 letters. 1837-1840: seven letters, either as front or back cancellations, three for abroad with departure cancellation and three with transit cancellations on Norwegian letters to London. In 1841: 16 letters, all for Denmark with back-side cancellations.



Type VI: is a double-ring stamp: 27.5x18.5mm, with a curved text in Roman letters: KIØBENHAVN — with a short, inclined line in the "Ø" — above, between the rings; below nine decorative ornaments. Date and month in capital letters — sometimes abridged to three letters — and the year inside the interior ring. Known 24/6 1837 to 6/7 1841. Between the years 1837 and 1838: 11 letters — 1839: 11 letters — 1840: two letters — 1841: 33 letters, for a total of 57 letters. Before 1841 used as a back-stamp on letters for abroad, partly as a transit-stamp on Norwegian letters to London. In three cases, however, as a front-stamp. In 1841 as a back-side stamp on domestic letters, with one letter for Finland dated 4/3 1841.



Type VII: is a rare one-ring stamp, 24.5mm, with curved text in Roman letters: above, Kiobenhavn, with *inverted* oblique line in "a" — the only Copenhagen stamp with this defect. Below: "Efter Indleveringstiden" (After Office Hours). This corresponds to the English "TOO LATE" and the German "NACH POSTZEIT." It was used for letters posted after the departure of the mail and informed the recipient of the reason for the late arrival of the letter. A letter posted on 9/4 1840 and canceled with stamp Type VII has been stamped the next day with Type I dated 10/April/40. Between to two texts are placed the year above the date with a 10 to 11mm unbroken dateline. Fourteen letters are known: 23/6 1838 to 29/10 1840. Three letters in 1838, two in 1839 and eight in 1840. Thirteen letters for Denmark, and one for abroad.



Type VIII: is a rare one-ring stamp, 24mm, Roman letters III-2 with curved text: KIØBENHAVN with slender letters 4.2mm high, with pronounced serifs above and below. The letters often cohere: KI and HA. Short oblique line in Ø. The second "N" measures 2.6mm at its top. Width of the year is 9mm. Only one letter is known before the postage stamp period 23/3 1851. Front cancellations in black ink from the postage stamp period are known until 30/12 1857, a total of 22 letters, destination: Denmark, all cancels in black ink.



Type IXa: is another rare one-ring stamp, 23mm, Roman letters III-3, with "J" in the curved text: KJØBENHAVN with a full stop (*period*). The "K" with a curl above; a short oblique line in "Ø" and HA joined below. The height of the letters 3.5 to 3.9mm. Both "N's" are clumsy and wry (*twisted or bent*), 2.8mm above. The characters are slender, the width of the year is 8.5mm, the "4" is open above. Six letters — all from Denmark — with back-side cancellations are known: 4/1 to 5/1 and 16/1 to 23/1 1841, and two letters 29/1 1841.



Type IXb: the original Type IXa handstamp was damaged after 29 January when a part of the second vertical line of the first "N" was reduced by 0.5mm below, and the first vertical line of "H" was reduced below by 0.8mm, thereby producing stamp Type IXb. Nineteen letters are known, all back-side canceled. Thirteen letters in 1841, five letters in 1842 and one letter in 1844. Six of them are Danish letters, two for Sleswig-Holstein and 11 for abroad; one for Germany, 10 for France, two of the letters from Norway carrying transit cancellations. Black ink for both IXa and IXb.



Type X: is a common one-ring stamp, 23mm, Roman letters III-3, with curved text: KJØBENHAVN, without full stop (period). The letters are thicker, 4.2 to 4.5mm high, the "K" with a curl above, the oblique line of the "Ø" is very long, and the second "N" looks slender, 2.5mm above. The numerals look "flourished," the "4" is open above and the width of the year is 7.5 to 8.5mm. The stamp has been used only on Danish letters and always on the back-side. Twenty percent are franco letters. Black ink: 11/6 1841 to 24/10 1846.





This cancel is damaged, having a defective arc in the circle at the letter "J" from 4/3 to 27/5 1845, and the numeral "1" in 1845 either missing or very indistinct from 4/3 to 16/6 1845.



It is assumed that this stamp has been **rep**aired about 30/6 1845, and is **Type X rep**: 15/11/1845.



Blue ink, 26/1 to 24/9 1847, sporadically: 1848-1851. 26/1/1847.



Green or bluish-green ink from 16/11 1847 to 8/4 1851. 1/2/1851, rare with a pure, grass-green color. From the postage stamp period: Used as front-side stamp with bluish-green ink. In black ink from 9/1 1851, and known until 2/1/1859. Letters from Copenhagen to Randers, by ship from Kalundborg to Aahus during the period from 7/6 1842 to 4/9 1846, and provided with a note on the letter: 5 (rbs) which did not interfere with the final franking. All of the letters, except one, were postage-due letters.



Type XI: is a rare one-ring stamp, 23mm, Roman letters III-5 with curved text: KJØBENHAVN with high slender letters 4.5mm. the "K" with a curl above, and "Ø" with a very long oblique line. The second "N" is 2mm above, a slender and straight letter. The numerals are flourished and broad, the "4" is open above and the width of the year is 8.5mm.



The stamp has been used only as a dispatch cancellation on letters for abroad and for the Duchies. For abroad: from 25/5 1844 to 14/9 1850, a total of 36 known letters (between 1844 and 1845 nine letters with back-side cancels, and from 1846 to 1850 27 letters with front cancels. For the Duchies: from 25/5 1844 to 28/1 1848 a total of 10 letters, all with back-side cancellations. The latest known cancellation in black ink: 13/10 1846, the first stamp in blue ink: 16/11 1846, and the first in bluish-green ink: 9/2 1847.

Front-cancels in black ink from the postage stamp period, from 26/4 1851 to 29/7 1854, total 13 letters for abroad and two letters for Sleswig-Holstein.



Type XII: is a rare one-ring stamp. 23mm, Roman letters III-6 with curved text: KJØBENHAVN. with a full stop. The letters are small, 3.5 to 3.8mm, the "K" has a curl above, and there is a short oblique line in "Ø." The lower curve of the "B" is larger than the upper one. "V" and "N" are joined above: VN. The second "N" is 2.2mm above. The date line may be visible, but very often it is missing.

The width of the year is 9.9mm. The "4" is closed above. This stamp is known as a back-side cancellation 8/6 1844 to 30/1 1851, all letters from Denmark, except one for Norway, a total of 34 letters.



Black ink: 8/6 1844 to 25/7 1846; the first in bluish-green ink: 17/4 1847.



Only one letter from the postage stamp period in blue ink: 2/4 1851.



Type XIII: is the last of the prephilatelic Copenhagen hand-stamps, the so-called "sausage-stamp." It is a one-ring canceler, 23.5mm, Roman letters III-7 with curved text; KJOBENHAVN with a short, oblique cross-line in O. They are 4.1 to 4.2mm high. "N" and "H" as well as "H" and "A" joined below. Second "N" 2.5mm above. The numerals somewhat larger than Type X, width of year is 8 to 9mm. Underneath the circle is a horizontal oval with the text: JRB.PST.EXP. (Jerbane Post Expedition). The stamp has been dated 1.10 1847. Twenty-nine letters known from 30/11 1847 to 20/2 1851, with bluish-green ink back-side cancellations.



Front-page cancellations in black ink known on eight letters until 17/5 1851 during the postage stamp period.

On a letter from 8/4 1851 the black cancellation is placed erroneously on the back of the letter. All letters from Denmark.

Destinations of the Copenhagen Letters

For Abroad: Types I, V, V and VI during 1841. Types II and III from 1828 to 1835. Type IV to Scandinavia until 1841, and a few 1841-1852. Some letters with Type IXb, and the majority with Type XI. Only one letter with Type VII, and one with Type XII known.

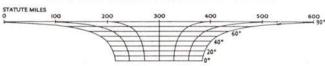
For Denmark: Types I, V and VI during 1841. Type IV from 1841 to October 1852. All letters with Types VIII, IXa and X, the majority with Types VII and XII, and a few with Type IXb.

For Sleswig-Holstein: A few letters with Types I and IXb, and some with Type XI.

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Solberg departed Floyd Ber N.Y., on July 19, 1935, accor Paul Oscanyan as radio ope single engine aircraft was "Leiv Eiriksson" in honor of explorer. After take-off York, Solberg flew north to then east to French St. Pierre north again beyond Newfor Cartwright at Hamilton In coast of Labrador. At Cart



nt Viking Sailing Route Closely Followed hor Solberg in 1935 Trans-Atlantic Flight

By Thomas H. Boyle, Jr.

weather held the fliers on the ground for almost a week. On July 28, they were finally able to start toward Julianehaab (now Qaguortog), on the south end of Greenland. Shortly after take-off they ran into heavy fog. Flying alternately at altitudes just above the water and up to 5,000 ft. above sea level, they searched for openings in the clouds and fog. As they approached Greenland there were breaks in the clouds and Solberg was able to see the mountains just inland from the coast. The compass and directional gyro had performed well. They were able to see Julianehaab as they approached the coast. Here, Solberg was able to refuel the plane, and they remained for two days getting rested for

the next phase of the trip.

On leaving Julianehaab, pilot Solberg followed the coast south past Cape Farewell (Uummannarshuag) and then proceeded north along the eastern coast of Greenland to Angmagssalik (now

Ammassalik). The eastern coast of Greenland is extremely rugged, pierced with fiords which cut through steep walls of rock. As they flew north along this coast they found the fiords filled with drifting ice and large icebergs in the sea just beyond the land. Oscanyan was able to contact the settlement of Angmagssalik by radio, and the fliers were advised to proceed up a large fiord near Angmagssalik and land in a lake at the upper end of the fiord. Solberg increased his altitude to 10,000 ft. to get over the highest coastal mountains, and came down at the head of a smaller fiord that appeared to be free of ice. The aircraft was taxied to the edge of the fiord and anchored for the night.

The anchorage was 25 miles from Angmagssalik, and Oscanyan radioed to the colony to send a boat for them. Solberg and Oscanyan remained aboard the anchored plane during the night, and the next morning a boat arrived from the

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settlement. They moved the plane to a better anchorage down the fiord, then left the plane for the settlement. After resting in the town, they returned to the plane by boat with a full load of fuel. By radio, Oscanyan had received favorable weather reports from Iceland. The seaward end of the fiord was free of ice, so they took off from the water and circled around the settlement so the people could see the plane they had heard about, then set their course eastward toward Iceland.

Within an hour after leaving the Greenland coast, they entered fog and low clouds. Solberg shifted course to the north trying to go around the fog and thick clouds, with only a small improvement in visibility. They varied their altitude between 500 ft. and 7,500 ft., but no opening in the fog could be found. In addition, some ice began to form on the wings of the aircraft. Finally, they descended to 1,000 ft. altitude and proceeded on course, relying on their instruments to maintain a heading toward the north coast of Iceland.

About 50 miles from Iceland they found an opening in the fog and flew over three fishing trawlers. Oscanyan tried to reach them by radio in order to get a position, but was unable to obtain a reply. The trawlers saluted the flyers with three blasts of their whistles, which



(Editor's Note: While a dozen or so First Flight Covers preceded Solberg's trans-Atlantic "Viking" crossing via aircraft, this flight holds special significance to collectors of Scandinavian First Flight Covers. SAS and other airlines continue to provide new material for this field of interest — with both first and last flight covers over particular routes and destinations.)

could be seen by the white plumes of steam from the stack-mounted whistles, but no other communication with them was possible.

Solberg returned the plane to the heading toward Iceland. As the aircraft neared the coast he could see fog and some low clouds moving northward along the coast. He landed in the Arnars Fiord and taxied the aircraft to the small community of Bildudalur, where they found a warm welcome.

Solberg and Oscanyan stayed at

Bildudalur (Isafjordur) for a day or so, performing repairs and resting. The following morning they flew down the west coat of Iceland, reaching Reykjavik about 10 p.m. on August 3. After the plane was moored in a safe place, crowds followed the flyers to the hotel. The weather began to worsen, so they stayed at Reykjavik for several days. Finally they were able to leave Reykjavik and proceed around the south coast of Iceland to Hornafjord. On August 16, they had refueled and were able to leave Iceland for the flight to the Faroe Islands.

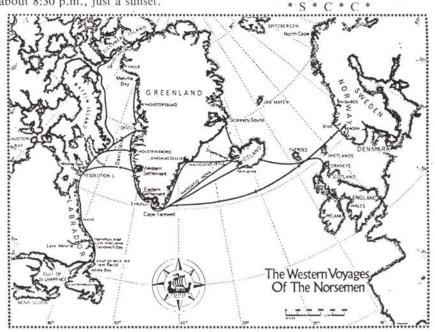
Fog and low clouds again made it necessary for the fliers to stay about 200 ft. above the sea in order to have visibility. After a short stop for food and gas at Thorshavn, they resumed their flight toward Norway. Oscanyan had received favorable weather reports from Norway and Solberg set a course for Bergen. The weather was clear over the North Sea and the fliers could make out the Shetland Islands on the southern horizon. About 8 p.m. they sighted the Norwegian coast and landed at Bergen about 8:30 p.m., just a sunset.

Solberg landed the amphibian in the harbor and a fleet of small boats came out to welcome the fliers. When they reached the shore, an enthusiastic crowd had gathered to greet them. Solberg and Oscanyan were relieved to have made a safe trip and to have been received so warmly in Norway. Later, Solberg received a medal from King Haakon and the fliers became well known at every stop in Norway.

Solberg carried many covers on the flight, adding a few at each stop. At Bergen he had each one canceled and sent on by regular mail to the addressees. Most of these covers display a cachet picturing both Solberg and the Loening amphibian that had performed so faithfully during the flight.

Both the fliers and the disassembled aircraft returned to the United States by ship, and Solberg resumed his picture frame business in Brookly, N.Y. "The Leiv Eiriksson" had truly retraced the famous explorer's route across the North Atlantic.

Note: Most of this article is based on an account of the flight prepared by Thor Solberg for the New York Times, which appeared on Sept. 29, 1935.





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Transfers & Reentries

By Alan Warren

April 19-23 in Frankfurt, Germany was the scene of the combined NAPOSTA-IPHLA exhibition. Dr. Arno Debo, noted Denmark authority, was a member of the philatelic jury. IPHLA is the international philatelic literature competition, and serving on that panel, among others, were George B. Lindberg of Sweden, and Juhani Olamo of Finland. Lindberg also served as the FIP coordinator.

NORDIA 1989

Coming up later this year is NORDIA 1989 which takes place in Fredrikstad, Norway June 7-11. Our own Mike Hvidonov is the U.S. Commissioner. The jury for this Scandinavian area show consists of Frank Gilberg, Tore Gjelsvik, Odd Harald Johannessen, Per M. Kindem, Gunnar Loshamn, Ivar Sundsbø, and Egil H. Thomassen, all of Norway. Judges from other Nordic countries include Poul Olsen and Anneliese Møller of Denmark; Juhani Olamo and Juhani Pietilä of Finland; Jon Adalsteinn Jonsson and Sigurdur R. Petursson of Iceland; and Lennart Asplund and Roland Frahm from Sweden. Apprentices are Bjørn Myhre of Norway, Voitto Poikalainen of Finland, and Olafur Eliasson of Iceland.

In addition to the special show cancellations used each day, pictorial cancels showing viking ships will be used on June 8 and 10. Bulletin 2 for NOR-DIA 89 contains an article by Oddbjørn Solli on the postal history of Svinesund, including examples of the nine cancels used by the two between 1854 and 1966.

Norby Retires

As mentioned in the February issue, Reidar "Ray" Norby retired as senior curator after 22 years of service with the Smithsonian's National Philatelic Collection. For many years Ray devoted much energy and time on behalf of furthering Scandinavian philately. He edited and published the Scandinavian Scribe, and was editor of The Posthorn

from 1967 to 1970. He served as associate editor and publisher of the monumental three volume reference work, *Danish West Indies Mails*, 1754-1917 under the guidance of editorin-chief Victor E. Engstrom.

Ray was a stimulus for the activities of several east coast SCC chapters during the 1960s, and frequently attended the annual banquets of Chapter 2 at the Viking Inn in Ardmore, PA. After his many years of service to philately in general and Scandinavian philately in particular, we wish Ray Norby the best in his retirement.

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Scandinavian Area Awards

Norman S. Kopp continues to take gold medals with his "Faroe Islands, The War Years 1940-1945," this time at VAPEX. A special section of the Worthington, OH Stamp Club annual exhibition was devoted to a 3-page competition, and taking first place was Gary Saum with "Danish West Indies, 1895 Provisional Issue." A silver went to Constance M. Frigault for "Norwegian Post Horns" at SUNPEX.

Two Faroes exhibits won awards at CHICAGOPEX. Norman Kopp took a gold as well as the APS post-1940 award for "The Faroe Islands: The War Years 1940-1945," and Jack Michelsen won a vermeil for his "Faroe Islands — The War Years 1919 and 1940-41."

One of the largest literature competitions is the Philatelic Literature Fair sponsored each year by the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in Weston, MA. At the last show a number of Scandinavian items won awards. Winning vermeil awards were the FACIT 88 catalog of Frimärkshuset, Borge Lundh's The Postal History of Helsingor 1740-1864, and two publications of the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation — Tester and Hansen's Denmark's Numeral Cancellations, and Karl

Sanne's Norwegian Exile Mail 1940-1945.

Silver awards at the fair went to Gerhard Muller's Eisinsel T-3, Post Uber Gronland, the third edition of Rob Boom's Denmark Stamp Booklets Catalog, the Iceland stamp catalog Islensk Frimerki, two AFA works, viz. Dan-



Missing Heart Discovered on Denmark Definitive

An unlisted variety or just a printing fluke has been found on a copy of an AFA 124, type I (Facit 95, Scott 94) with one of the normal four hearts missing at the upper right, above the letter "K" in Denmark. Mrs. Fay Boeh of Wyoming, Ohio, reports her finding is not listed in any of the previously noted catalogs or SAVA, nor is it listed in Danmarks Bogtrykte Bølgeliniemaerker by N. F. Olsen.

Members are asked to check their albums and duplicates for other copies of this variety to help ascertain whether or not the missing heart is a constant error or not. Often such oddities are the result of simple over-inking problems, yet they are constantly sought by collectors to embellish their collections.

If any additional copies showing the same missing heart are located, please submit a photo or photocopy to Denmark Associate Editor Marvin Hunewell. If constant, the variety and the data collected will be forwarded to catalog editors for listing.

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mark, Færoerne, Grønland, Dansk Vestindien, Slesvig-Holsten Special-katalog 1987-88 and Skandinavien Frimærkekatalog 1987-88; and the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation's translation of the Denmark and Greenland portions of the AFA Specialized Catalog 1981-82.

At AIRPEX, Dan Laursen won a silver with his "Danish Postal Stationery 1864-1908." Roger Schnell's "Danish West Indies - Classic and Bicolor Issues" took the grand award at SARAPEX, along with a gold medal, the APS pre-1900 award, and the Florida Stamp Dealers Association ribbon. At the same show, Robert Paulson received a silverbronze for his "Classical Sweden -Cancels and Varieties." In the junior section of he ARIPEX show, a silver went to Geoff Jamieson for his "Iceland."

—Alan Warren * S * C * C *

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation Update

H. J. "Pete" Schlueter of California has been named a Trustee of the Foundation, filling the vacancy created with the passing of Roger A. Swanson. Pete currently serves as business manager of *The Posthorn* and has been very active in SCC Chapter 17. Pete joins the other four Trustees — Michael E. Hvidonov, Lauson H. Stone, George B. Koplowitz, and Alan Warren.

At SESCAL, the AFA specialized catalog section on the bicolor issues of Denmark and DWI won a silver medal. At the POSTHORN 88 show in Oslo, the two volumes of the Finnish serpentine rouletted issues won a silver, and the translation of Karl Sanne's *Norwegian Exile Mail* took a large silver.

The Foundation seeks suggestions for original materials on Scandinavian philately that should be published, or important materials in foreign languages that should be translated into English and reprinted.

Rules Announced for NORDIA 90 Entries; Alan Warren Named as U.S. Commissioner

NORDIA 90 planning is already underway for the next major Nordic country exhibition, which will be held August 8-12, 1990, in Lund, Sweden. The show takes place in the town's Sparta Conference Center, and the theme will be the centennial of the Lund Philatelic Society. The town itself is located at the southern end of Sweden, just north of the port city of Malmö.

In addition to the regular FIP classes of exhibits the show offers a special free style open class, for which the requisite large silver medal is waived. The youth section is subdivided into four categories for the age brackets 14-15, 16-17, 18-19, and 20-21 years of age. The competitive categories include the NORDIA 90 master class, traditional philately, postal history and postmarks, stationery, airmail, thematic, and literature.

General chairman of NORDIA 90 is Knut Norborg. The Scandinavian country commissioners are Jan Billgren for Sweden, Erik Hvidberg Hansen for Denmark, Paul H. Jensen for Norway, Juhani Olamo for Finland, and Sigurdur R. Petursson from Iceland. Representatives overseas are David Shaw for



Great Britain, Wolfgang Löhrich for the Federal Republic of Germany, and Alan Warren for the United States.

Those who exhibit in the competitive classes must be a member of the Swedish Philatelic Federation or a member club in the federations in the other four Nordic countries. Frame fees are Skr 125 (approximately \$20 at the current exchange rate). A copy of Bulletin 1 and a preliminary application form can be obtained by sending 85¢ in postage to Alan Warren, Box 17124, Philadelphia, PA 19105.

With the exception of the open class (for which no previous medal requirement is stipulated; however, entrants are limited to either two or three frames), a large silver at a national show is required. The special open class frame fee is only SKr 25. Preliminary applications must be in the hands of the organizing committee in Lund by October 1, 1989. Those accepted will be advised of their frame allotment by December 1, and final applications with fees must arrive in Sweden by February 1, 1990.

Lund is the oldest town in the province of Skåne, and was founded by Knut the Great in 1020. Best known is the University of Lund, one of Europe's most important institutions of higher learning with a student enrollment of 23,000. Closely allied with the university is Scandinavia's largest research institute, IDEON. Other attractions include the antique museum, church ruins, the botannical garden, a zoo, and the art museum.



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Fascinating Finnish-America History of Postcards

Bogdanoff, Orvo, and Ismo Soderling. "I Feel Such a Longing..." Finnish-American Postcards Exhibition Catalog. Turku, Finland: Institute of Migration, 1988. 128 pp. Illus. Paper.

In trying to keep up with the new literature on Scandinavian collecting, sometimes regular reading of the philatelic press is just not enough. This handsome and very well illustrated book came to my attention through a colleague at my office, who subscribes to the newsletter of the New Jersey Historical Commission. There was good reason for mention in the newsletter. This book is good social history as well

Finland's Postal Rates:

Suomen Postimaksuja 1881-1985 by Esa Mattila, softbound, issued in 100 copies, 162 pages, ISBN 951-99662-3-4, Loimipaino Ky, Loimaa, 1985.

This useful book presents the postal rates of Finland by the various classes of mail from 1881 until the book was published in 1985. There is no text as such but lots of rate tables which are fairly easy to follow. Table headings are in Finnish, Swedish and German, with occasional phrases in French.

The handbook begins with domestic rates for letters, postal cards, printed matter, packets, registration fees, air mail, etc. Parcel rates vary depending on city of origin and destination. Domestic rates are differentiated between local rates and to other destinations within Finland.

The remaining sections cover similar tables by class of mail to the Nordic countries, and then other foreign countries. Students of Finnish postal history will find the book essential for verifying postage paid on entries. Since only 100 numbered copies of the booklet were printed, I suggest you obtain a copy promptly.

as fascinating deltiology.

The book is a catalog of a traveling postcard exhibition shown in Turku and other Finnish cities in 1988. The exhibit marked the 350th anniversaries of the establishment of postal service to Finland and the first Finnish emigration to North America. The cards came from the collection of co-author Orvo Bogdanoff.

The main text is divided into two essays. Ismo Soderling's "Greetings by Postcards from Beyond the Atlantic — Postcards sent by the Finnish-Americans" combines material on the Finnish migration to North America with information on the evolving use of postcards to spread information. The essay includes a section on the early printing of postcards in Finland.

The second essay, Bogdanoff's "Postcards: Glimpses of Emigrant Life," concentrates on what the postcards show about life among the Finns in North America. Like Soderling's work, this piece is profusely illustrated, larged in color. Many of the card illustrations are clearly ideological. According to Bogdanoff, the tradition of using postcards to express political feelings in Finland started as protest over Russian rule. It carried over to the new country. Many of the cards sent back home boasted stridently Marxist or patriotic pictures and slogans.

The book is actually tri-lingual. It's three-column format puts the Finnish, Swedish, and English texts side-by-side. For many of us who have struggled with foreign-language books, the clear English translation is indeed welcome. There is a bibliography and a list of card-publishers whose works are displayed in the exhibition. Readers who are interested in ordering the book might want to write to: Institute of Migration, Piispankatu 3, 20500 Tuku 50, Finland. No price information is available.

—Frank N. Schubert
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Another Radical Shift in Mail Handling Announced by Denmark P&T Officials

By Dan Laursen

Only a couple months after stopping issuance of postal stationery items, the Danish P&T has jolted the handling of internal mail by dropping domestic printed matter and small packet rates. For foreign mail these categories remain in force.

But as of Jan. 30, 1989, there exist only two ways to mail letters - under new rates. The two categories are called "Letters" and "Economy Letters." The



contents are irrelevant to the postal service, only weight and delivery time are considered.

"Letters" are expected to be delivered the next day throughout Denmark and what is termed "normal postage" is required. This category is similar to First Class Mail rates in the USA. In the future, Danes may call them A-letters. Such mail can be posted at mailboxes, post offices or with city and rural mail carriers. An A-letter may also be sent C.O.D., registered, express, or with insurance.

The Other Class of Mail

The new "Economy Letters" take a bit longer to be delivered: three weekdays if posted Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday; four weekdays if mailed on Thursday or Friday. Another difference is that "Economy Letters" must be posted at a post office or with a rural (not city) carrier. Such letters cannot be



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dropped in a mail box and they must be marked with a distinct letter "B" at the top of the cover next to the postage. No doubt in the future these will be known as "B-letters."

These "Economy Letters" are not restricted to Denmark and can be used for mail sent to Grønland and the Færoes, but the delivery time is extended, of course. This category can be mailed C.O.D. or registered.

P&T regulations about weight and dimensions are the same for both categories, but prices are different. A comparison between the two types follows:

SFF-Scott Conversion Table Now Available

Fellow member Harry Hagen has prepared a comprehensive conversion table of matching *SFF* and *Scott* numbers for all Swedish issues listed in either catalog.

He is offering copies of his 10-page table for \$1. and a SASE (#10): Write — Harry Hagen, P.O. Box 636, San Dimas, CA 91773-0636. Harry's conversion table includes all the paper and perforation varieties, plus booklets — in addition to standard number for number listings.

Maximum Weight	20g.	100g.	250g.	500g.	1000g.
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A-Letter	3.20	4.40	7.70	12.00	17.00
B-Letter	3.00	4.20	7.30	11.00	16.00

In comparison with U.S. rates: a First Class Letter weighing about two-thirds of an ounce now costs about 44 cents in Denmark. A large letter weighing just over half a pound costs a little over \$1 in

Denmark. In the U.S. a First Class letter of one full ounce costs 25 cents, with each additional ounce costing 20 cents. A half pound (8 oz.) letter costs \$1.65.

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Sometimes You Only See What You Want to See

By Marvin Hunewell

Sometimes we lead ourselves into seeing things on our stamps which are not really there. For example, once when watermarking stamps, low and behold I found a copy of Denmark's 8 øre bicolor stamp with the scarce "large crown" watermark (AFA Vm III). Or, I thought it was. I was only seeing what I wanted to see. When I showed the stamp to a fellow Danish collector, he was sure it was the common watermark II. When I looked again, comparing it to stamps with known water II's and III's, it indeed was the common watermark II for this stamp.

Another time, I was the successful bidder in a mail sale auction for a stamp which the dealer had listed as *Scott's* "dark gray" variety of Denmark's 1922 50 øre Postal Ferry Issue. After receiving the stamp, I informed the dealer that it was not the scarce shade. I told him that I would submit it for expertizing if he paid expenses if it turned out that I was right. He was certain it was the scarce shade, but he paid dearly when the stamp was eventually returned.

The Facit catalog also lists this variety as "dark gray"; but, the AFA Catalog lists the stamp more accurately as "olive gray." It definitely has olive-green ink mixed in with the gray ink, and to some

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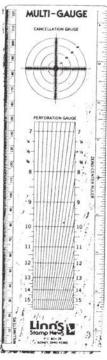
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extent resembles the 12 øre "olive gray" (or "gray olive" depending on the catalog you are using). So, take another good look at your copy of this variety to be sure it has a greenish or oliveish hue. If it doesn't you don't have the scarce shade.

Have you ever encountered trouble in measuring perforations accurately? This past spring, an SCC member was measuring perfs on Denmark's 3 øre bicolored issue of 1875 when he found what he thought was 131/2x14, rather than 14x131/2. When another collector measure them, he got 14x14. After still more measurements and study, another collector got 14x311/2. This makes one wonder what type of perforation gage to use. We recommend that one of the gages illustrated (or very similar to them), and that a check of more than one catalog if and when you think you have found a new variety.





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President's Message

By Alfred Gruber

SCC Convention at NOJEX on May 27

A last reminder for our national convention at NOJEX 89 on May 27 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel in Secaucus, N.J. Our host, Chapter 9, assures all is in readiness.

Regional Meeting at BALPEX 89

Announcing a Regional Meeting at BALPEX on September 2nd. Chapter 12 is host.

Unofficial Regional at SARAPEX 89

Chapter 23 hosted an excellent luncheon and meeting with several out-of-towners enjoying the exquisite Florida weather.

NORDIA 89

Thanks to Dr. Roger Schnell for representing SCC and *The Posthorn* at upcoming NORDIA 89, and generously contributing an award for best-researched Scandinavian exhibit.

World Stamp EXPO 89

Many, many people tell me they are coming — reminds me of the enthusiasm at AMERIPEX. Clubs will not have tables, but may show a one frame exhibit to advertise. The Delaware chapter and I are preparing same. We also hope to organize a regional meeting in conjunction with that show.

Unsung Heroes

Business Manager Pete Schlueter — Negotiates advertising for *The Posthorn* which significantly helps defray the costs of publishing.

Awards Chairman Ron Collin arranges the supply of medals and other awards. Has also contributed greatly to the Library Index.

Literature Promotion Chairman Alan Warren enters the *PH* in many competitions. He is also the tireless contributor of articles and "Scandinavian Literature Notes."

Extracts from the 1988 Mart Report

Sales in 1988 were down from '87 but close to the '86 totals. Some return shipments are overdue, but new material has been coming in and the overall financial condition remains good. "... the vast amount of material placed in the Mart is over-priced for its physical condition," writes the manager. Of the 199 books retired, 34 had over half the value sold while six had over 90 percent sold.



The Executive Secretary Speaks

By William H. Lamkin

I just received word that I am late again with my part of the May issue! No excuses. I cannot even lay it onto my computer which is responsible for most of my errors! (I hope). Guess Doc Melberg won again and beat me to the coast.

Things have not gone too well this quarter. We are losing about 73 members for non-payment of dues. That is a shame all of us must bear. I have been pleading for each member to get at least one new member into the Club. Yet requests for membership information has fallen to about half of a year ago. We have received 18 new members since my last report. That it just half of this time last year. Let's get with it and find us more new ones.

There has been some hoop-la about my computer telling some wild and fanciful tales about dues payments. I am certain that some who have paid your 1989 dues and then received my annual nasty post card with the snide not paid remark, have written me about it. All that I can do is apologize for the computer and accept the fact that perhaps I did goof. Most discrepancies occurred about the time my Sweet Little Lady and I had the Georgia flu. Everything is fine now and I hope that all is forgiven.

I have received many notes about dues this year. One of the best that I have received came from a gentleman who shall remain anonymous. He said that when he joined SCC in 1963 that the dues were \$3. a year and that First Class postage was 4 cents! At that rate our dues should be \$18.75 today! Think about that for a minute or two and you can easily realize what a value membership in the SCC actually is!

I also get too many notes about incorrect addresses and the corrections thereto. One of the best received is from one of our members who lives in Wien, Austria, but had his PH addressed to Vienna, AUS. He had to tell me that Vienna (Wien) is NOT in Australia but in Europe. I have yet to determine if this AUS abbreviation was my error or the printer's. All that I can say is that my records are clear! It may have been the computer!

Speaking of addresses. Many of you complain when your *Posthorn* does not arrive on time after you have changed addresses. Please remember that to get a change in time to make any issue of the *Posthorn*, it must be in my hands at least a month before the month of issue. That is, for this issue, I should have had your change by the end of March. It takes a lot of time to get an issue of the *Posthorn* in the mail and especially when I am in Georgia, the Editor is in California and the printer is in Iowa. For the August issue, I must have the change by the end of June.





Library News

Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

The first supplement to the 1989 SCC Library Index is at the printers as this is being written. This small publication of eight pages list the 126 new philatelic items (articles and books) added to our shelves since the *Index* was produced last September. Most of these were donated by generous members who deserve our thanks. The purchased items were acquired by donated monies so the Library can be said to be in very good shape. The members who bought the *Index* will automatically receive the first supplement and all subsequent issues.

The sale of 17 Indexes can be attributed to the February *Posthorn* "ad." Several inquiries and potential SCC members came about through a small PR notation that appeared in the Mar. 13 issue of *Linn's*.

Since, on a number of occasions, I have not received promised letters or anticipated mailings, I can assume that there is always the possibility of undelivered or

lost mail. If by any chance you have not received a response from me please contact me! I respond to all correspondance . . . usually within 24 hours.

Because of the damaging affect of the 1986 flood, it was deemed advisable to obtain library insurance. Our holdings are now protected to the amount of \$10,000 by an APS insurance policy.

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Arne Carlbon-Swedish Postmuseum

Frimarksbilder. Arne Carlbon. 1988. 269pp. A great book about Swedish postage stamps. Loaded with beautiful pictures of commemoratives from 1969 to 1986. Many colored plates. It has a four page English summary and each picture has an English title. Worth your while looking at.

Ben Cohen

The Charm of Postal Stationery. V. Engstrom. SPA. 8/75. 10pp. Story about DWI postal cards. Illus.

Danish West Indies Postage Dues 1902-05. D. Collard, SC. 9/73. 2pp. Illus. The 4 Sk. Stamps of Denmark 1854-1863. D. Collard. SC. 5/61. 2pp. Illus.

Denmark: The 20 Øre Bicoloured Issue of 1875. G. Jessen. SC. 9/73. 1p. Illus.

"The Old Town Post Office." S. Yort. SPA. 12/62. 1p. Story about the P.O. that was moved to "Den Gamle By" in Aarhus.

Prisliste over Danske Fireblock, 1969. AFA, 10pp.

"Finland-The 1875-90 Issue." E. Wise, SC, 12/63, 2pp. Illus.

"The Challenge of an Island." J. Dekker, SC. 9/73. 3pp. An interesting article about ship cancels of Iceland. Illus.

Europa Union 1970. Lander. 72pp. Catalog of Europa & UN stamps. Illus.

"Spitzbergen Locals." W. Rowcroft. SPA. 12/61. 1p. Illus.

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Five Northern Countries Pull Together. V. Sletten. Undated. 92pp. Story about the Nordic countries, customs & government.

Skandinavien 1970. Lander. 190pp. Small German catalog of Scandinavian stamps.

"Why Sweden?" C. Maycock. SC. 9/73. 2pp. One man's reasons for collecting Swedish stamps. Illus.

"The Post in Stockholm in 1862." J. Jory. SC. 3/62. 1p.

Catalog IV of Hans Lagerlof's Stamp Donations to the Swedish Postal Museum. 1930. 106pp. (Swedish). Illus.

Ron Collin

Sverige Katalogen 1985-86. SFF. 488 pp.

Austin Dulin

"Alphabetical order listing of Danish town names from the LAST letter back." Made up by the donor. 1989. 12pp.

Ib Eichner-Larsen

Frimaerkets Dag 1977. Aabenraa Filatelistklub. 36pp. Illustrates the philatelic covers produced for all the shows honoring Postage Stamp Day in Denmark from 1937 to 1977.

"Storebaelt Avisen." PR brochure about the tunnel/bridge combination that will connect the islands of Fyn & Sjaelland. This route has produced many ferry-boat postal markings starting with the Korsor-Nyborg one in 1856. Illus.

Oddvar Edvardsen

Variant Hefte Øre Haaken. Donated by the author. 1988. 34pp. Listing of the varieties of the King Haaken issues of the 1950-57 booklets. Very detailed. Illus.

Goran Elmborg

Om Ydre Posthistoria. G. Elmborg. 1988. 120pp. Postal history of the Swedish parish, Ydre, which is iocated southwest of Stockholm. Depicts cancels of all post offices and railways in that district. Illus.

Filacept 88

Den Haag Filacept 88. 1988. International philatelic show in Holland. 250pp. Catalog & Palmares listing. Articles on Holland stampless covers, windmills & Holland cancels. In Dutch with summaries in E, F & G. Illus.

Stanley Hansen

Minkus 1988 - Specialized American Stamp Catalog. 474pp.

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Scandinavian Revenues, J. Barefoot, 1988, 52pp. Catalogs & prices (English pounds) revenues of all Scandinavia. Illus.

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Editor's Notebook

By Gene Lesney



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Beginning with this issue, hopefully faster bulk airmail shipping service should be getting delivery to European members much faster! The process is basically complicated, but the results cannot be any slower. We are asking airmail subscribers to send a card or note telling us when *The Posthorn* arrives? If enough members jump on this bandwagon there exists a possibility of a lower airmail surcharge — how's that for pleading a case on behalf of Bill Lamkin, our dues-man?

February Cover "Undated"

Through no fault of your editor (except for confusing our printer with a changed

cover design) the February issue rolled off the press without a cover date. It will please a few readers to know that Wilcox Printing & Publishing, Inc., Madrid, IA, when told of the goof, voluntarily restarted the presses and ran off a dozen or so copies with the month printed at the upper left, beneath our new banner.

And, thanks to a suggestion from Ben Cohen (SCC L-26) you will be able to read the issue date on the May journal's upper spine - making it easier to find a particular issue without shuffling through every copy on the shelf. Ben's idea could be backdated on older issues with a little rainy day penmanship.

Bjork Negotiates Swedish Series

That taste of Swedish coverage, long overdue, in our last edition to be only the beginning. Torbjorn "Tor" Bjork of Christies is bringing our journal a series of articles by Helena Obermuller-Wilen, one of Sweden's leading expertizers. She writes in Swedish, so we await Tor's translations. Since your editor doesn't read Swedish, there isn't a clue about her topics — except that we can expect more on adulterated stamps and covers.

Scott to List Market Prices!

Beginning with Scott's Vol. I, 1990, Catalog, the prices shown will be realistic market prices for F-VF mint and used stamps. This undoubtedly will mark the end of pricing at percentages "below Scott," which has been the norm for decades. Rumors abound from Scandinavia hinting that other catalog publishers might follow suit. (Note that Scott has switched from basing its pricing from stamps in fine condition to fine-very fine — the most popular traded examples.) What remains unclear is whether "market prices" means dealer retail or auction realization levels for the higher dollar items. Lower-priced material seldom goes on the auction block except as a remainders lot. We'll have to wait for Vols. II, III, and IV to find out how they handle our Scandinavian nations. However, DWI will be listed in Vol. I and present a hint of trends to come. My guess is that Scott will base its prices on the U.S. market for Scandinavian stamps. It surely cannot price varieties that it doesn't list.

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Sadly, however, I have to write that Mr. Sundgaard died in March 1989, after a few years of fighting a severe illness. He was only 70.

Sundgaard was a man of unfailing optimism, who under difficult circumstances worked with an unbelievable energy and artistic sense to keep Denmark's stamp production whipped into shape. He was very competent and efficient with "his" presses and he demanded more and more of them — and succeeded!

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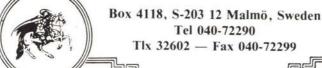




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