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“Where have all these covers gone?”  
**Cover of the Month**  
**Suomi - Yhtyneet Kansakunnat**  
**Finland - United Nations**

By Ed Fraser



Figure 1 — Front of package card franked with 1:75 marks, canceled “KOUVOLA 4 - 11.12.65.” It is addressed to “3JK/YKSP3, Helsinki” and bears the green YKSP stamp tied to the card with a violet “Mitätöity - Makulerad” cancellation.<sup>2</sup> (Mitätöity - Makulerad” is a bilingual cancel meaning “cancelled.”)

Does the package address-card shown in Figures 1 and 2 look very unusual? It should, yet, because it is a relatively “modern” usage, it probably risks being overlooked by serious philatelists. As an example of a very limited but legitimate mail usage of a YKSP mailing permission stamp by Finnish U.N. forces, it may well be among the scarcest 20th century Finnish covers!

This cover is actually a package address-card franked with the special “permission stamp” supplied for use to send parcels to Finnish U.N. personnel on Cyprus. (*Facit* # YK.1)<sup>1</sup> The story of these stamps, or “labels,” is summarized in the *Facit* catalog approximately as follows:

“Relatives of members of Finland’s U.N. Battalions on Cyprus were able to

send air mail parcels to the Battalions by special plane. Special lower postage rates applied. A condition for transport by air was that a special green label had to be affixed to the parcel. Should the label be missing, the parcel was transported only if there were space on the airplane. Otherwise the parcel was returned and had to be sent in the ordinary way, which was considerably more expensive. This means that these labels had the same function as fieldpost stamps; i.e., to limit the number of parcels.

“Two labels per month were distributed to each man in each Battalion. The labels were canceled in Helsinki with a special rubber-stamp, using violet ink, and bearing the text ‘Mitätöity - Makulerad’ on two lines.”


Viittäkiloisen "Maddolanderin" postikortin takapuoli (for an address card)	Pakettin sisällyksen postinmaksu	Paketti lähtö- kassasta (for post- office)	
Kirjoittajan nimi (Name of sender) Heikki Heikkinen 21/12 1954	Kirjoittajan osoite (Address of sender) 21/12 1954	Osoite on merkittävä (Address is marked) (Post office)	Osoite on merkittävä (Address is marked) (Post office)
Tämän kortin avulla (With this card) voidaan maksaa (can be paid)	Kirjoittajan nimi (Name of sender) Kirjoittajan osoite (Address of sender)	Kirjoittajan nimi (Name of sender) Kirjoittajan osoite (Address of sender)	Kirjoittajan nimi (Name of sender) Kirjoittajan osoite (Address of sender)

Figure 2 — Reverse of card in Figure 1, showing signature of addressee acknowledging receipt of the 2 kg parcel on 21 Dec. 1954. (This helps confirm postal use)

Where have all the covers gone? First, the *Facit* text says that the labels were to be applied to the package and does not indicate that the labels sometimes were applied to the address-card even if there is a certain logic and convenience to that. So, aside from the package itself, the most likely covers would be these package-cards, which had to be receipted — i.e. signed for by the addressee — and then returned to the post office for retention for at least a certain length of time. The simple result would be that package-cards with labels had no way to quickly enter philatelic hands. Secondly, my guess is that when they did reach philatelists, it might be expected that they would get here after being cut up for the Finnish government's annual kiloware sales. This card, however, did not follow this route and survived intact. It would be very interesting to know how this came about, but I would be very surprised if this isn't just an odd event or accident, as it seems very improbable that a bunch of them exist somewhere. While it is not unique, as I've seen one or two others within the last several years, only a very small number are believed to exist.

Considering the packages themselves as possible "covers" doesn't look workable. While some examples on package wrappings are known, one such piece shown in Figure 3 dramatically shows

the limitations. It is interesting because it is the piece of package wrapping that happens to show the name and address of the sender and recipient, along with the cancelled label. However, the total lack of postal markings, dating, etc., even with confirmation from the addressee that this is the way he received the package, and confirmation from Helsinki that this person was indeed in Cyprus, seems to preclude considering this as a "cover." Additionally, the canceller used was so small that few labels show the canceller actually tying the label to the piece.<sup>3</sup> Such items also preclude standard philatelic authentication.

No clues are available in the catalogs, either. Both "used" and "on cover" prices are omitted or left blank. Used copies are certainly known, although they seem much scarcer than mint examples, and some examples are on piece — usually a very small piece of wrapping paper.



Figure 3 — An example of a package front showing another usage of the green YKSP stamp. Other than the handstamp canceling the label, there is no postage, postal markings or datings. It is addressed to "H.K./YKSPI, Helsinki."

### The Label Types

There are two distinct types of this first "U.N." label. I find the distinction most easily seen in the overall length of the 4 letters "YKSP." The first type, as in Figure 1, is 26mm long, whereas the second type is a conspicuously shorter 23.5mm. The "bolder letters" or "shaded arm" terms are only clear when you have one of each type on hand to compare. Side by side examples of each are shown in Figure 4. Additionally, a used example of the next "U.N." label used for Finnish personnel in Lebanon is shown in Figure 5, with its different style of cancellation.

I would be very appreciative of additional detail about these covers and would like to list any information about additional known examples in a follow-up article — mail to

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### Footnotes

1. At one time or another, Cyprus has been ruled by nearly every Eastern Mediterranean country as well as Great Britain. Its latest trouble began soon after independence in 1960 and in 1964 the U.N. sent in a peacekeeping force. Now every six months the U.N. has reviewed and judged the situation so explosive that it has extended orders for these forces (currently about 2,000). For many years in the 1960's and early 1970's, Finland had some 600 to 1000 troops there.

Cyprus is currently divided by a fortified 110-mile "green line" patrolled by Turkish troops on the north and Greek Cypriot guardsmen on the south, with U.N. troops providing a buffer between the two. There is no movement across this "wall" except by traveling back through Greece and Turkey. Meanwhile, there is a more or less peaceful stability,

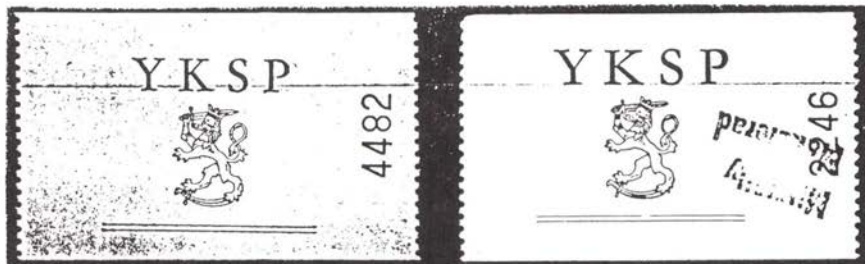


Figure 4 — The "YKSP" is 26 mm. long in the first type on the left, and 23.5 mm. long in the second type on the right. Also notice that there are other small design differences. (*Facit* YK.1 Type I and YK.1 Type II).



Figure 5 — The next U.N. label issue, for troops in Lebanon, is shown with its different style of boxed "Mitätöity - Makulerad" cancel (*Facit* YK.2)

## UN Footnotes Cont.

and since stability creates the impression of security, with neither side suffering horribly like in Northern Ireland or Lebanon, the urgency of a solution seems less pressing. [Reference: "Island Impasse," by K. Christensen, *Wall Street Journal*, page 1, August 23, 1988.]

2. The regular domestic surface mail rate for a package weighing from 1 to 3 kilos was 1:75 marks from 1 July 1963 to 31 Dec. 1966, the same as charged here for airmail service.

3. Excepting the card in Figure 1, the used copies I've seen have had the entire cancel on the label, so the "Mitätöity - Makulerad" cancel wouldn't have tied the label to the card of package wrapping it was affixed to. This is unfortunate since philatelists should always seek out the "on-cover" examples that can demonstrate and verify genuine usage as clearly as possible.

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## SCC History

If you've never gotten in touch with Frank N. Schubert to relate your knowledge of early SCC history, or your possession of letters, records, news clippings, or photographs, please do. Frank is writing a history of our club and the more "data" the better. Write to: Frank N. Schubert, SCC Historian, 8505 Cherry Valley Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309.

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*There is room for your contribution to the Scandinavian Collectors Club and The Posthorn.*

## NORDIA 90 in Lund, Sweden

Gösta Ohlsson, chairman of the Swedish Philatelic Federation, invites collectors who are members of any of the nordic country clubs or societies, to exhibit at NORDIA 90 next August 8-12 in Lund, Sweden. Bulletin 1, published by the organizing committee, presents the detailed regulations, defining exhibit categories, and offers a new "freestyle" section of 2 or 3 frames for first time exhibitors at a major show such as this.

The jury will consist of twelve members, six of whom are nordic country citizens. Lund offers much of historic and cultural interest to show attendees, in a European university town setting. Hotel information will also be found in Book 1. Copies of Book 1 and the preliminary application form can be obtained from Alan Warren, Box 17124, Philadelphia, PA 19105 by sending 85¢ in postage. Completed preliminary forms are required in Lund no later than October 1, 1989. Application fee is due with the final form at a later date, after the exhibitor is notified of acceptance.

—Alan Warren

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## Letters Received

Dear Editor:

I have waited in vain for half a year to see some sort of reaction in *The Posthorn* to the strange article by Mr. Sven Åhman, "Thumbing the Nose at Your Rivals; A Case History of Philatelic Ethics," on pp. 175-76 November 1988 issue. So perhaps I had better answer Mr. Åhman's rhetorical question of "ethics in the philatelic stratosphere" [*his words*]. It concerns two covers from the Danish West Indies, each franked with three copies of the first DWI stamp, both exhibited by the same person at HAFNIA 87.

To quote Mr. Åhman, "It was wonderful to be able to show such a letter in a collection, and its presence enhanced the philatelic value of the entire collection. But what purpose was served by showing the second, practically identical cover?"

This Swedish author also cites another case of a collector amassing all, or almost all, the known copies of a stamp (rather than a cover) and again asks, "What rational purpose this kind of ostentations display serves?"

Whereas it is possible, indeed likely, that purely selfish motives come into play here, it is also possible that some unselfish reasons — "scientific" would probably be too strong an adjective — are involved in accumulating information as well as actual pieces in a philatelic area where relatively little material is available.

Even if no publication ever results, the mere display of all rare pieces together permits students who attend a show to compare and study the material. There is nothing to prevent them from taking notes and subsequently publishing their findings. Thus, whether intended or not, such displays constitute a service to philately.

The viewer's reaction depends upon his personality. He may be envious as a result of such ostentatious display, even to the point

of damning the exhibitor in print. On the other hand, he may use the chance for studying such rare pieces.

I did not have the opportunity to look at the two covers at HAFNIA 87. I can only compare their photos in the 3-volume work edited by Victor Engstrom, *Danish West Indies Mails, 1754-1917*, (Vol. 2, p. 6-16, Fig. 15; and Vol. 3 p. 17-2, Fig. 1). They look anything but "practically identical" to me!

Fig. 15 is rather indistinctly date-stamped 29/6/1856, and Fig. 1 is clearly marked 30/6/1857. Whereas all four digits of "1856" are the same height, the "57" is shorter than the preceding "18." In Fig. 15 two of the target cancels tie the stamps, while in Fig. 1 there is at best one slight tie on the extreme right. Also, Fig. 15 is endorsed "per Mercurius," but Fig. 1 has no ship endorsement. While both are addressed to Denmark's capitol, Fig. 15 shows a street name, Fig. 1 does not. Fig. 15 clearly looks used, Fig. 1 looks very neat and pretty — but I'd surely like to have it checked not only for authenticity but also whether it was cleaned and prettied up. It would also be interesting to know whether any Danish ships went from Christiansted to Copenhagen around the time of the postmark's date, since relatively low postage was good only for Danish bottoms. It is entirely possible that additional ideas would arise from looking at the actual pieces.

Apart from that, however, is **any** collector really under **any** obligation to give up **any** portion of his collection, as long as it was acquired honestly? Since when do we philatelists have the moral obligation to share the wealth, as Mr. Åhman seems to think? I consider it poor taste to publish such socialistic wisdom, without at least labeling it for what it is. Who is this author anyhow?

It would be highly unfair of me to write these comments about a single article in one

issue of *The Posthorn* without, at the same time, thanking you for your excellent work on that magazine, particularly in letting us know about all the hanky-panky that is going on with Scandinavian covers. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Ernest M. Cohn (SCC L-16)  
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*Editor responds: Our frequent contributor Mr. Sven Åhman of Sweden is a retired journalist formerly based in New York City for a number of years before returning home. I had the pleasure of meeting Sven at HAF-NIA 87 in Copenhagen and found him an affable, gregarious gentleman. My single big question for him after a conversation in English was why were his articles submitted in Swedish [requiring translation], instead of English? He explained that at his age he merely dabbles at writing for the Frimärkshuset Auctions' flip side abbreviated journal FH Nytt which accompanies every auction catalog. And, like any other grand old man of philately, Sven Åhman has earned the right to grind his typewriter at any target of choice! Many of our readers enjoy his way-out style on equally off-the-wall subject matter. (G.L.)*

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Editor,

After reading of the tempest over pakkeporto cancels I cannot remain silent about a few facts of Greenland's history overlooked by both sides. For example, we should examine the importance of the Savings stamp book "banking system" in Greenland. It paid only two percent interest, but it was the only practical method available and trusted by the people at settlements and udsteder (outplaces) because savings books offered a safe means of keeping surplus or unspent savings. Coins were too cold and just as unavailable and impractical as Danish currency.

Savings stamp books were the answer, a "money" which could be "canceled" as it was spent at trading posts both at the udsteder and major settlements. The big question today is where are all of the old Savings books? There must be at least one for every fanger (hunter) family, with pages full of cancelled pakkeporto stamps. Or, were they soaked off and sold to stamp dealers? If only partially true, such an explanation could mean literally thousands of legitimately, fiscally cancelled pakkeportos from Savings books floating about the marketplace. And, if these stamps were used for savings at udsteder, might not a few have been used to mail parcels — perhaps at holiday time — to relatives and friends at another udsteder or settlement, or to a foreign destination? Who can truly say?

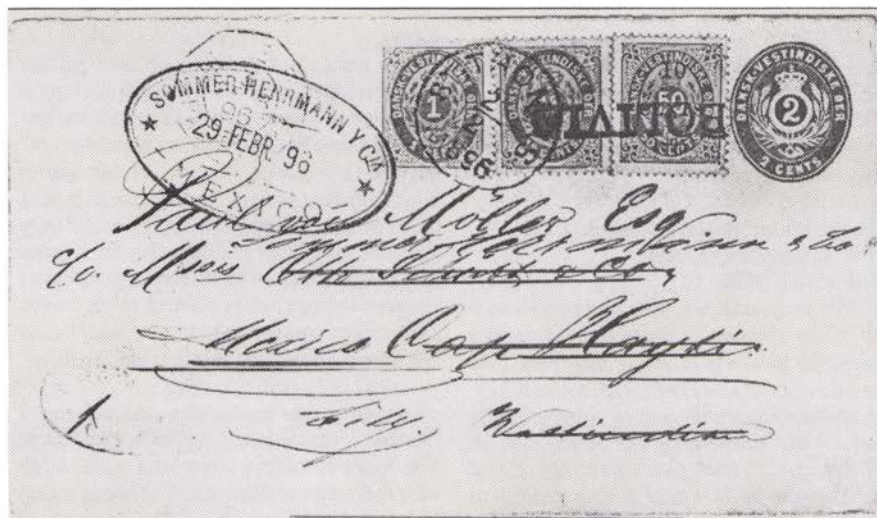
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## DWI Mail Shenanigans

By Dr. Roger G. Schnell, M.D.

The Carribean and DWI have long been a treasure bed of philatelic history with a plethora of foreign and local postal service—plus competing and complimentary maritime mail transit and forwarding agents. Although the UPU agreements of 1876-80 diminished the role of forwarding agents, their knowledge of shipping schedules produced the fastest routing of mail. The cover shown above not only demonstrates this fact but also revives an interesting sidelight to DWI postal history.

The cover was posted 2 February 1896 at St. Thomas and placed aboard a French Packet, perhaps by a Virgin Island forwarding agent. The packet cancel is Salles "1601" with octagonal "Lign. F. Paq. Fr. No. 3" marking dated 3. Feb./1896. This is the latest reported usage of this cancel.

The letter is addressed to Paul Moller, c/o Otto Schutt and Co., Cap Haitin, another forwarding agent. Upon arrival at Haiti, the forwarder placed his cachet on the letter, crossed out his name and address—then

readdressed the cover to a Mexican forwarding agent or perhaps the addressee Sommer Herrmann Co. The cover was then placed aboard the HAPAG Steamer "BOLIVIA" for transit to Mexico. Because of political turmoil, forwarding agents frequently delivered the mail directly to ships at the dock. The purser aboard ship stamped the cover with a "BOLIVIA" handstamp usually reserved for ship documents, and inadvertently inverted the strike. The cover arrived in Mexico City on 28 February 1896 to get a Sommer-Herrmann office receiving cachet dated 29 Feb. 1896.

The cover is a 2 cent postal stationery DWI envelope with watermark III, Engstrom E6A. This example dated 2/2/1896 is the Earliest Postmark to be reported on this envelope. The postage consists of a 1 cent bicolor (printing No. 9), 12 cents bicolor (printing No. 2), 50 cents bicolor overprinted 10 CENTS and the 2 cents envelope for a total of 25 cents. The usual external rate to Mexico in 1896 would have been 10 cents for



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15 grams. However, the French packet rate to Haiti was 16 cents. It would appear that the addressee was uncertain of the rate and wanted to ensure delivery and thus overfranked the cover.

In summary, this cover is a saga involving two if not three forwarding agents, a French packet, a HAPAG packet with purser marking, bicolor stamps, an overprinted bicolor stamp and the earliest reported usage of a Watermark III envelope in DWI postal stationery.

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### SCC Exhibit at World Stamp Expo 89

Over 100 stamp societies were invited to prepare one frame exhibits for STAMPEXPO 89. The exhibit is intended to extoll the virtues of collecting the speciality of the club. Easily purchasable philatelic material was to be shown so that novice collectors would not be discouraged by availability and price. Chapter 13, Delaware, accepted the challenge and prepared the exhibit.

The overall plan was to use a striking color photograph of a stamp in the center of each page with a few stamps below. A minimum of writeup was intended for quick readability. Following the title page were three pages highlighting the Vikings followed by Scandinavian colonization and immigration to America. Each Nordic country received one page followed by the subjects of Christmas Seals, Charity, and Revenues. The final page is our commercial. Hope you get to STAMP EXPO 89 and see this piece of work. Delaware Chapter is to be congratulated for this service.

—A. A. Gruber



## Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

In the February issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Leo Lemvig writes about the Paris local post of 1653 as well as some of the great rarities of stamp collecting, such as the British Guiana stamp, and the Mauritius "Post Office" error. Niels Klottrup describes some interesting covers from China to Denmark just after the turn of the century and Frode Knudsen offers some tips on thematic collecting in the same issue.

In the January *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* Jan Billgren continues his series on postal history of Sweden with a discussion of postal money orders. Sten Christensen writes about the effect on postal rates of currency changes in the Scandinavian countries.

### Danish Postal Stationery

In the April *Luren*, Dan Laursen laments the demise of Denmark's postal stationery. An official bulletin of the Danish P&T announced in January that postal cards were discontinued. This follows the earlier terminations of stamped envelopes (1967) and aerograms (1985). In the March issue of *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* Niels Klottrup writes about cancels on 19th century Danish stamps, quoting from various issues of the "Officielle Meddelelser." Michael Lerche Nielsen illustrates plate flaws on Denmark's 8 øre bicolor issue and Ib Krarup Rasmussen provides the second installment of postal conditions between Denmark and Iceland during the period 1870-1879. Finally, in this same issue of interesting articles, Anders Langangen tabulates Norway's crowned posthorn cancels for 1934-1936.

### Åland Discount Packs

Writing in the March issue of *Scandinavian Contact*, published in England, Bo Isacson describes the discount stamp packs

of Åland and offers a cataloguing of the rebate vouchers (bargain coupons). In the same issue, R. M. Fishenden continues the series on plate flaws of the large officials of Sweden and David Thompson provides another installment in his series on the 70 pennia and markka values of Finland's Vaasa issue.

H. C. van Meeningen writes about the set-tenant coils or so-called SX coils of Sweden in the March issue of *Het Noorderlicht* published in Holland. J. C. ter Welle discusses Denmark's Fire R.B.S. in the same issue and J.W.J. van den Berg provides some background on Iceland's 5 aur blue stamp of 1876.

### Finnish Forces and the U.N.

Valter V. Johansson tabulates the dates and places of Finland's peace-keeping troops under the jurisdiction of the United Nations for the past thirty years. Examples of covers from several of these campaigns are illustrated. Johansson's article appeared in the March issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. In the same issue Robert Mattson furnishes the next installment of the revised cataloguing of Sweden's normal cancel No. 10.

In the March issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift* from Denmark, Svend Hovard details the cancels of Copenhagen-Korsør, Copenhagen-Nyborg, Nyborg-Fredericia, and Copenhagen-Fredericia showing the period of use for each variety. Toke Nørby discusses transport of letters during the winter of 1830-31 when ships could not move.

The February issue of *Philatelic Reports*, published in Germany by the FG Nordische Staaten, carries a newly designed cover page. This issue is also noteworthy for its introduction of a separate working group on Åland.

Previously information was included under Finland. In this issue, Richard Kühle describes variations of the marking "Fra Farørne," and Werner Friedrichs writes about the various ships of Finland. The section on Iceland is devoted to the Greidslumerki issues.

Each country section of this particular issue has an index to all articles about that country for the entire run of *Philatelic Reports* Nos. 1-65 (the current issue). While the text of this journal is in the German language, it is still highly recommended reading. Subscription information can be obtained from their treasurer Georg Bodner, Pleidelsheimer Strasse 3, 7140 Ludwigsburg 10, Federal Republic of Germany.

#### Printing Methods

In *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* for March 1989, Erik A. Hansen discusses technical errors which seem to crop up in the literature when describing the various printing methods used in producing the stamps of Denmark. The author clarifies much of this information, going back to the printing of Thiele for the early issue of Denmark. He concludes his article with a Latin comment that while to err is human, perpetuating errors is a disgrace! In the same issue W. B. Møller discusses the colors assigned to Danish stamps depending on value and rate.

The April issue of DFT profiles Danish collector and authority on Sweden's postal history, Palle Laursen, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Peter Bo Jensen discusses the varieties of the steel engraved stamps of Denmark as reported in the specialty catalogs.

#### Parcel Post

In the April issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* Jan Billgren continues his series on postal history with a discussion on parcel post and parcel cards. In the same issue Robert Mattson continues the identification of the Normalstämpel 10 cancels of Sweden. The March-April issue of *Seaposter*, published by the Maritime Postmark Society, carries the latest in the series by Ingemar Wågerman and Bert Steiner on steamship markings with those of the steamer post offices, "ÅBPXP."

Another article on parcel post rates, this time between Denmark and Sweden or Norway, is found in the June issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*. The period discussed is 1852-1931 and includes rate tables for packets originating from Denmark. In the same issue Svend Seitzberg illustrates some lovely Danish prestamp covers in his article on royal service in that country during the period 1771-1871.

#### Vestmanna

Edvard T. Jonsson and Christian Hopballe describe the post office of Vestmanna in the Faroes in the 1989/1 issue of *North Atlantic Philately*. This issue also carries the fourth installment by Hopballe on postal conditions in Iceland during World War II, this time on the delivery routes from Iceland via England during 1940. Olafur Eliasson continues the series on postage rates of Iceland from 1873 to 1970, this time for business papers and samples sent locally.

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*Articles for The Posthorn are always welcome from SCC members. If you are writing about a particular country, send your manuscript to the appropriate association editor. If your article is about Scandinavia in general or on some other topic, send the manuscript to The Posthorn Editor.*

# Transfers & Reentries

By Alan Warren

We received an inquiry from a collector in Sweden, forwarded by the American Philatelic Society. The writer would like to exchange stamps of Sweden, both mint and used, with an American collector. If you know of a junior collector who would like a pen-friend and to trade stamps, he or she should write to Rune Roslund, Dragarevägen 15, 28070 Lönsboda, Sweden.

## Philatelic Literature

An interesting source of philatelic literature, including Scandinavian area items, is Philabook International in Holland. A newsletter with current stocks of new literature is sent out four times a year in January, April, September, and November. In addition to new catalogs the firm lists newly published monographs categorized by country, and the language of publication is indicated.

Payment is usually against a pro forma invoice since there may be a delay in obtaining the items. A sample copy of the current list can be obtained by sending a one dollar bill to Philabook International, Box 8042, 3009AA Rotterdam, Netherlands (Holland). If you want a 4-issue subscription, send \$3 for surface mail, or \$5 to receive them air-mail.

## Jan Dekker

One of Netherlands' great philatelists, Jan Dekker, passed away last January at the age of 69. His death was reported in the March issue of *Het Noorderlicht*, journal of the Scandinavian group of the Netherlands Philatelic Society. Jan was a founding member of the group and former editor of its journal. He was on the international jury at NORWEX 80 in Oslo and attended the Scandinavian community meeting sponsored by SCC during the show, at which he spoke about the need to turn over forgeries to museums where they could be properly marked and made available for all to study.

## Philatelic Gems

Donna O'Keefe of *Linn's* editorial staff has compiled the fourth in a series of books on the gems of philately. In her latest collection she has drawn on the knowledge of two dozen collectors and writers to prepare interesting profiles on some of philately's rarest objects. This fourth book includes an account of the 5 öre "brown" issue of the Oscar II series.

It is believed that a proof sheet of the 5 öre was printed using the brown ink of the 30 öre value and the Swedish Post Office sent 55 copies to various postal administrations. Today nine copies are known. *Scott* lists it as an error and *Facit* as a color proof.

## Distinguished Philatelist

In 1920 the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain instituted the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists with 40 signees including HM King George V. Over 200 philatelists have been invited to sign the roll in the years since. This year five more distinguished philatelists were invited to add their names. Among them was Christian C. Sundman, who most recently served as president of FINLANDIA 88. His collection of classic Finland including postal stationery won the Grand Prix International at STOCKHOLMIA 86. He has authored a number of articles on Finnish philately and has served as president of the Helsingfors Philatelic Society and vice-president of the Finnish Philatelic Federation.

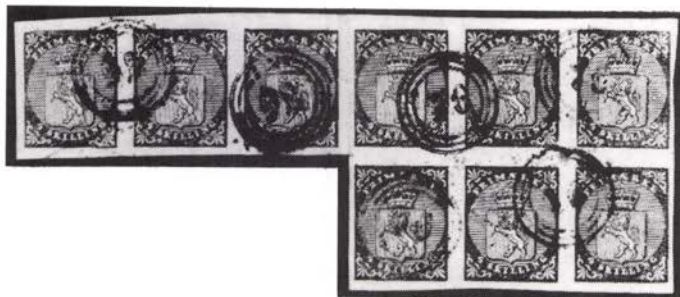
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## Another Quick Check for Small Corner Numbers on 10 Øres

By Dr. Dan Laursen, PhD



Large Corner Numbers

Small Corner Numbers

As a follow-up to *The Posthorn's* request for additional ways of separating similar stamps, I offer this conventional Danish quick method of checking the 10 øre Coat of Arms issue of 1884.

You simply look at the vertical hatching around the crown. On stamps with larger corner numbers the hatching doesn't touch the crown but leaves a white border (see arrow) around it. Stamps with small corner numbers in this denomination have the hatching touch the crown. Another distinguishing feature of small corner number stamps is the thin arched line above the letters NMA which clearly doesn't come close to touching the thick, horizontal top border line. This same arch either touches or comes close enough to almost touch it on all large corner number stamps.

### Variety Explained

The reason for this very expensive variety was the accidental substitution of postal card clichés during the fifth printing in October 1888. In the 100 cliché plate, the smaller corner numbers occur only in positions 94, 96 and 97 — all along the bottom row where the plate is most likely to wear out soonest.

The two large scale illustrations used above are from SAVA, which is printed and distributed by Jan Bendix of Skilling Publishing House, which recently moved to a new address: Nyvej 17, 4050 Skibby, Denmark.

(Ed. note: This follows another check for corner numbers in May 1988 issue. See also Nov. 1983, p. 212.)

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## What's Happening in Finland

By Mike Hvidonov

### NORDIA 1993

Five years hence Finland's vaunted, oldest, and most distinguished philatelic Club, HELSINGFORS FRIMÄRKSSAMALARE FORENING r.f. will be 100 years young. I will use HFF in future reference. To this astute group of gentlemen will go the honor and responsibility of arranging Finland's most important Regional philatelic event, an opportunity which comes to pass every fifth calendar year. That will be NORDIA 1993.

Boasting, in its rosters, most of the great names of Finnish Philately for almost one hundred years, and with no threat of losing this distinction, let me say HFF is a CLASS ACT! I am proud to be a non-resident member of HFF and hope to attend this wonderful Birthday celebration . . . all things being equal.

HFF is presently chaired by Christian Sundman. We trust that Mr. Sundman's prior experience with FINLANDIA '88 will assure that the course of this great event will be flawlessly directed. For decades the procedures, comforts and judging were exemplary. It is only the last mentioned category that must be solved in order that this history of success be consistent with the past.

### Sundman's Concern

In a dinner address Christian Sundman, in a forthright speech, expressed deep concern as regards the limited experience of the new board as it relates to International philatelic experience, urging that its leaders become quickly involved in this important theater of philately.

Another point of concern iterated by the speaker, reports the article, centers on the "monopoly of the Jury Commissioner and the Judges, in that it is too small a group for the heavy duties involved."

From my standpoint, it is important that Finnish philatelic leaders re-group if their Nation is ever to secure a strong position in the International scene; or for that matter inside it's own boundaries.

I have much confidence that Jussi Tuori, Chairman of the League, is aware of the critical factors and will act accordingly.

### On the Home Front

Mercer Bristow, APS Special Event Director, recently announced that the APS Expert Service received 3,531 philatelic items which were submitted for analysis in 1988. A BIG increase from previous years. The APS employs the talents of 200 consultants who are specialists to study and pass on or reject the 'patients' submitted. The costs are modest and often serve to protect the collector from all sorts of repairs and forgeries. Details from: Mr. Mercer Bristow; Director of Expertizing; PO Box 8000N; State College, PA 16803.

### Jörgen Junior

Mr. Jörgen Junior has returned to the philatelic world and has established a new enterprise called "Philatelic Marketing Company;" in Nordingbord, Denmark. He is seeking material for well paying investors, reports *ABOPHIL*.

A few years back Mr. Junior absconded with the full receipts of an auction to South Africa without paying any of the vendors who supplied him with the auction material. He was apprehended and served some jail time in one of the countries. The brief report (WARNING) in *ABOPHIL* does not say if any restitution was made to those who were swindled in the first thievery. In all probability they have lost out.

Our own Al (Guru) Gruber informed me that the SCC expelled Mr. Junior from membership some time back.

### ABOEX 1989

This important philatelic event (3.31-4.2) enjoyed fair success. The exhibits were outstanding, though suffering a bit from the lack of "Cannon frames." This probably was due to a little let down after FINLANDIA and the FIP exhibits in Europe which sometimes serve to fatigue exhibitors.

The judging of the exhibition (same judges from FINLANDIA) as reported to me by visitors was mentioned briefly by Mikko Ossa in the May Issue of *ABOPHIL*. There was some question concerning one Traditional collection and the Postal History section. The same issue contained an appeal from an exhibitor of Saarinen stamps (1917-1924) which was not vituperative. (I trust merely shocked.) The writer asks, after detailing his collection (intelligently) that the judges respond in writing to explain his very low award. We await the response.

I am curious as to why Finland does not hold a Judges Critique at the culmination of every show and have the judges answer in depth to the distressed exhibitors very often sound queries. This peer contact has helped immensely in the U.S. and one soon would know if a judge did or did not understand a collection.

### New Editor???

A rumor persists that *ABOPHIL'S* superb Editor is leaving the assignment that he has filled so well. Filatelisti (formerly Philatelia Fennica) states that a replacement for the position has already been selected.

COMMENT: M.O. . . . SAY IT ISN'T SO!!!

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## The 1990 Scott Catalogue and SCC

By now most of us have learned that the 1990 Scott catalogs will use "retail stamp values." Scott Publishing Co. advises us that participants in society-sponsored auctions may need to adjust bidding habits if bidders automatically bid at large discounts from Scott catalog values. Second: Scott tells us the new policy should not affect society sales circuits since sellers should key their asking prices to retail anyway.

Clearly what has to happen is when a catalog value is published the year of the catalog must be included. This will be difficult for old sales books still making the circuit. Note as well that values switch from hinged to never hinged at different times for different countries in Scott. Finally, Scott

values used to be for F, now they are for F-VF. A letter to *Linn's* found it absurd that a classic British stamp drastically dropped in Scott value from the 1988 to 1989 catalog and then jumped in price in 1990. If 1989 catalogs were a move to more realistic prices of course the value went down. If 1990 catalogs use F-VF condition for determining prices classic stamps must increase in value since the sale price of a F-VF classic stamp can be much higher than for a stamp just fine. But wait, knock the value down a bit for the new move to retail.

In other words, when buying and selling stamps, even through SCC auctions and sales circuits, we will have to use our brains (and *Facit* and currency exchange rates, etc., etc.).

# Scandinavian Area Awards

By Alan Warren

At the FIP show, INDIA 89, the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation's book *Denmark's Numeral Cancellations* won a vermeil and SCC's *The Posthorn* took a silver. A gold went to Mark Lorentzen along with the Donald W. Goertz award at the Garfield Perry March Party for his "Denmark: Bicolored 1875-95."

Three Scandinavian entries all won awards at DELPEX in Wilmington, DE. A silver and the AAPE silver pin went to Doc Melberg for "Perfins of Denmark," and gold medals were awarded to Alfred A. Gruber for "Denmark and Faroes Letter Collection Place Cancels" and Alan Warren for "Denmark: The Vitus Bering Issue on First Day Covers." Chief judge for the show was to have been SCC member Bob Brandeberry, who unfortunately was hospitalized with a stroke.

At COLOPEX a gold medal plus the grand award went to H. L. Arnould for his "Danish West Indies Postal History." At the same show the SCC librarian Doc Melberg received a silver-bronze for the Library Index. At CENEPEX in Nebraska, Leland Huss won a bronze for "Selected Swedish First Day Covers." Mark Lorentzen took a vermeil at SANDICAL for "Denmark: Bicolored 1875-1895."

At ROPEX, Roger Quinby took a vermeil for "Russian Stamps and Postal Stationery in Finland." At SPRINGPEX, Jeff Crown won a silver for "The Faroe Islands Post." At the international philatelic literature competition in Germany, IPHLA 89, the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation won a silver for Karl Sanne's *Norwegian Exile Mail* in translated form and SCC's *The Posthorn* also took a silver medal.

At the Mesilla Valley Stamp Show in New Mexico, a gold award went to Arthur W. Dudenhoeffer for "Two Years of Swedish First Day Covers" along with the American First Day Cover Society award.

## Scandinaviana at INDIA 89

INDIA 89 at New Delhi this past January is now history, including much reported in the press about the terrible conditions for exhibitors, judges, visitors, press, etc. However, despite all the problems, Scandinavia area exhibits took a considerable number of medals. In the FIP Championship Class, Kanai Hiroyuki of Japan showed Classic Finland 1856-1874, and F. C. Moldenhauer of Norway showed his collection of that country's 1854-1875 issues.

A large gold went to Jan Akeson for "Sweden," and gold medals went to Jorund Kalvehagen for "Norway 1855-1863," Knud Mohr for "Denmark Cancels and Postmarks Until 1889," and Lennart Daun for "Sweden Postal Stationery." Seven large vermeils were awarded for Jesper Haff's "Denmark 1851-1870," Eivind Evensen's "Grand Duchy of Finland 1809-1882," Rune Almquist's "Sweden: King Oscar II 1885-1912," Henry Nilsson's "Swedish Provisionals 1885-1922," Henrik Eis' "Denmark Manuscript Markings," Knud Mohr's "Copenhagen Cancels and Postmarks Until 1884," and Arne J. Bay's "Stamped Paper of Norway 1670-1904."

Six small vermeil medals went to Kaj Storm for "The Danish Ferry Parcel Post Until 1933," Arne Nielsen for "Greenland Parcel Post 1905-1938," Arne J. Bay for "Postal History of Norway 1675-1907," Sven Sandstedt for "Swedish Postal History," Erik Hamberg for "Ring Type Covers 1877-1886," and Sune Hedblom for "Sweden: Halsingland Post."

Four small vermeil medals were awarded to literature entries in this field: SFF for *King Oscar II Postage Stamps 1885-1911*, SPF for *Denmark's Numeral Cancellations 1852-1884*, SFF for their 1988-89 Sweden catalog, and Frimärkshuset for the 1988 *FACIT*

## Special catalog.

A large silver with special prize went to a junior exhibitor, Kristoffer Strandqvist, for "Swedish Postal Documentation 1664-1863." Six large silver medals went to Stefan J. Plsko for "Denmark 1851-1905," Birger Scharling for "Faroe Islands Postal History 1818-1946," Gerhard Muller for "Greenland — The Arctic Island," Bendy Knudsen for "Censored Mail to and from Iceland During WWII," Johnny Haugen for "Postage Due Markings of Norway," and Kari R. Rahiala for "Finland Postal Stationery 1891." Two large silvers also went for literature entries: the Finnish Federation for *The Handbook of Finnish Stamps* and NFF for *Norway's 4-Ring Numeral Cancellers*.

A small silver was awarded to Johnny Ernest Pedersen for "Norwegian Airmail 1870-1946," and another to junior Roy O. Myklebust for "The Post Offices of the Faroe Islands." Seven literature entries received small silvers as well: NFF for *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, SCC for *The Posthorn*, The Finnish Federation for *Philatelic Fennica 1987*, Rolf Burstrom for two catalogs (one on Nordic countries except Sweden and one for Sweden only), and the Finnish Philatelic Federation for two works, *Post Offices of Finland* and *Machine Cancellers of Finland*.

Silver-bronzes were awarded to Bjorn-Erik Saarinen for "Finnish Stamped Paper and Revenues 1811-1900," and several junior exhibits including Martin A. Kvist's "Denmark 1940-80," Henrik Brehm Pedersen's "Faroe Islands 1975-83." Silver-bronzes also went to the literature entries of Oddh Johannessen for *Norwegian Special Cancellations*, and Primärkshuset for *Facit Norden 1988* and a bronze medal was awarded another literature entry, *Island of Ice T-3 — Post in Greenland* by Gerhard Muller.

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### Klugman Takes NOJEX Grand Award

Dr. Keith P. Klugman won the Grand Award at NOJEX 89 with his magnificent display of "The Foreign Mails of St. Thomas Pre UPU." The handsome award is a Post Coach by Hummel. In addition, Keith took the SCC National Award, the coveted Orre-fors crystal bowl donated by Scott and Johana Taylor of Scojo Stamps. Johana presented the bowl in person. The exhibit also took a NOJEX gold, the SCC gold medal, and the APS pre-1900 medal. The collection focused on letters to, from, and via St. Thomas, carried outside the official Danish West Indies post office mails before the Universal Postal Union was established or prior to September 1, 1877.

A NOJEX gold along with the SCC silver medal went to Don Halpern for his "Stampless Covers Passing Thru the Scandinavian Post Offices in German Cities." Jeffrey Crown won a vermeil medal and the SCC bronze medal together with an AAPE honor pin for his display of "The Faroe Islands Post." Other Scandinavian entries which took vermeil medals at NOJEX were Warren Pearse's "Danish West Indies Mails 1790-1917," Winand Hess's "Finland: Stampless Official Mail," and George Sickels' "Iceland Revenues." This last exhibit so impressed the jury that it was also given "felicitations" due to the many original documents on which revenue stamps were shown.

Receiving NOJEX silver medals were W. E. Melberg for "The Numeral Cancellers for Denmark," Alfred Gruber for "Denmark & Faroes: The Small Collecting Office Cancellers," and Gregory Frantz for "Bypost of Norway." L. W. Ferber received a bronze for his "Scandinavian Revenues."

The APS Champion-of-Champions competition at Anaheim, CA in August will have at least three DWI exhibits pitted against one another. In addition to Klugman's entry, other World Series of Philately grand award winners this past year were Roger Schnell and H. L. Arnould.

The NOJEX jury was chaired by Joseph E. Foley and included Victor E. Engstrom, Kalman Illyefelvi, Stephen Luster, and Alan Warren. Apprentice judges were Jeremiah

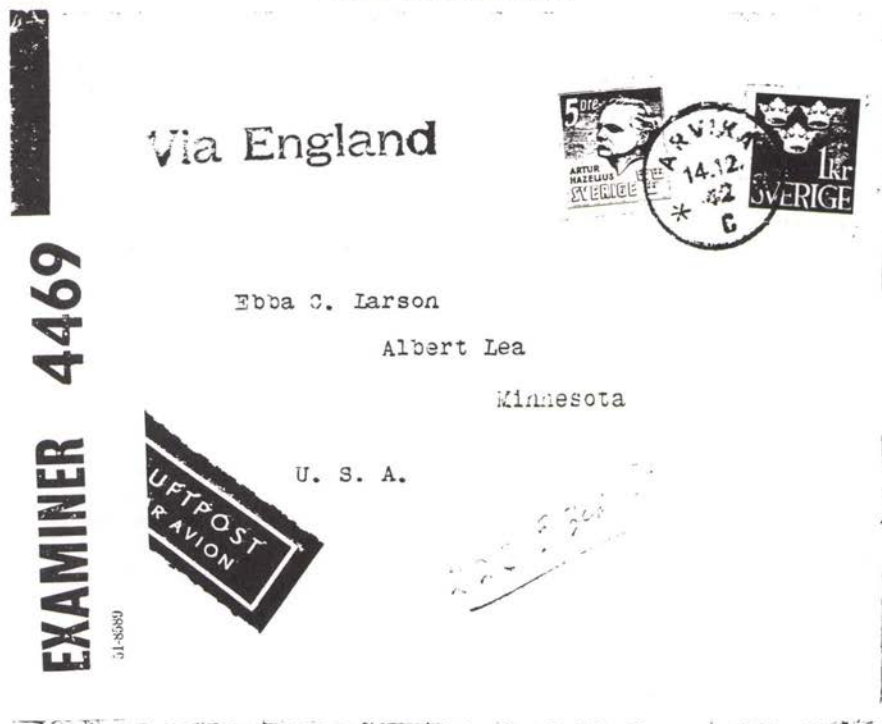
Farrington and Stephen Frater. More Scandinavian area judges are desired who are APS accredited. If you have won at least a vermeil medal you can apply for accreditation. Requirements are attendance at several of the seminars presented at APS shows (traditional philately, postal history, thematic, lit-

erature, youth, etc.) and service as apprentice at four APS national shows. If you are interested, request an application from William H. Bauer, Judges Accreditation, Box 1449, Spring, TX 77373.

—Alan Warren

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## Did You Know?



### Via England

Airmail in wartime was tough. Germans shot down planes over the North Sea. Sweden developed "blockade runner" flights. These flights carried everything from mail to ball bearings to passengers strapped to the floor wearing oxygen masks.

There were three markings applied to mail on these flights: 1) VIA ENGLAND, 2) BY AIR TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, and 3) By air to the United Kingdom. Illustrated here is a cover with a purple "Via England" handstamp. The "EXAMINER 4469" is printed on tape used to seal the envelope after the censor had begun the handling that has

made this a "ratty" cover. 105 öre is the correct rate according to *Facit*.

My information comes from *The History of Airmail in Scandinavia* by Örjan Lünig. Check out our *Posthorn* advertisers to see if this book is available. According to Lünig, this cover travelled on a blockade runner flight from Stockholm to Leuchars, Scotland and from there to Albert Lea, Minnesota.

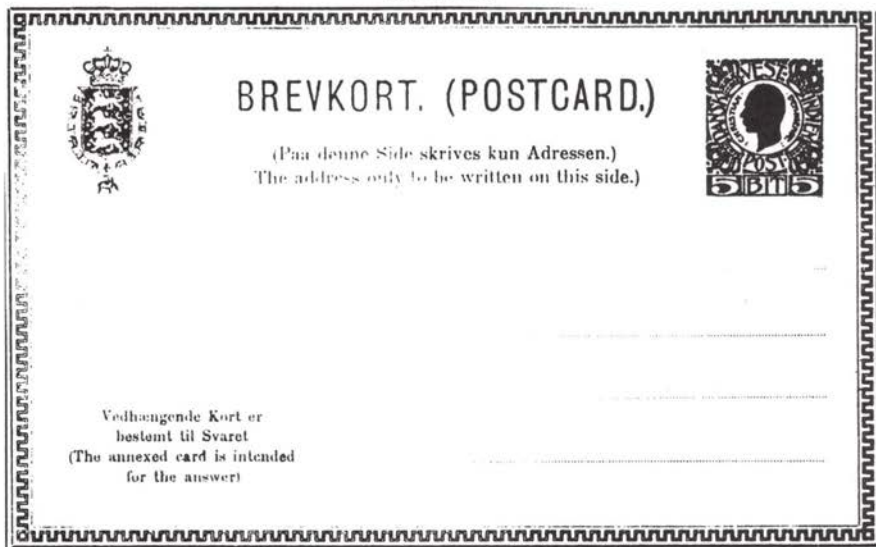
Ms. Larson got the news that her portion of her family's trust fund in a Karlstad bank was 1110 Kroner. I suppose that, like the censor, I have violated her privacy.

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## DWI Postal Stationery Rarities Reply Cards

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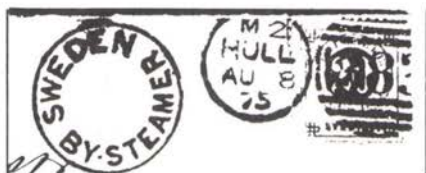


Mike Crandell discovered this variety. There is no “period” after the word “Svaret” in the lower left hand corner of the message card. This is the only one reported to date. Has anyone else seen this, or is this just a printing or inking error?

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Message card with 1st line 67mm instead of 70mm and card having 5-line text. There have been two reported to date, one mint and one used. Anyone have one intact so we can find out what the reply card is like?



Upper right corner of Swedish ship letter showing the unusual British cancel on a Swedish 20 öre stamp and circular SWEDEN BY STEAMERS side marking.

### Christie's Offers Rare Nordic Items

Among its general foreign offerings at Christie's auction in New York City Nov. 3-4 will be a few rare Scandinavian items.

A Danish 1851 2 Rigsbankskillings blue proof from the 100 printed of which 50 are held by the Danish Postal Museum. An estimated 30 copies exist in private hands. Also a rare mint 48 Sk. brown and lilac 1870 imperforate with inverted frame, one of the most difficult bicolors to find.

Also a 1914 38 öre Newspaper Stamp, wmk. crosses mint with "dash in left margin" variety and unpriced in *AFA Specialized Catalog*.

From Sweden a 20 öre vermilion on cover tied by a British Hull 383 duplex on an 1875 folded ship letter from Gothenburg to London with a rare matching "SWEDEN BY STEAMER" circular handstamp. Also in the covers section is a Crash Post letter from the 1947 airplane crash at Kastrup Airport, Denmark, in which Sweden's crown prince and his wife perished.

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### Who's This?



### Oscar Montelius

In 1943 Sweden issued stamps commemorating Oscar Montelius. Montelius revolutionized the study of prehistory. He took Darwin's theory that animals and plants take only one step at a time as they evolve through the centuries and applied it to man-made objects. Artists, engineers, builders, and the like don't take sudden leaps but develop from models that are "close-existing relatives." Thus swords, shields, brooches, arm rings, bowls, pots and pans, can be incorporated into a chronological cultural scheme. Today some would argue that in both nature and culture there are leaps from one plateau to another.

August Strindberg satirized prehistorians as button sorters — first into one-holed buttons, then two-holed, and three-holed categories, and then, after academic controversy, into minus one hole, minus two holes, and minus three holes categories. There's some truth to that.

Nevertheless, Montelius was a scholar in the grand style. He was a guest of landed proprietors, drank Swedish punch on their porches on bright summer nights, delivered dazzling lectures, and so gained permission to excavate prehistoric burial sites on their estates. After WWI private patronage dried up. Government funds became the arbiter of scientific research. As Eric Graf Oxenstierna put it, referring primarily to the post-WWII period, prehistorians are "step-children overtaken by their younger brothers, the technologists and atom-splitters whose boundless demands for money are met with so much greater indulgence."

Oscar Montelius is a relic of a different intellectual style.

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## Windy City Unit 4

Chicago Chapter 4 again reports an eventful year. We had no "snow days" through December 1988, which added to our success. Attendance averaged about 20 per meeting. In January, our opening program was a great Faroes slide show from the SCC Library. The meeting consisted of a computer demonstration by Ben Cohen and Norm Kopp. It baffled some and inspired others to try this format for setting up exhibits and stamp inventories.

John Schaad presented a Smithsonian Institute slide show in March. We were pleased to see that among the 24 odd transparencies from the National Philatelic Collection four gems were Scandinavian. That speaks well for our collecting area.

A potpourri was the main order of business in April. It also was a very sad night because earlier that week we lost one of Scandinavia's philatelic giants, Roger Swanson. He will be missed.

May, of course, is our "biggie" month with COMPEX taking the spotlight. As usual 42 frames of Scandinavia were shown. Jack Mickaelson took top honors with his great Faroes exhibit. We had a nice crowd of 46 people at our palmares banquet.

F. C. Moldenhauer's top Norwegian steamship collection was featured as a slide presentation at our June meeting. The Wisconsin Picnic in July was a huge success with lovely weather and a record-breaking attendance of 32 people. Our first fall meeting (Sept.) found us at a new restaurant, the Golden Flame, 6417 W. Higgins Rd. in Chicago. No special program was scheduled. Members were encouraged to bring and show items that were acquired during the summer.

In October, Ib Eichner-Larsen, one of Denmark's top philatelists who had been at SESCAL, entertained us with his humor and knowledge. His top story was that we have to find young people to join and become interested in stamp collect OR when the time comes to sell our treasures there will be no one to buy them! Harry Goldsmith reported that Werner Reis who had suffered a stroke was holding his own with some progress. That was nice to hear. SCC president Al Gruber and his wife Annette were surprise visi-

tors at that meeting. It is always nice to see them. Another sad note came that month when we learned that one of our Norwegian collectors, Roy Ingebretsen, had passed away. The final meeting of the year was held in December with a mini-auction and a new twist: a kiloware of Scandinavian stamps was purchased by the Chapter and the members were allowed to dig through the lot. It was a huge success to say the least.

In 1988, the Dr. Earl Jacobsen Award was presented to Robert Fashingbauer for devoted service to Chapter 4 — a well deserved tribute!

Our meetings continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of the month (except the Nov. and Dec. meetings are combined to meet the 1st Thursday in Dec.) and no formal meetings are held in July or August. All are welcome! Join us at the Golden Flame at 5:30 p.m.

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## First Balloon Flight in Greenland

By Dan Laursen



Figure 1. Souvenir cover commemorating the first hot-air balloon flights in Greenland.

April 1989 saw the first balloon flights in Greenland. A Danish couple, Toni and Kai Paamand from Frederikssund, undertook a series of flights with hot-air balloon OY-BO I "Danmark" in the Uummannaq district in the northern part of West Greenland.

The temperature in the district at that time of year is around 14 degrees F, with strong winds from all directions, though mostly from the inland ice. Professor Hobbs from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, held the opinion that there is a constant high air pressure over the ice cap, creating winds from the center out to the west and to the east along the surface, while returning winds blow in the opposite direction higher in the atmosphere. Theoretically it should therefore be possible to cross Greenland — to "transballoon" the ice cap — in a hot-air balloon utilizing the returning wind one half of the way and the surface wind the other half.

This is the dream of the Paamands.

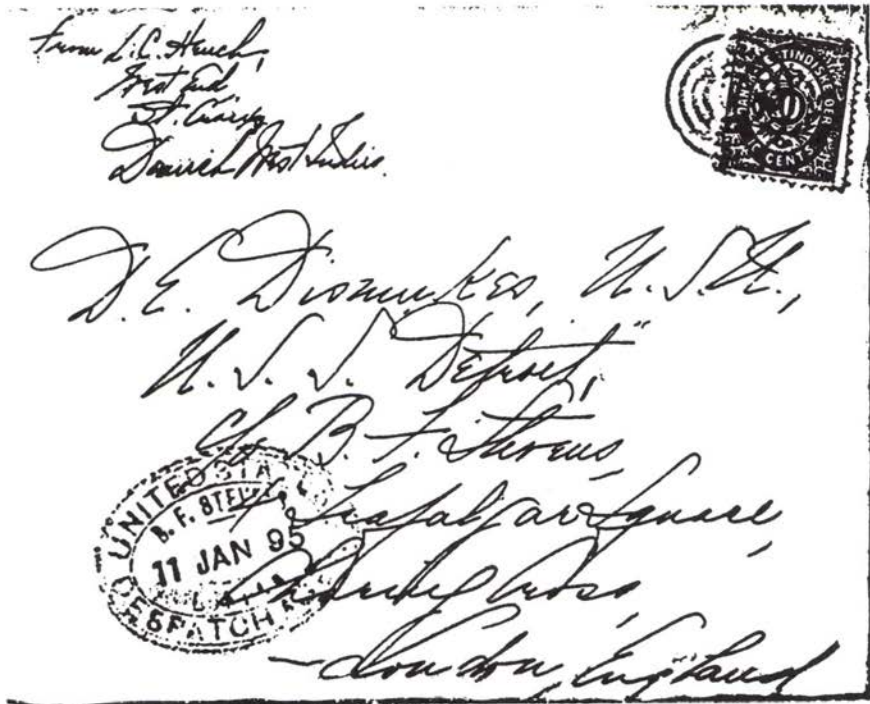
In order to get some experience in ballooning in Greenland, where this sport has never been tried, the couple made a series of practice flights. On one of these flights a strong westerly wind carried the balloon

away from the base on the island Uummannaq, over the ice field of the frozen Uummannaq fiord heading straight towards Canada. Fortunately they succeeded in bringing the balloon down on the outermost skerry, where they were observed by a Greenlander out hunting, who came to their rescue. According to Ib Eichner-Larsen balloon, gear, and passengers were picked up and brought back to the base without further ado.

As a souvenir from those pioneer flights the couple had some covers made which they sent to friends at home and abroad. (See Fig. 1, sent to Ib Eichner-Larsen.)

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### Official Forwarding Agents on DWI Mail

By Dr. Roger Schnell

Official forwarding agents were employees of the government involved in different locations. In the United States they were called "United States Despatch Agents" and were employees of the US Department of State. In addition to diplomatic mail these agents also forwarded personal mail for US civil or naval personnel stationed abroad. The most famous of these agents was Benjamin Franklin Stevens who was stationed in London - 1866-1902. Kenneth Rowe lists 4 types of handstamps used by B.J. Stevens.

The letter above was posted St. Croix on a mail boat. The back has a "C" and St. Tho-

mas 25 - 12 - 1894 receiving mark. Also noted on the back is a London 10 - 1 - 1895 marking. The front has a Type III B. J. Stevens handstamp, characterized by a purple double ring and this one dated "11 Jan. 95." A study of the itinerary of the USS Detroit notes that it was sent to the East Asia Station in late 1894 via England, Suez, and Japan. The cover has a printing VI 10 cent bicolor with 4 ring circular cancellation. Thus it appears that this piece of mail to "D. E. Dismukes" made part of its journey through diplomatic channels.

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## The twice utilized cover or Recycling — not especially a novelty

By Dan Laursen

Many countries, especially in Europe, are recycling a lot of what we over here just throw out — in the garbage pail, along the interstate highway or in the neighbor's garden on your way home from a hamburger joint. Well — newspapers and empty aluminum beer cans are collected and recycled.

The 19th century was a tough time in Denmark: 1807-14 at war with England, 1813 the so-called State bankruptcy, 1814 the loss of Norway, 1864 war with Germany and loss of the Dutchies. After the war there was of course a shortage of a lot of different things. Some people must have been short of envelopes, because I have in my postal stationery collection a cover which was used twice, being taken apart after the first use, turned inside out, and used again a second time.

The envelope, Denmark #1, was first used (Fig. 1) for a letter to "The Reverend Pastor Mr. Appeldorn. Bachendrup" (Bakkendrup) "pr. Philipsdal" (Filipssdal) (Fig. 2a). Both

places are situated on Zealand, Denmark; present day spelling in parenthesis. The embossed stamp is cancelled with numeral 65 and sidestamped Slagelse (Fig. 2b) 5/6 (June 5) 9 - 12 1/2 (most likely A.M.). There is no backstamp (arrival stamp). The route when the letter went from Slagelse to Philipsdal was the Slagelse - Kalundborg route, a stage coach route.

The reversed cover (Fig. 3) is addressed to "Tenant, M.Ph. Mr. Appeldorn. Sparresholm, pr. Rønnede" (Fig. 2e). Sparresholm is one of the most beautiful mansions in this mansion filled area and with a character of its own. The S T that begins the address is an abbreviation of the latin *Salva titulo* which translates: omitting titles, i.e. with possible titles implicit.

Unfortunately an eager stamp collector has butchered the cover by cutting off the stamp. The cover is, however, sidestamped with a ring-stamp of the Esrom type: PHLDL

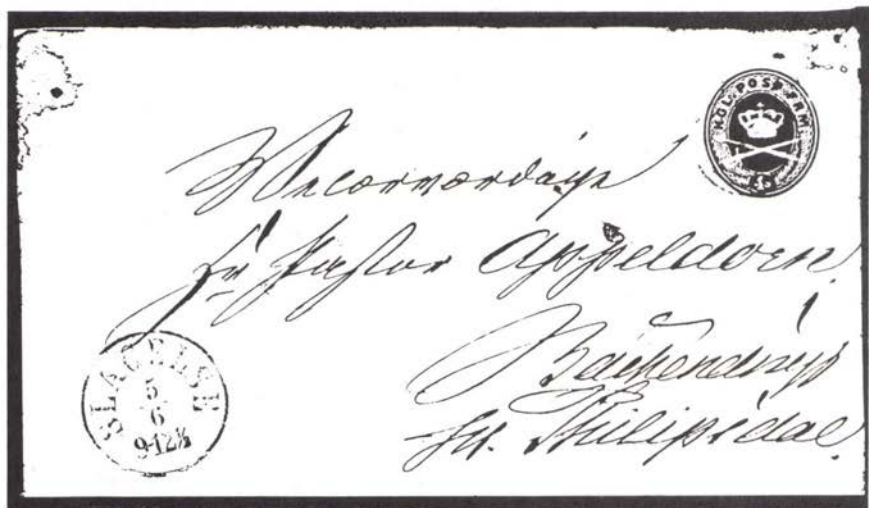


Fig. 1 Cover as used originally.

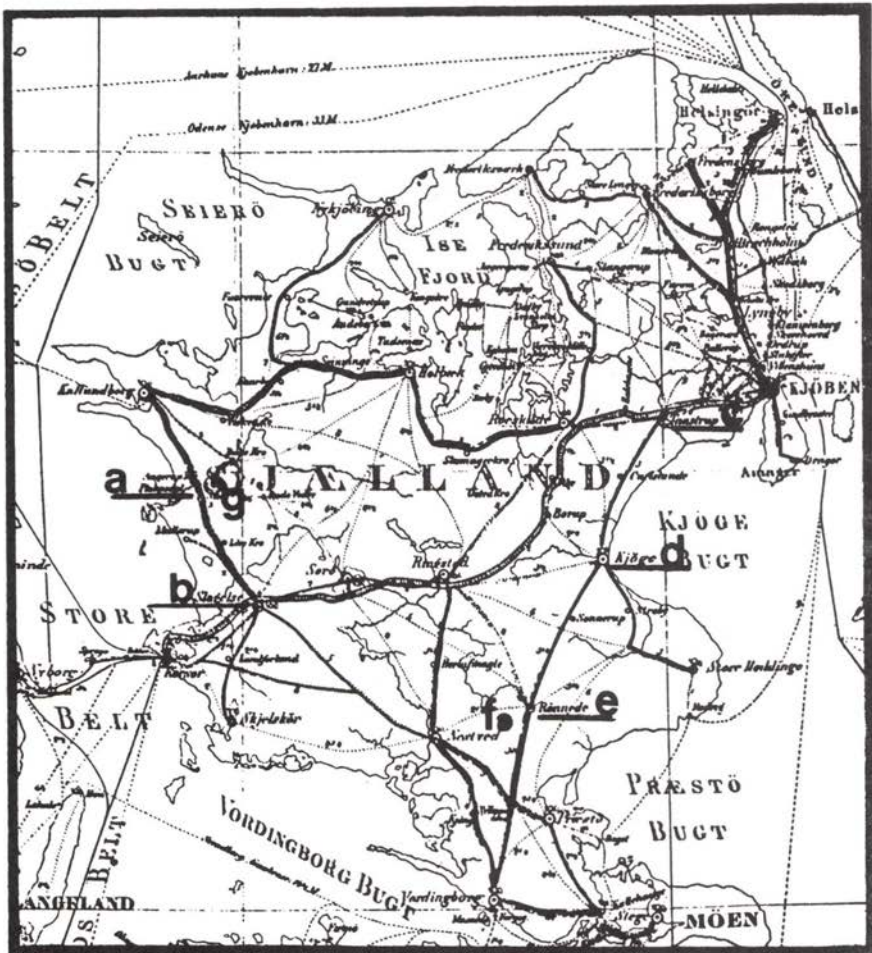


Fig. 2. Map of Zealand, Denmark. a. Philipsdal (Filipsdal); b. Slagelse; c. Taastrup (Tåstrup); d. Kjøge (Køge); e. Rønne; f. Sparresholm; and g. Backendrup (Bakkenstrup).

from the letter collecting office Philipsdal on the above mentioned Slagelse - Kalundborg route. In the ring-stamp is a manuscript 25/2 (February 25) which of course indicates the date of cancelling. On the front of the cover is further a handstamp from Slagelse Jernb. Postexp. 25/2 1866. (Fig. 2b) (Slagelse Jernbane Postexpedition = Slagelse Railway Station Post Sub-Office) and a departure handstamp from Kjøge (Køge) (Fig. 2d). On the backside of the cover is an arrival handstamp from Kjøge 26/2 1866 and an arrival

stamp from Rønne (Fig. 2e) 27/2 1866. Køge was and still is a post office whereas Rønne was a forwarding station and also branch post office for collecting of mail. Rønne is situated on the highway towards from Køge. From Rønne the letter was carried by foot post or mounted post. In the middle of the back of the cover was a wax seal to help keeping the flaps together; there is no trace of glue on the flaps from the second use.

The route from the one Appeldorn to the

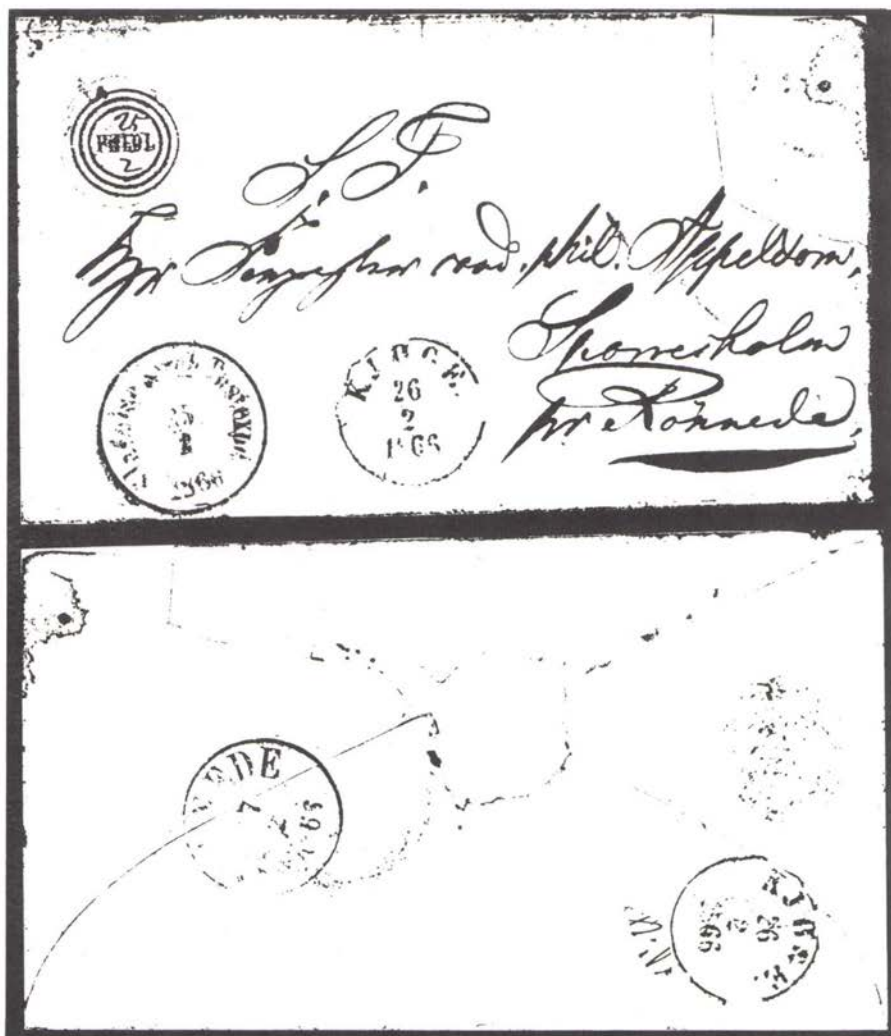


Figure 3

other was the following: from the collecting station Philipsdal to Slagelse along the already mentioned Slagelse - Kalundborg route. In Slagelse it was re-sorted and brought to the railroad depot sub-station from where it went by the Korsør - Copenhagen train to Taastrup (Fig. 2c), where it was dropped off and sent by coach to Køge P.O., where the mail was re-sorted and forwarded to Rønne by stage coach and from there to the address.

Re-cycling such made a very interesting piece of postal history.

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### Where Does it Go?

The problem with covers is usually they can be part of several different types of collections. Some folks mount this postal card in a postal stationary collection. It is Soot-Ryen #57, the 1902 10 øre issue. Others would mount it in a ship mail collection. The cancel is Per Eirik Danielsen's Hardanger #5, HARDANGER-SØNDHORLANDS POSTEKSP. E. Both these decisions are, of

course, wrong. There is no way this card should be collected other than as part of a thematic collection entitled "Norwegian Food." Hardanger cheese must be a part of such a collection. If your collection includes recipes here are the ingredients: 1/2 gallon milk, 2 Tbsps. plain unsalted yogurt. Ask an old Norwegian how to do it.

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A basket cancel



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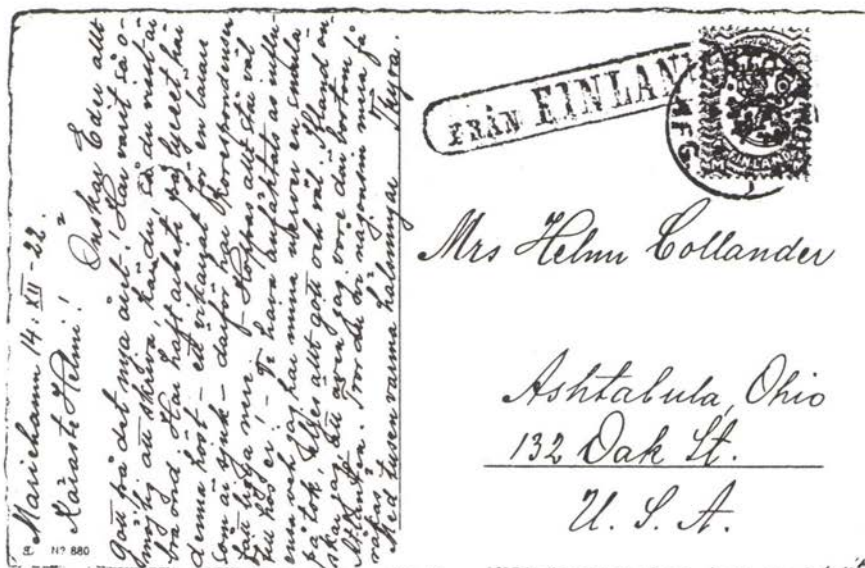
**Åland**  
A Basket Case

At one time Åland often packed its mail in baskets that would float for awhile after an accident at sea. The cover from Mariehamn, shown below, may have been a "basket cover." It received no markings in Åland and was cancelled in Stockholm with both a Stockholm circular date stamp and a FRÅN FINLAND marking before going on to Ashtabula, Ohio (which has a big Finn population).

As you can see above, The Eckerö (Åland) - Grisslehamn (Sweden) boat race souvenir cards have taken advantage of this history with a "cute" basket cancel. The stamp at right pictures mail being loaded on a boat.

It was farmers who manned these post boats. They took the risk. Some immigrated to the U.S. This card sent New Year's greetings to the New World. The woman asks her friend: "Do you believe we'll ever see each other again?"

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Mariehamn 14. XII - 22.  
 Kära Helmi!  
 Du har ju ett allt  
 gott för det nya året! Kan varit så o-  
 möjlig att skriva, kan du, så du vill så  
 bra om du har haft något på lycket, här  
 det ena köpt - ett erkänt för en lönare  
 som är guld - därför har korrespondens  
 inte legga min. I Stockholm allt det väl  
 till högt er! - ja ha en ansett att så infa-  
 eris och jag har minna närvarer en smula  
 på tok, eller allt gott och väl. Åland är  
 skapad, de göra jag, vare den kortare  
 Åland. Tro att du mig om min  
 och med tvän varma hälsningar  
 Helmi.

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 HELMI  
 STOKKOLM  
 1895  
 Mrs Helmi Collander  
 Ashtabula, Ohio  
 132 Oak St.  
 U. S. A.

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12	u 19 [17] 5 cent F-VF, cat. 32.50.....	10.00
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18	* 29, 30 [20, 22] 2, 5 cent F, cat. 40.50.....	10.00
19	u 29, 30 [20, 22] 2, 5 cent F+, cat. 40.50.....	12.00
20	u,* 31-36 [32-37] 10, 50 b *, cat. 61.00.....	15.00
21	* 40-42 [29-31] 1905 overprints F-VF, cat. 51.50.....	17.00
22	* 43-50 [41-48] 1907 5b - 50b, F-VF, cat. 145.25.....	50.00
23	* 46 [44] Facit 2.7 X, 20 b INV WMK, F+, cat. 47.50++.....	40.00
24	* 51-58 [49-56] 1915 5b-50b F-VF, cat. 24.00.....	7.50
25	* J1-4 [L1-4] 1st dues, F-VF, cat. 79.00.....	30.00
26	* J5-8 [L5-8] 2nd dues, F+, cat. 41.50.....	10.00
27	** Revenues, 10 b & 2 Fr. in complete sheet of 25 each, F, NH.....	60.00
28	** XMAS seal, 1909, ship in cpt. sheet of 25, VF, NH.....	180.00
29	** XMAS seal, 1915, King Ch. X, cpt. sheet of 25, VF, NH.....	90.00
30	P XMAS seal, 1913 Imperf. Proof, large margins, VF.....	25.00
31	C U2a [FK2] Envelope front only, with rare St. Jan cancel, F.....	65.00
<b>DENMARK</b>		
32	(*) 14a 8 sk imperf pair, no gum, small faults, large margins, VF appearance, cat. 1,100.00...	180.00
33	P 15-16 sk Imperf proof, blue, wmk. OG, minor flaws, Lg margin.....	100.00
34	u 27 [30] 5 öre F+, cat. 75.00.....	25.00
35	u 63 [82] 15 öre F, cat. 18.00.....	5.00
36	u 79 [47] 35/16 öre F, cat. 55.00.....	15.00
37	u 80 [48] 35/20 öre F, cat. 45.00.....	12.00
38	u 81 [122] 35/32 öre F, cat. 70.00.....	20.00
39	u 110 [144] 27 öre F, cat. 60.00.....	15.00
40	* 129 [162] 2 KRONE VF, cat. 75.00.....	30.00
41	u 136 [49] 80/12 öre F-VF, cat. 125.00.....	40.00
42	u 137 [123] 80/8 öre F-VF, cat. 140.00.....	45.00
43	u 142-152, 154 [181-191, 193] All but 27/41 öre, VG-F+, cat. 279.00.....	70.00
44	u 143 [182] 27 öre on 5 kr, VF postally used.....	5.00

45	**	153 [192] 27 öre on 41 öre, VF, NH.....	5.00
46	u	156-160 [194-198] Re-union set cpl, VF.....	5.00
47	u	164-175 [201-212] Postoffice cpl, F-VF.....	6.00
48	**	223d Windmill 5 öre pane of 4, VF, NH, cat. 37.50.....	13.00
49	*	223b, 228a, 246a, 248a, 249a [101TBI, 110 TBI, 267 TBI, 269 TBI, 270 TBI] tête- bêche pairs, no gutters, VF, cat. 185.00++.....	85.00
50	**	382-394 1961-63 definitives, VF, NH.....	10.00
51	**	395-400 1962-65 definitives, VF, NH.....	12.00
52	E	463 Imperf essay, VF.....	40.00
53	u	B3-5 [243-245] 1929 set F-VF, cat. 42.50.....	14.00
54	*	B6-8 [278-280] 1937 set VF, cat. 11.50.....	4.50
55	u	C3 [215] 25 öre scarlet, F-VF, cat. 45.00.....	15.00
56	u	C4 [216] 50 öre lt. gray, VF, cat. 140.00.....	55.00
57	u	C10 [266] 1 krone brown VF, cat. 17.00.....	5.00
58	u	M1-2 [168-169] soldier (military) F-VF.....	15.00
59	u	020 [TJ20] 5 öre choc. F+, cat. 20.00.....	7.00
60	u	P7 [T17] 68 öre F-VF, cat. 20.00.....	7.00
61	u	Q1, 2, 4, 5, 9 [PF2, 3, 7, 16, 17] 10, 10, 15, 30 ö, 1 kr, F-VF, c 78.50.....	20.00
62	*	Q2 [PF17] 10 öre brown Psot Faerge F-VF HR.....	5.00
63	u	Q11 [PF10] 1 kr yellow brown VG, cat. 150.00.....	23.00
64	*	Q34, 35 [PF 35, 38] 50 öre, 1 kr, cat. 17.00.....	5.00
65	**	Fac. Windmill booklet, cpt unexploded, VF, Fac. cat 1200, H11.....	90.00
66	E	Moller essay, 1867-8, King, red and lilac, VF.....	60.00
67	E	Same in black, faults.....	30.00
68	**	Semi-official air mail 1930, Svendsen 5kr VF, NH.....	20.00
69	**	Same in cpt. numbered miniature sheet of 4, VF, NH.....	80.00
70	E	The 1938 Thorvaldsen cpt. set of 12, Imperf essays, VF.....	50.00
<b>FAROE</b>			
71	**	45-47, I.Y.C. cpt in sheets of 20, VF (face each \$12.50).....	9.00
72	u	2-6, 1940-1941 surcharges, cpt F-VF, PhotoCertif, cat. 500.00.....	240.00
<b>FINLAND</b>			
73	**	(38-45) 1889 2 pen-10 mk, 8 stamps overprinted 'SPECIMEN' VF.....	43.00
74	*	(38-45) same as above, hinged.....	38.00
75	u	61(2), 62, 71, with very nice strikes of ship cancels, 3 different types.....	50.00
76	C	108 Full pck-card with three 10 mk (12 kg package), VF.....	23.00
77	C	114 Wasa 4 x 40 pen = 1:60 franking, reg Vasas 15 III 21.....	5.75
78	(*)	(117) Wasa 1 mk imperf pair showing types I & II, no gum.....	14.00
79	*	153-4 [135-136] 1928 Exhibition F-VF, cat. 22.00.....	7.00
80	*	178 [160 I] with sheet right selvedge, F-VF, cat. 100.00.....	40.00
81	C	178 [160 I] Full pck-card, Hki 20 Dec. 1930, 10mk + 50 p.....	26.00
82	*	205a [160 II] Dark violet, F+, cat. 25.00.....	8.00
83	E	213, 1937 Mannerheim essays in violet, 2 diff designs in vertical pair, perforated, Fine....	100.00
84	u	341b [461 V3] tête-bêche, VF, cat. 15.00.....	5.00
85	c	341b [461 V3] tête-bêche VF, Reg FDC cover to US, cat 70, FMK.....	7.00
86	b	215-218 [220HI] Complete exploded bklt, VF, cat 400, FMK Norma.....	40.00
87	*	C1 [165] 1930 Zeppelin, was very lightly hinged, F-VF, cat. 175.....	75.00
88	C	M9 Small clean cvr old Lahti 10, 26.4.83 (not bkstpd).....	100.00
89	u	Norma SV72, 10/7 kop Romanov pair on piece, Åbo 18.XII.16.....	14.00
90	C	Unused mourning stamp postal card circa 1900.....	27.00
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<b>ICELAND</b>			
92	**	29 [29] 25 Aur VF, NH.....	8.00
93	u	186 [156] 2 kr postally used, VF.....	15.00
94	**	C3 [188] 10 aur Falcon VF NH, cat. 45.00.....	15.00
95	**	C10 [163] Margin block of 4, VF NH, cat. 162.00.....	70.00
<b>NORTH INGERMANLAND</b>			
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<b>NORWAY</b>			
97	c	FDC 1-5, 7, 9, 1938 issue cpt, Ivigtut 27.11.1938 to Copenhagen (usual commercial size) #7 few short perfs, Facit from kr. 4000, rare.....	250.00
98	**	B24 [264] Legion VF NH.....	60.00
99	**	B48-9 [384-385] 1950 Charity blocks of 4, VF NH.....	14.00
100	u	Q6, 20 öre, 9 diff. Avane (fiscal cancels) F-VF.....	60.00
101	b	693a, 4a [H45-46] Europa booklets, unexploded.....	12.00

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102	*	8 [9] 12 öre, VF, no gum, APS certificate.....	50.00
103	*	B18 [121] 10 + 40 on 24 öre, F, LH.....	18.00
104	**	245 [243] 25 öre XF NH cat 200 kr.....	12.00
105	**	246 [244] 35 öre XF NH cat 375 kr.....	20.00
106	**	247 [245] 60 öre XF NH cat 450 kr.....	27.00
107	**	656 [299] 1.20 kr blue VF NH.....	5.00
108	**	660 [312] 2.30 kr VF NH.....	15.00
109	**	661 [314] 2.55 kr VF NH.....	5.00

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## Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation Update

Sections of the 1987-88 *AFA Specialkatalog* are being translated into English for publication by the Foundation. These sections include Greenland covers, plate varieties of the Christian X bicolors of Denmark, and postal labels (airmail, registered, express, etc.). We are exploring the translation of the introductory pages of a recent Finnish book on its post offices which discuss early postmarks of Finland.

At INDIA 89 the Tester and Hansen book on Danish numeral cancels won a vermeil and at IPHLA 89 in Frankfurt, Sanne's book on Norway's exile mails took a silver medal. A new monograph on the skilling issues of Iceland has been translated into English and is currently being reviewed by the author in Denmark.

The Foundation seeks support and ideas for future projects. Send a donation of \$10 or more to receive a list of translated works and the newsletter. Write to: Secretary/Treasurer George B. Koplowitz, Box 6716, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359.

—Alan Warren

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## Buying and Selling Stamps Overseas

### A Review

*The Posthorn* regularly runs advertisements placed by overseas stamp companies. Occasionally we receive inquiries of how best to buy from these dealers and how best to remit funds. Early this year *Linn's* published an excellent 26 page pamphlet on this subject entitled *International Collector's Guide*. The Managing Editor, Elaine Durnin Boughner has graciously sent six copies to be placed in the SCC Library for loan-out.

Some of the areas covered in the publication are stamp condition definitions (which may differ from ours), International Reply Coupons, value added tax and auctions. The section of greatest personal interest is in the area of remittances. Cited are bank drafts, money orders, credit cards, personal checks, and cash. Not mentioned are the conveyance of funds via traveller's checks which are quite economical or setting up a GIRO account if there is a large amount of business.

All in all an excellent guide which anyone buying, or contemplating buying, philatelic material overseas should read.

—A.A. Gruber

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## President's Message

By Alfred Gruber

Thirty-three members signed the book at our National Convention held at NOJEX last May. Our exhibits won the gamut of metal from gold to bronze — reported elsewhere. Most importantly, a good time was had by all and some Scandinavian goodies were discovered in the dealers' troves. In a far flung club like this, getting a quorum of the Board of Directors would be a miracle. No miracle! So, the business meeting was of an advisory nature with a mail vote being sent out. One item, insurance, was of such importance that I arranged for proxies so that the Executive Committee could act after the Convention closed.

### APS Insurance Coverage for the Mart

A quorum of the Executive Committee approved a resolution to accept APS insurance coverage for stamps and other philatelic materials in the SCC Stamp Mart operation. This includes Mart books in the hands of the Manager, the bank, USPS, SCC members and Chapter members. Our next step will be to settle the details with the APS Insurance Manager. Please continue to do the mailings as in the past until advised of the new procedures by Mart Manager Beery.

### Acting *Posthorn* Editor

The entire membership owes much to Acting Editor John Lindholm who is filling the editor's post while Editor Gene Lesney is absent on a career assignment during preparation of the August and November issues. John's address is 42 Glendale Ave., Fremont, OH 43420-3155. As always the *Posthorn* needs material so how about a few articles sent to John?

### Mini-Chapters

A two year test of the President's proposal to encourage formation of Mini-Chapters was warmly endorsed. A minimum of four SCC members could organize such. The Mini-Chapter would have all the rights and privileges of the individual members but not of a Chapter. (Chapter requires six SCC members.) Advantages would be better economics for receiving Mart material and the wonderful fellowship of sharing common interests. We, of course, hope Mini-Chapters will grow into Chapters. So, here's the opportunity for those folks living away from the existing Chapters to gather together groups to better enjoy the hobby. There is even opportunity for suburbanites who don't care to go to the city chapter meetings to form new groups which might be satellites. (Ex. Sec. can supply membership by zip codes.) Let's hear from you on this. No action is considered required by the Board as this is a test for two years.

### SCC Regional Meetings

First at BALPEX 89. Chapter 12 organizes a lunch followed by meeting and program on September 2nd. Look for a member to advise details. And, yes we would like to make a fine exhibit showing. Next to WORLD STAMP EXPO '89. (Look for the special SCC exhibit.) We have tentative approval from the Deputy Director to hold a Club meeting on November 18 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road at Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Chapter 12 is organizing a Viking Gloating Hour and Supper

at a site to be announced. It would be best if you contacted Howard Schloss for final details — (301) 770-5455. Lastly, the Florida Regional meeting will be at the new FLORDIA WEST COAST STAMP EXPO '90 in March (a change from SARAPEX). Stay tuned.

#### Auditors — HJALP!

The By-Laws require auditing of the books of Treasurer, Mart Manager and Executive Secretary. Please volunteer for one.

#### President's Annual Report

In brief we are financially in good condition. Our ongoing problem is the churning membership. We must maintain a membership of about 1,000 to maintain the level of services we all desire in the *Posthorn*, Mart, and Library. Publicity Chairman Bob Lang has a very active program going with press releases and ads. Perhaps you've noticed them in the stamp press! Why not carry an Application Blank around in your stamp briefcase? (Incidentally, Bob is the originator of the Mini-Chapter idea.)

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## Chapter News

### Chapter 23

### Florida West Coast Stamp Expo '90

After many months of planning, the stamp clubs of Clearwater, Largo, St. Petersburg and Tampa have joined to sponsor a new major show on the Florida West Coast starting March 1990 — known as Florida West Coast Stamp Expo '90.

Publicity will be in the philatelic press in the coming months. It is the intention to make this a major WSP Show within Three Years — A very attainable objective in this area!

Our friend Vic Engstrom has agreed to serve as Chief Judge and is assembling his team.

Chapter 23 will present an Award for — naturally — the best Scandinavian Exhibit. We'll have a table and a meeting — open to all — at 2:00 p.m. on March 10, 1990.

The local German Phila. Soc. Chapter is doing the same.

Over 30 dealers countrywide have already committed to booths.

I personally ask your cooperation to publicize this at your clubs and in your publications — and particularly by exhibiting your material — Scandinavian or otherwise!

March is a great time to visit the Florida Sun Coast and we look forward to hearing from you.

—Robert E. Paulson

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The January meeting consisted of an APS slide presentation about Swedish Postal history. Mrs. Cevia Teutor, a librarian, presented a fascinating program about libraries on Scandinavian stamps at the February meeting. The members caught her enthusiasm and really enjoyed her presentation. A slide program on Danish Wavy-lines from the SCC Library was featured at the March meeting. A tremendous file for collecting fun. The Greenland Pakke Porto issues were highlighted at the April get-together. This, too, came from the Library. COMPLEX was the focal point for all of the latter days of May. Bob Fashingbauer, as the exhibit chairman, arranged a completely new type of show with each member exhibiting 2 frames featuring their interests, area of expertise, or fun-collections. No prizes were given out, only good old-fashion camaraderie was to be found. Photocopies of these exhibits will be entered in the Library in the E & C section. The annual banquet was a tremendous success with 57 members and guests in attendance. It was great to see Werner Reis back on the road to recovery. The usual Memorial Day Saturday Chapter auction was a modest success with the proceeds going to the Chapter treasury. In June a "What Your Family Needs to Know About Your Stamp Collection" program was presented by Bob Fashingbauer giving the dealer's perspective. Ben Cohen detailed the legal aspects. It is never too early to act on this topic but it can be too late! Thus rounds out our first 1/2 year's activities.

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## The Executive Secretary Speaks

By William H. Lamkin

The specter of Murphy's Law has struck again!! I am beginning to believe that Murphy has it out for me! For some strange reason some of the *Posthorns* that I have been mailing to new members and some old members have been returned to me without their mailing labels! Whether it's the heat or the postal service some of the adhesive labels that I have been using just do not adhere. If you were supposed to get a *Posthorn* in May and did not, please drop me a line and I will forward one to you with a GOOD label attached. At this point all that I can do is apologize to those that should have been served and were not.

It is with much regret that I have received information of the passing of two of our honored members, Harlan Miller #H-19 and Thomas Wilcox, #L-9. Harlan was the printer of *The Posthorn* through some of its most desperate years. He will always be remembered for his efforts in producing our journal and his assistance to the various editors in making it an award winner. Thomas H. Wilcox was one of our English members and has been a member since the mid-seventies.

Others we know to have passed away are Ned J. Gardner #2189 and Roy M. Ingebretsen, #2024.

It is always a pleasure to learn of our members getting awards at the various stamp exhibits. It is even more so when one of our new members receives an award. Last spring Gayland Ricklefs, #3194, entered an exhibit at CERAPEX in his home town of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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NOJEX was a great experience! It was one of those shows that all collectors can appreciate. So many of the shows have material on exhibit that only a selected few can ever hope to have. They are mind boggling to say the least. Not so NOJEX. It was a show anyone could appreciate and think in the back of his or her mind, "I could have done that." I am sure that many there came away with a better attitude towards exhibits and shows. I know I did.

I also came by LOUIPEX on my way home from NOJEX. It was a very nice regional show, the kind that any club can put on if they work at it a little. The Louisville Stamp Club did just that and it showed! One of our members, and one that I failed to meet, Elmer Susemichel #0570, exhibited and won a medal. Congratulations!

Unless I get stopped by a higher authority, I will be glad to mention any of our members winning awards at the various shows. (*Editor's note: Alan Warren keeps good track of awards and can be contacted as well. I wasn't sure how high the "higher" authority Bill referred to was. Hopefully He won't stop any of our contributors.*)

Just a little reminder about DUES. No, I cannot get by without mentioning them! We are planning on having a nice word band on the cover of the next *Posthorn* to remind you that dues are due. There will be no excuse for not renewing them on time. Yes, we also hope to have the usual dues envelope inside. Look for these two items. Be reminded. Some members have asked why we do not send out separate bills for the dues. The answer to that is COST!! It would cost us over \$300. We continually attempt to save money so that we can keep the dues as low as possible.

With that I close and wish each and every member a happy and healthy summer. I trust that all of your Scandinavian philatelic wishes come true.

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# Library News

Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

It has come to my attention that the Library of Congress in Washington, DC has a number of philatelic publications available so if you are in the area and want to spend some time "philatelically browsing" this might just be up your alley. We have received permission from the **Dansk Post og Giroforening** organization to reproduce their 1943 yearbook. It is an outstanding handbook that lists all Danish postmarks according to type and post office up to 1943. Look forward to receiving it either as a *Posthorn* centerfold or as a purchasable SCC Library publication.

## Library Donations (Mar. 16, 1989 to June 22, 1989)

### Cash:

Harold Bergman  
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### BOOKS:

#### Aaland Post Office (Mariehamn)

*Posten Paa Aaland*. Karhu-Wikstrand. 1988. 100 pp. Postal history articles about Aaland. Includes listing of the post offices and carrier numbers. Illus.

#### Anonymous

*Czeslaw Slania — Genius of the Engraving Arts*. (Translation of the Eichner-Larsen & Lipinski books). Edited & updated by H. Short. 1988. 44pp. (Photocopy). Illus.

*Czeslaw Slania* — Articles from various stamp journals and papers about this prominent stamp engraver.

*Close-up*. Two volumes dealing with some of C. Slania's Scandinavian engravings. 26pp. (Photocopy). Illus.

#### AB Philatelia

*Sveriges Frimarken I Farg 1988 Vol 1*. AB Philatelia. 320pp. New catalog dealing with stamps of Sweden. In color.

*Nordens Frimarken I Farg 1988-1989. Vol. 2*. AB Philatelia. 582pp. New catalog dealing with stamps of Scandinavia (Excluding Sweden). In color.

#### Arkeologisk Museum i Stavanger, Norway

*The Prehistoric Heritage of Norway*. 1989. A set of 16 postcards depicting archeological scenes from in and around Stavanger. A descriptive list, in English, is included. This series can be purchased with special cancels. Gift of the Arkeologisk Museum in Stavanger.

#### Christie's Robson Lowe New York

Auction catalogs. Thanks to the efforts of their representative, Torben Bjorn, we are now receiving all sales books of auctions held in USA. These publications are great with many colored illustrations and will be kept as reference works. Covers worldwide collections with much US and Scandinavia material included.

#### John Dasher

*ANPHILEX -- 1971*. Exhibit catalog. 128pp. Collectors Club of New York show. Many illustrations of top collections. AUCTION CATALOGS . . . Danam, Frimarkshuset & J. Junior.

#### Richard Doyen

*Posthorns*. 1966 to date, including all special publications.

#### Ib Eichner-Larsen

*Roligt Med Frimarken — 1989*. PFA. Stories about interesting ways to collect Swedish stamps. 32pp. Illus.

*VIBORG 89*. National show held in Viborg, Denmark, 21-23 April, 1989. 80pp. Illus. 14 short articles.

#### Frederikstad (Norway) Filatelistklubb

*FREFIL 84 National Show Catalog*. Articles tell about Svinesund's postal history and the Fire Skilling Posthorn.

*FREFIL 88 Regional Show Catalog*. Articles tell about the club's history and depicts modern unlisted stamp varieties.

**Knut Glamso**

*NIDERO 87*. Trondheim, Norway. 1987. Exhibit catalog. Articles: (1) National steamship routes to Thomdheim 1838-1865 and (2) Postal history of Merakerbanen-Train route from Sundsvall, Sweden to Trondheim, Norway.

**Dr. Erik Hamberg (SSPD)**

*Aktuellt om Posthistoria Nr. 1* 1986. SSPD. 80pp. Swedish postal history articles (8). Illus.

*Aktuellt om Posthistoria Nr. 2* 1988. SSPD. 88pp. Swedish postal history articles (6). Illus.

**Dr. Earl Jacobsen Fund**

*Handbok Over Norges Frimerker. Bind II*. Central Printing Office. 1988. 240pp. Production figures of postage stamps, due stamps & stationery. 1885-1895.

*Handbok Over Norges Frimerker. Bind VIII. Antikva-Utgavene. 1893-1895*. Central Printing Office. 1988. 128pp. Detailed information about the Posthorn issues; 3, 5, 10 & 20 Ore. Illus.

**Dr. Dan Laursen**

*The Danish Wave Line Design*. Photocopy of donor's first exhibit. 50pp.

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*Brotypestemplerne*. Skilling. 1989. 104pp. Catalogs & prices Pr, Ulssted, Parentes & Bridge cancels of Denmark. Very complete with many illustrations.

**Stephen Meyers**

*Posthorns* (Bound) Vol. 1-6 & Vol. 7-12.

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*AFA Danmark Frimaerkekatalog* 1984-85

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*Borek - German Catalog of Scandinavian Stamps - 1979*.

**Gerhard Muller**

*Gronlands Briefstempel - 1938-1988*. Researched and written by the donor. 1988. 200+ pp. A very detailed & interesting book about postmarks of Greenland. This publication has received a Gold medal in literature competition in Lohne. Many illustrations of cancels, covers & etiquette labels.... Of particular value are the charts depicting the usage of all types of postmarks. A must book for a serious student of Greenland postal history.

**Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California**

*Catalog of Scandinavian Revenue Stamps — Vol. II Denmark*. Poulsen/Nelson. SPLSC. 1989. 94pp. Illus. Companion book to Vol. I that was printed in 1983. Great reference work.

**Dr. Roger Schnell**

*Classic and Bicolor Stamps of the Danish West Indies*. Photocopy of exhibit. 112pp.

**A. L. Totten**

*Chr. Johnsen Printings 1881-1885 Postal Stationery Cards*. A. Totten. 66pp. Detailed study of these postal cards. Illus.

**Alan Warren**

Many journals and articles.

*INDIA 89*. Bulletins 1 & 2.

*London 90*. Bulletin 1.

**Arnold Werner**

*Bergen Aattifem*. Norwegian National Stamp Exhibit. 1985. 96pp. Illus. Articles: "Local Post in Bergen" & "Motive Exhibiting-Norway."

*Danmark Frimaerkekatalog*. AFA 1976.

*Danmark Frimaerkekatalog*. AFA 1983-84.

*Danmark Frimaerkekatalog*. AFA 1985-86.

*Engros Prislister. Skandinaviska Frimerker*. 1984-85.

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*Filatelisk Aarbok 1984*. Norway.

*Handlerkatalog Norge Nr. 12*.

*Norges Frimerker I Farger* 1983-84.

*Norges Frimerker I Farger* 1985-86.

*Norma* 1985. Suomi - Finland.

*Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. 1984 through 1987.

*Skandinavien Frimaerkekatalog - AFA* 1976.

*Skandinavien Frimaerkekatalog - AFA* 1982.

**Purchases:**

*Suomen Postimarkkisuja 1881-1985*. Esa Mattila. 1985. 162pp. Postal rates of Finland. (Copy #21 of 100). See review in May 1989 PH. Pg. 80.

*Robson Lowe Scandinavia Auction Catalogs* (8). Each with a prices realized list. Benzinger-1964, Birch-1968 (Norway only), Engelstoft, Walther & King Farlow-1971, Caroe & King-Farlow-1971, Lofstrom-1972, Thrap-Meyer-1975, an unnamed owner-1973 and Dr. E. Jacobsen-1975.

# The Editor's Notebook

By John Lindholm

Life changes. While Gene Lesney is on Hollywood sets (actually, Canada, and even Paris) I've been asked to hold the fort. It just so happens that at the same time our printers changed their computers. I am afraid these changes may mean a late *Posthorn*. Gene did a great job laying out for me the process an editor needs to go through to get the magazine out. I'm afraid there may still be mistakes. The change in computer at Wilcox Printing may mean the print for this issue is a little different. Send all complaints to: John Lindholm, 42 Glendale Ave., Fremont, OH 43420.

Thanks to all our contributors. This issue and the next one are not "my" issues. They are the club's. For example, it is difficult to imagine the *Posthorn* without Allen Warren. When you think about contributing to the *Posthorn* try breaking down categories in your mind; 1) Each Scandinavian stamp issuing country; 2) stamps, postal history, stationary; 3) beginning, intermediate, advanced collector level; 4) 19th century, 20th century, current issue or postal practice; 5) plating, postal rates, errors, types of cancellations or postal services, comments on subject matter pictured, etc. Set yourself a target, write to hit that target, and send it to the appropriate editor. A single journal can't be all things to all collectors but let's try to provide something for all our membership, the folks who collect Scandinavia. While our focus will be on intermediate and advanced collectors, something fun for a collector new to our specialties, something fun for a prospective member, would be nice to see. A solid presentation of a theme that enriches our understanding of the stamps in our albums is always appreciated.

I hope this issue seems like the old friend the *Posthorn* has been for many of us.

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- 0711 Arlene W. Swanson (She should NOT have been on the list to start with!)

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<b>May Membership</b>	
Regular Members.....	922
Life Members.....	51
Honorary Members.....	7
<b>Total Membership May 1989.....</b>	<b>980</b>
<b>August Membership Adjustment</b>	
Regular Members.....	+16
Life Members.....	-1
Honorary Members.....	-1
Deceased Regular Members.....	-3
Reinstated Regular Members.....	+12
<b>August Membership 1989</b>	
Regular Members.....	947
Life Members.....	50
Honorary Members.....	6
<b>Total Membership August 1989.....</b>	<b>1003</b>

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**Frye Phone**

Effective Friday, April 21, 1989, telephone number (901) 452-8701 was discontinued. Joe F. Frye may be contacted at (901) 327-8984. If outside 901 area code and you have to "wait for the beep" please leave mailing address.

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### Harlan W. Miller

Harlan Miller, an honorary member of SCC and for many, many years the printer of *The Posthorn*, died March 29 at the age of 74. He passed away nine days short of his 75th birthday. He was born in 1914, just four blocks from the location of his printing business in later years, in Lawrence, Kansas.

Two of his lifelong interests date from his early school years. His first stamp collecting purchase was made while in the fifth grade, and in the seventh grade Miller took a nine-weeks printing course. Two other interests were carpentry and wiring. His son Harlan

Lee became an electrician.

While still in high school, Miller started his own stamp collectors journal. His printing business was instrumental in producing the journals of several philatelic organizations, including SCC's *The Posthorn*, as well as *The Czechoslovak Specialist*, *France & Colonies Philatelist*, and *Philatelic Literature Review*. Harlan printed our club's journal for over 40 years. In 1985 he was named an SCC Honorary Member.

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