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Elemental Scandinavian Collecting

By Al Gruber

I recently purchased a luncheon place mat which showed the periodic table of the chemical elements, and when I noticed names having a certain Scandinavian ring, vocation and avocation converged. Twenty-three of the one hundred and nine chemical elements known by 1990 were discovered in Fenno-Scandinavia. Table one summarizes the twenty-three. The discoverers who have been honored on Scandinavian stamps and their discoveries follow.

Jöns Berzelius (Fig. 1) is credited with discovering four chemical elements. With cerium, he shared honors with Wilhelm von Hisinger, but Berzelius alone is credited with identifying selenium, silicon and thorium. Was Berzelius psychic? He named the last after the Scandinavian God of War, Thor. Later investigators have found thorium to be three times more abundant than uranium for use in nuclear fuel. The total potential energy available from thorium on our planet is estimated to exceed the combined energies of uranium and all the fossil fuels available.

The *Facit* catalog credits Karl Wilhelm Scheele (Fig. 2) with discovering fluorine and oxygen in addition to chlorine and molybdenum, but fails to mention he was the first to identify wolfram. Wolfram, more commonly

known as tungsten, in Swedish is 'tungsten' or heavy stone. Other recognized sources name different chemists for fluorine and oxygen. This is not unusual as during the early surge of chemical discoveries quite a few elements were announced almost simultaneously by experimenters working independently. Jealousy and rancor were common. In many cases it is impossible to decide who was first, and national pride prevails.

The discoveries of Carl Mosander and Johann Gadolin (Fig. 3) are intertwined. Gadolin did a great deal of work with a mineral found in a quarry at Ytterby, a village described in one source as near both Stockholm and Vauxholm. The mineral was named gadolinite; honoring the Finnish chemist. From that mineral, Mosander identified erbium and terbium: Gadolin found yttrium. Yttrium more recently has been found in lunar rock in relatively high concentrations. (Still another element, ytterbium, was found in another mineral from that same quarry, but the investigative work was done outside Scandinavia so it no included here.) Carl Mosander's third element discovery was lanthanum. Although Swedish and an eminent chemist, Mosander has yet to be honored on a Swedish stamp.

Fittingly, Ytterby is the root word



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for the names of the elements; erbium, terbium, yttrium and ytterbium. Does the name mean anything to postmark collectors? There is a very small place near Gothenburg called Kungälv in the rural district of Ytterby. Kungälv received the status of post station, the smallest facility, on June 17, 1907. The station was changed to Ytterby on May 13, 1939 and according to the Swedish postal Museum no longer survives, but it was not the Ytterby of chemical element fame near Stockholm for which I know of no cancellation.

Dirk Coster and G. DeHevesy (Fig. 4) were coworkers who identified hafnium found in Norwegian zircon. They named it for Hafnia, the Latin name for the city of Copenhagen, in which it was originally identified (Fig. 5).

Sir William Ramsay (Fig. 6), Nils Langlet and P. T. Cleve were codiscoverers of helium, while Cleve is the sole discoverer of holmium and

thulium. Cleve named holmium for his native city, Stockholm (Fig. 7), and thulium for the ancient name of Scandinavia.

The element nobelium named after Alfred Nobel (Fig. 8) was discovered by the Nobel Institute for Physics in 1957. In those later years, individual researchers couldn't bear the program costs, and discoveries were made by teams working within large organizations.

Another element of Scandinavian relevance is scandium originally found in the minerals euxenite and gadolinite; which at the time were found only in Scandinavia. Lars Nilsson's discovery made it the fourth element found in the mineral gadolinite from Ytterby. The last element of Scandinavian relevance is vanadium named for the goddess Vanadis because of its beautiful multicolored compounds.

My atlas reveals only two towns bearing chemical element names of



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Table No. 1

Name	Symbol	Discoverer	Country	Date
Cerium	Ce	J. Berzelius & W. von Hisinger	Sweden	1803
Chlorine	Cl	Karl Wilhelm Scheele	Sweden	1774
Cobalt	Co	Georg Brandt	Sweden	1735
Erbium	Er	Carl Mosander	Sweden	1843
Hafnium	Hf	Dirk Coster & G. deHevesy	Denmark	1923
Helium	He	Nils Langlet, Cleve & Ramsey	Scotland & Sweden	1895
Holmium	Ho	P.T. Cleve	Sweden	1879
Lanthanum	La	Carl Mosander	Sweden	1839
Lithium	Li	Johan Arfvedson	Sweden	1817
Manganese	Mn	Johann Gahn	Sweden	1774
Molybdenum	Mo	Karl Wilhelm Scheele	Sweden	1778
Nickel	Ni	Axel Cronstedt	Sweden	1754
Nobelium	No	Nobel Institute for Physics	Sweden	1957
Scandium	Sc	Lars Nilson	Sweden	1876
Selenium	Se	Jöns Berzelius	Sweden	1817
Silicon	Si	Jöns Berzelius	Sweden	1824
Tantalum	Ta	Anders Ekeberg	Sweden	1802
Terbium	Tb	Carl Mosander	Sweden	1843
Thorium	Th	Jöns Berzelius	Sweden	1828
Thulium	Tm	P. T. Cleve	Sweden	1879
Vanadium	V	Nils Sefstrom	Sweden	1831
Wolfram	W	Karl Wilhelm Scheele	Sweden	1781
Yttrium	Y	Johann Gadolin	Finland	1794



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Scandinavian interest. Tungsten is a Canadian town in the Logan Mountains on the Yukon and Northwest Territories' border at Lat. 62 degrees north. There are two Cobolts; one in Connecticut and the other in Ontario, Canada.

It surprised me to find this much information about Fenno-Scandinavian chemical discoveries in history and on stamps. But, chemistry is a very active science in Scandinavia. The chemical societies of Denmark, Finland, Norway

and Sweden annually publish papers in *ACTA Chemica Scandinavica*, each a rather large volume. The sets covered are organic, inorganic and physical chemistry plus biochemistry. Printing is by Frenckellin Kirjapaino Oy in Helsinki and distribution by Munksgaard of Copenhagen. [Now can you "read" the cover?]

References:

The World Book Encyclopedia (1959)

Handbook of Chemistry and Physics

- 70th Ed.

Dr. Donald Halpern phone communication.

ACTA Chemica Scandinavica

Following is information on the figures:

Fig. 1 Jöns Jacob Berzelius (1779-1848) on the 1939 Bicentenary of the Royal Academy of Sciences — Sweden 10 and 30 öre. Also the bicentenary of his birth on the 1979 1.70kr.

Fig. 2 Carl Wilhelm Scheele (1742-1786) honored in 1942 on Sweden's 5 and 60 öre.

Fig. 3 Johan Gadolin (1760-1852) on Finland's 1960, 30 mark recalling the bicentenary of his birth.

Fig. 4 G. deHevesy (1885-1966) the 1943 Nobel in chemistry on the new

style Swedish Nobel stamp in 1983. (*Note: three others in the booklet — Svante Arrhenius, Theodor Svedberg and Arne Tiselius — are, of course, Scandinavian chemists as well, just not "elemental discoverers."*)

Fig. 5 The 800th anniversary of Copenhagen celebrated in 1967 as shown on a Denmark set of four.

Fig. 6 Sir William Ramsey (1852-1916) as the 1904 Nobel prizewinner in chemistry on Sweden's 40 öre in 1964.

Fig. 7 The 700th anniversary of Stockholm celebrated in 1953 on a Sweden set of two.

Fig. 8 Alfred Nobel (1833-1896) on Sweden's 20 öre of the 1946 two stamp set.

Scandinavia Area Awards

Greg Frantz won the reserve grand award at APEX along with a gold medal, the mayor's award for best exhibit by an Aurora resident, and Apex founder's award for best exhibit by an Aurora Stamp Club member, for his "Local Posts — Sweden and Finland." A vermeil medal went to Donald R. Brent at INDYPEX for his "Denmark's Wavy Lines 1905-1934."

At CHICAGOPEX Pall H. Asgeirsson received a gold for "Aerophilately of Iceland 1928-1946." In the literature section of this same show, the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation received a vermeil for Svend Mejdal's translation of sections of the *AFA Specialized Catalog 1987-88*, and SCC won a silver for Doc Melberg's *SCC 1993 Library Index*. The SPF and SCC received vermeil and silver awards respectively again for these publications at the SESCAL literature competition.

At COLOPEX, Harold E. Peter won a vermeil for "Schleswig-Holstein - Danish Administration, Their Military Units Prior to 1848, the 1848 Uprising and 1864 War of Schleswig-Holstein." The NORDIA 92 show in Kristiansand, Norway afforded the exhibition of five

U.S. collections. Roger Schnell received a gold and the Grand Prix Nordique for "Danish West Indies 1847-1905," and Don Halpern won a large vermeil for "Prestamp Scandinavian Mail Through the Foreign Post Offices in Hamburg."

Dan Laursen took a vermeil and the Mandel Filatelistklubb Special Award for "Danish Postal Stationery 1864-1902," and another vermeil went to Roger Quinby for "Russian Stamps and Postal Stationery." Allan Warrington received a large silver for his "Norway's Small Die Posthorn Issues 1886-1894." At VAPEX LeRoy Ferber won a silver for his "19th Century Charta Sigillata and Stamped Revenue Paper of Sweden."

—Alan Warren

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Hunting for Polar Items

Dr. Dan Laursen reports that the Post Inspector of Greenland missed the big reception at the Danish Post and Telegraph Office announcing new issues for 1993 last October. Gunnar Caspersen broke his leg while hunting polar bear near Jakobshavn/Ilulissat.

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Letters to the Editor

Unused 10 Kop. on Wide Laid Paper Part II

Mikko Ossa's *Keräilyuutiset* of Sept. 1992 reveals that the rare Finland 10 kop. unused, wide laid watermarked stamp of the 1859 emission has been purchased by Rolf Gummesson of Stockholm, a dealer. This fine item was featured on the cover of our August *Posthorn* as well as editorially.

This announcement came as no surprise to me since 'cash speaks in stentorian tones'; especially when the owner is of modest means. Ordinarily I would evince elation had a real philatelist cum exhibitor acquired so grand a gem.

Instead of oohs and ahhs and hundreds of admirers its destiny is to join a multitude of other rarities in a private stockbook for the joy of one person. Great items, able to serve best Finland's Philately, belong in the World-wide exhibition halls for the delight and interest of both philatelists and the general public.

I have heard numerous complaints concerning dealers whose proclivities press them to compete in major auctions bidding against collector/customers for choice items. This is no less than obnoxious when the collector is a customer who has purchased many very expensive items from the same source.

My simple solution is 'never to buy another philatelic item from the source of irritation.'

I am reminded that some years ago a dealer outbid a major collector for an item that was sorely needed in his fine exhibit. When the dealer was confronted and asked why he bid so much when he knew the urgent need of the customer, his terse response was, 'because I loved it so much.'

Such behavior by a wealthy businessman to a customer is best described as egregious, if not reprehensible, and

'I love not doing business with such people.'

—Mike Hvidonov

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Secret Ballots

The procedure for carrying out SCC elections was discussed at length by the by-laws committee back in 1972 when we drafted it. The procedure is designed to allow members to vote in secret while providing a method of verifying that each voter was qualified. Article VI, Section 9 of the by-laws describes the procedure in detail; the ballot, a blank envelope for the ballot, and an envelope addressed to the election committee are all to be sent to the members. A member votes, places his ballot in the blank envelope, places that envelope in the envelope addressed to the election committee, puts his name and membership number on the outer envelope only, and mails it to the election committee. This procedure allows the election committee to identify each ballot as having come from an eligible member. At the same time, the election committee can separate the inner ballot envelopes from the outer identifying envelopes, thus protecting the privacy of each member's vote.

For the second contested election in a row the SCC national officers and our paid Executive Director have ignored the explicit procedures set forth in the bylaws. I protest.

While I have placed my ballot in a plain envelope and sent it in an outer envelope with my name and membership number on them, I consider that my rights as a member have been seriously and significantly infringed.

—Benjamin H. Cohen

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Figure 2 — Much read (censored) and much travelled cover from Denmark to Iceland via Box 506 in Lisbon.

WWII Iceland Covers Through Box 506, Lisbon

by Art Hecker

During WWII residents in Iceland faced limitations when corresponding with their relatives in German occupied Europe. Figure 1 shows a copy of the British Postal Censorship (Icelandic) form P.C. 85 detailing the instructions for sending letters to enemy occupied territory. Instructions are included for both forwarded mail via Lisbon and Red Cross letters.

Figures 2 and 3 show the front and back of a cover from Anna Mortenson in Denmark to her daughter Ellen Sigvatsson who was married to an Icelander and living in Iceland. This cover was written up by Robert Dunn

about ten years ago in the Third Reich Study Group unit of the German Philatelic Society. The letter made its way from Ølstykke, Sjælland, Denmark through Munich (known by the censor code on the German censor tape); an Italian censor, Lisbon, Portugal and two British censors. There is no indication on the cover that it was destined for Iceland — the only indication is the Lisbon PO box 506 (where Thomas Cook & Son of London forwarded personal letters).

The Iceland connection was made at an SCC meeting when George Sickels met Robert Dunn and George

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5. Only one person may each letter.
6. You may not give your address.
7. No reference may be made to the war, to place names, localities, ships' names or journeys, nor may any mention be made of the censorship or of the means by which the letter is sent.
8. You may only write about your own private affairs, and no mention may be made of trade or business matters.
9. Enclosures are not allowed.
10. Only one letter may be put in each envelope.
11. Each letter must be put in an open unstamped envelope clearly addressed with the name and address of the recipient.
12. Ask the addressee to address the reply with your full name - c/o Post Box 506, Lisbon, Portugal.
13. Letters may be written Icelandic or Faroese or in the language of the country for which they are intended.

14. Communications for Prisoners of War (i.e. British and Allied Naval, Military and Air Force prisoners or civilian internees) must not be sent through Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son.
15. Letters are accepted entirely at the risk of the sender.
16. No mention may be made of letters written to or received from enemy or enemy-occupied territory. Instead you should say 'news' or 'messages'.

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2. Messages may be in Icelandic or Faroese or in the language of the country for which they are intended.
3. The full name and address of the addressee must be given.
4. You must take or enclose in your letter to the Red Cross an envelope with your full name and address, so that the Red Cross can send you the reply.
5. A postal order, value 2 shilling, to cover the cost of postage for the message and reply, must also be enclosed.
6. Messages may consist only of private matters and enquiries. It is not permissible to write of trade and business matters.

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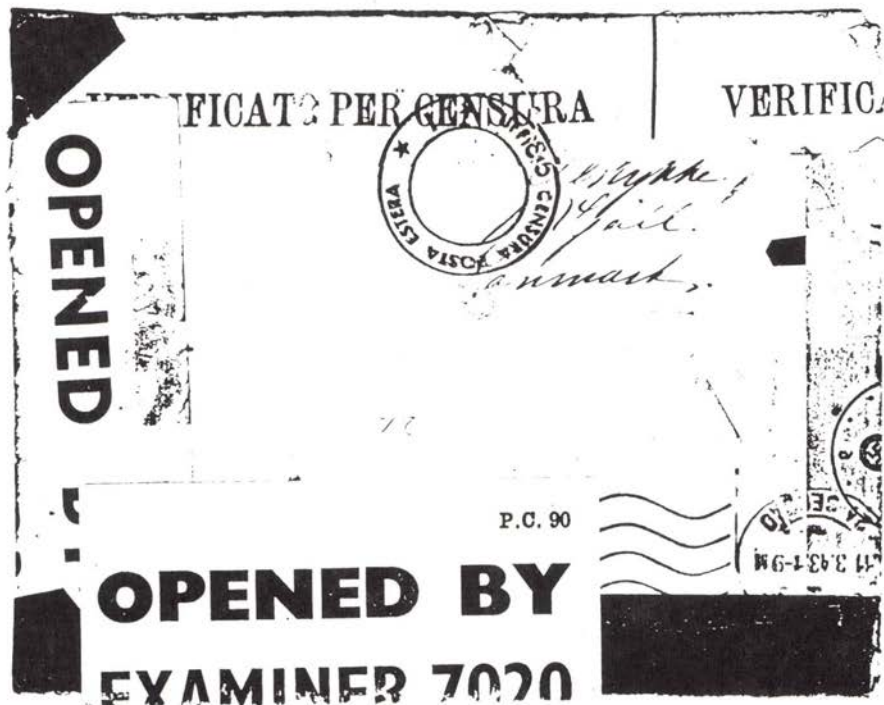


Figure 3 — Reverse of Figure 2. "Anna Mortenson, Ölstykke" covered at top by Italian censor tape. British censor at left; Munich censor at right.

recognized the name Ellen Sighvatsson. George was stationed in Iceland during the war, has regularly vacationed there since, and has frequently visited with Ellen. This summer (1992) George showed Ellen a copy of Dunn's Box 506 cover and she immediately recognized her mother's handwriting.

The Other Direction

On a previous visit with Ellen, George was given three covers with enclosed letters. Figure 4 shows one of these. Ellen got these letters back from her parents after the war and saved them. She had written them during the war to her parents in Ölstykke. They were posted in Lisbon, censored in Munich and delivered in Denmark.

Ellen has no recollection of sending or receiving letters through Thomas Cook & Son but must have done so in order to receive the contents of the Box 506 cover. She had another way to

correspond.

Helgi Briem

Ellen Sighvatsson related a story about the Icelandic consul in Lisbon — Helgi Briem. Sigfus Sighvatsson, her husband, and Briem were childhood schoolmates. Briem visited with them several times during the war on trips home from Lisbon. She recalled several times when Briem pulled letters from under the lining of his jacket sleeve and passed over her letters from Denmark.

Figure 5 shows a cover from Iceland to Helgi Briem included in a recent Rasch auction. Briem also acted as a conduit for mail between Iceland and occupied Europe during the war and was used by Ellen for this purpose. The Figure 4 letter shows no return address. That portion was cut out and it remains uncertain whether this particular letter was sent through Thomas Cook's Box 506 or through Helgi Briem.

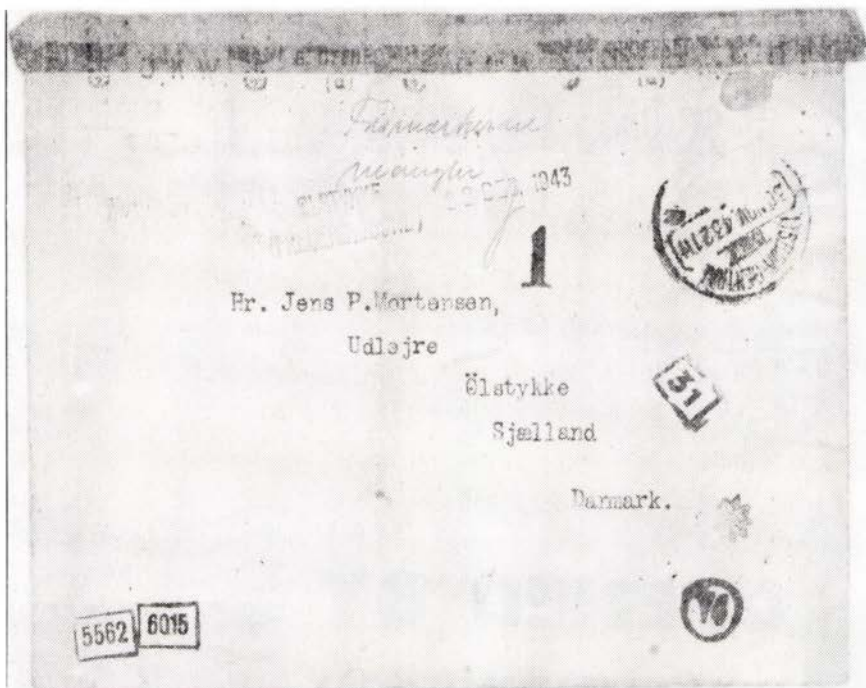


Figure 4 — 1943 cover from Iceland to Denmark. Posted in Portugal, the missing stamp was cancelled Lisboa central. Munich censor tape at top.

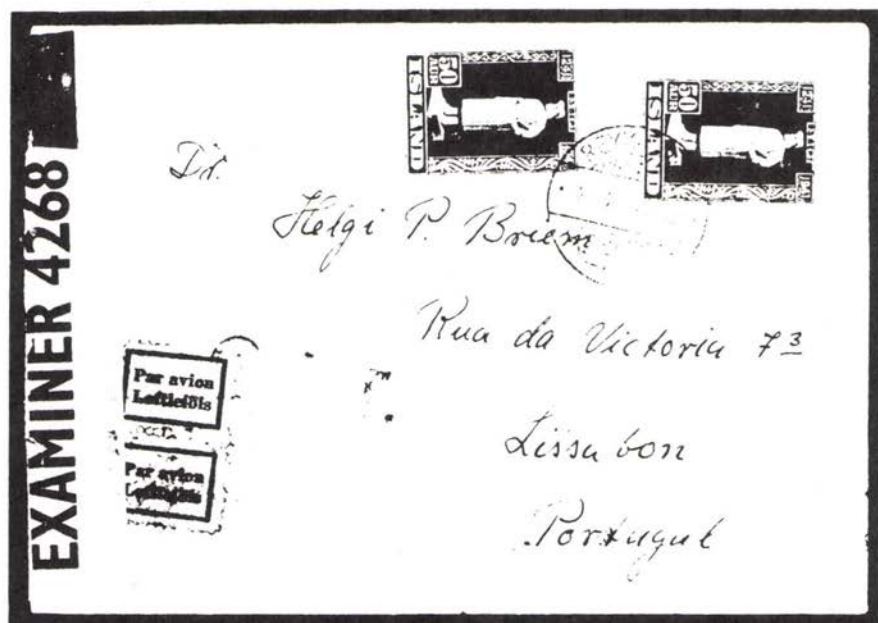


Figure 5 — Icelandic cover to Helgi Briem, Icelandic consul in Lisbon, who served as conduit for some wartime mail.

By coincidence one of the German boxed censor numbers — 6015 of the Munich office — can be seen on both Figure 2 and Figure 4. A censor fluent in Danish?

Combining the observations of Dunn, Sickels, Ellen and myself has

made these covers more interesting than at first glance.

(Note: After the war, Ellen Sighvats-son received an O.B.E. (Order of the British Empire) by the British government for wartime service.)

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Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

In the September issue of the British journal *Scandinavian Contact*, Mike Tuttle discusses slogan cancellations of Iceland, and Olga Ellis continues with the fifth part in her series on the handstamps of Kristiania. Eric Partridge continues with the sixth part of his series on postal history of Scandinavia in WW I. In issue 3/92 of the Norwegian journal *Frimerke Forum*, Anders Langangen discusses the use of cashier's imprints instead of stamps applied to packet cards. Birger Løvland continues his series on ships lost during WW II with a discussion on the *D/S Sanct Svithun*.

In the August issue of the Danish periodical *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*, Hans Schønning writes about the postal history of Feldborg. The June issue of *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* carries an article by Carsten Bjerg on plate flaws of the third printing of the 12 øre oval bicolor issue of Denmark, and Max Meedom writes about handling of mail by Prussian fieldpost during the occupation of Jutland in 1864. In the October issue of the same journal, Svend Hovard traces the railway postmarks of Schleswig-Holstein up until 1864.

Denmark's Stamp Clubs

The August issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* lists the over 120 clubs that belong to the DFF, showing the name of the club, when and where they meet, and the name, address and phone number of the president of each club. In

the September issue of the same journal Svend Hovard tells of the railway markings of the Struer-Thisted rail line, and Nils Groes illustrates plate varieties of the 5 øre Frederik VIII issue of Denmark.

In the October issue of the *DFT* Jan Krolak writes about several publications which list the perfins of Denmark, including some earlier publications in English which appeared between 1956 and 1980. In 1992, after ten years as president of Danmarks Filatelist Forbund, Knud Mohr stepped down and was replaced by Jørn Walther Pedersen. At the DFF meeting in Randers in October, the highest award of the society, the Denmark Medal, was bestowed on Mohr for his many years of service to the society and Danish philately.

Norway's Stamp Clubs

Ivar Sundsbø continues his series of articles on the OAT and AV 2 markings on covers in the July/August issue of *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Franz Moldenhauer, Jr. reports on World Columbian Expo 92 in the September issue. This issue also lists the over 100 clubs which belong to the Norsk Filatelistforbund, indicating club name and address. The October issue of the same journal carries an article by Jørgen Sjønung describing the work of the Norwegian stamp printing firm of Christian Holtermann Knudsen.

Focus on USA

The June/July issue of *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* has USA as its

theme, with articles about the Columbus anniversary, the new issues of Columbus stamps and the Elvis Presley stamp, the Olympic issues, and the philatelic press in this country. At the SFF meeting in Göteborg, the society's Strandell medal was awarded to Erland Brand. In the August issue authors Bo E. Stavenow and Erich Harbrecht document the perforation varieties found on the Arms type issues of Sweden in 1862-63.

In the same issue, all 20 views seen on Sweden's 1929 series of postal cards are illustrated. The October issue of *SFT* highlights the 70th anniversaries of clubs in Ystad and Gefle, and the 650th anniversary of the city of Växjö (Wexjö). In the German publication *Philatelistische Nachrichten* 2/92, author Günter Pansegrau continues his series on paper, gum, and printing varieties of recent Danish stamps; Bernd Fiedler writes more about the registration labels of the Faroes; and Joachim Schwab describes some counterfeits of Norway's Lion issues.

In issue 3/92 Pansegrau describes his studies of the paper and gum of the stamps of the Faroes when observed under ultraviolet light. Rolf Dömbach lists the old and new postal code numbering systems for the towns of Greenland. Dr. Pansegrau continues his studies with UV light, this time on the Christian X stamps of Iceland. Jürgen Tiemer provides some details on the Norwegian Exile post during WW II.

An article by SCC's publicity chairman Marvin Hunewell is featured in the October issue of *The Philatelic Shopper*. This newspaper format periodical made its first appearance at World Columbian Stamp Expo last May. Marv's article delves into the fun of collecting Denmark's Wavy Line issues. The article also gave SCC a boost. This new journal is available by subscription for \$12 per year from The Philatelic Shopper, Box 104, Lodi, WI 53555. The editor of this new periodical is Steven A. Sayles.

New Address for Chapter 17

Those of you who wish to contact

Chapter 17 of SCC, or the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California, Inc., or Paul Nelson who edits *Luren*, should note the new address: Box 310, Claremont, CA 91711. The former San Francisco post office box address held for many years was convenient for Pete Schlueter to pick up the mail. However, Pete passed away in October, and the address has been changed.

Speaking of *Luren*, Norway World War II expert Fred Brofos writes about the interesting postal stationery cards used for rationing in the September issue. The October issue features an article by Jon Bell on software which enables one to use fonts with Scandinavian characters on MacIntosh computers. In the December issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift* from Denmark, Hans Schønning continues his series of articles on Feldborg postal history.

In issue 2/1992 of *North Atlantic Philately*, Kristian Hopballe traces a 1939 cover from Iceland to a physician at a hospital in Sønderborg. On arrival the mailman was advised the doctor was aboard a ship headed for Iceland. The letter went to the steamship office in Copenhagen, but they had no forwarding address for the physician. The letter then went to the "Retour" office in Copenhagen and then back to Iceland, all in a period of about six weeks.

In the same issue, Hopballe and co-

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author Kai Dagfinn Nielsen present the first in a new series of articles detailing characteristics of three different machines used for cancellations in Tórshavn between 1954 and 1992. Russell Anderson offers some suggestions on how to collect and study Norway's famous posthorn stamps in the December 19, 1992 issue of *Stamp Collector*.

Erling Sjong, editor of *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, presents a report on NORDIA 92 in the November issue, and Anders Langangen illustrates the various cancels of Brevik from 1883 to 1945. In the December *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* Lasse Nielsen details plate varieties of the 1881 series of Denmark's oval bicolor issue.

The Classic Stamps of Denmark

The Classic Stamps of Denmark, published by the Philatelic Foundation of Denmark, an organization independent of existing philatelic groups, might well be called "GEMS" of classic Danish philately. The book portrays in brilliant color the classic stamps of Denmark from 1851 to 1870. It uses a format of selected enlargements and a readable text to impart pearls of philatelic information not readily available in a catalog or reference books. It is a treasure trove of philatelic history, and divulges information on rarity not available elsewhere. For some major rarities it traces the ownership as well as the appreciation in value of the item.

The editor has been discriminatingly selective in his choice of illustrations. The examples shown are beautiful and undoubtedly the "crème de la crème." Included are fascinating letters with mixed issue franking, frankings of several countries, and franking with

multiples which only whet the appetite of the connoisseur. Lest you become bored with rarity after rarity, interesting tidbits are interspersed among the pages. An example of the latter is the intriguing story of the discovery of the 2 Rigsbankskilling, Thiele printing used block of four, found in a school girl's "exercise book."

The book offers much to many. To those for whom ownership of the stamps would be an impossibility, it offers the opportunity to enjoy philatelic beauty through ownership of the book. To those interested in collecting this fascinating period it offers areas available for further study. To the students of classic Denmark it offers information not readily available elsewhere. And, last but not least, to the uninitiated it opens new vistas into the exciting and fascinating world of Danish philately.

The book is available for \$100 post-paid from Robert Bechsgaard A/s, Jul. Thomsensgade 7, 1974 Frederiksberg C, Denmark. This book is a must for any Danish collector.

—Roger G. Schnell, MD
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Fig. 1 — Letter from captain Vedel to his wife Charlotte flown by Charles Lindbergh

Unique Lindbergh Cover From North Atlantic Survey Flight?

By Les Winick and friends

Pall Asgeirsson had an exhibit page at Chicagopex 1992 that contained a cover with the description, "1933 Charles Lindbergh cover Greenland-Iceland." This cover may be unique. Incidentally, Asgeirsson received a gold medal for his exhibit. The story of the cover as told by Pall and with further information from Dan Laursen follows.

The mother ship of the 1933 Thule Expedition was M/Sch Nordstjernen, a three master owned by shipowner A. P. Møller, but captained by a naval officer, Aage H. Vedel. The ship was located in Mikis fjord, East Greenland, in order to help Lindbergh find a landing place near Angmagsalik. This letter was handed to Charles Lindbergh in Angmagsalik on August 6, 1933 when Vedel, Knud Ras-

mussen, who was the leader of The 7th Thule Expedition, and the manager of Angmagsalik met the aviator. (Note: Angmagsalik is now called Ammassalik.)

Lindbergh and his wife Anne were taken to the Geodetic motor boat *C.C.G. Andra* where they received a real Danish lunch. Then they went to Lindbergh's aircraft. Lindbergh also visited with the Danish Three Year Expedition further north on August 5th and 6th, 1933. Lindbergh visited with Knud Rasmussen again on August 13, 1933.

Lindbergh carried the letter to Reykjavik, where he was met by the Danish envoy, who sent it by ship via Bergen, Norway to Copenhagen where it was

cancelled 23.8.33. Copy of the back side mark of the cover in the lower left side of the front. This is the only known cover from the east coast of Greenland.

We are not sure this cover has been reported before. In 1933 Pan American Airways sponsored Mr. and Mrs. Lindbergh to make an extensive survey of the North Atlantic to look for potential bases for trans-Atlantic routes. This involved Newfoundland, Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, the Shetland Islands, and the Faroes. The Lindberghs carried a small postal sack from Holstensborg,¹ Greenland to Reykjavik, Iceland. This mail wasn't processed at Reykjavik but forwarded by ship to Copenhagen where it was canceled August 23.

The known postcards from this flight have a typed inscription describing the flight and a machine slogan receiving cancel. One was featured in Earl P. L. Apfelbaum's auction November 24, 1992. Pall Asgeirsson's cover differs in that it was posted on the east coast of Greenland

by the ship's captain assisting Lindbergh in his mission and bears a different receiving cancel though on the same date — August 23.

Information on Lindbergh's North Atlantic Survey Flights can be found in the American Airmail Catalogue, Volume 3, Lindberghiana, Subsections C and D — scattered among pages 1433-1441 in the Fifth Edition. Örjan Luning covers the survey flight on pp. 186-8 (in Swedish but with illustrations), p. 258 (English text), and lists two flight covers on p. 327 of The History of Airmail in Scandinavia.

1. All literature on the Lindbergh's flight and the typed inscription on the cards say "Holstensborg" although postmarks from the area read "Holstensborg." This was good politics on Lindbergh's part. Holstensborg was named for the president of the mission department, Count Johan Ludwig Holstein, but it's too German for the Danes and is often pronounced and spelled Holstensborg. (In Greenland: Sisimuit — fox-burrow.)

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Will Philately Need a New Name in Sweden?

It would appear that cover collectors will no longer be "philatelists" in Sweden. Les Winick reports in *Linn's* that the Swedish government is working towards "completely open postal competition" in 1993. The Swedish Post would become a state-owned corporation. At that point a value-added tax (VAT) would be placed on all mail delivery.

In other words, in these times when virtually all governments have revenue problems, the Swedish government wants to tax mail. Whoa! Philately means "love of an object exempt from tax" — that is; the joyful study of things related to franking (see *L. N. Williams "Fundamentals of Philately"*). If we start collecting objects subject to value added taxes, then what will we call ourselves? And were stamps considered taxes in the first place? And will somebody throw bags of mail in Stockholm harbor as the Bostonians did

the "stamp-taxed" tea? (I hope not my auction bids with some Swedish firms.)

Perhaps Swedes will become philatellers. Or maybe we'll all have to forget about contemporary covers and be pure philatelists. I just don't know.

(Sources in Sweden say a competitor has arisen but not much is happening yet.)

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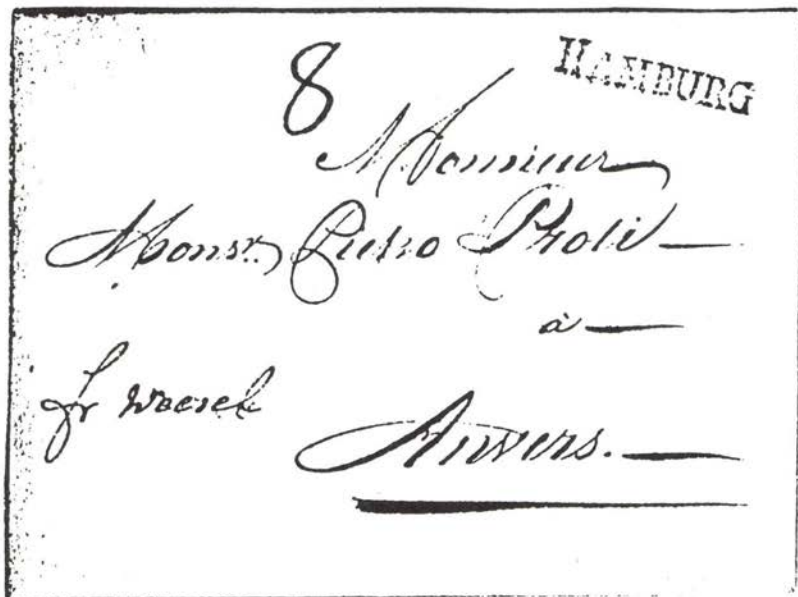


Figure 1 — 1784 letter from Stockholm to Antwerp posted at Hamburg

Early use of the HAMBURG Handstamp

By Gordon Hughmark

Hamburg was the major transit point in the late 18th century for Scandinavian mail to central and southern Europe and to England. A HAMBOURG handstamp was used at Paris from 1751 to 1784 on letters from Hamburg. Scandinavian letters were requested to be prepaid to Hamburg. Postage for the German and French segments of the journey then had to be paid by the recipient. If the recipient refused to pay or if the letter could not be delivered, the French post then returned the letter so that the French post would not have to pay the German postage share for the letter. This was the reason for the HAMBOURG stamp usage at Paris. The Reichspost (Thurn and Taxis) had a post office in Hamburg and conveyed the mail from Hamburg to France. The Reichspost used handstamps on letters to the Danish postal area beginning as early as 1757

but did not use a handstamp on letters from Scandinavia until 1784.

The Reichspost's Requirements

The Reichspost recognized the need for origin postmarks in 1784. Letters that could not be delivered to the recipient were returned and had to be opened to determine the place of origin if this was not recognizable. Opening of letters raised objections. The Reichspost general post director in Regensburg issued an order on April 3, 1784, that recognition of the place of origin was required on all letters. This could be either in manuscript or by means of a stamp. The Reichspost office in Hamburg rapidly complied with this order because a HAMBURG handstamp is known used on April 24, 1784. The postmark was used as a transit stamp, as well as an origin stamp, in the first few months of use as letters posted in the Danish postal area are known with this as a transit

stamp. After these first few months, the HAMBURG stamp appears only on Scandinavian letters that were posted in Hamburg, in some instances by a forwarder. Figure 1 shows a letter of August 6, 1784 from Stockholm to Antwerp that was prepaid to Wesel. This letter was posted at Hamburg as there is no indication of postage being paid to Hamburg. HAMBURG handstamps were apparently made up of loose type as many different stamps appear during the period of usage until 1806 with variance in overall length, letter height, letter shape, and internal distances between the letters. A DÄN-NEMARK handstamp is known used as early as 1786 by the Reichspost on transit mail from the Danish postal area and a SUEDE stamp was later used for mail from Sweden. With these location specific transit stamps, there was no reason for usage of the HAMBURG stamp on Scandinavian mail other than for the letters posted at Hamburg.

The 1747-1748 Letters

Three letters have been found from 1747 and 1748 with HAMBURG stamps¹. These are on letters from Hamburg to Brunswick and to Frankfurt am Main. The authenticity of the very early use of this stamp has been questioned, but the letters in HAMBURG are identical, except for the G, and the letter spacing is the same as for the stamp shown by Figure 1. It is unlikely that a faked stamp at a later time would be nearly the same as the stamp that was first used in 1784 as there are many variations of HAMBURG on later letters. Also, the rapid response of the Hamburg Reichspost office in April 1784 to the order for origin stamp usage could indicate that a handstamp was already in existence.

The reason for the use of this stamp in 1747 and 1748 can only be a subject

for speculation as there is no record as to the reason for its use. At that time, Reichspost routes from Hamburg had to go through Hannover territory. The Reichspost had a right to passage through Hannover territory dating back to 1616. The Hannover post had been brought under State administration in 1736. The three existing letters are to destinations serviced by the Reichspost and had to be carried through Hannover territory. An agreement between Hannover and Thurn and Taxis of June 25, 1748 specifically provided for Reichspost operation on routes through Hannover. This agreement is reported to have resulted from differences between Hannover and the Reichspost in 1745. Perhaps the HAMBURG usage in 1747-1748 was a result of these problems. It is highly unlikely that a Scandinavian letter will be found with this stamp as such a letter would have had to be posted at Hamburg to one of these Reichspost destinations. Scandinavian letters to these destinations from that time are virtually non-existent. These letters do show a very early use of a handstamp that was later used on Scandinavian letters.

1. Knauer, Karl, "Der Thurn & Taxis-Stempel "HAMBURG" vor 1751," Arbeitsgemeinschaft "Hansestädte" im Bund Deutscher Philatelisten, Mitteilung Nr. 6, Ende 1970.

[Ed. Note: Philatelic terminology can be confusing — particularly to a beginner or when a collector branches off into a new area. In this article the word "stamp" always refers to a handstamp, not a piece of paper used to prepay postage. Cancel would be the wrong word since in this case nothing is canceled. "Postal marking" seems unwieldy.]

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Selling a Scandinavian Collection in Scandinavia

By Duane G. Petersen

No matter how dedicated a collector may be or how long philately has been a part of the family, a variety of circumstances can arise to force the decision to sell all or part of a collection. Where urgency is not an issue the usual prime consideration is getting the best return on a lifetime investment.

When I came to this juncture recently, I remembered hearing the argument that stamps sell best in the country of origin. After a moderate amount of research, I concluded that selling my Scandinavian collection in Scandinavia was worth a try. I will never know for sure whether I might have done better in the US, but the net return of a little above 19% of 1992 Scott value leads me to believe I probably did about as well, if not better, following the route I took.

For anyone interested in trying the overseas approach, here are some guidelines that might make the process a little easier.

Choosing the Auction House

Each issue of *The Posthorn* carries ads for at least three or more auction houses in Scandinavian. Check recent issues and pick out the auction houses that sound best to you. Send a letter in English to each one and ask for the following: (1) a copy of the latest completed auction catalog with list of prices realized and approximate number of catalogs distributed, (2) a sample copy of contract form used by collectors selling stamps at their auctions, (3) the amounts and types of fees and charges; including VAT if required, (4) information on insuring parcels and subsequent insurance charges, (5) the date of next auction and deadline for receipt of material. You should also include with your letter some details on the collection you plan to sell regarding the countries and areas, the number of stamps and the approximate Scott value to help the auction house decide

whether or not they want to handle it.

The willingness to provide the material requested along with their promptness will provide one source of deciding who to deal with. Whether or not English is used in letters and catalogs can be a factor depending on your own language skills or access to a good translator. The quality of the catalog, the size of the customer base and the inclusion of lots similar to the ones you wish to sell plus the prices realized on those lots are all tools to help your decision. The other items like fees, etc., are usually quite similar but can help you at least know what to expect.

Shipping Your Collection

Once you have selected an auction house from among those who responded positively, your next step is the traumatic one of bundling your collection for shipment. Unless you or a friend is planning to travel to the auction house location in the near future, your best bet is air freight. Since not all carriers charge the same, call the air freight offices of those serving your area and get rates for shipping stamps of your value. A figure of no more than 10% of Scott value should be sufficient for valuation purposes.

The packing should consider both weight and damage prevention. In most cases the weight can be reduced by eliminating album binders and blank pages. Tightly wrapping the pages in the center of a box with heavy cardboard around it and filling the empty spaces with shipping popcorn will do the trick. Whether you insure or not will depend on the auction house and their services. You may need to fax them the day of shipment to get their insurance in place.

It is well to have a local fax service available for this message and others you may need. The least expensive route is your local insurance agent's office or some other small business that

will do it for you at cost. You can ask the auction house to fax you when they receive your shipment. Don't be surprised if it takes longer than you expect since some air freight involves notifying the recipient by mail and pick up by a delivery service rather than the auction house itself.

Lotting and Pricing

It is usually best to let the auction house make all the decisions regarding lotting and pricing since that is their business and part of the reason you pay them a fee. However, you should carefully review the recommendations they will send to you for use in their catalog. If you feel any of the prices they plan to use for opening or minimum bids are lower than you like, don't hesitate to request return of that portion.

It will not likely pay off to include any unmounted singles or covers unless they are of significant value by themselves. Low value material will only be lumped with related mounted stamps and have little effect on the value. You can have more impact locally even if you only donate it to a VA hospital or such.

The Auction and Wrap Up

Once your collection has been lotted and priced it is sit back and wait time. You should be sent a copy of the catalog containing your material but by now you can't do much to influence the results. If the US dollar is declining you could be helped as time passes and vice versa if the dollar is improving.

Within a few weeks of the auction you will be notified of what was sold and the prices realized along with the various charges and fees. Depending on the banking contacts of the auction house, you will either be sent the proceeds in dollars or asked if you will accept a check in the auction house's kroner. If they don't have a US bank it will probably be as well to take the KR check and have it changed into US dollars at your bank. Settling this question in your earlier correspondence can save time at the end. Final settlement should take no more than 60 days.

Conclusion

Hopefully the net result will be up to your expectations. Unfortunately, changes in the economic climate worldwide or variations in the currency exchange rate can affect the outcome. There is no question the process involves some risks not associated with a US sale, but the rewards can make it worthwhile plus the extra little sense of adventure that is involved.

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Scandinavian Revenues Study Unit

The new Scandinavian Revenues Study Unit is off and running. There have been 30 positive responses to the unit so far. We are in the process of putting together a panel of "experts" for each Scandinavian country to assist our membership with questions as they arise. Newsletters will be sent out as material warrants them — with the initial issue going out during the first part of 1993.

Interested? Address inquiries about the study unit to Tim McRee, Box 388, Claremont, NC 28610.

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Missing Cover

Somewhere between Springfield, Virginia and Waldwick, New Jersey a letter containing three covers became a letter containing two covers. SCCer Bob Brown's mail to William Drubel was received damaged, opened, and the cover missing.

The cover is a Norwegian registered letter from Egersund to the Isle of Wight with C1, 74, 75x2 and 115. It has a Stavanger and an Isle of Wight registry cancel on reverse. Egersund cancel is 23 Nov 1933. If you come across such a cover contact Seaside Philatelics, PO Box 1383, Springfield, VA 22151.

By coincidence, the editor recently received an empty envelope with an illegible Virginia cancel.

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Recently discovered 6-block of 1882 10 øre shaded posthorn with serif pointed downward.

Discovery of Largest Multiple 1882 10 Øre Shaded Posthorn of Norway

Northland Auctions Spring 1993 public auction will feature a recently discovered 6-block of the 1882 10 øre shaded posthorn with serif pointing downwards (Facit 27, NK 36). Until now, according to the certificate, the largest reported multiple of this rare stamp has been a 4-block.

Facit values a single mint copy of this stamp at 50,000kr, but does not attempt to value multiples. A spokesman for Northland stated that the value of the rarity would ultimately be determined by the market, but that an estimate of 10-15 times the single price would not be unrealistic considering its scarcity and uniqueness as the largest multiple known.

Much rare material will be offered as well, including a "Vikør-Leap Day" cancel.

The Vikør cancel itself is quite rare and is rated R5 because of its short period of use, but this particular stamp was cancelled on February 29th, leap

day, making it especially unusual! Specialized material of all Scandinavian countries, plus more from the Roger Swanson Iceland collection will be the focus of the Spring auction.

Further information is available from Northland Auctions, Box 34, Verona, NJ 07044 USA. Auction catalogs will be available in April for \$2 postage, \$5 airmail.





Fig. 1 — pen cancelled S/S Agda 22-5-37, this envelope carried “pig cards” from Endelave (island) to the Horsens Bacon Factory. Instead of traveling with other mail, it traveled with the pigs.

S/S Agda Agricultural, Military, and Postal History

by Paul Oberlin

Endelave communicated with the outside world by phone and radio but the ferry *S/S Agda* provided the means to get farm products to market and passengers and tourists around the fjords.

The *Agda* was built in 1896. She could sail with 35 passengers and normally had a crew of four. She was purchased by the Horsens Steamship Company in 1918 and put into service.

Ship's Mail

On April 16th, 1918, the Postal Service and the Horsens Steamship Company signed a contract that required the company's two ships, *S/S Agda* and *S/S*

Horsens to sail the Endelave - Hjarnø - Snaptun - Alrø - Horsens route in the morning and in reverse order in the afternoon. In the contract it is stated that the two ships are to be considered mail ships and therefore must fly the mail flag.

Normally, the mail received no special cancel to indicate that it had been on board ship, but it has been said that when the ship mailbox was emptied in the morning Endelave mail was separated from the other island mail and side-cancelled “Skibpost” (ship mail) and canceled Horsens. This was mentioned in the article “The Cancellations ‘Fra

Hjarnø' and 'S/S Agda' Ship Mail" by Toke Nørby. This was the practice except for the type of cover shown — which was used to send the "pig cards."

Pig Cards

The story of the "pig cards" begins with overproduction in American agriculture. The Danish government then felt the need to regulate pig production. Beginning April 22, 1933, pigs accompanied with pig cards would be paid at the usual price while pigs without pig cards were subject to a special tax. This was the case until December 30, 1940.

The postal law of May ninth, 1919 states that the postal service has the sole right to deliver mail, but also states mail may be delivered legally by a second party, provided it is furnished with the proper postage and canceled so that the postal service does not suffer loss of income. This allowed the island pig farmers to send the pig cards with the pigs which were taken directly to the Horsens Bacon Factory from the ship.

The cover pictured is pen-ink canceled on board the *Agda* and franked with 25 øre. Normally written in the lower left corner is the name of the island of origin and how many pig cards are enclosed, but on this cover no information is provided to state which island, Endelave or Hjarnø, it came from.

I believe it was sent from Endelave. First, Hjarnø was in the Horsens local postal district and subject to the local rate whereas Endelave was not. Since the ship's master did not have a letter scale, the postage was figured in with the freight rate per pig. To be on the safe side, he made sure that letters from Hjarnø were franked with 15 øre and letters from Endelave 25 øre — the second weight step for local and inland letters, respectively. These letters were delivered with the pigs to the Horsens Bacon Factory, in accordance with postal law, never having been touched by the postal service.

War Casualty

On Saturday, the 15th of January, 1944, while on its way to Endelave, the

S/S Agda struck an English magnetic mine and sank with a loss of all 14 on board. Though it was clearly painted with the Danish flag on both sides, as well as, in large letters, *Agda-Danmark*, mines cannot read.

Ferry Mail Continued

With the loss of the *Agda*, only the *S/S Horsens* remained so the Horsens Steamship Company made ready the motorboat *Hjarnø* and by the following Tuesday she made her first trip. In spring the freighter, *Danneskjold*, was leased. Later the *S/S Horsens*, which had been serving the island of Samsø, handled the Endelave route.

The Horsens Steamship Company was liquidated around 1950 and so the Postal Service signed a contract with Mr. Ravnsborg on September 6th, 1950 to begin daily ferry service to Hjarnø, beginning October 1st. On the 29th of May, 1972 the Hjarnø Ferry Service took over mail deliveries between Hjarnø and Snaptun. Mr. Ravnsborg continued to provide service to Endelave. In 1967 he replaced his ship with a new one using the old name *Ravnsborg*. In service from 1982 till now is the *M/S Endelave*.

For many years the ferry service has played a vital link for Endelave. And it still does.

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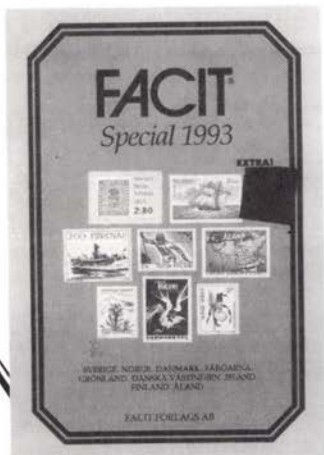
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All of these are well illustrated and researched short but detailed booklets. Fans of quality engraving looking for an alternative to just collecting Slania might consider Kuhlmann — Ib Eichner Larsen includes an illustrated checklist. Those collecting DWI or classic Norway will want the Schnell books. Contact Dr. Willy Melberg, PO Box 134, Allenton, WI 53002.

Greenland Zip Codes

The Greenland Postal Service planned to change the Greenland zip codes (Postnumre) and, at the same time, change the names of certain towns and settlements.

However, this has not been implemented because there were not enough funds available for new cancellers — a total of at least 18 — and whatever expenses are necessary when rabid home-owners refurbish their new home.

Actually, according to international law it is illegal to change names of geographic localities if they are recognized by the international name committee. (Example: Cape Canaveral to Cape Kennedy which was changed back to Cape Canaveral and then the launching pad got the name Cape Kennedy.)

—D.L.

Transfers & Re-entries

By Alan Warren

Christer Brunstrom is a columnist for several philatelic periodicals and writes about Nordic area philately. In a recent issue of *Global Stamp News* he writes that he has been a collector for over 30 years and is currently interested in the local posts of Sweden.

Scandinavian Contact Cumulative Index

A pleasant surprise was enclosed in the June 1992 issue of *Scandinavian Contact* from England. The insert is a subject index to the first fourteen volumes of the journal, covering nearly forty years of publication. The index was compiled by the Scandinavia Philatelic Society's librarians, Jane and Peter Berry. The index is only by subject, grouped alphabetically under each country.

PLN International

According to a recent item in *PLN International*, a study group for the steel-engraved stamps of Denmark will be formed if there is sufficient interest. Send a letter along with an IRC to Peter Bo Jensen, Box 15, 8585 Glesborg, Denmark. *PLN International* is the labor of love of Cornelis Nieuwland in Holland. This quarterly lists new publications with pricing information and addresses for sources. Although the publication reports on the entire spectrum of philately, Nieuwland has always had a special fondness for Scandinavia.

A sample copy of his journal can be had for \$2, an annual subscription by surface mail for \$10, or an airmail subscription for \$12. Write to PLN International, Brandespad 14, 3067 EB Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Fakes and Forgeries

The September issue of *The American Philatelist* mentions the formation of a new study group on

fakes and forgeries of the world. The group plans to issue a journal. If you are interested in the group, write to Mary Gerew, 3401 Brockport-Spencerport Rd., Spencerport, NY 14559.

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Stamp Mart

Eric Roberts,
SCC Mart Manager

We will have resumed our first individual circuit by the time this article is published. There are only five members on this first circuit. We strongly encourage all interested members to submit their requests for Stamp Mart circuits. See the November 1992 *Posthorn* for further details.

The executive committee has approved the purchase of a computer for the Mart. The primary purpose of this will be to track circuits to individuals and to file the individual's want lists. If you are presently receiving APS circuits, there is no reason not to also get the SCC Mart.

We Need

We presently have a request for clean readable single ring cancels on Norway 10 øre red posthorns. There always is a demand for very fine used Scandinavia with upright SON cancels. We also have requests for Scandinavian revenues, used Postal Stationery, Danish bi-colors, and Norwegian 20 mm posthorns.

Available

Two nice books of Danish locals were recently entered in the Mart. We also have several good books of Danish star cancels along with several good books of Danish perfins available.

Mart address is: Eric Roberts, P.O. Box 460201, Houston, TX 77056.

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The Icelandic Stamp Catalogue has just come out in the thirty-seventh edition. The author and editor of the catalogue is Dr. Ed. Sigurdur H. Thorsteinsson, F.R.P.S.L., A.I.J.P., and life member of A.P.S. and its Research Library, plus the S.C.C. This 37th edition is in full color as before and marks the 115th anniversary of the publisher: Isafoldarprentsmiðja.

Icelandic Stamps is a specialized catalogue of Icelandic stamps listing them all. Official stamps as well as Frama labels, Special Cancellations, Side Cancellations and Cancellations used abroad, on National or International Exhibitions, Year Sets, Gift Folders, and PP's are also listed. In the last few years the annual specialized articles on Icelandic Philately have been: 1992, International Reply Coupons used in Iceland, a complete

listing; in 1991, a bibliography of all Thorsteinsson's articles, listed by the University of Iceland; in 1990, a complete listing of the dated blocks of four of the French Printing of Icelandic stamps; in 1989, a catalogue of all Icelandic stamp booklets.

The catalogue received a Vermeil Medal in Oslo 1988 at the POSTHORN-88 Exhibition, plus many silver medals, National and International, including from The Spellmann Philatelic Museum.

The price of this year's catalogue, which is bilingual Icelandic/English, and has an English glossary, is US \$30.00 postage paid, and can be ordered from: ISAFOLDARPRENTSMIDJA, Post Office Box 455, IS-121 Reykjavik, Iceland (or some of our *Posthorn* advertisers.)

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New Iceland Stationery Discovery

What could be a new major stamp cliché on the 10 aurar watermarked Twin Kings postal card has been recorded by Jay Smith.

The two types of stamps are easily distinguished on this item which is identified as Scherer 44b, Ringstrom 47I and Facit 28. For the 10 aurar card two typographical types have already been identified based on the measurement of the top line, either 73 mm. or 71.5 mm. The one with the two clichés is 73 mm.

A dot appears above the left head on one of these varieties and no dot is on the other. Many, if not most, of them appear to have the dot. Smith has extended the Scherer classification to identify the cliché with the dot as 44bI and that without as 44bII.

But that's not all. On both of these cards there is also a distinct text variety — a clear break at the top of the D of SPJALD. He has identified the one with the break as a and without as b, making the items available as 44bIa and 44bIb and 44bIIa and 44bIIb. The broken D

variety also has two varieties. The second R in ALLSHERJAR is found with a broken center stroke and a center stroke that is unbroken.

Adding to the interest in this particular item is the fact that Scherer 44a, whose top line measures 71.5 mm., also has been discovered with two distinct type varieties. On the a variety there is a large gap between i and l in Til. In the b variety there is an extremely small, if any, gap. Both appear with the Type I cliché with the dot over the left head. The question is whether there is a cliché without the dot on this issue.

Typographical varieties on almost every card of Iceland have been reported, but on this particular card the only variety had been the two measurements of length available. Examples are available from Jay Smith.

All this just indicates that for the collector interested in printing varieties, Iceland cards still have the opportunity for new discoveries.

—Gordon C. Morison

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40 penni collection in two albums containing exclusively Finland 40-penni issue of 1866-75 in all known varieties, shades, strips and blocks (e.g. — mint block of 20). There are more than 250 copies and 30 covers in high quality. Also unique mixed perforations II + IV and II + V. From the scarce perforation IV are several copies including one on cover. Many are signed "RGM" on reverse.

Complete sheet of 5-penni Emergency issue 1901.

Large quantity of Finland Europa CEPT issues.

Pair of 10 kopek first issue on cover.

Åland items include 1637 courier cover, feather covers, Eckerö cyrillic covers, etc.

Sweden Wholesale quantities fluorescent stamps; partly signed and w/certificates from 1960-76.

Skilling Banco cover from Queen Louise to Holland franked w/24 + 6 sk.

Complete mint set of ring type in imperforate pairs.

Quantities of 1924 Kongress and UPU sets.

Norway Nr 1 in block of four, strip of six, etc. Also, other skilling items.

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—Per Gummesson

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Standing Order Picture Postmarks

Finland has joined other Scandinavian countries by introducing standing order accounts for the 100 or so special and picture postmarks it "issues" each year. A package of vending machine strips is now offered as well.

Special postmarks have been around since the nineteenth century. Sweden has detailed catalogs of them. Norway has offered new issue bulletins for special postmark collectors for some time. One can get a bundle by purchasing a large lot cheaply. I assume collectors then sort through the cancels for those with a topical interest that appeals to them.

For the post offices to have standing order accounts for these markings they must have collector appeal. They're certainly not an "investment." Are there any SCCers collecting these?

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I have some extra MNH, mostly Vf Norway which I would like to trade for needed VF MNH Norway stamps.

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President's Message

By Dr. Roger G. Schnell, MD

1992 ended on a high for the Scandinavian Collectors Club with the conclusion of NORDIA 92. Having been to STOCKHOLMIA, FINLANDIA, HAFNIA, PARIS 89, LONDON 90, I can truly say that NORDIA 92 had a unique informality, and warmth that will always be remembered. This atmosphere was perhaps fostered by the host committee headed by Johan M. Gulbrandsen who treated us royally from the time we arrived to the time we left. The General Commissioner, Paul H. Jensen, a long time friend, graciously spent time advising and criticizing exhibits of the five US collectors — Mr. and Mrs. Allan Warrington, Conrad Oden, Dr. Dan Laursen, Charles Lauby and yours truly. All members of the jury were available during the show, and were happy to share their expertise. The fact that everyone spoke English put us at ease immediately, allowing for great philatelic camaraderie. During the week in Norway I had the opportunity to meet many Scandinavian philatelists including Ivar Sundsbø, Director, Federation of Norwegian Philatelists, Jan Billgren of the Swedish Postal History Society, and many others who provided input that hopefully can be put to good use in the upcoming years for the SCC. The venue was well lit, comfortable, and with plenty of room between to allow easy viewing. Kristiansand, Norway was a delightful location for the show with many interesting and picturesque sites for the stamp enthusiast and visitor alike.

1992 was a year of transition. A new president, treasurer, executive secretary, editor and stamp mart manager provided a lot of change. Your officers look forward to 1993 with excitement and anticipation. The fall election had twice as many return their ballots as in previous years. This means you, the members, have at least "perked up your ears." While I have your attention, Florida is calling. That is FLOREX 93. FLOREX is where the 1993 annual meeting of the SCC will be held, November 5, 6, 7 in Orlando. The show is held at the Orlando Expo Center, and the

Who to Contact?

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To place ads, make payments or rate inquiries	Business Manager
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To form a new chapter	Chapter Coordinator
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Omni hotel adjoins. We will be having the SCC dinner Friday, November 5 at Chris's House of Beef, price \$12.50. A special invitation has been extended to our Scandinavian friends across the "pond" to exhibit and join us in Orlando. The show committee has reserved 100 frames for our exhibits. Of these, 20 are reserved for single frame exhibits. Applications can be obtained from James A. Estes, PO Box 256, Goldenrod, Florida 32733-0256. Orlando is an ideal location for the meeting with its many attractions, including Disney, the Magic, proximity to the space center, and usual sunny weather. Plan now to attend. I am looking forward to seeing all of you that were in Chicago, as well as those who weren't but like warm weather.

May the fortunes of Scandinavian Philately shine on you in 1993.

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News from the Home Office

By Bob Lang

I'll keep it short and sweet to start off the new year! We finished 1992 in good shape, thanks to the efforts of many of you who helped recruit new members. But now my primary interest is membership retention. Those of you who still haven't answered the call need to renew your membership for 1993! Do you remember getting this double-postcard late last October???

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If not, please read it, and **send me your dues NOW!** If you don't; the February issue of the *Posthorn* will be your LAST! So, as they say in the military, "TIME TO RE-UP!"

We are starting a new membership campaign, and thanks to a dozen members so far, we will have some nice Scandinavian premiums to give to collectors requesting SCC membership information. Many thanks to members Beatty, Denson, Engstrom, Hunewell, Huss, Johns, Klaus, Lyons, Peterson, Roberts, Kirst, Simson and Chapter

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New membership applications are available for those of you who need them. However, the one you received in your August *Posthorn* is still valid. The only difference is the amount of dues for Non-North American members! It is now \$21 US, which includes the Airmail postage for the *Posthorn*. So make '93 the year that you sponsor a new SCC member. We'll all be better for it! Happy New Year to you and yours! Cheers!

	1992 SCC Membership Recap				Total
	1Q92	2Q92	3Q92	4Q92	
Total 1-1-92					978
New Members	11	32	10	7	60
Reinstated	0	4	4	2	10
Gain					+70
Deceased	1	1	1	3	6
Resigned	9	6	0	13	27
Dropped	0	52	0	0	52
Loss					-85
Net Change for 1992					-15
Total 12-31-92					963
Regular to Life	2	1	0	1	4

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Editor's Notebook

By John Lindholm

This issue sports a topical cover and lead story. Mostly this is because I think the symbols for the elements make a great cover. Editorial policy is based on the notion that we want to keep as many members interested as possible. This means variety in the *Posthorn*. We want to cover all areas of Nordic collecting in terms of geography and in types of collecting (like classics, postal history, topics, town cancels, booklets, stationary, flyspecking, back of the book, etc., etc.). Hopefully a maximum number of members will find a fun read in each issue.

This means we need all our members to consider writing an article that covers the type of collecting they do. Rather than wonder why your collecting area doesn't get much "press," write something in your area yourself or find a knowledgeable collector and encourage them to contribute.

Snowpex 93

I made it to the Twin Cities chapter's annual show in January. I truly enjoyed meeting everyone. Hopefully I will be able to travel to some other shows as well, especially our annual meeting in Florida. If I see you I will be asking you what your thoughts are concerning the *Posthorn* so be ready.

Errata

Harry Snarvold writes that in his "Postage Due Marks" cover story in the November issue on page 148, second column, just above Fig. 4, "sharing the receipts as 4 sk., 1.5 sk., and 3.5 sk." should read 4 L.sk., 1.5 L.sk. and 3.5 Lsk." I

have capitalized the L since the lower case looks like a "1," L. stands for Lübsk skilling. One 1 sk. equals two skilling. Now the numbers add up to the correct total of 18 sk.

Harry adds an addendum to the same article after the calculation in Fig. 9: 1 Franc = 21-1/2 ks. = 10 decimes.

Jacob Kisner's Member to Member ad has a typo in his address. His correct zip code is 10010 (not 11010). I hope we have it right this issue.

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SCC Chapters — Meeting Times/Places and Contact Address

4. CHICAGO: 4th Thursday (except July and August) at Golden Flame, 6417 W Higgins. MAILING ADDRESS: Anders Melberg, 9123 Stevenson Dr, Des Plaines, IL 60016

5. NEW ENGLAND: 1st Thursday at Cardinal Spellman Museum, Regis College, 235 Wellesley Street, Weston, MA. MAILING ADDRESS: Wayne Rindone, PO Box 276, Newtonville, MA 02160

7. NEW YORK: 2nd Wednesday (except July and August) at The Collectors Club, 26 E 35th St. MAILING ADDRESS: George Ganim Jr, c/o Sydney & Ganim, 122 E 42 St, NY, NY 10168

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12. WASHINGTON, DC: Meets at major stamp shows throughout year. MAILING ADDRESS: Dr. Jeffrey Crown, 850 Flagler Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

13. DELAWARE: Last Tuesday at members' homes. MAILING ADDRESS: Robert D. Lipscomb, PO Box 59, Rockland, DE 19732

14. TWIN CITIES: 2nd Thursday (except July and August) at Coffman Union, U. Minnesota, Minneapolis. ADDRESS: Ross Olson, PO Box 23377, Richfield, MN 55423

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21. GOLDEN GATE: Meets at major stamp shows throughout year. MAILING ADDRESS: Thomas Olson, 4 Woodmont Court, Berkeley, CA 94708

22. HOUSTON: 1st Tuesday evening of even numbered months at law office of George Sellnau; varying Sunday afternoons of odd numbered months at stamp dealer shop of Mary Jane Menzel. MAILING ADDRESS: Eric Roberts, PO Box 460201, Houston, TX 77056

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Chapter News

By Reino Merikallio

Personal Observations

This *Posthorn* issue begins a second year of editing quarterly news articles from the SCC chapters. As Chapter Services Coordinator I distribute information on each chapter's operations to all the other chapters.

During 1992, two SCC chapters ceased meeting regularly: Seattle Chapter 1 and Detroit Chapter 3. Houston Chapter 22, on the other hand, resumed regular meetings in February of 1993 as described below. The meetings of several SCC chapters have modest attendance but are thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees. The current SCC By-Laws requirement of six SCC members for a SCC chapter could be reduced to three without hurting chapter viability. It would certainly make it easier to form new SCC chapters.

I would like to thank all those SCC chapters that send quarterly chapter news articles. I also appreciate getting chapter newsletters and membership lists.

Basic SCC Chapter Activities

All of the SCC chapters engage in some or all of the following rewarding and enjoyable basic SCC chapter activities: sharing philatelic information, purchasing stamps and covers from SCC Mart books, buying, selling and trading materials, hearing talks by chapter members or by visiting speakers, watching slide shows and examining copies of award winning exhibits. If you don't belong to a SCC chapter please consider joining one in your area or forming a new chapter with other nearby Scandinavian collectors. The Chapter Contacts section lists the meeting times and locations, and the names and addresses of contacts for each SCC chapter. Please contact me if you would like help in starting a new SCC chapter.

Chicago Chapter 4 News

Not too much to report on for the 3rd quarter 1992. Must be the Summer philatelic doldrums! The chapter probably needed the rest after the big doings at WCSE. A philatelic "show and tell" meeting was held in June. We got a chance to present treasures that were acquired at the show. The annual Wisconsin picnic was held in July despite the fact that only 10 people showed up. The weather and food was good so it was still considered a success.

The September meeting was our Fall Special, a showing of individual philatelic items that were acquired during the summer. A slide show of Chris McGregor's outstanding exhibit of the Faroes was the feature of the October get-to-gather. We finished up the year in December with an auction. The 1992 Columbians that were used

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to return WCSE '92 SCC exhibits were auctioned off with the proceeds to go to the SCC Library. There was some very spirited bidding.

Chapter 4 is planning on having an SCC table at MILCOPEX 93 at Milwaukee in March. We are hoping to drum up support and get some new members for the SCC. We will have older and outdated *Posthorns* and Scandinavian stamps available for free distribution. COMPEX 93 is rapidly arriving and we need 1, 2, 3 . . . frame exhibits to show. Please consider sending some of your Scandinavian material to us. No frame fee is needed, only return postage is required. As you all know, this is a fun show with much visibility. Early acceptance will be appreciated. Please contact the SCC Librarian for details.

—Dr. W. E. Melberg

New England Chapter 5 News

The officers elected in December for 1993-95 are: Tom Bergendahl, President; Nancy Meyer, Vice President; Lee Coldwell, Treasurer and Paul Carlton, Secretary. The Chapter Mart Manager job has been taken over by Bill Mann and Nancy Meyer since Jim Gaudet has moved to New Hampshire.

At the November meeting, Paul Carlton elaborated on his collection of early Stockholm cancellations. The annual Christmas party was the feature of the December meeting at the Cardinal Spellman Museum. Wives were invited and a wide variety of Scandinavian delicacies brought by the members were savored by one and all. Everyone enjoyed President Tom Bergendahl's slide presentation "Overview of Norwegian Philately." The chapter received a surprise Christmas gift from Mrs. Arthur Anderson who donated a collection of slides on Swedish philately. Tom Bergendahl pinch hit for an ill Nancy Meyer at the January meeting with a talk on Norwegian National Railroad (NSB) cancellations.

Chapter 5 is planning to recruit new members by visiting other area stamp clubs and introducing them to Scandinavian philately. The members of these clubs will be invited to Chapter 5 meetings to observe the program and the SCC Mart books. Chapter 5 will distribute 3-1/2" x 5" cards that show the chapter meeting location and time, Scandinavian collecting interests and various SCC resources such as the SCC Library and its books, periodicals, slides and copies of award winning stamp exhibits.

—Tom Bergendahl

New York Chapter 7 News

New York Chapter 7 continues to meet each scheduled month at the world famous Collectors Club in Manhattan. Recent meetings have featured two excellent slide shows from the SCC Library: A/V #1 — Swedish Postal History, prepared for the SCC by the Swedish Post Office and A/V #2 — 19th Century Stamps, Covers, Cards and Cancells by Robert Frigstad, former SCC President.

—Reino Merikallio

Northern New Jersey Chapter 9 News

Northern New Jersey Chapter 9 continues to meet each scheduled month in member's homes.

—Warren Grosjean

Delaware Chapter 13 News

In Chapter 13's November meeting Al Gruber gave a brief book review of "Exploring Iceland Through Its Stamps" by Don Brandt. Al also discussed his work with Iceland's first airmail issue (A preliminary publication of this work appeared in the May, 1992 issue of the *Posthorn*). We were pleased to have two new members at the meeting.

On January 9 the club had its annual holiday dinner with 11 members, 8 spouses and 9 guests in attendance. The evening was a success, in spite of the fact that a snow and sleet storm was threatening for most of the day (only three people cancelled out).

—George Colvard

Twin Cities Chapter 14 News

Chapter meetings have a standard format. At 7:00 p.m. the SCC Mart books arrive and are avidly perused. Numerous philatelic bull sessions take place. Between 8:00 and 8:30 there is a short business meeting (if there is any business to discuss). Last on the agenda is show and tell. The Scandinavian countries are cycled through on an alphabetic basis. Each member is expected to bring an item relevant to the evening's country on which to expound for a few minutes. The evening ends with informal conversation and some selling and buying among members.

Elections were held at the January meeting. Since no nominations were forthcoming from the floor the following chapter officers were declared reelected by motion from the floor: Ross Olson, President; Dennis Abel, Vice President and Robert Frigstad, Secretary. Bob Frigstad also serves as Regional Director and Mart Manager.

Chapter 14 held its annual stamp show, SnowPex, on January 23 and 24 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The show featured twenty 16 page frames prepared by twelve chapter members. The exhibits were non-competitive. The bourse consisted of 27 dealers and the US Postal Service. The show this year was a salute to Norway. This theme was carried out in the show program, the cachet covers, a commemorative cancel for each day of the show and a specially designed button. Attendance at the show was excellent.

Editor's note: Chapter 14 uses the services of a professional stamp show manager who arranges for the bourse dealers. Many other SCC chapters could use the practical approach of Chapter 14 to run their own stamp shows. The chapter 14 officers would be pleased to help other SCC chapters in organizing and running a stamp show.

—Ross Olson

Rochester Chapter 15 News

The chapters continues meeting each scheduled month at Bob Gustafson's home.

—Robert Gustafson

Southern California Chapter 17 News

At the August meeting Paul Nelson presented newly found information about some Scandinavian Revenue Stamps. The September meeting had a slide show from the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California. In October Jerry Winerman discussed early Finnish postal stationery. The November sale lots were on view at the November meeting. Al Warrington's slides on his Norway Small Die Posthorn exhibit were shown. The unsold sale lots were on view at the December meeting. Members brought holiday refreshments. Spouses were invited.

—Paul Nelson

Golden Gate Chapter 21 News

The chapter meets periodically on Saturdays at major stamp shows. The premier major show in 1992 was STaMpsHOW in Oakland during August 27-30. Chapter 21 was host to a SCC Regional Meeting on Saturday, August 29. Al Warrington of San Diego was the featured speaker with a first showing of his slide show "The Posthorns of Norway: 1886-1894" that was derived from his prize winning exhibit. A dinner for Scandinavian collectors was held on Friday, August 28.

The Fall chapter meeting was held on Saturday, November 14 at SUNPEX in Sunnyvale, CA. The popular SCC slide show "Early Danish West Indies" was shown. Chapter members were invited to bring and show one or two items of "Favorite Philatelic Literature." Christmas potluck supper was held on Sunday, December 13 at Helmer Nielsen's home in Los Altos.

—Thomas Olson

Houston Chapter 22 News

Houston Chapter 22 held a reorganization meeting on February 2 after several years of inactivity. Six Scandinavian collectors attended the meeting, two of whom joined the SCC. The following officers were elected: Mary Jane Menzel, President; Eric Roberts, Secretary and Treasurer and George Sellnau, Regional Director.

The meeting was organized by Eric Roberts, SCC National Director and SCC Stamp Mart manager, who moved recently to Houston from Los Angeles. Eric will be the chapter Mart manager. To foster renewed growth of Chapter 22, he will bring over 40 SCC Mart books to meetings. (Editor's note: Here is one SCC chapter whose chapter Mart manager will not be late returning Mart books to the SCC Mart manager.)

The February 2 meeting featured a presentation on "Norwegian Printed to Private Order Postal Stationery." There are no catalogs on this material and very little literature. There was also a short discussion on options available to dispose of duplicate stamps. The attendees decided to meet regularly on the first Tuesday evening of even numbered months at the law offices of George Sellnau. In odd months the meeting will be held on varying Sunday afternoons at the stamp dealer shop of chapter President Mary Jane Menzel. This schedule is the result of some members currently being unable to attend meetings on weekday evenings and others being unable to attend weekend meetings. The next meetings will be on Sunday afternoon, February 28 and Tuesday evening, April 6.

—Eric Roberts

Tampa Chapter 23 News

In November, we were finally able to invite the young exhibit winners to our meeting and award their prizes which included a stockbook, stamps and a couple of reference books on stamp collecting. We were challenged by them to produce our own one page stamp displays for their judging and they will probably award prizes at our March 1993 meeting. In further support of youth, a number of members made up instruction sheets on some basic techniques of collecting for inclusion in an

album of their Ben Franklin Stamp Club. They will be a basis for their future meetings.

December features two Christmas parties. A combined meeting with two other local stamp clubs was poorly attended. The members opted for the party at our regular meeting night.

The early part of 1993 should be busy. Our northern visitors are all there and we plan member-talks in January and February on the topics of "Topical Scandinavian Collecting — When Your Country Album is Full" and "The Hologram in Philately."

March is our anniversary and election of new officers so it isn't possible to announce our programming at this time. Of course, in March we are heavily involved with the Florida West Coast Stamp Expo in Tarpon Springs. This is its final pre-accreditation year. A luncheon and a fully staffed exhibition table are planned as well as several members exhibiting.

—Warren A. Lange

Winnipeg Chapter 24 News

The chapter continues to meet monthly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September through May, at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. The Centre offers meeting rooms, licensed premises, a small snack bar with a Scandinavian menu and a melding of the cultures of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. A chapter filing cabinet was installed in 1992 at the Centre with items that members can use on site or borrow. These include a Signoscope for detecting watermarks and a Philascope for magnifying.

On October 21, the chapter held its sixtieth meeting since being formed in 1988. Roger Fontaine was elected as the first President in 1989. He held this position until stepping down this fall. Karl Rasmussen was elected President in October as part of the following slate of officers: Karl Rasmussen, President; Knud Rasmussen, Vice President; Glenn Hansen, Secretary-Treasurer; Ole Hellsten, Program & Mart Books and Roger Fontaine, Past President.

The November 4 meeting featured member showings, and Estonia was presented on November 25. The annual Christmas party was held on December 16 at the home of President Karl Rasmussen and his wife, Rigmor. The usual Christmas Auction was held at the party.

—Glenn Hansen

Tucson Chapter 25 News

Tucson Chapter 25 continues to meet each scheduled month in members' homes.

—Jack Schmidt

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Library News

Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

The last quarter of 1992 was an eventful one for the SCC Library as you can see from our list. The nicest part is that our facilities are being used. This past year a grand total of 81 people ordered items: 46 of them ordered more than once and 157 publication mailings were carried out. At least 7 SCC Chapters received, on more than one occasion, slide programs and publications that were viewed by members so that in that manner much philatelic information is being widely shared. Just before Christmas Florence, James and I were invited to a World Bank Stamp Club meeting

in Washington, DC. We were wine and dined in the most gracious fashion! We boosted the SCC by presenting a program on Danish philately and also by describing the function of the Club and the Library's facility. It was well received. Our thanks go to Randi Selehdar for arranging this get-to-gather. Please check through this *Posthorn* for advertisements about SCC publications that are available through the Library. Dr. Schnell has also compiled a *list of exhibits and collections* that will be available from the Library for 20 cents/page. Harry Snarvold did a great job with the lead article in the November *Posthorn*. It was taken from his donated book, *Norwegian Letters to Foreign Destinations 1855-1875* which is in the Library (ask for NOR B 121). It will be worth your while. He informed me, in his Christmas greeting, that his second book, *Norwegian Letters Sent Abroad*, has been mailed to the SCC Library. We are looking forward to that publication.

Library Donations — September 15, 1992 to December 31, 1992

Cash: Norman Andrews, Harold Bergman, Alfred Gruber, O.T. Johnson, Richard Koch, Gayland Rickleys

Publications:

American Philatelic Society

StAMpsHOW 92. 48pp. Catalog of the APS National show held in Oakland, CA, August 1992, featuring the WSP winners.

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P&Ts Historie. 1850-1927. Poul Thestrup. 1992. 472pp. Postal history of Denmark from 1850 to 1927 with special emphasis on postal routes, mailcoaches, railroads and footpost.

Jack Day

Iceland B5-b. Numeral "287" Forgery

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Rarities of the World — 1992. David Feldman's auction catalog. 1992. 48pp. 62 lots illustrated in color including one Danish cover, two Finnish covers, one Greenland item, six Norwegian items and 5 Swedish items. Donated by the author.

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The Paquebot Marks of Norway, Denmark, Finland and Sweden. E. Drechsel. 1977. 26pp. Great handbook on Scandinavian paquebot cancels. Many illustrations.

Daka Håndbog 1991 — Klassisk Danmark, Dansk Vestindien, Grønland & Færøerne. E. Paaskesen. 1990. 184pp. Pocket sized pricing catalog of the classic stamps and cancels of the Danish area of Scandinavia.

Oversigt Over de Klassiske Frimærkeudgaver Fra Danmark, Dansk Vestindien og Island. L. Nielsen. 1986. 72pp. Detailed information about the production of the classic stamps of Denmark, DWI & Iceland.

Filatelistisk Fremmedordbog. P. Kylling. 1978. 164pp. A philatelic dictionary using Danish as the "codeword." Translated into English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese words.

How to Prepare Stamp Exhibits. C. Foster. 1974. 212pp.

Collecting Stamps for Pleasure & Profit. B. Krause. 1988. 144pp.

Advanced Stamp Collecting. B. Krause. 1990. 160pp.

Cover Collecting. J. Mackay. 1968. 80pp. A guide to collecting first day and other covers.

Erik Hemmingsen

The Scandinavian Scribe. Volume 1, number 2 to Volume 12, number 1.

Kim Svend Jensen

Danmarks Papir Penge - Del 1 & 2 - With English Translations. K. Jensen. 1992. 250pp. A set of catalogs with numerous illustrations covering a fascinating area of collecting: **Paper Money of Denmark**. Included are trading stamps, coupons, lottery tickets, play money etc.

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Catalog & Palmares.

William Radford

Danmark Frimærkekatalog 1985-86

Faroe Islands 1981 GF 10

Greenland 1981 GF 5

Greenland Seen Through 50 Years of Stamps 1938-1988.

Islensk Frimerki 1980

Julemærkekatalog - Christmas Seals

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- 3428 JOHNSON, WILLIAM W., 1818 Lincoln Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062
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- 3429 CLAUS, ENNO T., 5893D Hunt Club Run, Norcross, GA 30093
Iceland, Greenland, Faroe Islands By: Lamkin 2561
- 3430 HEIL, DICK, 6238 Carnation Rd., Dayton, OH 45449
Swedish/US Co-issues, Papermaking, U.S. By: Gruber 1049
- 3431 DUSKA, RUTH, 132 N. Carolina Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20003
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- 3432 KURKI, DONALD R., 515 E. Scott St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935
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- 3282 DONELL, ROY, Skolgatan 4, 703 62 Örebro, Sweden

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Donnar Dromberg Tongs Laid Down

One of Finland's prominent philatelists, Donnar A. Dromberg, died June 27, 1992 at the age of 84. Dromberg was one of the first researching philatelists who studied and wrote about Finnish philately. He was editor-in-chief of the Finnish Handbook and contributed to some of its sections. In 1983 the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation published an English translation of Dromberg's handbook chapter on the 1866 serpentine rouletted issue of Finland.

For thirteen years he edited the Finnish Federation's periodical *Philatelica Fennica*. Dromberg was also a collector of Brazil.

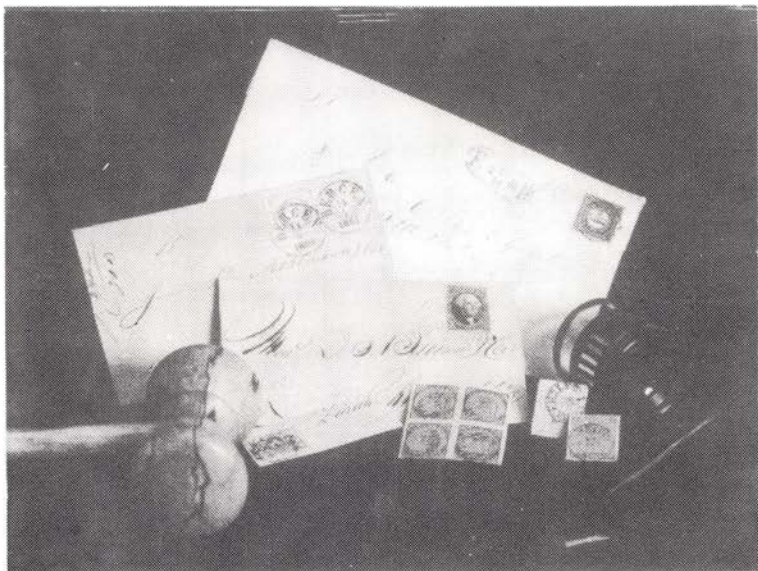
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H. J. (Pete) Schlueter Tongs Laid Down

Our good friend and colleague, H. J. (Pete) Schlueter, passed away on October 13, 1992; the victim of ideopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Pete was 70 years old. He was one of the most influential founding members of the Southern California Chapter 17 of SCC and the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern California. Pete's kindly guidance influenced many collectors over the years. He was a long-time member of SCC and served Scandinavian philately as US Commissioner to the Stockholmia 74 and Hafnia 76 exhibitions, as business manager for the *Posthorn*, and in many other behind the scene activities. He was a president of Chapter 17 and SPLSC, and a former editor of *Luren*. Pete was also deeply interested in plants, and participated through the Los Angeles County Arboretum and the Huntington Library support organizations. He is survived by his widow, Sharon, two children, two stepchildren, and his 96 year old mother. Pete had many friends around the world of philately, and his sense of humor will be missed by all of us.



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