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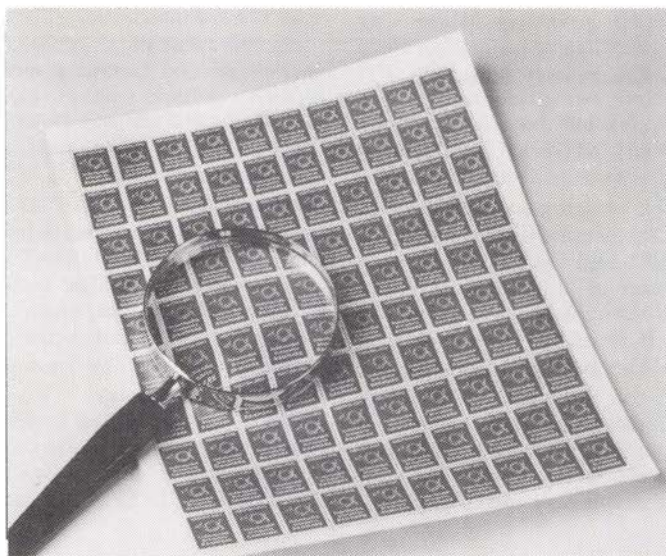
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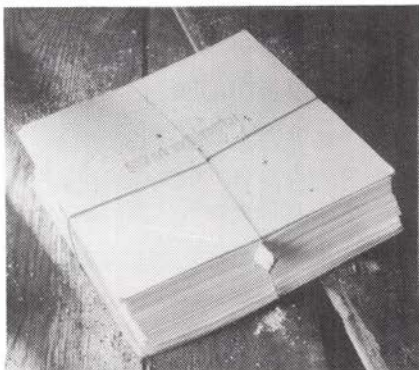
DK 'Emergency Stamps' Unwrapped 28 Years After Cold War Threat

By Dr. Dan Laursen, PhD

In 1963 eight highly-trusted employees of the Danish Post & Telegraph Office in Denmark and the Faroes received sealed packages from P&T Director General Gunnar Pedersen. Accompanying each package were instructions telling the selected eight people, 1.) to keep it a secret; 2.) to keep the package under lock and key; and 3.) NOT OPEN them until expressly ordered by the P&T Director! The entire matter was Top Secret and that order to open the parcels never was given.

Recently, however, the packages were ordered returned unopened to Copenhagen. At the Danish P&T Museum on March 7 the seals were broken and the packages opened to reveal they contained "special" stamps. Why such a fuss, you might ask? The mystery parcels had been

distributed by the chief of postal service and kept a well-guarded secret for 28 years by postal civil servants, so why was it so surprising to find stamps inside these packages? Well, the stamps were non-denominated *Emergency Stamps* and accompanied



BUNDLE OF 500 sheets shown with its original seal intact.

by a 10x10 printing plate for additional printings, if necessary.

Why Emergency Stamps?

A very interesting sequence in the Cold War preceded the printing of the world's only official Emergency Stamp. In previous years the world watched the uprising in Hungary fail in 1956, the erection of the Berlin Wall in 1961 and the Cuban crisis in 1963. Nations of the free world were taking precautions — including Denmark. It faced the grim reality in 1963 that Warsaw Pact troops for the first time were being assembled along the East German and Polish shoreline of the Baltic Sea. Western intelligence confirmed a concentration of Soviet forces gathering and moving north-

west toward the Baltic.

In the event of an invasion, it was speculated that Denmark would most likely be divided strategically between the Warsaw Pact and NATO armed forces. Allied troops of NATO's military arm SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe) were expected to rush north into Jutland and strengthen existing NATO defense bases already established there. If split by invasion, Denmark would require a supply of new uncompromised postage stamps to allow the post office to function without delay!

As events unfolded in 1963 it appeared that an attack on Denmark might be imminent. Under the authority of Parliament's 1959 Law for Civil



A BLOCK OF FOUR non-denominated Emergency Stamps printed in 1963 when landing craft were assembled on the Baltic and Soviet troops gathered nearby in their first such maneuver during the Cold War. The red stamps read "Inland/letter/Danmark."

Preparedness, P&T Director Pedersen and his staff determined a need and had printed the top secret issue of Emergency Stamps.

The problems of such an undertaking would be impossible if P&T printing facilities were used because too many people would know — and too many P&T employees were philatelists for a secret stamp printing! Therefore the job was quietly given to a small (not named) family-owned print shop in downtown Copenhagen. [More than a dozen such shops exist in this area.]

National Colors on Stamps

Shown close-up as a block of four, the stamp's motif is a posthorn and no value appears. The text translates to "Emergency Stamp/Inland Letter/Danmark." They are printed in Dannebrog red with white text — the Danish colors.

[These details were made available to *The Posthorn* courtesy of DFU President Knud Mohr and journalist Ib Eichner-Larsen. Also relevant to recalling and revealing the existence of the Emergency Stamp issue was the recent downfall of the Soviet-dominated Warsaw Pact nations which have opted for separation from the USSR.]

How the special printing came to light is also part of the story. It begins with the changes taking place within the Danish P&T in recent years — and continuing today. The shift of Postens Filateli to Postens Frimærke Center is an example. The promotion of Ms Lis Birkedal to Post Director, succeeding Lars Nielsen as chief of the Frimærke Center, which includes the entire procedure of producing Danish stamps, distribution, etc. placed her in an unusual position of responsibility relative to the Emergency Stamps.

Ms Birkedal decided to "clean house" at the center, but the disposition of the Emergency issue posed a question. They could be destroyed and forgotten along with their secret existence, or not. Fortunately she is one of the best friends a stamp collector can have. Because the stamps in question

were unusual in purpose, they posed an important item in Denmark's postal history — a Cold War stamp meant for a real emergency. They are the first of their kind known to the world — and such postal history is not for incineration!

Sales Arrangements

In an agreement between Lis Birkedal and DFU President Knud Mohr, a large part of these Emergency Stamp printings will be available for collectors worldwide. A million copies will be sold as post-historical souvenirs of the Cold War apprehension. Beginning on Danish Stamp Day, March 14th, and through Dec. 31, 1991, collectors will be able to purchase copies from a stock 10,000 sheets which have been broken into blocks of 10 (2x5) by the P&T.

Stamps will be sold in singles, pairs and strips of 3, 4, 5 or 6, blocks of 4, 6, 8 or 10. The price for each stamp is DKr 30 (about US\$5.50) which should be multiplied by the number of stamps ordered. This amount includes the VAT and handling charges.

When first announced that Emergency Stamps would be available for sale, the complicated problem of additional bank exchange costs for dollar checks was resolved by an SCC plan for consolidating member's orders. But a last minute change arrived before our publication deadline from DFU President Knud Mohr. He advises that special arrangements have been made with a Danish bank to accept dollar checks for North American orders of Emergency Stamps only! [Canadian members should adjust payments to have C\$ amounts equal to the US\$ price per stamp.] Collectors with a Danish P&T Giro Account may address their orders to Giro 4 99 00 99.

The retail price of these Emergency Stamps is the same in Denmark as in foreign countries. When sold outside Denmark the VAT (22% value added tax) surplus will be divided among the FIP, DFU and the Danish P&T Museum for use in promoting stamp collecting as a hobby.

Sweden Prints Free Clip & Paste Stamp For Domestic Thank You Letter Usage

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**Aftonbladet Söndag ger dig ett exklusivt
frimärke ritat av Ulrica Hydman-Vallien.**



LÄS OM BREVTRENDEN ✂

The Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet*, the nation's second largest evening daily, printed a postage stamp in its Sunday Supplement Jan. 13th. The SKr 2.50 stamp with the words *Aftonbladet Tack-Post* (thank-you) was printed in color on newsprint paper and not gummed or perforated, but valid as domestic postage for one week ending Jan. 20th.

Its publication came as a complete surprise to collectors because it appeared without prior warning. The stamp meets Sweden's domestic letter rate and was intended to use on thank you letters, but could be used as domestic postage on any letter through

Jan. 20th.

This was the second time that the Swedish Post Office has allowed a newspaper to print a stamp. In February 1990, *Expresssen*, published a stamp for a Valentine Day promotion, but it was only valid for three days, Feb. 11-13, 1990.

It should be interesting to learn how collectors outside of Sweden obtain copies, both mint and oncover, for their collections. No dealer ads for either of the two newsprint stamps have been seen. The first Valentine Day stamp isn't mentioned in the *Facit Special 1991 Catalogue?*

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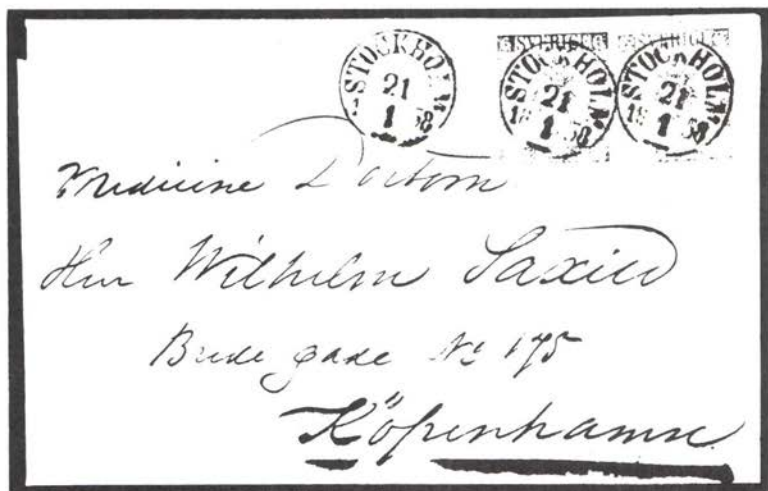
Jens Rosing Has Done It Again!

On March 12, Kalaallit Allakkeriviat issued six new stamps depicting the species of seals off the Greenland coasts. The original drawings are by Jens Rosing. Anybody who has seen the seals in the wild must admit that Jens Rosing's drawings are marvellous. The six are the ringed seal, the bearded seal, the common seal, the harp-seal, the bladder-nose and the walrus. The six stamps are also issued in a mini sheet with the margins decorated by Jens Rosing. Jens Lorentzen did the lettering

and Arne Kühlman engraved the stamps.

A special cover has been designed especially for this issue for collectors who want the mini sheet first day canceled. It is a large size 5-3/4" x 8-1/4" cover and will not fit into the normal FDC album. The cachet is also by Jens Rosing and shows the tale of "The Mother of the Sea" a motif used by Jens for his very first stamp (*Scott 43*).

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Sweden 1855 6sk, two, on cover to Denmark, brought \$18,400 in our March 15, 1990 sale of Worldwide Stamps and Covers.

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Forgeries of Bit Postage Dues Can Be Found in All Values

By Jeremiah A. Farrington
DWI Study Group

All values of the 1905 Bit dues have been forged, and the nature of the forgeries has been well described in a generic sense in *DWI Mails, Vol. 3* with the 50 Bit version being illustrated. These forgeries are less frequently seen than the ubiquitous forgeries of the "Cents" issue which are much less obvious in a casual inspection.

Thus it may be useful to describe in more detail the identifying characteristics of the forged dues stamps, value by value. It should be understood that there are many other differences than the "easy to identify" signs given here.

It may be worth noting that while I have seen many duplicate copies of the four "canceled" forgeries described here, the "uncanceled" 20 Bit, recently sent for my inspection by our DWI Study Group colleague Lloyd Flickinger, is new to me.

A general note applies to all values of the five forgeries described here. On original genuine stamps, the inner connection between the ball and the numeral stem of the figures 5, 20, 30 and 50 is neat and often thinly pointed. On the forgeries this connection is a clumsy, somewhat blunt curve.

Note that four of the values described have been "canceled." Since the stamps are forgeries it is obvious that the cancellations are also forged. The forged cancellations can be immediately identified because the height of the sans serif letter characters approximate 3-1/4mm rather than 4mm as in the genuine St. Thomas CDS used in this period. As the forged postage dues are easily identified, this note has more pertinence to the DWI Christian X issue, which can be found with this forged cancel (year date adjusted).

Identifying signs of the individual values are as noted below each illustrated forgery.



5 Bit Forgery — The left arm of the upper right swastika is incomplete and points east. Genuine stamps show a complete left arm and points south.



20 Bit Forgery — Lower arm of the left swastika is a blob. Genuine stamp shows it regular, well-proportioned.



20 Bit Type II, Forgery — The base of "2" in "20" is higher than the "0" and poorly drawn upper and lower labels appear crude.

Fear of Letter Bombs?



THIS EXAMPLE of a bulky, oversize letter (9-1/2" x 6-1/2") intercepted by the Swedish Post Office during the Persian Gulf War, as the computer-generated label explains, has been consigned to the Lizabeth Stamp Co. for sale. Some airlines refused to carry mail larger than standard letter sizes, excluding packages and thick or large letters. These items had to be forwarded by surface mail despite air mail franking, usually under plain post office wrappers. *The Posthorn* is looking into the facts of this Postal History before publishing unconfirmed reports now available.



30 Bit Forgery — Lower right arm of the lower left swastika is an even worse blob than on 20 Bit.



50 Bit Forgery — Value tablet on left side shows 5 or 6 hills not evenly spaced. Genuine stamps show evenly spaced hills.

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Scandinavian Area Awards

By Alan Warren

At STAMPEX held in London last fall, A. D. Kindley won a vermeil medal along with the Postal History Award in the foreign postal history class for "The British Occupation of Iceland." At OULEX in Oulu, Finland, Roger P. Quinby won a large gold for "Russian Stamps and Postal Stationery Used in Finland 1899-1918." A gold medal along with the research award went to Michael Cline at CALCOPEX for his "Definitive Airmails of Denmark 1925-34."

At SANDICAL, Allan Warrington won a vermeil for his "Norway's 'Small Die' Posthorn Issues 1886-1894."

At New Zealand 1990 a large gold went to Gene Scott for "Iceland Numerals 1873-1903" along with a special prize, and a gold medal was won by Mark Lorentzen for "Denmark Bicolored 1875-95." At the Omaha Stamp Club show Betty Rutherford won a silver for "Faroe Islands" along with the Ingeborg Herst memorial award and the Margaret Cooper memorial award. At MERPEX LeRoy Ferber won a bronze for his "19th Century Charta Sigillata and Stamped Revenue Paper of Sweden."

William Goodson took a gold at SEPAD along with the United Postal Stationery Society's Marcus White Showcase Award for his "Iceland Postal Stationery." At the same show LeRoy Ferber won a silver-bronze for his "Stamped Revenue Paper of Sweden." At SESCAL, SCC vice president Allan Warrington won a gold for his "Norway Small Die Posthorn Issues 1886-1894," and Harold Tysland received a vermeil with Felicitations of the Jury for his "The Posthorn." In the literature category, Chapter 17's *Luren* and *The Posthorn* both won silver medals, and the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation's *Post Offices in Finland* took a bronze.

Harold Tysland's "The Posthorn - Norway 1877-1886" took another gold at AIRPEX along with the APS research medal. A gold medal was awarded to Michael A. Cline at CALCOPEX along with the show's research medal for his "Definitive Airmails of Denmark 1925-1934." At BEV-PEX, another gold was received by Doug Folkie for "Scandinavian Philatelic Shows."

At CHICAGOPEX, Warren H. Pearse won a silver for his "Danish West Indies Mails 1790-1917." In the literature exhibition of the same show, *The Posthorn* took a silver, and the *SCC Library Index* as well as the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation's *Post Offices in Finland* each received a silver-bronze. Harald Tysland won another gold medal at VAPEX with his Norwegian "Posthorn Issues."

—Alan Warren

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Okay to Enter NORDIA 92 Arrives by Way of Britain

While waiting for formal word from NORDIA representatives in the USA, the announcement came that members of either the SCC or the British SPS have been invited to enter the annual competition. This was published in the Dec. 1990 issue of the *Scandinavian Contact*.

The invitation embraces all the events, lectures, meetings, auction, etc. slated for Oct. 8-11 in Kristanssand, Norway. There will be 1200 frames of the Norwex type (16 sheets) and all FIP competitive classes will be included.

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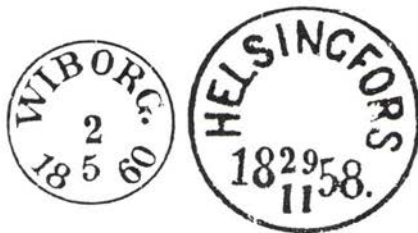


Figure A

Hand Drawn Cancels Testing Dealers

A relatively new batch of nicely drawn cancellations are being applied to better stamps. The Helsingfors large ring cancel and the Wiborg small ring cancel have been found on the 1856 Ovals and the 1866 penni valued stamps. The Oval stamps all have had a previously authentic pen cancellation applied from the proper period, which is typical of the early emissions. The application of a town cancellation raises the value of the stamp considerably.

To date Mikko Ossa has found 15 falsely applied town cancels. He also believes that he has discerned falsified cancels appearing in other sales but could not be sure without examining the items. The large ring cancels are found on the Ovals only, to date. The Wiborg smaller ring on loose 1866 stamps and on stamps tied to piece. Thus far no pairs have been desecrated with forgeries. Thus far the number has been small but if they sell, the market may well become inundated with bogus items.

Ed. Note . . . In all probability, from Mikko Ossa's description, some operator has found good use for a computer forgery. It would seem that all superb cancels of either of the above described should be sent to an expert in Finnish material who still can discern the difference in how a correct cancellation differs from a forged application. If it is a perfect to the buyers eye it may well be a forgery. See Figure A.

1882 5p. Imperforates

According to Mikko Ossa, 5p. vertically imperforate stamps are rarely seen. All observed copies exist with a dating of 1882 and bear a Helsinki Post Station indicia. He states that the Post Office had received a partial sheet with the perforation skip. No records exist to give the number of errors. A pair recently offered at a base catalog figure of FMk 9,500 reached FMk 14,100. This would be about \$3,800 if we can believe the U.S. dollar rates in the financial world. See Figure B.



Figure B

Commissions Abroad

Philatelic dealer rates in Europe appear to be 15% with an occasional 12% breather throughout Europe. Finland commissions still remain pretty much in the 10% bracket.

Åland Stamps

Recently these stamps experienced a sharp drop in the market but suddenly came to the fore and are again on the rise. *Michel* catalog raised their estimates of value in the current book. Mikko does not agree because some of the printings were in the 400,000 quantities.

The Zeppelin Stamps

The ever interesting Zepp stamps are most often canceled in Helsinki. There are other cancellations that pose questions and are thought of as suspect. Hanko cancels may be correct as well as that of Sortovalva, which are rare. Dates other than 9.24.30 exist because they were sold in Helsinki before the official first day usage. The earliest cancel that Ossa is familiar with is Sept. 19, 1930.

Norma 1991

We missed the closing of our last issue so we hasten to tell our audience that the new *Norma* is available. Boasting 280 pages plus cover, in color throughout, and in Finnish and English the book provides most essential information to the collector. There aren't many changes in prices at this time so each collector should carefully check their own specific categories. The publisher has happily restored a postage rate table in a far more orderly manner covering the years 1875 through 1990.

The domestic postal rates are on two pages as are the foreign rates. They are charted nicely for instant reading and do include all the rates for letters, postcards, printed matter, parcels and services such as Registry and Special Delivery. Our thanks to whoever it was that designed the tabular layout . . . it is so easy to follow. I believe that Jay Smith will be a source for interested readers. The next *Norma* will be published in 1993 and will be full of new changes, we anticipate.

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Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation Update

SPF has three publications underway at present which should be available within the next few months. First is a translation of sections of the *AFA Specialkatalog* of Denmark. These sections include Schleswig and especially the cancellations of Schleswig Holstein; Greenland's postal service including postmarks, parcel cards and covers; corrections and additions to the Danish bicolour issues of 1870-1905 which the foundation published in 1988; the treatment of Denmark's Christian X bicolor issues of 1918-1933; Danish proofs and essays; and back-of-the-book Denmark registry, express, COD, and airmail labels.

A second project is the translation of *Oscarperiodens Frimärken 1885-1911*, originally published by SFF as their

philatelic handbook A3. The book has been translated by Sven Åhman and extensively reviewed by Eric Kindquist. The manuscript is undergoing final proofreading by Art Lind prior to final typing for publication.

In another joint effort with a Nordic publisher, SPF has translated a book on the 1891 ring stamps of Finland. The book will be published with both Finnish and English text to mark the centennial of this stamp issue. For further information on these upcoming publications, membership applications, and a pricelist of current publications, write to the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation, Box 6716, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359.

—Alan Warren

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Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

In the October issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Niels Klottrup writes about two items sent to the USA during the 1890s from Denmark, marked "Insufficient Postage" and with various due markings. Erik E. Berg describes the popular envelopes bearing various cachets of SAS.

One of the more popular facets of collecting Sweden is assembling town cancellations on various issues which are centered on the stamps, i.e. "socked-on-the-nose." In the November issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* a number of examples of forged cancels on the ring type stamps are illustrated, even though many have certificates claiming them as genuine.

In the same issue, Karl-Erik Stenberg discusses the Russian influence on Finnish mails during the prestamp period. In another Swedish journal, *Bältespännaren*, for December 1990, some manuscript and handstamp markings are reviewed including "Tillhör Lokalposten," "Lokalpost," and "Lokalförsändelse." Hans Obermüller illustrates many stamps and seals issued for various exhibitions and major events in Sweden from 1874 to 1918. The journal is published twice a year. Subscriptions to this Cinderella material publication are approximately U.S. \$10 sent to Mats Edström, Nordkapsgatan 17, 16435 Kista, Sweden.

Denmark's Post Offices

A new publication of over 300 pages, listing the post offices of Denmark from 1624 to 1989, has been compiled by the JKE Group. The new book is described extensively by Toke Nørby in the November issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. The

book was prepared with an IBM PC using conventional software and neatly printed with a laser printer. The tables list the post offices alphabetically, indicate the current postal code, list dates when they began certain functions such as delivery office or rail office, indications of substations, and the source of the information.

The book is also described by Dan Laursen in the December issue of *Luren* published by the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California. The book costs DKr 398 plus postage, and is available from the printer (Forlaget Skilling, Box 74, 4050 Skibby, Denmark), as well as from KPK (Box 3, 1001 København, Denmark). It will probably be available here shortly from your favorite literature dealer.

Bicolor Varieties

The continuing fascination among many collectors with Denmark's and DWI's bicolored numeral issues is underscored by Michael Lerche Nielsen's article in the December issue of *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Still another article on these varieties appears in the same issue, by Max Meedom. In the December issue of *Scandinavian Contact* from England, Bill Ross discusses the various markings found on stampless covers from Finland and Russia to or going through Sweden. P.S.S.F. Marsden describes the single ring cancels of Finland for the period 1939-1968 and provides tables of place names and types.

In the December issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, the expert committee of Roland Frahm, Bo E. Stavenow, and Karl-Erik Stenberg report their investigation into the use

of the Carlshamn circle dater on certain skilling values of Sweden. The FG Nordische Staaten in Germany features an article in the November "Philatelic Reports" by G. Pansegrau on color variations on some of the more recent multi-colored stamps of Denmark due to the printing methods. The Finland section of the journal carries an article by Herbert Oesch on the 1875 issue of that country.

Rolf Dörnbach discusses the

New 'Whole North' Series Begins With Booklet Sales in June

What the eight Nordic countries are calling an entirely new collecting field with common theme but different stamps from the 'Whole North' will be issued beginning May 15. Included will be stamps from Greenland, Sweden, Iceland, The Faroes, Finland, Åland, Denmark and Norway — constituting the 'whole north.'

Plans are to issue joint theme stamps at two year intervals. The first stamps with a common theme of "tourist attractions" for 1991 will be available in a variety of formats in each nation, but limited to its stamp. Issue dates range from May 15 to June 7, with a further complication of no common sales outlet for complete mint sets in all formats or First Day Covers from each nation. Instead, the 1991 issues (at least) will be available in a special souvenir booklet entitled "Travels in the North" containing all eight stamps.

The booklet describes each nation's issue written in both its national language and English, the only common language used throughout the booklet. It will be available at all postal services in Scandinavia from June 7. Ask for the "Whole North" booklet. Price in Denmark is DKr 100 each (about \$16.75).

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history of Godhavn in Greenland with respect to mail handling and special cancellations used there. Pansegrau treats extensively the Norwegian definitives of the past five years with respect to paper, gum, and color varieties. W. Dresler details the machine cancels of Mariehamn in the first part of a series on this Åland city.

Back-of-the-Book Norway

Norwegian specialist Frederick A. Brofos, a prolific writer and former editor of *The Posthorn*, has three interesting articles in the February issue of *Luren*, published by the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California. In the first he illustrates a Field Post parcel label printed on the back of a German map, used by the German Airforce headquarters in Oslo. In a second, Brofos writes about the calendar and almanac fee stamps of Norway. The third article illustrates some stamps used for bus routes of the Norwegian State Railway. Information on *Luren* and the SPLSC can be obtained from the Library at Box 741639, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

The Scandinavian group in the Netherlands publishes the journal *Het Noorderlicht*, and in the December issue H. C. Dütting illustrates a cover sent from Denmark to the South African Red Cross via Portugal, and containing a number of censorship markings. An article on holography and the printing of hologram stamps is reprinted from a Finnish publication by Bo Isaccson. N. Bonsaksen shows some double impressions on several issues of Iceland. The concluding article in this issue is by Kjell Germeten (reprinted from *Norsk FT*) on the dangerous use of photocopying methods to prepare forged cancels.

Schleswig Railway

The lead article in *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift* for December discusses the reunification of the Schleswig railway office in 1920. Author Svend Hovard tabulates many of the cancels by route and period of use. In the same issue there is an interesting test for students

of Finnish postal history with eighteen questions about a series of illustrated covers. Leif Fabricius Storm furnishes an excellent illustrated article on native or "home town" collecting, with guidelines for the serious collector. He shows typical pages from collections and tells how this type of collection should be written up. Steven Olsen delves into the postal history of Valby.

Another facet of Danish postal history is explored by Mats Hedelius in the January issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, wherein he discusses special postal markings on letters mailed to foreign countries immediately following the conclusion of World War II. Editor Lannart Weber reports a new variety of the 15 øre violet Christian X issue found by Leif Gustafsson who heads up the Scandinavian collectors group in Japan. Niels Klottrup continues a discussion on stampless letters from Denmark sent abroad during the late

19th century, and bearing various due markings.

Postens Express

Co-authors Christer Grimbrandt and Gösta Ohlsson write about the express mail department of Stockholm during the period 1929-1934 in the February 1991 issue of *Bältespännaren* published in Sweden. The concept of express mail beings with the use of "Cito, Citissime" on prestamp covers of the 17th and early 18th centuries. The authors illustrate express handstamps, labels, postal forms and covers.

In the same issue, Sweden's charta sigillata receive extensive treatment by Stig Kjellander with illustrations of imprints, facsimile signatures, and paper watermarks. In issue No. 25 for 1990 of the Danish periodical *Posthistoriske Meddelelser*, E. Menne Larsen elaborates on the Austrian fieldpost in Schleswig in 1864.

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NEW MEDAL DESIGN for awards at NORDIA 91 to be held in Reykjavik was illustrated (above) in Bulletin 2. Dates for the exhibition are June 27-30.

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The 'Puolanka' Story?

Do You Recognize Cancels of This Town?

By Ed Fraser

Why are most of the tullaus package cards I've seen been addressed to Puolanka? And also the East Karelia package cards? There is a very good reason! While Puolanka may only have a population around 5,000 or so, this little town in the middle of Finland about 80 km. east of Oulu has become well known in Finnish philatelic circles.

As the story goes, it had one of the few post offices in Finland that did not follow the postal regulations about disposing package cards and other franked items after they were returned to the addressee's post office when the letter, package, or money was delivered. Apparently they were just bundled up or stored in Puolanka, instead of being sent to Helsinki for disposal as kiloware, etc. This hoard came to light in 1985, and has been an bonanza for philatelists.

I would have guessed that the time span ran from the late 1930's to the 1970's. However, a respected opinion from Finland suggests that it was concentrated from 1944 to 1947, and was only the result of the disruptive conditions that existed after the war that accounts for the material not being sent to Helsinki.

It is unfortunate that while the full story is almost certainly known by

some people, it is not a topic people I've met talk about in specifics, with just a few exceptions. It could be that there originally was a concern about ownership questions, or perhaps a concern that bulk material would depress that potential market value.

How Big a Find Is It?

Making wild guesses might say that Puolanka received eight to 10 packages, etc., a day, or 2500 a year. If there are six or seven address cards to the ounce, or about 100 to a pound, we're talking 25 pounds a year, which in four years would be 100 pounds, or if 40 years, half a ton. A lower respected estimate from Finland suggests only a thousand a year for three or four years, which seems too low to me. That would disagree with small sorted "Puolanka" bundles of material I have seen from both the early and the late 1940's.

So the actual story is — questionable — either 3,000 to 4,000 as an educated guess or 6,000 to 8,000 as my rather wilder guess; or, as a very imaginative stretch, perhaps as much as 100,000 if everything over a 40 year period has survived intact somewhere. However, I do suspect that most of the 1940's material is already in the marketplace or in dealers' stocks — at least in Scandinavia if not here in the U.S.

Also, a good number of "package cards" exist that are not from Puolanka, yet their variety doesn't seem as good as those from Puolanka, at least for the mid-1940's period. This would suggest that the Puolanka

FRAMA Units Debut At Two Swedish Sites

The Sweden Post began an experiment in coin-operated FRAMA postage at two Stockholm post offices, Gothenburg 11 och Stockholm 10 and at the Postal Museum where the Swiss FRAMA machines have been installed for operation beginning April 12, it was announced by Ingrid Ericksson of SPS.

She added that collectors will be able to buy FRAMA postage labels directly from Sweden Post Stamps, S-164 88 Kista, Sweden. Available are four ordinarily rate denominations and a first day cover franked with all four labels. The denominations are SKr 2.40, SKr 2.50, SKr 4 and SKr 5; with a price of SKr 13.90 and the FDC for SKr 16.90.

Similar FRAMA coin-operated franking label machines have been in use for several years in other Nordic countries. Experience indicates considerable philatelic interest internationally. FRAMA labels have emerged as collector's items in their own right.

[Such labels are perceived by most philatelists as not a serious threat to postage stamps *per se*, but rather as another chapter in postal history — somewhat like meter labels in use worldwide.]

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find was substantial, and perhaps comparable to the combined total of all those that have somehow survived from all the other places for that period, where the surviving cards must have been more "samplings" compared to what was destroyed and cut for kiloware. [I am not referring to address cards from an earlier less kiloware conscious period, 1900 to the early 1930's, where greater bulk, value, and variety exists from towns all over Finland.]

Additionally, considering the variety of unusual Puolanka items around, and a not-especially-greater number of the ordinary items, suggests the strong possibility of a bulk of perhaps ordinary items being buried in dealers' stocks, being withheld from the market, or still in post office storage. After all, if rumors of exciting material in Danish post office storage can flourish for years, can't the same possibility exist in Finland?

A Follow Up Is Needed

Perhaps by paying attention to the earliest and latest Puolanka cancels seen on similar material, the time period involved can be better approximated. And what datings of Puolanka cancels have collectors found contained in Finnish government kiloware — what material did follow the route to Helsinki to be cut up for kiloware? Perhaps by going through package card lots in the marketplace it might be possible to estimate how many per day was handled? [I have seen some selected WWII era address cards to Puolanka running at one or two every day or two.] Lastly, perhaps one of our readers will come up with more information.

I've also wondered about the large quantity of such cards in the marketplace from Luhalahti, a very small town northwest of Tampere. Did a small hoard come from there a few years earlier? Comments appreciated: Ed Fraser, c/o Shearson, 275 Broadhollow Road, Melville, N.Y. 11747.

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Transfers & Re-entries

By Alan Warren

Robert B. Brandeberry was elected to the American Philatelic Society Hall of Fame. He was one of four deceased philatelists so honored, and announced at the APS show in Cincinnati in August, 1990. Bob was an active member of SCC, a member of the APS Speakers' Bureau on the topics of Norway, Australia, and forgeries, and was an accredited judge.

Bob's contributions to philately included executive secretary of the Society of Philatelic Americans, president of the Society of Philatelic Americans, president of the Society of Australasian Specialists, secretary/treasurer of the American Philatelic Congress. He received a number of awards during his philatelic lifetime including the SEPAD local and national merit awards, the Phoenix award, the American Philatelic Congress service award, and he was a fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society.

Medal to Børge Lundh

One of the highlights of the festivities at the Næstved 90 convention of the Danish Philatelic Federation was the awarding of the Denmark Medal to collector and author Børge Lundh. The silver medal was presented by DFF President Knud Mohr. Lundh was recognized for his extensive knowledge and writings in the fields of postal history and postal markings.

The Denmark Medal was first awarded in 1937 to P. Schrøder and Crh. Sørsensen. More recently it has been presented to Otto Ulstrup (1974) and Tom Plovst (1976). The medal is the highest distinction in Denmark for philatelic writing. Lundh's latest book, *European Letters to Finland 1819 to 1873*, is reviewed elsewhere in this issue of *The Posthorn*.

It appears that CTO (canceled-to-

order) stamps are now available from the Danish postal philatelic center. According to an announcement from them, "From 1 January 1991, you can subscribe to Danish canceled stamps which have not been given postal service . . . The subscription covers non-affixed, canceled stamps of the definitive and special stamps. The stamps are canceled with a date stamp on the day of issue and will be delivered unsevered in the number ordered."

The cancels are applied so the one CDS hits the corners of four stamps, while they are still in sheet format. The first stamps to be available on the CTO basis are the three values of the Queen Margrethe II set released February 14, 1991. To subscribe to Denmark's stamps mint or CTO, First Day Covers, and booklets, write to Postens Frimærkecenter, Vesterbrogade 67, 1620 København V, Denmark.

Keith Klugman's fantastic DWI collection, which won several awards, was very much admired by those who were fortunate to view it. In the June 1990 issue of the *Postal History Journal*, published here by the Postal History Society, Klugman discussed the S. Tomas mark of Puerto Rico. In the February 1991 issue of the same journal, Robert G. Stone amplifies this discussion with mention of a census that includes a third more covers with that mark than known by Klugman. Stone, recipient of a number of honors including SCC's Earl Grant Jacobsen award, whets our appetite by mentioning that this inventory of covers will be discussed extensively in a forthcoming Philatelic Foundation book to be entitled *A Caribbean Neptune*.

One of the benefits of membership in the Forschungsgemeinschaft Nordische Staaten of Germany, is the

receipt of special monographs prepared by the various study groups. The latest such publication is a 50-page handbook by Dirk Vorwerck of the Finland Study Group on the use of Russian stamps in that country during the period 1890 to 1918. Some of the topics covered include the 1891 ring issue, the "Russian" cancels, the mourning stamp and card, and mixed frankings. The author also describes the various stamps of Russia and Finland issued during this period and how they were used.

Counterfeits and Forgeries

In 1976 Robson Lowe published Varro E. Tyler's *Philatelic Forgers' Their Lives and Works*. This fascinating book has been expanded by the author and reprinted by Amos Press, publishers of *Linn's Stamp News*. Tyler provides profiles of some 150 stamp forgers. What is especially useful is the index by subject including country name. Unfortunately, details of the specific forgeries are not shown. However, the information is useful in that it puts collectors on guard so they can further explore particular issues they collect.

For example, Tyler writes about Ferdinand Elb whose claim to fame is the printing of the first issue envelope stamps of Finland in 10 kop and 20 kop values, but in the reverse colors of the originals. He apparently offered these as cut squares as well as entires. The Spiro brothers produced a flood of forgeries by lithography, including the 10 kop rose of Finland. Giovanni Patroni holds the distinction of being the first person to be tried for his "work." Although born in Italy he was residing in Philadelphia when he was arrested in 1875 and later found guilty of forging stamps of Nicaragua. Although found guilty he was not sentenced, and shortly after his discharge he left for South America. Among the stamps of over a dozen countries that he "recreated" were some of Iceland.

Another Italian operator was Angelo Panelli who is believed to have counterfeited stamps of Norway among others.

Sweden was furnished a dangerous forgery of the 1922 15 öre violet by

Louis Pasche. He produced these on watermarked paper in 1928. He not only repaired stamps but created tête-bêche pairs and inverted centers to order. Tyler's book has a brief bibliography of his sources at the end of each profile, thus offering the reader immediate references for further searching.

New Agent for Norway

Lighthouse Publications was named as the United States agent for new issues of Norway, according to an announcement in the March 18, 1991, issue of *Linn's Stamp News*. New issue information is released by the Norwegian Post Philatelic Bureau, Box 3770, Gamlebyen, 0135 Oslo 1, Norway. To obtain new issues in the U.S. at essentially the issue prices, write to Lighthouse Publications, Inc., 274 Washington Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601-6725. The new arrangement began January 1, 1991.

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Members can expect to receive the latest issue of *PFC-Journalen* from Denmark's Posten Frimærke Centre. The stamp promotional booklet provides news about that nation's new issues and other articles related to philately.

It also provides a convenient return postcard order form for postal new issue subscription on a one-time or continuing basis. When the P&T PFC was given the choice between the cost of inserting a copy of the *Journalen* along with our quarterly journal or purchasing the SCC Membership mailing list (minus those addresses withheld by request), the frugal Danes opted for the free postage available through its own post office.

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A BLOCK from the early emissions of 1866. Canceled Helsingfors 23.6.1868. Though blocks are fairly common those used in the 1860 decade are a little scarcer than the later examples from the 70's.

Finland's Traditional Philately

No. 4 in a Series

The 1866 Rouletted Stamps

The earlier emissions of 1856 and 1860 were produced in small quantities and only in 5 and 10 kop. values, which was all that was required. The necessary changes, as 1865 neared, had been well-sensed and anticipated, for Finland was destiny-bound to enter a far more energetic postal program needed to satisfy the philatelic demands of its Nation, which heretofore can be described as modest.

Two of the prescribed denominations posed no problem because they were extensions of the preceding 5 and 10 kop. values converted to pennies simply by multiplying their respective face values by four which in turn gave us the 20p. blue for domestic letters and the 40p. red for letters sent abroad. These two values play leading roles in Finnish Traditional Postal History since they became the most used stamps of the entire 1866 printings.

I shan't delve too deeply into

postage rates, or the "why and wherefores" of such, save perhaps just the basic rates and to describe the few unusual stamp combinations on cover that are of interest or Rarity.

The 5 Penni Value

This small monetary unit was produced for supplementary use and to cover the tax on mail going through Russia to foreign destinations. The rate revisions of 1867 created another serviceable area for this stamp when it was selected to be utilized for Domestic Third Class Printed Matter.

It should be noted that many of the early Classics include unusual varieties such as: rare cancelations; errors of color; tête-bêche pairs; mixed roulettes; diamond roulettes; step roulettes and occasionally very rare offset impressions transferred to the reverse side of the stamp, etc.

Some number of these items will be explained and pictured in this ongoing series.

The temporary ignorance of these postally historic items has hurt Traditional Philately in Finland. It is my intent to clear the air as regards what does belong in a Gold Medal Traditional collection by lucidly presenting the facts which seem to have vanished for a spell. I anticipate that the appreciation for all of the material in the Traditional exhibit will be equally respected.

Dubious Decisions: A Brief History

For many decades, Finnish Philately, rigidly opposed any (virtually all) text references directed to pointing out rare or unusual items, or for that matter, the employment of accepted rarity ratings, etc.

Looking back to my experiences with the presiding judges from 1976 through 1986, I felt well at ease because the judges of that period knew all they had to know about the Classics and other fields. Slowly but surely a new breed replaced the aged and the dead and it is at this point that the situation changed as it has in much of the rest of the world.

Today, we quite properly must present descriptive prefaces to ensure that our purposes are documented and that we accomplish the goals set forth.

The new *Finnish Handbook* for the 1875-1885 periods has been blessed with a rarity scale for principal postal items. Other rarity factors have long been in existence. I make it my business to check with three Finnish research experts and authorities to be certain that the gradings of rarities, as I understand them, have not changed prior to exhibiting.

5 Penni Tête-Bêche Pairs

Combined in this peculiar group are 5p. and 5p.+10p. tête-bêche pairs and se-tenants of various combinations. It would require several pages of *Posthorn* (and a number of aspirin) to explain the morass of errors that permitted so many clichés in forms to be pried and then thoughtlessly inserted into the forms, thereby creating this exceptional material.



A "Step" Perforation
THE INDENTATION on the lower left was caused by a "miscue" on the part of the rouletter. The error was noticed and then properly aligned.

These rare items should be credited but the likelihood of seeing them in exhibits is doubtful. None have appeared for years. I believe that a few are "hidden under stones" in Sweden where so many great items remain in dormancy. A pity!

The 5 Penni Stamps

The 5p. stamps enjoy several paper variations such as regular wove and watermarked papers; the papers in turn come in different thickness'.

It is necessary to include some unused stamps as well as nice cancellations. The last is not as easily accomplished.

Multiples

Blocks of four; pairs; strips and even larger groups exist. The limited usage of the 5p. stamp encouraged postal people to prepare blocks of four for the public to use on 20p. rate letters. The collector should be cognizant of the fact that multiples are of greater value when canceled in the 1860's, as opposed to those canceled in the 1870's.

Rough Rouletted Stamps

The late issues and the reasons why the roulettes are poorly can be defined in the opening description or added to the text on the exhibit page concisely. Simply state that the roulette devices were badly worn in the late 1870's resulting in poor perforations when the stamps were separated.



1873 Wove Paper Printing
AN ALMOST PERFECT copy of the reddish lilac-brown printing of 1873. It is TTP, canceled Abo (Turku) 2.1.1874. This stamp and its counterpart, the greyish lilac-brown emission of 1872 are rapidly joining the important Rarity groups, if they have not already arrived!

An Exception

There is one exception to the preceding statement which occurs in the emission of 1873 known as the reddish lilac-brown issue which was printed on pale lilac-blue laid paper. One of my exhibit pages features this "unsuccessful printing." I have a block of four, unused, with a lone stamp on letter beneath it. The roulettes are anything but pretty; nonetheless they belong there. A brief notation explains that the paper used was too thin for the

strong glue that had been applied and the perforations tore badly when the stamps were separated.

It goes without saying that the inclusion of these two items are not vital to the exhibit, but they should be included, especially when it takes years to acquire a block and a cover to display the proper Traditional History of this respective emission.

An Under-Rated Gem

Let us take a "baby step backward" to discuss two preceding issues, one of which, was used in 1872 (greyish lilac-brown). The other is the reddish lilac-brown issued in 1873. Both are Roulette II and were printed on ordinary wove paper of fair substance. This difficult stamp has slipped into the rarity sphere if we are to believe the catalogs. There are very few viewers who could identify this stamp if there were no text to emphasize it.

Let me support the rarity comment with facts. The 1980-81 issue of *Lape* positions the estimated values of these stamps as follows: Unused . . . no quotation; Used, no flaws . . . 6,500 FM; I tooth missing . . . 3000 FM; 2-3 Roulettes missing . . . 1700 FM. *Lape* 1988 registers the following: Unflawed . . . 20,000 FM; the next two . . . 12,000 and 6,500 FM; no quote on an unused stamp. This is obviously an item that rates a rarity factor.

The 10p. Cliché Color Error

In the year 1869 a 10p. cliché was



Mailing Combinations

TWO 5P. STAMPS TTP with two stamps from the straw-yellow 10p. printing. Colorful contrasts of mixed postage pieces lend flavor to the exhibit page and should grace as many pages as possible.



Last Emission Cover

A TYPICAL COVER USAGE for the 5p. stamp on printed domestic matter. Canceled Jakobstad 22.1.1875, the fine point concerning this letter is that the stamp from the very last emission is unflawed. Usually the perforations of the final printings are badly damaged.

inadvertently inserted into a 5p. printing form; a 5p. cliché was in turn locked into a chase containing 10p. stamps. This sponsored the birth of two fine rarities. The present position in two Finnish catalogs rates unflawed canceled stamps at between 28,000 and 30,000 FM. No pricing is offered for the flawless mint copy with original gum that resides in my collection. It is accepted that the early mistakes which provide us with color errors and "head-to-foot" stamps were not contrived in any way to create rare items as were some of the later stamps.

Covers

Nice covers must grace the pages of the Traditional Exhibit. Most 5p. covers will be from the domestic printed matter category which required just a single 5p. stamp. It is better to get one or two covers with interesting postage where the 5p. is used as a supplement to the required rate.

Keep the quality of your exhibit

high. It is better to go slowly than to buy poor material. Add pairs, strips and blocks and do augment your better items with concise pertinent details to enable viewers to appreciate and understand both your knowledge and your exhibit.

—Mike Hvidonov

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Other Albums

Another Popular Way to Collect EFO Leftovers of Minor Varieties

For the most part collectors of Scandinavian stamps lack a sufficient number of major errors to pursue that specialty. This may explain why "collectible varieties" in the minor freak and oddity categories are so popular over there. Searching for both major and minor EFOs on steel-engraved stamps takes time and patience — not to mention a magnifying glass and an enlarged photocopy or drawing of the stamp being studied.

This rather obtuse option in stamp collecting is usually a sidebar to regular collections and other specializations. The total collectible varieties on any single stamp is always changing during the printing cycle of a particular stamp — definitive or commemorative. Printing plates endure slight irregularities due to wear, ink flow, matte transfer or foreign substances affecting the finished product. The collectible by-product can be of major or minor ratings in value and importance.

Many of the varieties find their way into catalogs as either minor or major listings. In most countries this specialty is backed by regularly published catalogs. In Denmark for example, the Skilling Forlag of Jan Bendix prints the *SAVA Catalog on Denmark, Greenland and Faroes*. It lists the more important collectibles along with CV prices ranging from minor to major varieties.

EFO Specialists Thrive

Followers in this group are frequently referred to as "fly speckers" because most of minor varieties they catalog and report appear to be just that on the stamps. Of course not all of them appreciate the slightly derogatory title, yet most believe strongly in their quest. Most devotees prefer to work on mint stamps throughout different printings while searching for new "specks" or

other oddities. Once cataloged and reported for illustration in a stamp publication, the search can shift to used stamps where cancels cover portions of the stamp face. It's not unusual for hundreds of different varieties to be found on one particular issue.

Possibly the most valuable collectible varieties are the double overprints and double entries. Both are choice finds and rate higher in value than most other discoveries. Another high value group is the broken or shifted type on overprints, which always draw extra attention.

What really attracts many fly speckers is the chase for both major and minor varieties on new issues. They carefully study every engraved line and color on every stamp of a full sheet (a fast method for obtaining the position number). By definition an error occurs only when the issuing agency fails to perform a tagging, printing or perforation function normally accorded similar stamps. Those misperfs and slight color shifts, no matter how big, are mere freaks or oddities — but they are collectible varieties. These little non-errors offer a wide field for specialization.

Many minor varieties find their way into both regular and specialty catalogs as sub varieties. Perhaps one of the most attractive aspects of "specking" is its relatively low cost. Some collectors participate along the frugal route by passively inspecting all of the stamps passing through their hands for postal usage. An even cheaper approach is check the stamps on incoming mail!

Selected to illustrate this specialty for SCC members is a sample of the reported collectible varieties by KPK member Jens Sørensen on the 1980 Wavy Line 5 øre wine red type II stamp (AFA 246F) printed on fluorescent



paper. Many collectors purchased full sheets before it sold out. Even so, in his report Sørensen noted that there very well might be additional discoveries by others because of the varieties that occur throughout a printing cycle.

—Gene Lesney

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5 øre Bølgelinie, oplag L453. Cylinder III, plade A



COLLECTIBLE VARIETIES identified and numbered were found on this one of two plates used to produce this 1980 definitive. Each of two plates (A&B) produced a total of six million copies. In the process a number of factors resulted in these minor varieties identified by Jens Sørensen on this plate.

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By Dr. W. E. Melberg

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This is the way that Peter O'Neill begins his interesting article in the Nov. 10, 1990 issue of *Stamp Collector*. He presents a new and simple to work scheme for determining the *day of the week* from the known dating. He and the editor of *Stamp Collector* have given us permission to reproduce it.

I sent it to my son James in Washington. He devised a simple computer program in Data-Base for the SCC Library so all that one needs is to enter the month/day/full year and the day-of-the-week is produced. For IBM compatible computer buffs, a floppy disk will be forwarded with instructions for its use. Write to the SCC Library and ask for *MIS A 17E*.

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A New Source for Older Literature

By Alan Warren

In the fall of 1989 I learned of a new source for articles on Scandinavian philately. The firm of Rainbow Services in Walnut, CA, offered the first three volumes of a directory of "Philatelic Literature Tear Sheets." The directories cover the entire world, but includes a number of items on Scandinavian countries. The

Members' Input Asked For Specialty Series

As this journal moves forward in its endeavor to introduce the wide range of ways to collect Scandinavian stamps and postal history in the series of articles called "Other Albums," the membership is asked to share their regular or offbeat collection goals.

Today, virtually every valuable catalog is printed bilingual or translations have been made (as in the case of *AFA Denmark Specialized 1981-82*. *Facit* publishes in Swedish and English in a bilingual edition. Not surprisingly, a lot of reference books are either printed in English originally or get translated by the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation of Southern California.

So their is no excuse for remaining a beginner. *The Posthorn* staff intends to present examples of "Other Albums" as a guide to the most popular methods of specialization for collectors of Scandinavian stamps. It offers a few exclusive areas, such as Denmark's advertising stamps, Sweden's se-tenant coils and booklets, and a host of other areas in other nation's stamps and postal history.

But rather than learn about these "Other Albums" from staff writers, it should be of interest to hear from other members. Our editors are willing to help smooth out the writing, if requested. Let's hear from you? We want material on both 19th and 20th century topics.

directories are each about 100 pages long with six references per page.

As you leaf through the directories you find that many of the articles are not in strict alphabetical order by country, but are grouped so that there will be a run of Denmark articles in series, for example. An index at the front of the directory gives the title of an article and the page on which the citation will be found. As an example, Volume 1 of the directory lists articles on Aden, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Australia, etc., but also includes one item on DWI, 16 items on Denmark, and 21 references on Greenland.

Volume 2 has many more entries on the above countries plus Finland, Iceland, Sweden, and 92 entries for Norway. In general the references are to articles in both U.S. and foreign publications, but include pamphlets and even sections from the Kohl Handbook. Volume 3 includes all of the Scandinavian countries with about 70 entries on Sweden. I ordered a number of items and when they arrived, I found they were not "tear sheets," but actually reproductions from what is probably a tear sheet collection. And instead of photocopying the materials, they apparently have been scanned into a computer database, and then printed out.

The end result is quite satisfactory in terms of the text. The printed words appear pretty much as the originals. However, the illustrations are a bit of a gamble. In many cases they are adequate, but in some cases the illustrations are solid masses of black, so that you have no idea what sort of stamp or postal marking you are looking at, other than what the figure caption may tell you. The advantage of the service is that you can obtain articles from the older literature. Although it might be possible to obtain copies of many of these articles from the American Philatelic Research Library, the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California, or the SCC Library, some of the original

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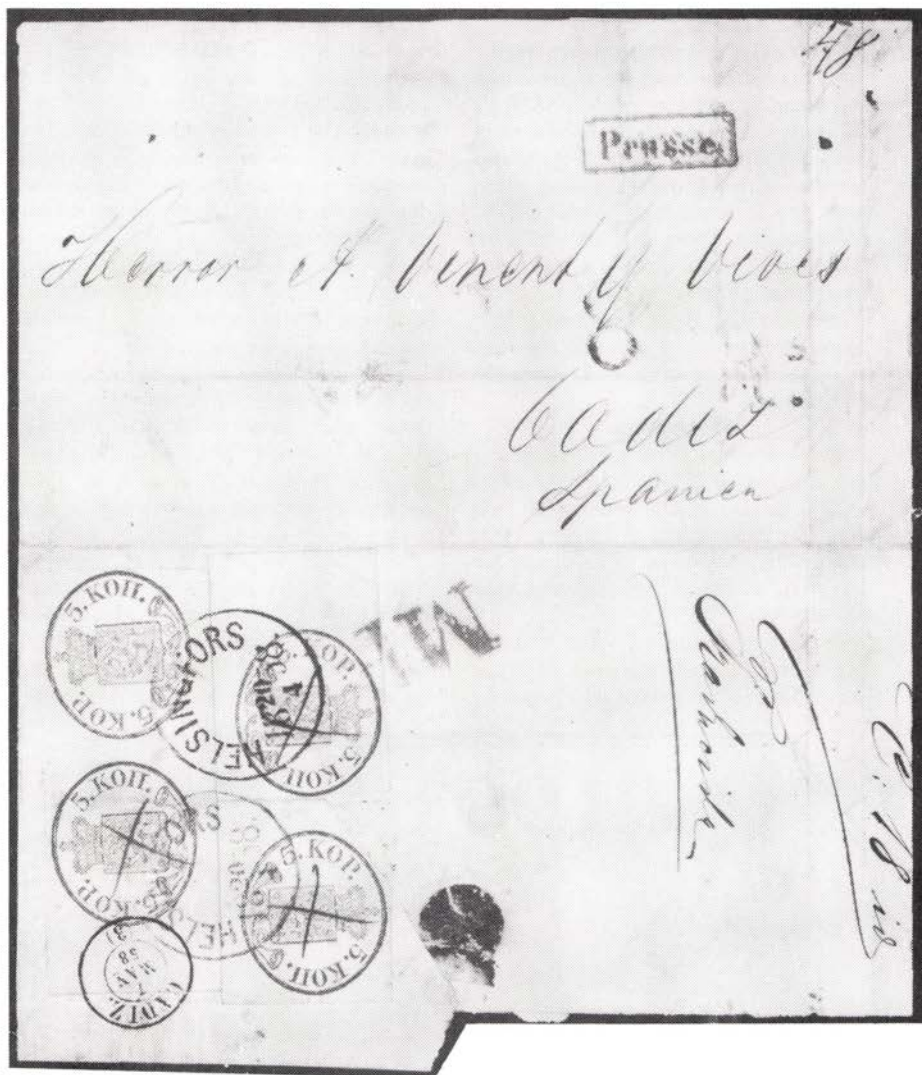
My personal experience in ordering material from Rainbow Services has been less than satisfactory, but whether my problem was unique I can't say. I placed an order in November 1989 for a dozen literature items. I heard nothing (they had deposited my check), and so I wrote in February 1990, to which they responded that my original order had been filled and shipped insured, so they were tracing it with the post office, and in the meantime would send me a replacement order.

Having heard nothing further I wrote again on May 15 by certified mail. On May 24 they filled and shipped the replacement order, and again noted they were tracing the lost shipment. When I finally received the materials I found that one item was the wrong one, because they had transposed the digits of their directory numbers. I sent the item back asking for a replacement, pointing out their

error. After several months with no response I wrote again by certified mail, which prompted them to ship the correct item.

Aside from the above caveat, I think the service is a useful one, recognizing that the end results are not perfect. The items they do have on hand in the Scandinavian areas are unusual and of real interest for students in this field. I believe the firm is run by Peter Hagler, a relative of one of the principals who ran the HJMR Literature Service in Florida a number of years ago. If Rainbow Services can manage to respond in more timely fashion, I think they can provide a useful service for philatelic research.

In addition to the literature service, which is their main business, they also offer covers for sale from time to time. For details of their offerings and prices of the tear sheet directories, write to Rainbow Services, Suite 122, Lycoming St. A-1, Walnut, CA 91789.



Classic Finnish Rarity Shown At Cardinal Spellman Museum

One of the highlights of "other activities" during Philatelic Show 90 last year held at Boxborough, MA, was what was anticipated as an ordinary visit to the famous Cardinal Spellman Museum at Regis College. It is the only fully accredited, non-profit operation in the USA dedicated entirely to philately.

Named in honor of His Eminence Cardinal Spellman, an avid stamp collector, the museum has many permanent exhibits and receives donated stamps from nations worldwide. SCC members who accompanied the tour for the wine and cheese offering were surprised to discover a rare philatelic dessert!

The Discovery

The really astounding philatelic item that hit my eyes only moments after entering was a wonderful 1856 10 kop. cover bearing four stamps on a cover dispatched to Spain. This grand item was donated to the museum some years ago. Interestingly, competitive bidding at an auction in 1989 went a bit wild when some archive gave up correspondence from 1856 to 1860 which also was posted to Spain. All Finnish letters to Spain during this period are truly rare. This one probably beats them all!

Description

The cover (pictured) has been slit open for display. There is a large pearl pair at the side of the letter with two singles at the bottom of the pair. At a distance they appeared to be tête-bêche but this cleared up upon close examination.

They are canceled with a large single-ring Helsingfors indicia 20.4.1858 and addressed to Herrar A.

Vinent y Vives in Cadiz, Spain. A neat numeral "8" and the large letter "R" . . . both in blue ink are in the midst of the address. Blue "MP" letters are near the stamps. The boxed word "PRUSSE" is in red and I believe that to be Prussia. Some fine markings are too fugitive to divine even though the photo copies are excellent.

We thank Arthur J. Anderson, Jr., Curator of the Cardinal Spellman Museum, for his kindness in sending me two photos for publication.

We are pleased to report that while on our recent Finland trip Mrs. Hvidonov and I arranged for the Finnish P.O. to send new issues and allied material to the museum at no cost. This enterprise was not known in Finland prior to our visit.

For this we thank our Finnish friends, specifically Ms Marja Pihlman, Public Relations, and Ms Toini Kuusisto, the Director of the facility, for understanding and arranging our request.

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Denmark Inland Mail: A Review

Denmark: The Inland Mail 1871-1902, Mogens Juhl, published by Skilling, Skibby, Denmark 1990; 6 3/8 by 9 3/4 inches (16.3 by 23.8 cms), softbound, stapled, 70 pages.

Author Juhl has been with the Danish Foreign Service and resides in Australia, which may explain why this booklet is in the English language, with only the dedication and the table of contents in both Danish and English. He dedicates the book to the great Danish postal historian Aage Tholl who passed away in 1976. The collection on which this text is based was exhibited by the author at Australia's Sydney show in 1988, and New Zealand's Auckland show in 1990.

The period encompasses the postal reforms of 1871 and 1888 and the monetary reform of 1875. The first postal reform designated weight ranges for loose letters and parcel post for inland mail. The 1875 monetary reform left Denmark with one system of currency as a result of losing Lauenburg and Schleswig Holstein. Rigsdaler/skilling were replaced with krone/øre.

Juhl discusses and illustrates combination skilling and øre covers, and the use of wrappers and lettercards as well as stamped envelopes. The use of double labels to track parcels, insured, and COD items is described. The author then delves into the rates for various categories of mail, and shows how insufficiently paid letters were marked with the penalty rate in red crayon.

Juhl describes and illustrates registered, insured, parcel, COD, and express mail as well as security receipts bearing stamps to indicate fees paid for excess baggage beyond that allowed for free. The postal reform of 1888 lowered the rates for post cards, and streamlined other rates and standardized forms for certain categories of mail. Again, the act regulated mail only between post offices, and remained in effect until the act of 1902.

As with the previous period, Juhl dis-

cusses the rates and uses covers to illustrate loose letters, penalty rates, registered and insured mail, parcels, money orders, COD, and express letters. The book concludes with a bibliography, followed by a list of books and major articles by Mogens Juhl not only on Denmark, but also his other two collecting areas of Pakistan and Australia.

The printing and illustrations are of excellent quality throughout. The price is DKr 95 plus postage from the publisher Forlaget Skilling, Box 74, 4050 Skibby, Denmark, or possibly from a literature dealer in this country.

—Alan Warren

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NORDIA 92 In Norway

The Federation of Norwegian Philatelists, the Norwegian Postal Administration and the Kristiansand Philatelic Club will jointly host next year's NORDIA show in the harbor town of Kristiansand. The show takes place October 9-11, 1992, in the town's Gimlahallen. Up to 1200 frames will be used and the jury expects to follow FIP guidelines for judging. Exhibitors must be a member of, or affiliated with one of the Nordic country philatelic federations.

Additional attractions in the host city include the zoo, Oddernes church dating from the 11th century, and the Gimle Mansion Museum next to the hall. Kristiansand celebrates its 350th anniversary this year, and the town's Philatelic Club will mark its 60th anniversary during the show next year. Dr. Roger Schnell, SCC vice president, is the U.S. representative for the show. Additional details and a prospectus can be obtained from him at 4800 N.E. 20th Terrace, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33306.

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Danmark's Posthuse 1624-1989: A Review

by Vagn Jensen, Henning Kaaber and Hans Ehlerh Jessen, *Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub*, P.O. Box 3, DK-1001 Copenhagen K., Denmark. Copyright; The JKE Group 1990. 306 pages, DKr 398.

It's no wonder that this book took the highest award yet bestowed on Danish philatelic literature at the recent national exhibition NÆSTED 90, a large vermeil. It contains an enormous amount of information and charts regarding Danish Post Offices from its establishment in 1624 by King Christian IV through 1989 when the last and final Official Announcements from the Danish P&T was issued.

This means a total of 365 years of accessible information about P&T offices assembled under one cover. This includes post offices of the Duchies, the Faroe Islands and Greenland for the period they functioned under the Danish P&T.

The trio of authors do not present a narrative description of each post office; but leave this for the readers to spin the yarns for themselves. The history and story of every place is given in the form of dry facts: names and numerals regarding the important information of dates of establishment, if and when abandoned, the postal status or kind of P.O. based on its functions and services performed etc. For the smaller P.O.s they list which larger P.O. they were placed under, plus the various names the P.O. used, its addresses and finally

the sources of this information. All of this data is meticulously presented in diagrams or tables, along with an explanation of How to Use the Material.

More than 200 pages of lists, followed by summaries of all P.O.s and their status under superior post offices along with the dates they were consolidated under other larger P.O.s — all presented alphabetically with current post codes and abbreviations.

Included are temporary P.O.s established for special events such as Boy Scout Jamborees, congresses, stamp exhibitions etc. — plus wartime field offices, censorship offices and UN mail collection points. Another chart outlines mail collection times from mail boxes; other charts list railway routes as they were established, when they began carrying mail, the openings of bureau (POs) and if abandoned, when.

Following this work of high caliber is a thorough index of references and other sources of information. It is a *must* book for everyone interested in serious research of Denmark's postal history. Although written in Danish, the essential information is very understandable because it names places and dates. (Dates are printed in the European style of day.month.year, except when the data is quoted directly from a computer — in which case the dates appear as year/month/day.)

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President's Message

By Jed Richter

ARIPEX

The 1991 SCC National Convention at ARIPEX is now history. Those who could not attend missed an outstanding show. Those there marveled at the quality and diversity of the exhibits, with something for everyone, from classics to postal history to Xmas seals. I also overheard members bragging about their buys in the bourse. Our 1992 SCC National Convention at Chicago during the World Columbian Stamp Expo has its work cut-out, especially since no true Norseman would honor Columbus! Thanks, Dan Laursen, et al.

Members' Voice

Chapter members have their Regional Directors to represent them, but other members (in the majority, I am told) have no special pipeline to represent them. This includes those who reside outside the USA. Chris McGregor, our Director-at-Large residing in Canada, has agreed to look out for and protect this group of primarily Scandinavian natives. Please write to Chris with your ideas of how SCC can better serve you, and he will contact the rest of the volunteers who supposedly manage this club.

My New Year's Resolution

I made some progress these past three months, primarily at ARIPEX. But during the return trip home, my wife Barbara had another stroke and is unable to use her left side. Lifting her in and out of the wheelchair, cooking meals, etc. etc. has kept me too busy to find time for my stamps. But Allan Warrington took the time to examine my ARIPEX acquisitions, and found some stamps that were not LUXUS as represented. I don't blame the dealers. They haven't the time to examine every lower value stamp, so it points up that caveat "Buyer Beware" is still necessary in our acquisitions, even from the reliable dealers and auctioneers. The reliable ones will make good on the problem acquisitions if you meet them halfway, and that is a big difference!

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The Executive Secretary Speaks

By William H. Lamkin

Well, it is time to get out another Speaks! It seems like I just finished one and here we go again. I know a lot of you are wondering what happened to *The Posthorn* for February. I wish that if anyone finds out, they will let me know also. All I know for certain that it was late, late and later! I just received mine through the USPS yesterday (26 March 1991)!!

ARIPEX was a very good show. I am sure that it was enjoyed by everyone that attended. We did not get as many new members as at some other shows but we did

have a lot of our regulars show up. Our only new member was a very nice lady of Norwegian descent, Ms. Sandra Sundfor-Fulscher, Member 3338. She collects Norway, of course, and Denmark as well as Norway First Day Covers. Welcome aboard, Sandra!

One of the things that I reported to the Convention was an analysis of our new membership applications as to the age of our new members. I found that some 13 percent were in the group 30 to 39 years of age, 27 percent were 40 to 49 years and 60 percent in the above 50 years group! At the time I made the report, no one was in the below 30 year group! Since I returned there has been one new member in this grouping! This looks like that if we do not get out and do youth recruitment, we might die on the vine!

I can not say too much about getting the young people into stamp collecting. My own two children have never been the least bit interested in it, as it was for 'old folks'! My grandchildren also have not shown any interest except my granddaughter did ask for a stamp album last Christmas. You can be certain that she got one!

Another paragraph of my report was about getting material for *The Posthorn* of interest to the average collector. I know the backbone of our Club is older members who are specialists in the various fields, but we do need to serve members in all phases of Scandinavian collecting which includes the novice collector. From this group comes our future experts and specialists.

That is it for this issue. You will note that I have not mentioned dues nor the change of addresses until now, but that does not do away with some of the problems of my office. Postage has gone up and will go up again, so we need to save all the money we can. Pay dues on time. Send your address changes soon as you know where you are going!

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The Editor's Notebook

By Gene Lesney



Temporary change of 'Face'

If anyone noticed the different Century typeface in the March-delivered February issue, their attention is directed to this journal's return to English Times typeface now featuring extra "kern" courtesy of the dancing fingers of Trish Johnson at Wilcox Printing & Publishing, Madrid, Iowa. Before dashing to a dictionary, "kern" is a word describing the extra spacing between letter characters in typesetting. During the past year or so the floating cells of English Times type had been jamming together too tightly, making it illegible too often — thus the one-time switch to Century for the extra space provided by its serifs. Then Trish learned to Kern!

The Buck Stops Here

As to the late delivery, place the blame on your editor and forget it! An almost improbable sequence of delays overlapped to the point of impasse. During this same timeframe my new novel *Schedule* (cq) kept me revising and proofing pages to a point of distraction that I unknowingly produced a 64-page journal for our budget-limited 48-pager. This added to the frustrations forcing last minute revisions of the entire layout. It did provide the advantage of a ready made extra 16 pages for the May issue, so don't complain if this issue arrives too early!

Adding to the Confusion

Just learned that a not so funny thing happened on the way to the post office. The usually alert staff at Wilcox Printing & Publishing in Iowa somehow by-passed the carefully prepared and updated mailing labels made especially for February 1991. Instead someone at Wilcox Printing produced another set of address labels using a label machine holding the May 1990 list; which skipped all new members and address changes since that date and failed to delete deceased and dropped members! Our apologies to Exec. Secty. Bill Lamkin who prepared the unused February 1991 mailing labels, and further apologies to those members omitted in the mishap. Dennis Wilcox has assured us this will not occur again!

Special Thanks to Ex-Staffers

Before their names fade into history, a BIG THANK YOU goes out to our former associate editors whose contribution to this journal raised its quality high enough in '89 to win *The Posthorn* its first gold medal at the Champion of Champion STaMp-SHOW, at Anaheim, CA. The honored staffers were: Marvin D. Hunewell, Michael E. Falls and Eric P. Karlson; plus continuing editors Dr. Roger G. Schnell, Mike

Hvidonov and Dan Laursen. Our recent realignment doesn't restrict contributions from former staffers or any other SCCer.

New Staffers Still Sought

Following up on last issue's announcement that Editors to present Iceland, Norway and Sweden who read the required language and can translate are needed to round off a "select" staff. Each will have an Assoc. Editor who resides in that nation to back up his coverage of new on 19th century and contemporary subjects. Also required is an English reading Chapter News Editor who is not too busy to reactivate a regular summary of chapter activities.

We will accept nominations or volunteers from the general membership for consideration. Arrangements for associates in residence in Iceland, Norway and Sweden are already in progress, however the final choice will be with the new editors selected in the USA. It should be noted that most of the people in Scandinavia who are available also speak, write and translate their language to English. A few don't! These areas deserve much more attention and coverage in *The Posthorn*, which by virtue of available articles appears to be developing into a two nation publication. That will never happen!

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Library News

Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

The big news this quarter is the gigantic donation of publications from the Swedish Postmuseum in Stockholm, over **70 pounds** of items! Museum Librarian Eric Hamberg contacted me in early March with a list of available material that the Museum Library would be willing to send us. The list was returned with the wanted items checked-off. In quick order three packages were received. Not only did he send the requested books, but he also checked *SCC Index* and forwarded many publications we lacked. Now we have an almost complete set of the Museum's Yearbook (38 volumes). An amended index of these annual publications is available for members to search for articles on selected subjects.

As you can well imagine I have had to extend the shelving in the Swedish section. This donation is certainly going to enrich the collecting of our members.

We have received permission from the Danish Postal authorities to reproduce their publication of Danish cancels and postmarks. This book was given to me by Jens Nyboe about 10 years ago and has served as a great stimulus for me to collect any and all types of Danish markings. Ask for *DEN B 163* if you want to check out this book. It is expected that the SCC will publish a centerfold handbook, based on these cancel listings, in the near future. Included in the original is a very detailed section on the various markings of København.

Leif Hasle, of Denmark, has forwarded his new book, *Catalog of Danish Ferry Stamps*, to the SCC Library. This is a very interesting book and worth a look. People interested in buying this publication can order it from:

Navidan A/S, Landemærket 55, DK 1119 København K. Denmark. Price \$22.00

(sea mail) or \$24.00 (air mail)

Library Donations January 1, 1991 to March 31, 1991:

Cash: Russell Anderson, Chapter 4 Auction, Jeffrey Curtis, Gary Friggens, Ole Hellsten, Roger Quinby, George Sellnau, Melvin Sturdahl, Mike Tuttle, and Joop J. Van Sikkelerus.

BOOKS

H. L. Arnould

Danish West Indies Postal History — Foreign and Private Postal Services. Photocopies of the donor's award winning exhibit. 128pp.

Torbjorn Bjork

The Dark Side of Postal History — Adulterated Covers. 35mm slide show (13) with written commentary of the donor's SESCOAL '88 Seminar based on the findings of the Swedish Expert Committee. See *Posthorn* article (February 1989, pg. 3)

Forschungsgemeinschaft Nordische Staaten E.V. Arbeitsgruppe Finnland.

Die Verwendung Russischer Postwertzeichen in Finnland — 1890-1918. Dirk Vorwerck. 1990. 48pp. Illus. Russian stamps used in Finland during the period 1890-1918. May be purchased from this organization for DM 9.50.

Grønlands Postvæsen

"Puisit — Seals in Greenland." *Grønlands Postvæsen*. 1991. 4pp. Interesting discussion of the various seals that are depicted on the new stamp issues of Greenland. Illus.

Leif Hasle

Catalog of Danish Ferry Stamps — 1991. Leif Hasle. 68pp. A complete listing of these interesting labels giving value in Danish kroner. A detailed history of each ferry service is included along with the illustrated labels that were issued by each company.

Norman Kopp

Føroyar 78 Meter Marks. E. Wowern. 1978. 42pp. Illus. Catalog of meter postmarks from the Faroes.

The Faroe Islands Part III. E. Wowern. 1970. 46pp. Illus. History of stamps and postmarks.

Faroe Islands 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986. E. Wowern. 5 books listing the postage stamps and postmarks of these islands. Each about 125pp. Illus.

Postforbindelsen Færøerne-Danmark I Arene 1940-45. E. Wowern. 1982. 28pp. Illus. Mail connections between the Faroes and Denmark during the war years, 1940-45. Featuring Red Cross letters.

Færøernes — Postale Forhold Under Anden Verdenskrig. K. Hopballe. 1986. 224pp. Illus. Postal history of the Faroes during World War II.

Løst og Fast af Færøernes Posthistorie. I. Nielsen. 1986. Illus. General postal history of the Faroes.

Ameripex '86 — Final Report. 24pp. Illus.

Danske Censurstempler 1914-18 og 1939-49. B. Jakobsen & E. Larsen. 1979. 96pp. Pricelist and rarity rankings of Danish censor markings.

British FPOs in Scandinavia 1940-47. (Denmark, Faroe Islands, Iceland & Norway). D. Cornelius. 1981. 68pp. Illus.

The Surveillance of Foreign Mail by German Authorities During WWII. K. Reimer. (undated). 88pp. (photocopies). English translation of a detailed German study. Illus.

Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub

"Oversigt over Artiker i NFT om de TOFARVEDE i perioden 1961, 1990." KPK. 6pp. Index of articles about the Danish Bicolored issues found in the *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, the journal of the Kjøbenhavns Philatelist Klub, in the period 1961 to 1990.

En Lørdag i Thisted. 1991. KPK. 36pp. The annual report of the Kjøbenhavns Philatelic Klub with the agenda for the 1991 programs. Gift of the KPK.

James K. Melberg

"Calender Scheme." 1991. P. O'Neill. S. Col. 11/90. A computer floppy disk, programmed by the donor, that works out the day of the week by entering the complete date. For use on an IBM compatible machine.

Jens Warrer Nyboe

Dansk P&T Listing of Town Cancels with a Type Key. 1954? 15pp. List of Danish town cancels and postmarks depicting the types used from early on.

John Schaad

Katalog over Norges Helpost Pristiliste. 1980. T. Haga & P. Jensen. 16pp. Price list of postal stationery of Norway.

Arlene Swanson

The Roger A. Swanson Collection. "Iceland's Numeral of Value Issue 1976 to 1902." Photocopies. 173pp.

Swedish Institute

On Sweden. S. Hadenius & A. Lindgren. 1990. 114pp. This book is published by the Swedish Institute and provides a general introduction to Swedish society and culture.

Swedish Postmuseum

Dänische Nummern-und Sternstempel. Katalog 1986. D. Mickel. 114pp. Illus. Value listings of Danish number and star cancels.

Hjemstavn 90. Catalog. Odense, Denmark. 1990. 90pp. A Danish exhibit featuring postal history. Many articles on this subject.

Næstved 90 Catalog. Næstved, Denmark. 1990. 82pp. Many interesting articles with the main one dealing with Næstved and its surrounding post offices.

Cancellations of the Finnish Postal Stoppingplaces. Part 1 Lapland. K. Hirvikoski. 106pp. Listing of straight line "village cancels" of Lapland.

Cancellations of the Finnish Postal Stoppingplaces. Part 2 St. Michels Län & Part 3 Kuopio Län. K.

- Hirvikoski. 175pp. Listing of the straight line "village cancels" of the provinces of Mikkel & Kuopio.
- Iceland — Handbuch — Die Plattenfehler der Skilling und Awar-Marken im Oval.* W. Fenger & K. Bliese. Undated. 52pp. Illus. Plate flaws of the Skilling and Aurar oval stamps of Iceland.
- Handbuch Spitzbergen.* R. Kardel & G. Trögel. 1984. 226pp. Illus. A complete postal history of these intriguing islands.
- Filatelistisk Årbok, 1985.* Norsk Filatelistforbund. 170pp. Norway's annual book of philately, listing all new issues. Has many interesting articles on postal history and stamp collecting.
- Vikingaliv.* 1990. Various authors from the Swedish Postmuseum. 26pp. Illus. The story of the Vikings through stamps and coins.
- Posten I Sambället — Skildringar Från Fyra Sekel.* E. Lindgren. 1986. 202pp. Illus. History of mail distribution and delivery in Sweden for the past four centuries.
- Postkontor och Postmästare.* E. Grape. 1951. 904pp. List of Swedish Post Offices and Postmasters with their dates of service and family histories from the early 1600's.
- Ommontering av Svenska Utställningsamlingen — Nytt I Postmuseum, 1974.* 12pp. Illus. Listing of new exhibits in the Swedish Postmuseum.
- Svensk Militärpost I Krig och Fred Från 1600-Talet Fram till Andra Världskriget.* P. Heurgren. 1961. 242pp. Illus. History of the Swedish military post from 1600 to the World War II.
- Ehetsportot och Frimärket.* E. Grape 1955. 162pp. History of Swedish postage stamps and distribution of the mails.
- Katalog V över Hans Lagerlöfs Frimärksdonationer till Postmuseum, 1932-1937.* 186pp. Illus. Hans Lagerlöfs donation to the Postmuseum, 1932 to 1937.
- Katalog VI över Hans Lagerlöfs Frimärksdonationer till Postmuseum, 1939.* 132pp. Illus. Hans Lagerlöfs donation to the Postmuseum in 1939.
- Falu-Bygdens Posthistoria.* B. Lunden & L. Lundin. 1988. 255pp. Illus. Postal history of the area around Falun, Sweden. List the various Post Office showing cancels and periods of usage along with the names of the office staff.
- Posten I Fortid och Nutid.* P. Heurgren. 1924. Illus. Story of postal service from early times until the 1920's.
- Vad Kostade Brevet? Enbok om Inrikes Brevportot Genom Tiderna.* S. Carlin. 1975. 138pp. Illus. Story of mail service from the 1600s to date with the emphasis on the rates from all over the world. Many charts.
- Svenska Postgirot Minneskrift 1925-1949.* K. Wilhelmsson. 1950. Illus. The historical account of the Swedish Post Giro system.
- Svenska Brev — Förfilateli från 1600-Talet till 1855.* S. Nilebrant. 1974. Illus. Story of pre-philatelic letters from the 1600's to 1855 in Sweden.
- Post-Historia Fran Ljungby Kommun.* E. Lindgren. 1980. 146pp. Illus. Postal history from the Ljungby Commune of Sweden. Lists the post offices and illustrates some of the postmarks.
- Kommunikation I Allbo.* E. Lindgren. 1983. 226pp. Illus. Postal history of Allbo Härad in Sweden. This area involves many railway post stations. Illustrates many cancels.
- Postryttaren Postmusei Årsboker,* for the following years: 1950 79pp., 1951 65pp., 1952 60pp., 1953 85pp., 1954 105pp., 1957 111pp., 1958 143pp., 1959 104pp., 1960 83pp., 1961 86pp., 1962 93pp., 1963 146 pp., 1964 147 pp., 1965 188pp., 1966 166pp., 1967 200pp., 1968 186pp., 1969 215 pp., 1970 215 pp., 1971 215pp., 1972 266pp., 1973 229pp., 1974 222pp., 1975 245 pp., 1976 260pp., 1977 217pp., 1978 224pp., 1979 240pp., 1980 216pp., 1981 210pp., 1982 206pp., 1983 200pp., 1985 198pp., 1986 224pp., 1988 210pp., 1989 168pp., 1990 192pp. The Swedish Postmuseum's Yearbook.
- Samlingsregister Över Artiklar I Postryttaren Årg 1-20.* 5pp. Index of articles found in the Swedish Postmuseum's Year Book #1 through 20 — 1950 through 1970.
- Samlingsregister över Artiklar I Postryttaren Årg 21-40.* 20pp. Index of articles found in the Swedish Postmuseum's Year Book #21 through 40 — 1970 through 1990. Photocopies.
- Häftessamlarens ABC.* Postmuseum. Undated. 64pp. Listing and illustrations of the various Swedish automatic booklets from 1954 to 1979.
- Något om Posten I Norrköping.* F. Wester. 1983. 123pp. Illus. Postal history of Norrköping, Sweden.
- Ångbatar I Postens Tjänst.* Various authors from the Postmuseum. 1989. 40pp. Illus. Stories about the various postboats in the Swedish Postal Service.
- Alan Warren**
- "Some notes on the errors of Denmark." T. Stevenson. Amer. Phil. Congress. 1946. 6pp. Illus.
- Appendix to Chapter III of DWI Mails, Vol. 1 The British Mail.* R. Stone. 1990? DWI Study Group. 53pp.
- "Finland the Serpentine Rouletted Stamps 1860-1875." C. Johnson. Amer. Phil. Congress. 1947. 4pp. Illus.
- "Norway Postmarks — The Local Posts." F. Brofos. Am. Ph. Cong. 1957. 100pp. Illus.
- "Revenue Stamps of Norway." F. Brofos, Am. Ph. Cong. 1961. 11pp. Illus.
- "The Pre-Stamp Postmarks of Norway — With a Check-List." S. Yort. Am. Phil. Cong. 1955. 6pp. Illus.
- "The Preadhesive Markings of Christiania (Oslo)." G. Grabfield & H. Thrap-Meyer. Am. Ph. Cong. 1955. 4pp. Illus.
- "Norway-Coat of Arms Issue 1863-66: One Original Drawing for all Denominations." R. Norby. Am. Ph. Cong. 1964. 20pp. Illus.
- "The Frame Varieties of the Bicolored Ups of the Danish West Indies." D. Stericker. Am. Ph. Cong.

1955. 6pp. Illus.

"The British Post Office in St. Thomas." S. Yort. *Am. Ph. Cong.* 1953. 7pp. Illus.

"Itä-Karjalan postimerkit — Les timbres-poste pour la Carelie Orientale." N. Mali. Source & date unknown. English translation of a Finnish article about stamps of Karelia. 17pp.

ARIPEX '91. Catalog. 1991. 36pp. Tucson, Arizona Show that hosted the National meeting of the SCC. Grand prize was awarded to Peer Lorentzen for his Danish exhibit, "Denmark #1-10" H. Arnould took the Reserve grand for "Postal History of the Danish West Indies." Altogether 10 gold awards were won by Scandinavian exhibitors.

Fundamentals of Philately. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. L.N. & M. Williams. APS publications about the total field of philately from paper, watermarks design through the printing processes onto gum and separation of stamps. 2393 pp. Illus. Donated by Alan Warren.

Kr. Wilhelmsen

Filatelistisk Årbok 1990. Norsk Filatelistforbund. 164pp. Illus. The yearly book on Norwegian Philately. Lists and illustrates all stamps issued in 1990. Depicts the many slogan and commemorative postmarks. Many short articles that concern collectors of Norwegian stamps. The main article is about the earliest known letter (1809) from Norway to America.

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Membership Report

New Members for May 1991

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| 3336 | SILVERSTEIN, Calvin, 25-3 Laurel Springs Ln., Reading, PA 19606 Sweden, Canada | By: Lamkin 2561 |
| 3337 | HARTLEY, Mrs. Lucille, 305 Shadowmoor Dr., Decatur, GA 30030 Norway, Faroes, US Perfins, Linos Int | By: Lamkin 2561 |
| 3338 | SUNDFOR-FULSCHER, Sandra, Address withheld by request Norway, Denmark | By: Lamkin 2561 |
| 3339 | SORBO, Finn, N-4063 Voll, Norway Norway, Denmark | By: Lamkin 2561 |
| 3340 | HAKE, Stephen, 10662 Lora St., Temple City, CA 91780 Scandinavia | By: Lamkin 2561 |
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| 3345 | CICHORZ, Roger S., 3925 Longwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80303 Scandinavia, Aland, Faroes | By: Smith 1824 |
| 3346 | SALSMAN, Lawrence F., 1507 Olson Dr., P.O. Box 228, Gustine, CT 95322 Scandinavia | By: Lamkin 2561 |
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| 2673 | JOHNSON, Gustaf E. — Member since September, 1982 |
| 1007 | SHELLHAMER, Robert H. — Member since July, 1964 |

Resigned Members

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| 0540 | GRABFIELD, Philip R. — Member since September 1948 |
| 2422 | HOLMGREN, Ken-Eric — Member since June 1980 |
| 3028 | MEACHAM, Scott — Member since November 1986 |
| 2204 | OTT, Russell E. — Member since June 1979 |
| 2853 | REIS, Werner — Member since January 1985 |
| 2306 | MARKOWITZ, Irving — Member since March 1980 |
| 2608 | SALINGER, Rudolph M. — Member since December 1981 |
| 1515 | HANSON, Thomas C. — Member since June 1971 |

Address Changes for May 1991

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| 1752 | JERNIGAN, Robert, P.O. Box 34417, West Bethesda, MD 20827-0417 |
| L-77/3220 | KOLS, David M., 1177 N. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63132 |
| 2260 | HARFORD, Joyce G., 130 Rideau Terr., Ottawa, ONT., Canada K1M 0Z2 |
| 1561 | HUNEWELL, Marvin D., P.O. Box 190047, St. Louis, MO 63119 |
| 1247 | KUHHORN, George A., P.O. Box 4486, Emerald Isle, NC 28594 |
| 3068 | ALBACH, Walter C., 824 SW Shoremont Ave., Seattle, WA 98166-3646 |
| 2554 | GUSTAFSON, Richard, P.O. Box 177, Mauricetown, NJ 08329 |
| L-49/1845 | OLIVER, Susan W., 46 Woodville Rd., Ham, Richmond Surrey, England TW10 7QN |
| 1932 | SORENSEN, Leif B., 5140 S. Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, IL 60615-4206 |
| 2096 | LARSEN, Karl, 105 E. 10th St, Muscatine, IA 52761-3936 |
| 3183 | L'HEUREUX, Robert A., 20000 U.S. 19 North, Lot 816, Clearwater, FL 34624 |

Membership Report for May 1991

February 1991 Membership:

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| Regular Members..... | 949 |
| Life Members..... | 59 |
| Honorary Members..... | 6 |
| Total Membership..... | 1014 |

May Adjustment:

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| Regular Members..... | +14 |
| Life Members..... | 0 |
| Honorary Members..... | 0 |
| Reinstated Members..... | +2 |
| Resigned Members..... | -8 |
| Deceased Members..... | -2 |
| Membership Adjustment..... | +6 |

May 1991 Membership:

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| Regular Members..... | 955 |
| Life Members..... | 59 |
| Honorary Members..... | 6 |
| Total Membership..... | 1020 |

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Dr. Børge Lundh of Denmark is the author of the book "European Letters to Finland 1819 to 1873." He also has written many articles and two books on postal history.

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Postal routes around the Baltic Sea are described with illustrating maps. Exchange rates and Russian postal rates are documented and a general description of postal rate markings is provided.

The book is in English. Copies can be obtained from the Philatelic Federation of Finland, Mannerheimintie 40 A 15, 00100 Helsinki, Finland. Price is FMk 380 plus postage of about FMk 45

Interested buyers should contact the publisher about reprints because this book is currently sold out.

—George A. Hughmark

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SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB - TREASURER'S REPORT

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| | 1990 | |
| INCOME: | | |
| ADMISSION FEES | \$114.00 | |
| INTEREST ON SAVINGS | 686.25 | |
| LITERATURE SALES | 56.00 | |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES | 12,943.03 | |
| POSTHORN SUBSCRIPTIONS | 40.00 | |
| SALE OF MEDALS & INSIGNIAS | 20.00 | |
| SALE OF MAILING LIST | 100.00 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 13,959.28 | |
| EXPENSES: | | |
| POSTHORN | | |
| PUBLISHING COSTS: | | |
| 4 POSTHORNS & 1 SUPPLEMENT | 9,608.62 | |
| POSTAGE | 1,722.10 | |
| EDITOR'S EXPENSES | 711.10 | |
| LESS ADVERTISING INCOME | 2,740.72 | |
| TOTAL | 9,301.10 | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE | | |
| CHAPTER SPONSORSHIPS | (150.00) | |
| DUES NOTICES | 164.20 | |
| DUE & SUBSCRIPTIONS | 35.00 | |
| MEMBERSHIP CARDS | 179.67 | |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | 592.82 | |
| POSTAGE | 863.05 | |
| PUBLICITY | 406.80 | |
| TELEPHONE | 267.60 | |
| PRINTING | 483.46 | |
| EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STIPEND | 1,040.00 | |
| MEDALS & INSIGNIAS | 31.57 | |
| TRAVEL | 254.42 | |
| ELECTION | 239.18 | |
| TOTAL | 4,407.77 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 13,708.87 | |
| SURPLUS | 250.41 | |
| MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID IN ADVANCE | | |
| PRIOR YEAR RESERVE | (6,136.00) | |
| CURRENT YEAR RESERVE | 9,256.00 | |
| CASH BALANCE PRIOR YEAR | 14,109.54 | |
| CASH BALANCE CURRENT YEAR | \$17,479.95 | |

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