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The following panel members are available to answer written questions in their designated areas of expertise. This service is available to members and non-members alike. All submitted questions and subsequent answers will be published in the Society Journal. A more detailed description of the Panel and its function is printed in the "Question And Answer" section.

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*WELCOME  
ABOARD!!!*

**Peter J. Skalaban, Sr.** - #9020 - Perkinsville, Vermont. Our newest member from New England collects Cape of Good Hope and Orange Free State. As Peter says, "This is a new area for me. I'm still trying to learn how to identify Scott numbers in CGH Triangles." He is a member of the American Philatelic Society.

**Dr. G. H. Jonkers** - #9021 - Schiedam, Netherlands. Our second member from "Dutch country" is interested in New Republic, Stellaland and Transvaal. His specialties include all materials related to the former two plus the triangular numeric cancels of Transvaal. The good Doctor is world-renowned for his writings and knowledge of the philately of the New Republic and has indicated that he will grace future our Journal with articles. He is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

**A. Leeflang** - #9022 - Delft, Netherlands. Our third member from Holland collects all pre-Union states and republics, as well as Zululand, with a primary interest in Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal. His areas of specialization include: (1) all postmarks of the Cape, (2) numeral obliterations of all pre-Union states, (3) postal stationery of all areas and (4) early picture postcards of the pre-Union states. His affiliations include the Transvaal Study Circle, Orange Free State Study Circle, Anglo-Boer War Philatelic Society, South Africa Postcard Research Group (Isle of Man) and Filatelisten Verenigtug Zuidelyk Afrika (Holland).

**Roland L. Terry** - #9023 - Honolulu, Hawaii. Roland's primary collecting interests include Cape of Good Hope and Orange Free State, followed by Union/SA, Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Bechuanaland. His areas of specialization include numeral cancellations of the Cape and OFS, as well as town cancellations-especially OFS. As Roland wrote: "I have 7,500 stamps. Been collecting all of my life; still collecting, although older now and may one day wish to sell. Have lived in Johannesburg during 1959-60 and have great affection for all of southern Africa since a child."

**Kalman V. Illyefalvi** - #9024 - Baltimore, Maryland. Kalman's collecting interests include South West Africa and Union of South Africa with specializations in Union postal

and letter cards, Union used abroad and the Interprovincial Period. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, South African Study Group, South African Collectors Society of Great Britain, Royal Philatelic Society of London and the Collectors Club of New York.

**Joan Matthews** - #9025 - Kent, United Kingdom. Joan collects Orange Free State, Transvaal and Union of South Africa with a specialization in postmarks. She is a member of the British Philatelic Federation and the Transvaal Study Circle.

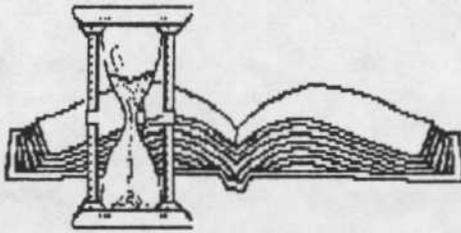
**Michael Leeman** - #9026 - Kenilworth, South Africa. Michael's primary collecting interest is the Union of South Africa, followed by Cape of Good Hope, Northern Rhodesia and Zululand. His specialty is South African World War II postal history-especially Bantam covers. Michael's affiliations include Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town, Royal Philatelic Society of London, British Philatelic Federation, South African Collectors Society/UK and the American Philatelic Society.

**Carman King** - #9027 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Our newest northern North American member's primary collecting interest is Southern Rhodesia, followed by Northern Rhodesia, Union of South Africa, New Republic, South West Africa and British South African Company/Rhodesia. Carman specializes in postmarks of all of the Rhodesias-especially British South Africa Company issues. His additional memberships include the Nova Scotia Stamp Club and the Royal Philatelic Society of Zimbabwe.

**Ian Shapiro** - #9028 - London, England. Ian's interest is all of general southern Africa. He specializes in official mail, Royal visits and the historical development of southern Africa via postal history. Ian's membership include the Rhodesian Study Circle and the Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town.

**John P. Wynns** - #9029 - Rosamond, California. John's primary interest is Southern Rhodesia, followed by British South Africa Company, Rhodesia & Nyasaland and UDI Rhodesia. His affiliations include the American Philatelic Society, Rhodesian Study Circle, Sarawak Specialists Society and British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY SO ITS TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND PROSPERITY CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER OR TWO. INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OR YOUR NEAREST INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE.



## MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

**John David Rightmire - #8909**, was born on the 20th of November in Fort Worth, Texas. John is single and presently a career military man in the U.S. Air Force, in a munitions inspection capacity. His non-philatelic pastimes include the collection of explosive ordinances, collection of anything military related-any country, any period; metal detection, collection of reference books on all collectables, as well as, numismatics. As an Air Force member for 18 years, John has been stationed in Thailand, Germany, Japan, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico and California. He is also an amateur archeologist/photographer. Five years on Okinawa and two Jima offered many hours of digging battlefields and caves where he found bullets to bodies to bombs with photos of it all. He also discovered secret documents and mummified Japanese soldiers on two Jima and an American missing-in-action on Okinawa. Having a wide variety of reference books, John goes to garage sales and flea markets to acquire collectables. He says that "hobbies occupy my life while I wait for my wife to show up." John's primary philatelic interests include Cape of Good Hope, pre-1870 world-wide and pre-1975 US singles. In addition to all of the above, John has found the time to ably serve the Society as its Vice President/Membership.

**Maurice J. Berry - #8914**, hails originally from Carievale, Saskatchewan, Canada, being born July 13th. He is a farmer and rancher who enjoys hunting, skiing, travel, reading and gun collecting. He obtained a Diploma in Agriculture in 1988 from the University of Saskatchewan. Maurice's primary philatelic interests are South Africa, South West Africa, Southern British Africa and Canada. As Maurice says: "I have only been collecting for a short time; but having relations in RSA and Zimbabwe enabled me to get a head start in collecting southern Africa...Farming is not very good right now and after a second drought in two years, I cannot spend as much as I would like on stamps; but I hope to improve my collection sometime in the future."

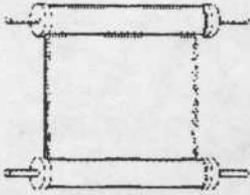
**John H. Otten - #8917**, was born in Chicago on November 19th, is married to Lois and has two children-Louise and Karen. He is a self-employed publisher and enjoys photography, electronics and camera collecting, in addition to philately. John attended the University of Illinois for three years. He states: "I teach a children's (any age of

beginner collector) club at our library - a relatively new venture. Publishing of philatelic literature a recent work being Postal Censorship In Imperial Russia. I like to read history, novels based on historical fact, all technical materials, e.g., 'Research & Development', electronics, etc. My previous profession was mechanical engineer and I attended the Electrical Engineering School, University of Illinois. I am an owner of a very small company doing publishing. I have a deep desire to republish my philatelic magazine Philatelic Flyer. I am looking for writers/investors to start it again. Philately is my strong hobby and I intend to make it business as well. I enjoy it so much! My latest writing endeavor is Postal History Of Nantucket. It is moving very slowly due to lack of material." John's primary philatelic interests are QEII Machin heads, UK, general collecting, philatelic history, South Africa-St. Helena & Cape of Good Hope. (John's firm is now the official printing concern for our Journal-he made an offer that your dear old, worn-out Editor could not refuse!)

**Werner Klaus Seeba - #8919**, was born in Essel, West Germany on the 16th of January. Werner is a salesman for Mercedes-Benz, auto parts division and has attended a number of different technical colleges. His collecting interests include old southern Africa postmarks and postal history, more or less pre-1914. As Werner wrote: "Countries visited include Denmark, UK, France, Greece, Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Netherlands, Egypt, Morocco, Mozambique, Madagascar, Namibia/SWA, South Africa, Rhodesia/Zimbabwe, Kenya and Zambia. I enjoy reading old SA materials-travels, Africana and natural science-primate." It should be added that Werner has (and continues to) contributed a number of articles for the Journal, one of which is currently being serialized on the POA/Barberton. This is in addition to a massive number of "Bits and Pieces" awaiting to be unearthed from the Editor's archives for future publication. Werner is also actively supporting the Society as its International Representative/Germany. Werner is truly every editor's dream!!!

**Although a bit early, on behalf of your Board of Elected and Ex-Officio Officers, I want to wish each and every one of you the very best for this coming holiday season!**

**As we prepare to move into 1991, it is only growth and prosperity that is foreseen for our wonderful and varied group of fellow philatelic travelers. Special thanks to those who have directly or indirectly contributed to PSGSA!**



## The Honor Roll

From time-to-time, members of the Society are recipients of awards received in the competitive exhibition field of endeavor. Whether the topic of their exhibition is/is not related to greater southern Africa philately, we should acknowledge our own for their notable achievements. Forerunners will publish announcements of successfully competitive members as they become known.

**Forerunners** - silver-bronze, medal and certificate, literature competition, APS's STaMpsHOW 90.

**Daniel Brouillette - #9009:** Reserve Grand Award at the Omaha Philatelic Society 1990 for "New York City Postal History"; also the United States Philatelic Classics Society Medal and an American Philatelic Society Medal of Excellence.

**Gene Bowman - #8913:** Championship Class, Large Gold at New Zealand '90 for "Cape of Good Hope 1853-1910".

Well-done gentlemen!! The Editor would appreciate notification from members when they receive awards or when they know of other members who successfully compete in the future.

### CALL FOR PAPERS

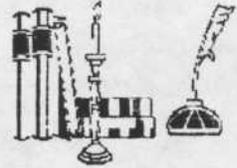
The **ABSOLUTE** deadline for submission of letters, articles, ads, bits and pieces, etc., for the next issue is **February 1st**. Board members especially should note this date because of your regular columns in each issue.

The reason for moving the deadline back is that the Journal is now printed by the John H. Otten publishing firm located in Ohio. A minimum ten-day turnaround time is required because of this new production arrangement. Therefore, your editor will require additional lead time to prepare and mail the final master for reproduction.

While on the subject of submissions, the "article well" has running dry. While the "Bits & Pieces" archive is in a healthy state, the article bin will be barren-with the exception of reprints of material published elsewhere on topics of interest to our group.

The purpose of Forerunners is not to present previously published materials, no matter how relevant they may be to the focus of our group, therefore...

FROM  
THE  
EDITOR



After reviewing, correcting and mailing out the previous issue, I decided to enjoy the final product, unfettered by the use of the editorial eye. To my dismay and thorough embarrassment, I discovered a tremendous number of "typo's" and one or two paragraphs which drifted off the end of the column! My sincerest apologies dear friends. Being a month late in getting the issue out because of a computer difficulty did not help either. What happened (I think) is that late one evening, I made all of the necessary corrections and then shut down for the evening. What I failed to do was save the corrections to the file before turning the infernal machine off. When I printed the master the next morning...you guessed it!

As to journal content, we have been truly blessed - especially in the feature article department. In terms of "don'ts" the one comment made more than once in the past has been to avoid publishing works which have already appeared elsewhere. As you just read in the "Call For Papers" notice, these are about all I have left after this issue.

With over ninety members, it is almost a certainty that there are a number of you who have knowledge, interest and insights to share, on topics which have yet to appear in Forerunners. For example, there have not been any submissions on SWA, RSA, Zululand, Rhodesia, more modern material, to name just a few. In addition, at the beginning of the feature article department, a large number of additional areas are listed which are of expressed interest to the readers; but do not limit yourself to these if you desire to write something for all of us to enjoy and learn from.

In addition to suggested topics, as Editor, I am available to assist "first-timers"-especially those who may feel that they are not "good" writers. (Even handwritten materials are acceptable as long as they are readable.) Perhaps you might like to collaborate on a topic with another member. You can either place an ad to that affect, or drop me a line and I will find a couple prospective co-authors for you.

What all of this is leading up to is that there is a wealth of hitherto untapped knowledge amongst us to be shared and you are hereby encouraged to do so.

## PSGSA TO BREAK NEW GROUND: THE REFERENCE ANTHOLOGY

**Scenario I:** How many times have you or I come across an article, cover or cancel related to some obscure area that falls within our areas of philatelic interest? Perhaps it was a brief mention, in passing, of the Mier Camel Post. Our curiosity piqued, we began to search for more information. Lo and behold we can locate nothing further.

**Scenario II:** In a recent issue of *Forerunners*, your Editor asked for examples of Stellaland stamps used, on or off-cover. Much to the surprise of many, a deluge of information, covers and used individual stamps were received; including copies of heretofore unheard of (to most of us) Stellaland fiscals.

Drawing upon the experiences above, communications have occurred between the Editor, Alan MacGregor and Tim Bartshe from which a proposal is now put forth: Why not put together and publish a series of reference works covering a variety of little-known topics. Each work would consist of a single topic compilation of the following: (1) previously published articles, (2) reproductions of stamps/covers/cancellations, cinderellas, back-of-the-book, (3) lists of references e.g., titles of articles, books, journals, newsletters, maps, diagrams, ancient documents, etc., (4) annotated bibliographies, (5) reproductions of color plates from auction catalogs. Proper credit will of course be given to sources, publishers, authors and contributors.

The objective of this effort will be to have as many of the "pieces of the puzzle" as possible in a single edited document titled *The Reference Anthology*. It does not take much of a stretch of the philatelic imagination to realize how invaluable a resource like what is proposed will be for all of us in our "search for the Holy Grail". I for one would love to have had such a reference work at my disposal on many an occasion.

To be sure, we can expect that there will be some duplication of information. This will occur in the case of articles by different authors on the same subject. At the same time, there will be pieces of information in one article not illustrated and/or discussed in others on the same topic. To reiterate, the purpose of each anthological volume will be to identify as much of the available information on a given topic as can be located with the exception of monograph or book-length publications. These latter items would appear in the reference or annotated bibliography section of each anthology.

Now that the seed has been planted, where do we go from here? First of all, with this issue we will start with the collection of the pieces which were listed above in items (1) through (5) above. Secondly, at some yet-to-be

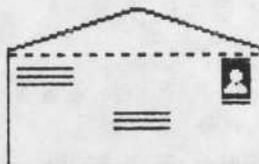
designated point in time, materials received will be compiled and distributed at cost to those members wishing a copy. Thirdly, as additional materials are received, supplements will be published and distributed to purchasers of the original edition at a nominal charge.

The topics selected for our first anthology or two are:

\* The Camel Post At Village Mier \* Griqualand East  
\* Griqualand West \* Bakers Express \* Mount Curie  
Express \* The Commando Briefs \* Stellaland

The amount of material received on each subject area will determine the number of separate anthologies to be published. Also, any reader who would like to suggest other topics upon which to focus future volumes, please let the Editor know.

All material is to be sent to the Editor. Make sure that each article is fully referenced. If sending reproductions of covers, cancellations and the like, please provide a brief legible description. Any extracts/reproductions from books, auction catalogs, etc., must be accompanied by appropriately detailed reference information, e.g., page number, publisher, author, year, etc. Periodic updates will appear in future issues as to how the anthology archives are progressing. Please join in this exciting effort by sending in material. This is certainly going to be a great opportunity for the Society to contribute to the general field of philatelic reference works.



*READERS  
REACT!*

"I have found the auction catalogue, as well as, *Forerunners* most interesting. Have posted-off one small bid for the auction.

The annual Philatelic Exhibition took place (National) in Johannesburg recently, but on the whole the Union of SA, as well as the RSA exhibits were not as exciting as in the past. However, the Cape of Good Hope triangulars exhibited by one our dealers was outstanding and won the Premier Award.

I look forward to doing something positive for the Society in the future."...Des Hyland, RSA

"Many thanks for all of the back issues. I see from reading them that someone may be needed to translate Afrikaans.

*Readers React... cont'd*

to English. I could certainly try as I do speak Afrikaans.

I look forward to the auction...I have really enjoyed the Forerunners - one day I hope to contribute."...Selwyn Picker, MD, St. Louis, Missouri

"Just received the July/October issue of Forerunners. Great as always!"...Jim McCartney, Freeport, Ohio

"Just catching up on my reading and I find your magazine totally fascinating!"...Gene Bowman, Waukesha, Michigan

"I found the Forerunners most interesting, as it contained so much of interest to an old South African - from the forgeries of the Cape to the postmarks at Barber-ton."...Roland Terry, Honolulu, Hawaii

"Yes, the PSGSA certainly seems to be going from strength to strength."...Alan MacGregor, Croydon, England

"Thank you for your last letter and the issue of Forerunners which was really splendid. I think that our members will really enjoy it when they borrow it from our library. The article on the Stellaland stamps was a great help for my own collection."...Jac Stolk, Secretary/Filatelistenvereniging Zuidelijk Afrika, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

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### A FEW WORDS FROM THE BOARD



*"Random Jottings From The President"...*Syl C. Tully

We are now moving into the mid-point of our fourth year. Since our beginning, the Society has gone from strength to strength. At the same time, it has become apparent that reevaluation of our election procedures is necessary to accomodate organizational needs at this point in our development.

Accompanying this issue, the Board has included a draft of suggested election procedural changes. The period from November 1990 through February 1991 will constitute the review and comment period for the general membership. Unless the Secretary receives strenuous objections during that period, the proposed changes will take effect on March 1, 1991. If objections are received, the matter will be put to a vote via a ballot included with the March/June journal issue 1991.

As you know, the Board position of President is open for nomination due to my pending retirement on June 30th next year. The remaining officers have indicated their desire to continue on in their respective roles, should no one indicate an interest in running, or is nominated to run for one of their offices. The nomination period will end

February 1, 1991. An election ballot will be included in the March/June '91 issue of the Journal should there be two or more individuals interested in running for one of the Board positions, as may occur in the case of the President's position.

Speaking of electing a new President, let me say that the President's role is a rather simple one. There is the "Jottings From The President" column, plus the annual message delivered to those present at the Society's meeting at APS's STaMpsHOW. This is either done in person or by an open letter read by the host of the meeting, should the President not be in attendance. Finally, any policy recommendations, constitution/by-law changes are reviewed by the President and then communicated to the general membership through Forerunners.

Other than the above, the role of the President is pretty much up to the individual holding the office. In a word, one can make the role of President what one wishes. An individual with time, energy and the inclination, may be as creative as he/she desires. Believe me, there is really no reason any of you could not "fill my shoes", when I retire on June 30, 1991. In addition, there is plenty of support and encouragement provided by the other Board members. If the President needs/desires assistance, etc., there certainly is no shortage because of the dedication and involvement of the other Board members. No one is left carrying the load alone.

I certainly encourage members to consider "throwing their hat in the ring" to run for President. I also encourage members to feel free to submit the name of another member that they feel would acquit our group well, and this may be done anonymously if so desired. Enough said. All nominations should be sent to the Secretary prior to February 1, 1991....Best Regards, Syl.

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### \*\*\* Recruiter's Report \*\*\*

John D. Rightmire, Vice President/Membership

Since taking on the duties of V.P. in charge of recruitment, I have mailed out at least 140 recruitment packages to collectors sharing an interest in stamps from southern Africa. Of 21 applications sent to countries outside of the U.S., eight (38%) became members. Of 119 applications forwarded inside the U.S., ten (8%) folks were interested enough about our little group to join it.

Our current membership stands at 90 with 26 (28.8%) residing outside the U.S., and 64 (71.2%) here at home. Our non-U.S. members are found in nine countries:

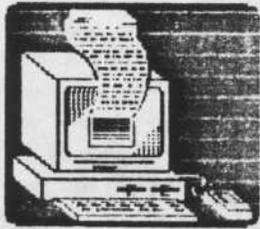
*Recruiter's Report... cont'd*

UK - 8, RSA - 5, Canada/Holland/Switzerland - 3 each, France/Germany/Japan/Malaysia - 1 each.

United States membership is broken down like this, using ZIP code state abbreviations:

CA- 15, OH - 5, NY - 4, MA/NJ/TX - 3 each, CO/IL/MD/ME/MI/TN/UT/VA - 2 each and CT/DC/FL/MN/MO/NC/ND/NE/OR/PA/RI/VT/WA/WI - 1 each.

There are 21 states with not a single member. Imagine the untapped knowledge from the collectors in those states. Let's all make an effort to tap our sources for articles that will help increase our membership by word-of-mouth. You would be surprised at how little we know about your particular specialty. An article by you just might spur interest in that area, increasing the value of your collection. After all, something got you started in that direction. See you in print next time around...John



*"Facts, Figures And Other Matters." ... Bill Brooks, Secretary*

As pointed out in the previous issue, yours truly has been keeping membership profile statistics which will be presented in several installments. In this issue we

continue with, first of all, how it is that members find out about the Society (Table 1); and secondly, countries collected which fall within PSGSA's primary focus areas (Table 2).

Table 1. Source By Which Past/Present Members Learned About PSGSA (Through Member #9029).

| Source                        | No. | %    |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|
| Commercial Publications (1)   | 33  | 28.4 |
| Other Society Members         | 23  | 19.8 |
| Publications/other groups (2) | 22  | 19.0 |
| Soc. Recruitment Program (3)  | 21  | 18.1 |
| Non-members/other groups (4)  | 8   | 6.9  |
| Society Auction               | 5   | 4.3  |
| American Philatelic Society   | 4   | 3.5  |

(1) Linns, Stamp Collector, Canadian Stamp News, Stamps Magazine (UK); (2) American Philatelist, Anglo-Boer War Philatelist, Springbok and OFS Bulletin; (3) efforts of VP/Membership; and (4) word-of-mouth.

Clearly, Society information releases published in the commercial philatelic press has been the most successful recruitment avenue at our disposal. Over one-fourth or (28.4%) of our members joined after being exposed to our releases. Those appearing in publications of other groups accounted for 19.0% of members who joined. This yields an effective total of almost half of those joining did so due to reading our releases in various philatelic-related publications. The placement of these releases is due to the efforts of the International Representatives-IRs-(commercial philatelic press) and the Secretary function (publications of other groups through the Reciprocal Listings Exchange process). These statistics validate the value of these distribution efforts - especially that of the IRs.

The next most significant factor contributing to our membership growth appears to be the "spreading of the word" by individual members (19.8%) and the Vice President (18.1%). The latter's effort alone is especially praiseworthy in that almost one in five members have joined because of his mailings alone!

One interesting finding is that almost 7% of our members have joined because of non-members in other groups who have told them about us, even though they have not chosen to join as yet.

Table 2 below shows in rank order, how many members collect which countries falling within the Society's focus of interest. Clearly, the pre-Union states win hands down; and it only makes sense that collecting Union/SA is close on the heels of the precursor states. I will leave further analyses and comment up to you, the reader.

Table 2. Greater Southern Africa Countries Rank-Ordered By Number Of Members Collecting.

- Orange Free State/Colony & Cape of Good Hope - 64
- Natal & Transvaal - 58 Union of South Africa - 57
- South West Africa & Zululand - 44 Griqualand West - 43
- Bechuanalands & New Republic - 39 Stellaland - 37
- General British Africa & Southern Rhodesia - 33
- Northern Rhodesia - 31 Basutoland - 30
- Swaziland - 29 Bechuanaland Protectorate - 26
- Rhodesia - 24 Republic of South Africa - 23
- Homelands - 3 British South Africa Company & Zimbabwe - 2 Rhodesia & Nyasaland - 1

The Board recently discussed the matter of release of the Society membership list. Requests from dealers and the like concerning access to it had been received. With one exception, the Board overwhelmingly voted not to provide membership information to non-members. In the case of releasing information to members, it was decided that this would only occur on an individual basis, e.g., a members wishes to contact another because of something read in the Journal. The best means, of course, of contacting individuals about common interest areas, research topics and/or trading, etc., would be to use the classifieds of the question and answer department.

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Enclosed with this issue are draft proposals for changes in the Society's existing By-laws. The first deals with the creation of the Society Treasurer position. The second addresses proposed changes in the elections procedures and terms of office. The Board has unanimously endorsed these items and now put them forth to the general membership for consideration.

The review and comment period will end February 1, 1991. If no strong objections are received by that date, the proposed changes will go into effect March 1, 1991.

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As mentioned by our President, he will be retiring as of June 30, 1991. I for one will certainly miss him. Be that as it may, we need one or more members to step forward as candidates for office; and remember that a member may nominate another on an anonymous basis if so desired.

Having been involved as a Board member for a number of organizations over the years, it has become a common observation that getting someone to take on a more active role is somewhat like "pulling teeth". A majority of members simply have no interest in taking on responsibilities and/or acting in a leadership capacity. Now, I am not intimating that the majority of us like to sit back and enjoy the fruits of others' labor, although for some this is the case. Some simply don't wish to be bothered with it all. Others, because of the lack of previous Board experience, feel that they are not qualified. This is, of course, far from the truth. If a member has the desire to become involved, it is amazing how quickly one can pick-up the skills to run a tight ship, so-to-speak. Not only that, please remember that the other Board members are ready and willing to assist in any way they can. Perhaps this is the main reason things have gone so smoothly, and will continue to do so.

Syl, rather succinctly, outlined the basic responsibilities of the President in his "jottings" this issue. As you can see,

the actual amount of scheduled "work" involved is minimal - three columns per year plus an annual message-THAT'S IT! And let me tell you something: we presently have Board members who have never served in a leadership role before, either. And guess what? They have done a fantastic job on all our behalfs! And the beauty of our group is that the role one plays is only limited by what it is a member desires to do. Creativity is invited; all you have to do is step forward!

The office of President is open to any member-in-good-standing. As mentioned previously, members may nominate themselves or be nominated by other members. The nomination period closes February 1, 1991. If there are competing candidates, a ballot will be included in the next issue of the Journal. Now let the nominations roll!



### "From The Archives"

Tim Bartshe, Director

I am happy to report that the contributions to the library, as well as the reciprocating journals from other societies, continue to come in. The latest is the The Perins Of Cape Colony, Natal, OFS/ORC, Transvaal, South Africa printed by the Perins Club, USA. Its date of printing is unknown, but has a large alphabetical listing of the many perins found throughout South African postal history. This would be a perfect opportunity for all of you to send in tracings of any examples for identification in the next issue of Forerunners.

We received three-odd copies of The Springbok containing articles pertaining to Military Post Offices and plate flaws of the 1d "ship". these are serialized and we do not have all the parts, but are quite interesting none-the-less. The 1/90 copy of The Springbok Philatelist contains articles about World War II military censor mail and SWA stamp expos.

From our friends at the Rhodesian Study Circle are their journals for this year. Included are articles pertaining to Rhodesia's first issues - "Rhodesia 1910 Issue: A Theory About The Evolution Of The Headplates"; and co-authored by our very own Alan Drysdall, "The Puzey Correspondence and the Mashonaland Posts."

Speaking of Alan Drysdall, he is kindly allowing us to sell copies of two publications which he has authored. The Society will benefit from the margin normally kept by the retailers. The publications are: (1) "The Nyasaland-Rhodesi

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Rhodesia Field Force 1914-18; A Postal History" and (2) "The Oates Correspondence; A Postal History of Frank Oates Travels In Matabeleland And Zambesia, 1873-75". Depending upon the value of the pound sterling, the costs will be \$25-30 for (1) and \$10-12 for (2), plus postage. Both have been well reviewed and have won medals.

Anyone interested in the above, either in purchasing Alan's books, or copies of any of our archive material, please write to me. Copies of articles will be 10c per page plus postage. All of the proceeds from copies will go to the Society Trust...Tim

**\* \* 1990 Mail Bid Auction Update \* \***

Through September 30, 1990, twenty-two individuals have submitted bids. Total number of bids thus far are 325. The number of lots bid on is 235. The total bids have come to \$2,568. Two bidders are non-members. Overseas bids have come in from Canada (3), with one bidder each from France, Germany, Malaysia, RSA, Switzerland and the UK. Thirteen bidders are US residents....Tim Bartshe, Auction Manager.

**"From The Program Chair"**

Louise van Ingen, Director

Greetings To All:

We have heard that some of our members got together for a very nice meeting at STaMpsHOW 90 in Cincinnati during late August. This was our second annual meeting. Dave Wessely and Charles Kessler, who live in that area, made the arrangements for the meeting which included a program on Bechuanaland by Dave.

As we have mentioned before, the plans are to have an annual meeting at STaMpsHOW, wherever it may be held. This will require the assistance of our members who live in the area where the show is to be held.

Further, we hope to have regional meetings at various shows around the country. Dr. Guy Dillaway has volunteered to make arrangements for a meeting at Philatelic Show this coming May which occurs in the Northeast. He will be provided with names and addresses of members to contact in that area.

Please help us to make this all possible by volunteering to arrange a meeting and program at a stamp show in your area. We would like to plan these meetings well ahead of time so they can be publicized, and reported in our own Journal for the benefit of those attending the various shows. Let me hear from some of you soon . . . Louise

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**FORERUNNERS SCORES AGAIN!!**

If you read "The Honor Roll" feature, you noted that your Journal received a Bronze award in the literature competition held at STaMpsHow 90. This is the premiere annual philatelic event, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society. This is our third award in so many tries and compliments well the contributions made by all members publishing herein. . . Now on to the results from our entry at SESCAL, the annual philatelic show of the Southern California Federation of Stamp Clubs. We will receive word from the Competition Committee as to how we fared by the time the next issue comes out.

**SOCIETY MEETING REPORT FROM STaMpsHOW**

Dave Wessely, our USA/International Representative, provided the leadership in hosting the 1990 annual meeting of the Society. He was ably assisted by general member Charles Kessler. The program consisted of a presentation by Dave on "The Philately of Bechuanaland". David's report of the meeting was as follows:

"The second annual meeting of PSGSA has been successfully completed at this weekend's APS show in Cincinnati; and quite honestly, I did have fun doing it. In total there were nine in attendance with one sending his regrets from the floor - which was much better than I had truly expected.

"Members attending, besides myself and Charles were Guy R. Dillaway (Weston, MA), Gary J. Anemaet (Dexter, MI), T.P. McDermott (West Point, NY), Hugh J. McMackin III (Los Angeles) and Anita Beach (Cincinnati, OH). The two guests were Harry Ehrich (Columbus, OH) and Jeffrey K. Weiss (Petaluma, CA). The latter individual exhibited in the Open Competition - with the Jubilee issues of Great Britain - and WON the Reserve Grand Award!!!

"We were given a very large room with plenty of seats for our meeting. The Show Program listed our Society name with the proper time and room number so anyone could have found us. I had brought about 20 or so books from my own collection to the show and displayed them on a banquet table at the rear of the room. Almost everyone took some time to flip through a few pages or more, so I consider that my effort was quite worthwhile.

"I started by having our small group sit around in a circle and introduce themselves and say whatever they wished to. It was very interesting. The general consensus was that the Society magazine had really grown up in a short time and that the Editor deserved tremendous credit for

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"putting so much organization into the Society. I never really requested a discussion of helpful hints on how to improve the Society. Everyone seemed content - and the auction catalogue was pretty amazing.

"Everyone received several handouts of Society material plus mine that pertained to Bechuanaland. After about 30 minutes of general conversation, I showed my exhibit of Bechuanaland consisting of about 75 letter size pages. I had all the exhibit pages in a three-ring binder and just talked about each page as I went through the book. It took about 45 minutes and there were several interchanges where people would relate amusing stories about their own collections/attempts to figure out postal rates/suggestions on exhibiting. The entire time was very cordial and the whole group seemed interested. I had been concerned about not having much of interest to discuss, or just being boring to the group. But neither turned out to be the case and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a very relaxed gathering of similarly interested people who seemed to fit well together.

"I was packed up and out of the room a few minutes before noon. Now we will need to find someone for next year's STaMpsHOW in Philadelphia...Sincerely, Dave Wessely."

Dave's report parallels very closely the experiences of our first formal Society meeting at the 1989 show in Anaheim. If you plan to be in the Philadelphia area the latter part of next August. In the meantime, sincere thanks to Dave and Charles for a job well-done!

### \$\$ Report From The Treasurer \$\$

Ron Carlson, Treasurer

Greetings from your interim Treasurer! I have been asked to help out while the Society is growing and creating much more "behind-the-scenes" work. This function will change from "interim" to "full-time" at our next election. PSGSA continues to attract new members with many from international locations. It is certainly exciting to see such momentum and interest as shown by the activities and articles in the Journal.

In order to accommodate our international members, I can accept payments for Annual Membership, Trust donations and Journal back-issues in: (1)U.S. Dollars by personal check, bank draft and money orders; (2)U.K. Pounds by personal check or bank drafts; and (3) South African Rands by Rand backnotes given at 106% of the current quoted "Commercial Rate". This will cover conversion bank charges. I trust this will cover the majority of financial needs with sufficient flexibility. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed...Ron Carlson

## THE SOCIETY TRUST



The Society is fortunate indeed, to be blessed with generosity and active support from the membership. The following is a summary of contributions to the Trust from its inception in 1989:

**Postage** - \$410.25 - Contributors: Chuck Lupo, Bill Brooks, John Rightmire, anonymous (6).

**Cash** - \$253.75 - Contributors: George van den Hurk, John Rightmire, Dave Wessely, Louise van Ingen, Henry Ibsen, Ralph Myerson, T.P. McDermott, Dr. Robert Taylor, anonymous (4).

**Library/Archives** - Volumes I, II & III/QFS Handbook, Transvaal Philately, SA Philatelist - 7 back issues, The Perfs Of Cape Colony, Natal, QFS/ORC, Transvaal & South Africa, 17 back issues of The Springbok - Contributors: Orange Free State Study Circle, Bill Brooks, Gerry Halmo, Morgan T. Farrell, Anita Beach. (For a complete listing of available materials, please write our friendly Archivist, Mr. "Timmy" Bartshe-address inside front cover.)

## THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE



Changes are afoot with regard to the International Representative (IR) ranks. First of all, George van den Hurk has found it necessary to resign, and regretfully so (see his letter below under the heading "Notes From Abroad"). Secondly, Nick Meisels found it necessary to step down at this time as our RSA/IR. Thirdly, our "man in the Middle East", Alan Drysdall, has relocated from Saudi Arabia to England. Members in Switzerland and RSA have been solicited to become our newest "volunteers", in order to fill those two vacancies.

Perhaps this would be an opportune moment to ask if there are any of you out there who might like to be considered for future IR vacancies, as they arise. If so, please send a letter to the Secretary expressing your

interest in becoming a future IR. An information packet is available which describes the role, responsibilities and vital importance of the IR to the Society.

### Notes From Abroad

This column affords the opportunity for our hard-working and dedicated IRs to communicate with the general membership. Each IR is encouraged to do so as frequently as possible.

"Dear Bill:

Let me first congratulate you on the many developments and expansion of our group in the USA and internationally, for which I think you and your team have been responsible during the past years. An achievement you can be proud of! I have no doubt that also in the coming years, the PSGSA will go from strength to strength.

"On the personal side, I must reckon with a rather hectic business life next year which does not leave as much time for the hobby as I would like. I would, therefore, with great regret, like to resign as the IR for Switzerland.

"I have spoken to another member from Basel, at the National Exhibition in Geneva (a wonderful show with super exhibits of the Cape Triangles, Anglo-Boer War, top exhibits on Scouting with nice Mafeking material, etc., etc. Although there was not much in our field, the quality of these exhibits made up for the lack of quantity. The larger concentration was of course on Swiss stamps and thematics, although there were other top pieces, for instance, the Imigre Bible cover and Post Office Mauritius on cover, shown by Feldman)...Anyhow, as I started to say, I did speak with this other member, and he is prepared to take over the task of IR/Switzerland. He is also better connected than I am because he is born and bred here, is a well-respected philatelist and well-known, not only in Switzerland, but also in South Africa, England and internationally. Many thanks Bill. All the best, George." (No, folks, George is not leaving the Society, and we can look forward to articles from him in the distant future.)

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"At *Stamp World*, the British Africa societies hired a meeting room. Information about the PSGSA was available to all those who visited this meeting room, along with information about other relevant societies. Unfortunately, there has been no response in writing, to date! The problem may be that we are very well endowed with specialist societies for the area in the UK.

"I now hope to devote more time to my duties as an IR in order to attract more UK members. . . Mike Smith, Hants."

"I have been 'advertising' our group to a number of collectors via the auction for 1990. However, most of them collect more modern material which is, more or less, out of our scope. I am hoping that our press releases will attract more 'strangers' from throughout the European countries..." Werner K. Seeba, Stuttgart.

### The Reciprocal Listings Exchange

Any organization whose philatelic focus falls within, or is contiguous with that of the Society, is invited to participate in this information exchange. General information about a group, its activities and special events, is welcomed for publication in *Forerunners*. All that is required is that PSGSA be offered the same opportunity in the publications of the participants. Exchange of publications between participants for library/archiving purposes is encouraged. Any organization wishing to publish information releases concerning its special events, e.g., auctions, notice should be taken of the submission deadlines listed in the classifieds section.

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Membership data indicates that some of you belong to other groups which may find the Listings Exchange as something they may wish to participate in, e.g., East Africa Study Group, West Africa Study Group. There are also perhaps Society members who would be interested in learning about these other organizations. If you belong to these two groups, please send the Editor a contact name and address - preferably a member of their Board. An invitation will then be sent to participate in the Listings Exchange...thank you.

**The Bechuanalands & Botswana Society** - Founded in 1985 to promote and encourage the study of the philately and postal history of "The Bechuanalands", namely British Bechuanaland (1885-95), Bechuanaland Protectorate (1887 -1966) and latterly, Botswana (post-1966). The Society's 100 members are scattered around the world, with strong contingents in the UK & RSA. The Society's publication *The Runner Post*, appears quarterly and has gained widespread recognition as an excellent source of specialist articles and information. Two meetings are held each year in the UK, at Spring and Autumn STAMPEX. Regular auctions are also held. Membership is 8 pounds sterling per annum. Further information is available from: Roy Setterfield, Hon. Secretary, 18 Goldsmid Road, HOVE East Sussex BN3 1QA, England. (Roy is a member of PSGSA and a past IR/UK.) *Editor's Note: I have had the opportunity to review a past issue or two of their publication which is excellent!*

**Dutch Philatelic Society of Southern Africa (FVZA)** - Founded in 1988 by Dutch collectors focusing upon the following countries: South Africa, South West Africa, the Homelands, Botswana, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Angola and Mocambique, as well as all former and future countries within this area. The Society publishes Bartolomeo Dias four times per year. Articles appear in three languages: Dutch or Afrikaans or English. A postal auction is held twice each year and an exchange-packet system has been started. The membership fee is 25 guilders per year. Subscription to their magazine is only 15 guilders per year. Society activities in November included a lecture on the mail from the prisoner-of-war camps on St. Helena to South Africa during the Boer War. For further information on the Society, please write: Secretary FVZA, J. Stolk, Wilgensingel 166, 3053 CZ Rotterdam, Holland.

**Orange Free State Study Circle** - Founded in 1953, OFSSC provides an excellent resource for the OFS/ORC collector. Its journal, The Orange Free State Bulletin, is a must for the specialist. Additional information may be obtained from: Hon. Secretary, J.R. Stroud, 28 Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset TA8 1LQ, England.

**Rhodesian Study Circle** - Founded in 1948, RSC has a world-wide membership of over 400. It publishes a quarterly journal and holds regular meetings in England, South Africa, Zimbabwe, with occasional sessions in the USA and Canada. New features in their publication include columns on recent issues of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi in order to encourage the study of modern material. Additional information is available from: Membership Secretary, D. Lambert, 25 Carr Road, Nelson, Lancaster BB9 7JZ, England.

**South Africa Collectors' Society** - The Society was formed to encourage and promote the collecting of stamps and postal history of both Union and Republican Periods, the Homelands, South West Africa, Cape of Good Hope and Natal. The annual membership is 5 pounds sterling. Periodic postal auctions are held. The Society has held joint meetings in the past with the Rhodesian Study Circle and the East Africa Study Group. Membership inquiries should be made to: Mr. D.W. Painter, Hon. Membership Secretary, 13 Alma Road, Romsey, Hants SO51 8EB, UK

**South Africa Study Group** - Founded in 1987, SASG is an active group with members in several countries. The group's focus is on all aspects of the Republican & Union periods of South Africa and South West Africa, including the German period. This study group publishes The Springbok Philatelist three times per year. Further information about SASG available from: Sidney Goldfield, 309 W. 72nd St. #3D, New York, NY 10023 USA

**Transvaal Study Circle** - For more information, please contact Joan Matthews, Bramley Cottage, 27B Lancaster Gardens, Beltinge, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 6PU.

## EVENTS OF NOTE

Listed below are shows and exhibitions from around the world which members may have an interest in attending. Any reader aware of other events which should be listed, please send information to the Editor in a timely fashion. Also, any member having additional information on a listed event, should also send it to the Editor. If a reader attends one of the listed events, written comments on your experiences there will be appreciated.

**PHILANIPPON '91** - November 16-24, 1991, Tokyo International Fair Grounds. Contact PHILANIPPON Committee, 91 CPO, Box 91, Tokyo 100-91, Japan.

**STaMpsHOW '91** - August 1991, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Contact The American Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 8000 State College, PA 16803 USA.

## THE FORERUNNERS FORUM

Questions  
And  
Answers



As part of its services to the reader, Forerunners provides an excellent resource opportunity to the reader through this feature. On the inside cover of the Journal, a panel of experts is listed, followed by their addresses and areas of expertise. Any reader, whether a Society member or not, may utilize the panel in obtaining answers to questions that may have plagued them for some time, concerning a cover, cancellation, postal rates/routes, identification of a specific stamp, etc. The procedure is simple: Send your question, along with a clear reproduction of the specific of the specific item when appropriate, to the panel member with the relevant area of expertise. A detailed description, e.g., color, perforations, watermark type, etc., should always accompany any illustrations. This will aid the panel member in accurately responding to your question.

The panel member will forward his/her answer, along with the question and reproduction, to the Editor for publication in the next available issue of Forerunners. Panel members are encouraged to also return a copy of their responses directly to the questioner. Please bear in mind that a

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question may take an extended period of time for reasearch which may require collaboration with other panel members. Questions are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Membership on the panel is open to Society members in good standing, who have experience and expertise to offer as a valuable resource to the reader. Anyone wishing to join the panel for specific areas not yet listed, are invited to communicate their interest in doing so to the Panel Chairman, Syl C. Tully (address inside cover page).

Readers are also invited to respond to questions and answers previously published in Forerunners. Additional insights and information is always welcomed as a way of broadening the scope of our knowledge.

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**Question #17:** "I recently purchased at auction, a set of Southern Rhodesia (Scott 16-30). In checking the perforations, I find that the 1 1/2d stamp is perforated 12 x 11 1/2. Both Scott and Gibbons show 11 1/2 and 12, but no combination. Can anyone shed any light?" - Thomas Kopriva, Memphis, Tennessee

**Answer by Bill Wallace:** "Concerning the 1931-7 definitives which were perforated 12 x 11 1/2, the 1 1/2d value was printed in a quantity of 12 million and placed on sale April 1, 1932. These stamps were all comb perfed 12 x 11 1/2. (The Guide To The Postage Stamps Of The Rhodesias & Nyasaland published by the Mashonaland Philatelic Study Group, states it was 11 3/4 x 11 1/2).

"Some of these values were issued in 1933 for booklets, but these are line perfed 12 all around and are quite scarce."

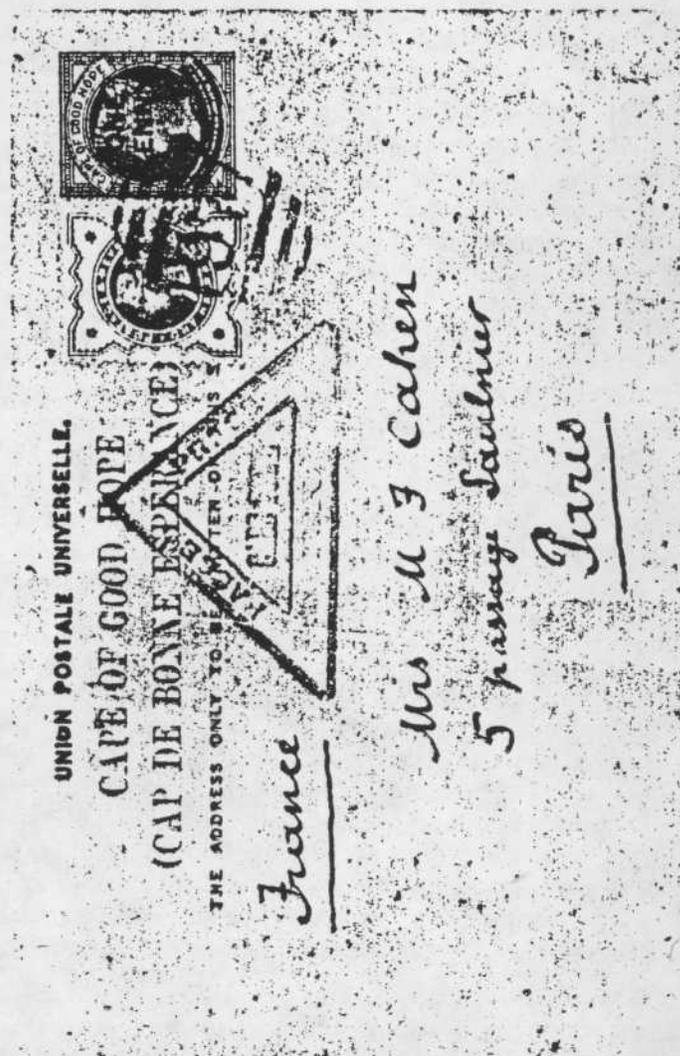
**Question #18:** "Enclosed are copies of the front and reverse of an Anglo-Boer War - Cape postcard (see in adjacent column). Have you any idea from where the postmark (1977) comes. Is it British-mailboat/Paquebot canceller? It does not appear in any of my reference books of English numeral cancellers. A Cape BONC it is not. Do you think it is a forgery? ABW canceller? Any information you can give me would be greatly appreciated." - Werner Seeba, Stuttgart, Germany

**Answer by Syl Tully:** "I know where the numeral cancel 1977 was applied, but am trying to construct a scenario that would permit such a happening. The cancel is that of Rialto, Victoria - a post office on Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia - no doubt in my mind at all. I happen to collect the numeral cancels of Victoria and have several contemporary strikes of the same marking.

"All I can think of is that the Cape Town censor stamped

Australia, at which point the mail was sorted for onward transmittal. I suspect the sorting clerk could have noticed the lack of a defacing canceller and applied what was at hand; thus the 1977 BONC is really a transit mark.

"I now ask if any member has a more logical reply as to the entire transit scenario?"





## Unanswered Challenges For The Scholar

This feature includes questions which have "stumped" our panel of experts. The reader is now invited to take up the challenge. Please forward all responses to the Editor.

**Challenge #1:** "Can anyone speculate as to why the cover shown on page 10 of the Oct/Jan '90 issue is totally stampless? Perhaps something to do with the Boer War?"

**Challenge #2:** "Does anyone have information about the De Waal Forwarding Agents, Durban and Delagoa Bay? I would like some history on the company. In the only list I have seen of pre-Union forwarding agents, they are not mentioned. I have two of their labels, both cancelled at Point/Natal, in the 1890's. One is on piece with a 1d postage stamp, cancelled October 10"

**Challenge #3:** "Why did Natal use embossed stamps?"

**Challenge #4:** "Why is the cover shown on page 12 of the Jan/Apr '89 issue a 'fake' cover?"

**Challenge #5:** "I have a 1/2p Swaziland overprint of the first issue (Scott #1). The 'SW' is omitted on it, but Robson Lowe only shows it missing on the 2p. Mine is cancelled 'EMBEKELWBNY'. Anyone have any knowledge of this?"

**Challenge #6:** "Has anyone seen/own, or have a photocopy of a non-philatelic Interprovisional cover franked by stamps from all four pre-Union states?"

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### \* \* BITS AND PIECES \* \*

This feature provides an opportunity for members to share interesting little tidbits of information and illustrations in a short-order format. Items appropriate for this section include interesting cancels, covers, rare and unusual postage stamps and the like, akin to a collage or potpourri of items related to Greater Southern African philately. Also invited are comments, reactions, etc., to items appearing in "Bits And Pieces". The following is a list of subjects that readers have expressed an interest in seeing covered in this section (Just in case you are wondering what you might be able to contribute.)

Postage due letters in or out of Bechuanaland Protectorate (BP) \* BP revenue stamps still on documents \* military mail from BP \* interprovisional usage of BP stamps \* odd cancels on CGH stamps \* pictures of unique postal history of The Cape and O.V.S. \* all known revenue overprints on non-revenue CGH stamps \* plate or control numbers

noticed on CGH rectangles \* plate number CGH stamps on cover \* pre-stamp period covers and/or letters \* old maps or pictures or drawings of Southern Africa \* single items on interesting covers, cards, pieces or just loose stamps with nice postmarks \* fotostats of picture post cards of old SA before 1910 \* anything to do with air mails, especially crash covers, problem covers, postmarks, cachets \* photographic comparisons of forgeries of any kind \* interprovisional covers \* covers with multiple pieces from the classic era \* back-of-the-book, cinderellas and ephemera \* military and prisoner mail \* cancellations and rarity thereof \* information on postcards-pictorial and otherwise \* local posts \* sea mail \* little known and major errors-modern as well as old-timers \* covers from Rhodesia-especially Double Heads and Admirals \* classic Swaziland & Zululand \* this is just the beginning....

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Bill Wallace from San Francisco, California writes: "One thing I have done recently for the Rhodesian Study Circle is to write about how the 1990 Scott catalogue reduced prices in an attempt to make a catalog with actual sale prices. I did receive permission from Scott Publishing Company to reproduce 100 numbers to get an idea what UK members thought. As most of PSGSA's membership is in the US, why not solicit responses from members on what they think of the 1990 prices in South Africa and forerunners. Let us see if any members think any individual stamps or sets are far out-of-line with today's market." Alright members, here is your chance to speak out on Scott pricing structure. Let the Editor hear from you!!

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From Honolulu, Hawaii, Roland Terry writes: "In Bits and Pieces, page 23 of the previous issue, you show an envelope with a Ceres Road cancellation and wondered what the canceller number would be. It is '120', in case you are still interested." Yes we are, and thanks Roland.

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The Editor has been asked if the Society has a listing or index of articles from previous issues and their availability for purchase. There is an annotated bibliography available, from the Editor, which lists the cost for journal back issues. It is available for the asking, although a donation of \$1 US or equivalent in mint postage is requested. At present, copies of single articles may be requested from the Director of Archives at ten cents US per page. Tim's address is listed on the inside of the cover page.

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"Earliest use" may have been confirmed!!!!!!!

The saga continues regarding the pre-adhesive period "Ships Letter" that John Rightmire shared with us in the Volume 4, No. 1 issue. In his comments, John speculated that it may have been an example of an item falling within the "earliest use" category. Both Dr. Robert Taylor and Gene Bowman had also speculated on the possibility in the two previous issues. Now there appears to be little doubt that John may in fact have acquired such an item...see the rest of the story in this issue's lead article.

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A spontaneous, mini-regional gathering of the clan occurred two weeks ago here in dear old San Bernardino. The Editor, Vice President and general member Ray Harrie enjoyed one another's company one evening, discussing foregery identification of New Republic issues and the Cape triangles. John Rightmire's accumulation of forgeries was absolutely wonderful to behold and helped Ray confirm his suspicions concerning some of his own holdings.

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In previous issues, there has been limited discussion of ephemeral states of the pre-Union period. One which was not included was the Boer Republic of Goshen. Werner Seeba kindly provided this excerpt from the Standard Encyclopedia Of Southern Africa, Volume 5, 1972:

"GOSHEN (Gosen) Republic: In May 1881, war broke out among the Barolong chiefs to the south of the Molopo River and Monsioa of Mafeking attacked Machabi of Poffontein. Machabi was joined by Machette of Kunwana who called to his assistance Boer volunteers, mostly from western Transvaal. He promised them farms and cattle in return for their services. In January 1882, these volunteers elected a council with N. C. Gey van Pittius as chairman, and after the defeat of Monsioa, founded the Republic of Goshen in the land assigned to them. Van Pittius became Administrator, and the capital was called Rooigrond, later Vrywilligersrust, and still later (1884) Heliopolis. At about the same time the Republic of Stellaland was founded in the adjoining Batlapin territory to the south. Complications arose, however, in that both these small Republics were west of the Transvaal border agreed upon by the Convention of London in February 1884, and lay across the gateway from Cape Town to the north. So in 1885, Sir Charles Warren led an expeditionary force which in March put an end to the Goshen Republic. Its government, warned by President Kruger to expect no help from the Transvaal, dispersed, and their claim to about 140 farms in the territory was declared void. Goshen then became part

of the Crown Colony of Bechuanaland until 1895, when it was annexed by the Cape Colony.

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Out of the archives comes this little item which was extracted from an unreferenced source, which may be of some help to members interested in the German period of South West Africa.

## German SWA: official list of POs

A list of post offices in German South West Africa was published in the Cape Colony Post Office Circular No 329, dated 1 April 1909. This extract from the files of the Cape Town Archives was made by Mr A.H. Scott:

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| Abbabis             | Kubas         |
| Arahoab             | Kuibis        |
| Aris                | Luderitzbucht |
| Aub                 | Maltahöhe     |
| Aus                 | Nauchas       |
| Awasab              | Neudamm       |
| Berseba             | Okahandja     |
| Bethanien           | Okasise       |
| Brackwasser         | Okankwejo     |
| Eupukiro            | Okombahe      |
| Farm Voigtland      | Onguati       |
| Gibeon              | Omaruru       |
| Gobabis             | Osona         |
| Gochaganas          | Otawi         |
| Gochas              | Otjihawera    |
| Grootfontein        | Otjimbingwe   |
| Grosz Barmen        | Otjiwarongo   |
| Grosz Witvley       | Otjiwero      |
| Guchab              | Otjosenjati   |
| Haris               | Outjo         |
| Hasuur              | Ramansdrift   |
| Hoachanas           | Rheoboth      |
| Höhewarte           | Richthofen    |
| Jak Halswater       | Seeheim       |
| Johan Albrechtshöhe | Seeis         |
| Itawisis            | Swakopmund    |
| Kalkfeld            | Tsumeb        |
| Kalkfontein (Sud)   | Ukamas        |
| Kanus               | Usakos        |
| Kappsfarm           | Waldau        |
| Keetmanshoop        | Warmbad       |
| Khan                | Waterberg     |
| Koes                | Wilhelmstal   |
| Kub                 | Windhük       |

Werner Seeba has provided the following handy reference item. It consists of a list of technical philatelic terms and their equivalents in four languages: German, French, English and Italian. This certainly will make non-English catalogues more usable in the future...thanks Werner.

## Fachausdrücke

### Vocabulaire technique – Technical vocabulary – Vocabulario tecnico

|                                |                                     |                                          |                                                    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Abart                          | variété                             | variety                                  | varietà                                            |
| Abstempelung                   | oblitération                        | cancellation                             | annullo, oblitterazione                            |
| angeschnitten                  | touché, coupé                       | touched                                  | intaccato                                          |
| Aufdruck                       | surcharge                           | overprint                                | sovrastampa                                        |
| belanglos                      | insignifiant                        | insignificant                            | insignificante                                     |
| berührt                        | touché                              | touched                                  | toccato                                            |
| beschädigt                     | abimé                               | damaged                                  | danneggiato                                        |
| Block                          | bloc                                | block                                    | blocco, foglietto                                  |
| Bogenecke                      | coin de feuille                     | corner of sheet                          | angolo di foglio                                   |
| Bogenrand                      | bord de feuille                     | margin of sheet                          | margin di foglio                                   |
| breit                          | large                               | wide                                     | largo                                              |
| Brief                          | lettre                              | letter, cover                            | lettera                                            |
| Briefstück                     | (sur) fragment                      | on piece (of cover)                      | su frammento                                       |
| Bruch (Spur)                   | pli, trace de pli                   | crease, creased                          | piega                                              |
| Bug                            | légèrement plié                     | slight crease                            | piega leggera                                      |
| dezentriert                    | mal centré                          | off centre                               | mal centrato                                       |
| Doppeldruck                    | double impression                   | double impression                        | doppia impressione                                 |
| Dreierstreifen                 | bande de trois                      | strip of three                           | striscia di 3 pezzi                                |
| dünn                           | mince, aminci                       | thin                                     | assottigliato                                      |
| Durchschnittsstück             | pièce moyenne                       | average copy                             | esemplare mediocre                                 |
| durchstochen                   | percé                               | rouletted                                | perforato a trattini                               |
| entwertet                      | oblitéré                            | cancelled                                | usato, oblitterato                                 |
| Erhaltung                      | condition                           | condition                                | stato di conservazione                             |
| Falz                           | charnière                           | hinge                                    | linguella                                          |
| Federzug                       | trait de plume                      | pen-stroke                               | oblitterato a penna                                |
| fehlerhaft                     | defectueux                          | defective                                | difettoso                                          |
| Fehlbruck                      | erreur                              | error printing                           | errore di stampa                                   |
| fein                           | fin                                 | fine                                     | fine, squisito                                     |
| Fleck                          | tache                               | spot, stain                              | macchia                                            |
| gebraucht                      | oblitéré, usé                       | used                                     | usato, oblitterato                                 |
| geprüft                        | expertisé                           | expertised                               | firmato                                            |
| geschnitten                    | non dentelé                         | imperfected                              | non dentellato                                     |
| gezähnt                        | dentelé                             | perforated                               | dentellato                                         |
| gleiches Los                   | id., même lot                       | id., same lot                            | lotto analogo                                      |
| Gummi                          | gomme                               | gum                                      | gomma                                              |
| halbiert                       | coupé en deux                       | bisected                                 | tagliato in due                                    |
| Kabinettstück                  | pièce hors ligne                    | superb copy                              | pezzo superbo                                      |
| knapp                          | court                               | short, cut close                         | scarso                                             |
| kopfstehend                    | renversé                            | inverted                                 | capovolto, inverso                                 |
| Kreidepapier                   | papier couché                       | chalky paper                             | carta gessata                                      |
| Luxusstück                     | pièce de luxe                       | very fine copy                           | pezzo di lusso                                     |
| Lupenrand                      | marge très-étroite                  | very small margin                        | margin scarso                                      |
| Mangel (Mgl.)                  | défaut                              | defect                                   | difetto                                            |
| Nadelstich                     | trou d'épingle                      | pin prick                                | punta di spillo                                    |
| Nennwert                       | valeur faciale                      | face value                               | valore facciale                                    |
| Neudruck                       | réimpression                        | reprint                                  | ristampa                                           |
| (ohne Gummi) (o. G.)           | sans gomme                          | without gum, no gum                      | senza gomma                                        |
| Originalgummi                  | gomme originale                     | original gum                             | gomma originale                                    |
| Paar                           | paire                               | pair                                     | coppia                                             |
| Plattenfehler                  | erreur de gravure                   | plate error                              | errore di cliché                                   |
| Portomärke                     | (timbre) taxe                       | postage due (stamp)                      | segnatasse                                         |
| postfrisch                     | neuf avec gomme                     | mint                                     | perfetto senza linguella                           |
| Rand                           | marge, bord de feuille              | margin                                   | margin                                             |
| repariert (Rep.)               | réparé                              | repaired                                 | riparato                                           |
| Riß                            | fente                               | tear                                     | crepa                                              |
| Rißchen                        | fente minime                        | very little tear                         | piccola crepa                                      |
| Sammlung                       | collection                          | collection                               | collezione, raccolta                               |
| Satz                           | série                               | set                                      | serie                                              |
| selten                         | rare                                | rare                                     | raro                                               |
| Stempel                        | oblitération                        | cancellation                             | timbro                                             |
| Stockfleck                     | tache jaunie (par l'âge)            | stain (yellow or brown, produced by age) | macchia di ossido                                  |
| Streifen                       | bande                               | strip                                    | striscia                                           |
| Stück                          | pièce, exemplaire                   | piece                                    | pezzo, esemplare                                   |
| Tintenentwertung<br>(entfernt) | oblitération à l'encre<br>(effacée) | pen cancellation<br>(removed)            | oblitterazione<br>all'inchiostro<br>(cancellabile) |
| übereinander                   | marges de luxe                      | very large margins                       | margin di lusso                                    |
| ungebraucht                    | neuf                                | unused                                   | nuovo, non usato                                   |
| ungezähnt                      | non dentelé                         | imperfected                              | non dentellato                                     |
| unterlegt                      | réparé                              | repaired                                 | riparato                                           |
| verschiedene Erhaltung         | (condition) moyenne, diff.          | average (condition)                      | stato di conservazione<br>vario                    |
| Viererblock                    | bloc de quatre                      | block of four                            | quartina                                           |
| Vierstreifen                   | bande de quatre                     | strip of four                            | striscia di 4                                      |
| vollständig                    | marges de tous cotés                | full margins                             | margin pieno                                       |
| Wasserzeichen                  | filigrane                           | watermark                                | filigrana                                          |
| Zählung                        | dentelure                           | perforation                              | dentellatura                                       |
| Zählungsfehler                 | dentelure défectueuse               | perforation damaged                      | dentellatura difettosa                             |
| zentriert                      | (bien, mal) centré                  | (well, badly) centered                   | centrato (bene, male)                              |

Speaking of lists and the like, our Librarian-Archivist-Auction Manager, Tim Bartshe, has provided us with the following:

### PLACE NAMES OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE

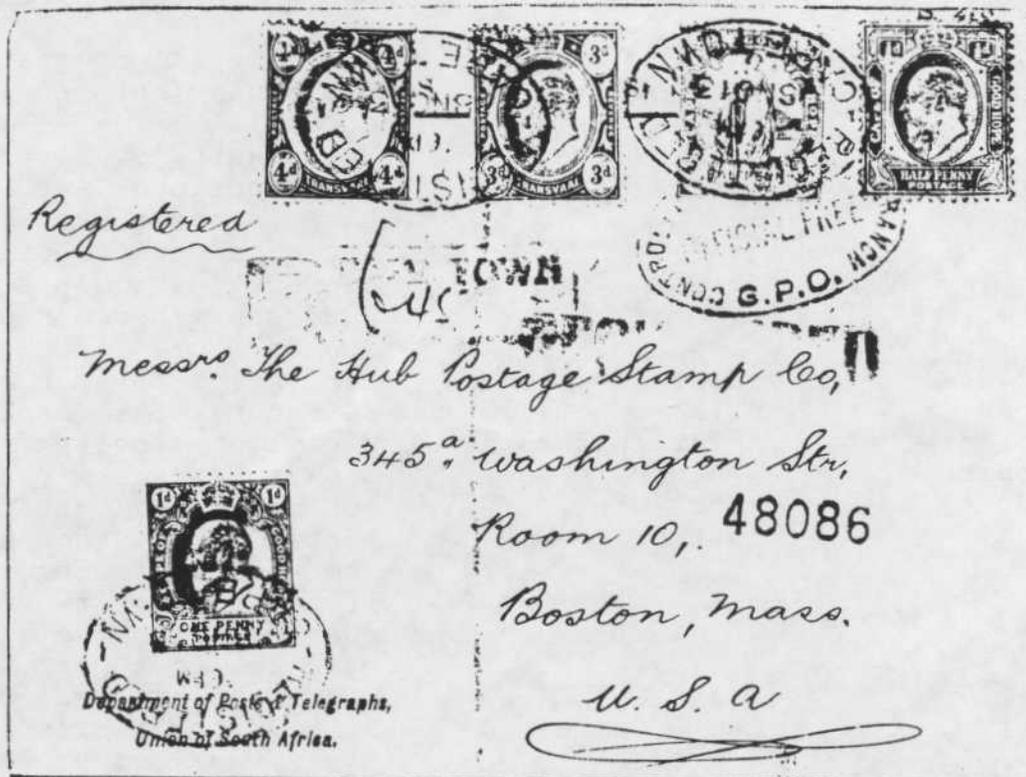
In going through my old Bulletins of the QFSSC, I ran across an interesting article that I would like to share with the membership. It was written by A.G.M. Batten, F.R.P.S.L., a name to be remembered by collectors of the OFS in the 22nd century, with the translative skills of the late Mr. Schoeman of Pretoria. In this article, Archie has taken the most often seen prefixes and suffixes seen in Afrikaaner names of the Free State and coupled them with their meaning. I will not include the narrative found on pages 927-8 of Bulletin #80, but just the names and meanings with examples.

| <u>NAME</u>   | <u>MEANING</u>                | <u>EXAMPLES</u>                                                                                                    |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aasvogel. . . | a vulture                     | Aasvogelkop/vulture hill                                                                                           |
| Blau. . .     | blue                          | Blauheuvel/blue hill                                                                                               |
| Bosch. . .    | a bush                        | Boschfontein/the spring<br>at the bush                                                                             |
| Brak. . .     | brackish                      | Brakfontein/the brackish<br>spring                                                                                 |
| Brand. . .    | fiery                         | Brandwater/fiery water                                                                                             |
| Brug. . .     | a bridge                      | De Brug/ the bridge or<br>Elandsrivierbrug/the<br>bridge a Elands River                                            |
| . . . burg    | a mountain/town               | Reitzburg/Reitz's town                                                                                             |
| Cijfer. . .   | ooze                          | Cijferfontein/a spring<br>that oozes out of soil<br>Cijfergat/a pool where<br>water has oozed out of<br>sandy soil |
| Doorn. . .    | a thorn                       | Doornfontein/spring where<br>thorn trees grow<br>Doornpan/pool where thorn<br>trees grow                           |
| Drie. . .     | three                         | Dreifontein/3 springs                                                                                              |
| . . . drift   | a river ford                  | Viljoensdrift/Viljoens<br>ford                                                                                     |
| . . . draai   | a turning                     | Molendraai/at the turning<br>mill                                                                                  |
| . . . fontein | a spring                      | Bloemfontein/spring of<br>flowers                                                                                  |
| . . . gat     | a hole, deeper<br>than a kuil | Rietgat/pool of reeds                                                                                              |
| Groen. . .    | green                         | Groenfontein/green spring                                                                                          |
| Groot. . .    | great/big/large               | Grootkraal/big cattle pen                                                                                          |
| Help. . .     | to assist                     | Helpmakaar/material<br>assistance-the one helps<br>the other                                                       |
| . . . heuvel  | a hill                        | Blauheuvel/blue hill                                                                                               |
| . . . hoek    | a corner                      | Groothoek/big corner                                                                                               |
| . . . hof     | a house/court                 | Groothof/big house                                                                                                 |

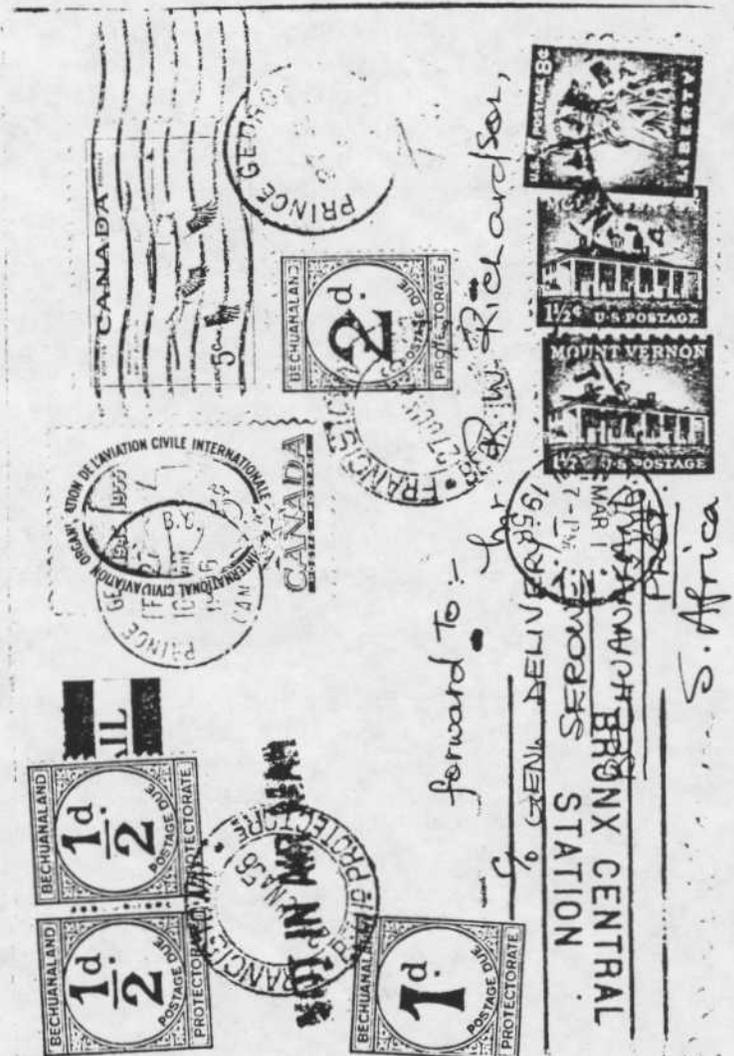
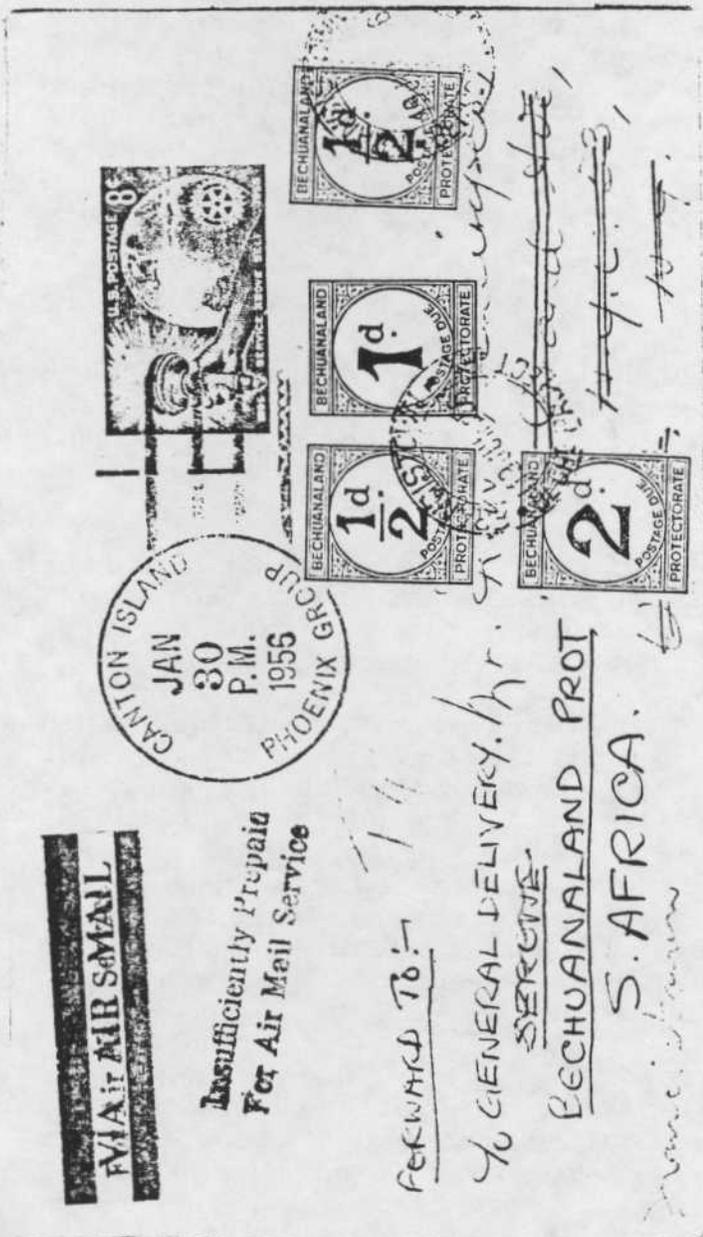
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|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| jackals. . . | a fox                        | Jackalskraai/livestock pen where foxes roam                                                                                              |
| Kaal. . .    | bare or nude                 | Kaalspruit/bare stream                                                                                                                   |
| Kaffir. . .  | native                       | kaffirskop/native hill                                                                                                                   |
|              |                              | Kafferstad/native village                                                                                                                |
| Kalk. . .    | lime or chalk                | Kalkfontein/chalky spring                                                                                                                |
| Karree. . .  | a tree name                  | Karree Siding                                                                                                                            |
| Klein. . .   | small/little                 | Kleinfontein/little spring                                                                                                               |
| Klip. . .    | a stone or rock              | Klipdrift/rocky ford                                                                                                                     |
|              |                              | Klippen/stony pool                                                                                                                       |
| . . . kloof  | a ravine                     | Waterkloof/water ravine                                                                                                                  |
|              |                              | Doornkloof/ravine of the thorny trees                                                                                                    |
| Koffie. . .  | coffee                       | Koffiefontein/coffee-colored spring                                                                                                      |
| . . . kop    | a hill                       | Kaalkop/bare hill                                                                                                                        |
| Kopjes       | small hills                  | Kopjes/a place name                                                                                                                      |
| . . . kraal  | cattle pen or native village | Van Dyk's Kraal/ a place where Van Dyk had his livestock pen                                                                             |
| . . . krans  | a cliff                      | Aasvogelkrans/vulture cliff, Kransfontein/rocky spring, Zuringkrantz/ clover cliff                                                       |
| . . . kuil   | a small rainwater pool       | De Kuil/small pool                                                                                                                       |
| . . . laagte | low lying                    | Langlaagte/long meadow                                                                                                                   |
| . . . lager  | a fort                       | Dupreezlager/Dupreez's fort                                                                                                              |
| Lang. . .    | long                         | Langlaagte/long meadow                                                                                                                   |
| . . . maak   | each other                   | Helpmaakar/help each other                                                                                                               |
| Mooi. . .    | pretty/lovely                | Mooiplaats/lovely place                                                                                                                  |
| . . . nek    | a neck(of a hill)            | Tienfonteinnek/ten springs neck, Retiefsnek/ Retief's neck or hill                                                                       |
| Nauw. . .    | narrow                       | Nauwport/narrow pass                                                                                                                     |
| Paard. . .   | a horse                      | Paardeburg/horse shaped mountain                                                                                                         |
| . . . pad    | a road                       | Uitdraaipad/branch road                                                                                                                  |
| . . . pan    | a large pool/lake            | Zeitspan/Zeits' pool                                                                                                                     |
| . . . plaats | a farm/place                 | Mooiplaats/lovely farm                                                                                                                   |
| . . . poort  | a mountain pass              | Nauwpoort/narrow pass                                                                                                                    |
| . . . post   | where sentries are posted    | Austin's Post/where Austin's livestock grazed and herders temporarily lived. Temporary living quarters with the krall were called a post |
| Quagga. . .  | a zebra                      | Quaggashoek/zebra corner                                                                                                                 |
| Reitz. . .   | family name                  | Reitz/after a president                                                                                                                  |
| Riet. . .    | a reed                       | Rietriver/reedy river                                                                                                                    |
| Roode. . .   | red                          | Roodekrans/red cliff                                                                                                                     |

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|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| . . . rus/rust | a resting place   | Steynrus/Steyn's rest                         |
| Spring. . .    | a spring/fountain | Springfontein/springs and fountains           |
| Twee. . .      | two               | Tweespruit/two streams                        |
| Uit. . .       | out               | Uitzicht/view-outlook                         |
| Vaal. . .      | grey/dk brown     | Vaalspruit/dark stream                        |
| Vier. . .      | four              | Vierfontein/four springs                      |
| Vrolyk. . .    | happy/merry       | Vrolyksfontein/the happy fountain or spring   |
| Waai. . .      | windy             | Waaiohoek/windy corner                        |
| Water. . .     | water             | Waternival/waterfall                          |
| Winkel. . .    | a shop            | Winkeldrift/the shop at the ford              |
| Wit. . .       | white             | Witlaagte/shite meadow                        |
| Wolve. . .     | wolves            | Wolvespruitwinkel/the shop at wolf stream     |
| Wonder. . .    | wonder            | Wonderfontein/the wonderful spring            |
| Zaai. . .      | to sow            | Zaailand/arable fields                        |
| Zand. . .      | sand              | Zandrivers/sandy river                        |
| . . . zicht    | sight             | Uitzicht/view or outlook                      |
| Zwart. . .     | black             | Vergezicht/distant view<br>Zwarkop/black hill |

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 John Rightmire sent in the following Interprovisional cover. Shown are Scott #'s 272 & 273 from Transvaal and #'s 59, 63 and 64 from Cape of Good Hope on a registered cover posted at Capetown 18 Nov 1913, backstamped New York, Registry Division December 18, 1913. The "OFFICIAL FREE, CONTROLLER CIRCULATION BRANCH G.P.O." handstamp, in blue, was applied before the stamps. Printed lower left is "Department of Posts & Telegraphs, Union of South Africa".



From our IR/USA, Dave Wessely, comes a couple of more contemporary examples of Bechuanaland Protectorate postage due covers. As Dave points out: "This pair of covers are addressed to R. W. Richardson of New York, New York, each forwarded to General Delivery of Serowe, but in both cases Serowe was crossed-out and Francistown written in. It is possible that these covers may have a philatelic bent. However, the destinations are unusual and the stamps are legitimately tied to their covers. I am currently attempting to find out the postage due rates in effect in Bechuanaland during this period. Postage Due covers coming in or out of Bechuanaland are quite scarce. Perhaps these will spark some interest...The first cover is from Canton Island (Phoenix Group), located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, dated Jan 30, 1956, carries a US 8c #1066; dated Feb 18, 1956 in New York (on back stamp); carries a handstamp "insufficiently prepaid for air mail service"; BP arrival datestamp June 19, 1956 in Francistown, BP; hand handwritten "T 4"; carries BP dues two J4, one each of J5-6-7; note, there was a similar cover sold in the Feldman (Switzerland) sale of May, 1988 - lot# 10252..The second cover was from Canada: left Prince George, Canada with 10 cents Canadian postage on February 27, 1956 - Scott #'s 353-54; arrived New York where 11 cents in US postage was affixed, dated March 1, 1956; arrival in Bechuanaland, backstamped Serowe April 7, 1956 (very strange); finally received a Francistown cancel on the four pence of dues of June 27, 1956, two of J4, one each of J5-6-7."



Alan Drysdall provided the following overview of his recent publication on Moshonaland postal history, available for purchase from the Society through its library services. Order by writing Tim (address inside front cover).

MASHONALAND - A POSTAL HISTORY 1890-96

ALAN DRYSDALL AND DAVE COLLIS

With a Foreword by Robson Lowe

with 65 Figures (including maps) and 12 Tables

The first postal service in Mashonaland was organised by the British South Africa Co. to service the Pioneer Column, which crossed the Shashi River at Tuli 100 years ago in July 1890 and two months later reached what was to become Salisbury (now Harare). Official reports to the Company's offices and letters home were sent with despatch riders once a week to Tuli, and carried by ox-carts via Macloutsie to Palachwe on the Mafeking - Gubulawayo route. The original runners had by this time been replaced over the southern section of this route by mule-drawn mail and passenger carts, which carried the Pioneers' mail to Mafeking, and from there to the railhead. Within the next three years police despatch riders were replaced by ox-carts and then mule-drawn mail and passenger coaches operated by contractors as the Tuli - Salisbury route was established as the new colony's lifeline to southern Africa and Europe.

The occupation of Matabeleland in November 1893 and the merging of that territory with Mashonaland foretold the end of the independent Mashonaland mail services. Salisbury became the capital of what was now widely referred to as 'Rhodesia', but the original route south via Tuli became redundant when services to carry the mails via Bulawayo were introduced in August 1894.

Matabeleland was the new Eldorado, but nevertheless the postal services in Mashonaland continued to develop to meet the demand created by those who were farming and prospecting in the outlying areas. Hence the number of rural post offices opened at this time.

The six years which followed the arrival of the Pioneers in Salisbury were full of incident. The problems they and the BSA Co. faced in establishing the new colony, the tenacity of the majority of the settlers, the courage and audacity of the police force which protected them and Rhodes' ambitious plans for expansion are all reflected in the postal history. The Matabele and Mashona Risings in 1896 were a major setback. The settlers were forced to seek refuge in the towns, and to use all the available manpower to defend themselves. The main postal routes were disrupted, and the rural posts ceased to operate.

The story as told by Alan Drysdall and Dave Collis, which is largely based on information culled from the National Archives of Zimbabwe, describes the development of the main postal routes via Tuli and Bechuanaland, via Umtali and Mozambique, and via Bulawayo and Bechuanaland. The stamps which were used and the rates applicable to the different routes are described, and many examples of unusual frankings, including combination covers, are

illustrated. The development of the rural posts is an equally fascinating story. The chapter on datestamps and obliterations includes a great deal of new information which will be of particular interest to collectors of postmarks.

Robson Lowe writes, "The authors have made an excellent job of their researches, and have presented as complete a postal history as it is possible to find. Those readers who know the country will find a deep satisfaction in this volume. Those who have only learnt by hearsay, will be inspired to know more."

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## FEATURE ARTICLES

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**Editor's Note:** Submission of articles for publication in this journal is accepted on an on-going basis. Articles should be in typewritten form. (Ideally, the Editor would love to be able to "paste" articles in as they are received, rather than having to retype the material.) Articles should have a maximum length of five pages, not including illustrations which should be the clearest copies possible. Originals of charts and graphs are preferable. It is requested that rather lengthy articles be serialized. Periodically, articles will appear which have been previously published elsewhere. This occurs when the subject of the work is judged to be of interest and value to Society members. Appropriate credit will always be given. *Forerunners* has published "guest articles" by non-member and will continue to do so. Guest authors receive a complimentary copy of the issue in which their article appears.

For those readers desiring a subject to write about, the following topics have been indicated by members to be ones they would like to see touched upon in future issues: Camel Post at the Village Mier in the Bechuanaland Protectorate \* forgery identification of all pre-1870 stamps issued by countries covered by the Society \* post office expansion related to the railways \* postal rates \* joined places and postal history of the different smaller towns and villages \* histories of post offices, e.g., opening/closing dates, etc. \* different postmark studies \* studies concerning different numeral postmarks \* dumb or cork cancellers \* air crash mail \* record flights and air races to/from southern Africa \* machine postmarks and slogans used in the Rhodesias \* identification of Cape triangle Scott and/or Gibbons numbers and varieties \* the stamps of The Cape and O.V.S. \* studies of major forgeries \* postal rates for Society areas, e.g., effective dates, regular rates, registered, air, ship, etc., where applicable \* discussions of postal systems for each country - railroad, messenger, ship, plus other means of dissemination of the mails \* postal history of the pre-Union period \* in-depth discussion of unusual, perhaps unique, covers \* major errors of both the classic and contemporary periods \* overprint varieties of any of the greater southern Africa stamp-issuing entities \* military and prisoner-of-war materials \* perforation varieties \* back-of-the-book \* Interprovisional Period \* separate studies covering the philately of Swaziland, Zululand and RSA \*

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### Earliest Use Discovery Of Ship Letter Stamp Of The Cape Of Good Hope

By: Dr. Robert Taylor, USA

**(Editor's Note:** As mentioned in "Bits & Pieces", Dr. Taylor had completed further research on the Rightmire find and concluded that John in fact had acquired an earliest use cover. The Editor has taken the liberty of converting Dr. Taylor's letter into this issue's lead article because of the significance of his findings.)

There is no doubt in my mind that John Rightmire's cover bearing the "Ship Letter" stamp of the Cape of Good Hope is the earliest recorded usage of this stamp. My reply to his inquiry was based on a letter in *The Post Office Stone*, Vol. 20, No. 2, August 1988, from Mr. Athol H. Murray of Cheshire, England showing a wrapper and a letter, each showing the "Ship Letter" stamp as arrival markings applied at Cape Town. Of these two examples, the letter clearly predates the one in the Sir Maxwell Joseph sale, previously thought to be the earliest known usage. However, it shows the stamp to have been applied on 20 February 1808 which is two months later than John's which received the stamp on either 20

December or 21 December, 1807 as a dispatching stamp. Unfortunately, we will never know the date on which Mr. Murray's wrapper, addressed to Andrew Barnard, received its "Ship Letter" stamp and this takes it out of consideration. In light of the following information, however, it is fun to speculate.

Andrew Barnard was first appointed Secretary to the Government on 1 August 1797 and served until 1803 when the Cape reverted to the Dutch as the Batavian Republic until 1806. It was then retaken by the British and Barnard was reappointed in May of 1807, and served about six months until his death in October 1807.

This post was important to the postal service and in 1925-26, all official correspondence required certification from the Colonial Secretary or his agent by signature or, more commonly, by facsimile thereof. The Secretary would be well-known to officials of both the Cape and Britain and his death would be noted promptly. However, the transit time for ships from the Cape to England at that time averaged about nine or ten weeks. Barnard died in October 1807 and even if his death occurred early in the month, the earliest it could have been known in England would be around the middle of December. Gene Bowman is quite right in stating the wrapper could have been sent after Barnard's death.

It is equally true, since the "Ship Letter" stamp came into use in 1806, and Barnard served from May to October 1807, that it could have been sent earlier. We will never know.

John's cover is interesting to me in two other respects. It shows a London arrival stamp on the reverse dated Mar. 1, 1808 and a ms. arrival date at Pontefract, Yorkshire March 2, 1808. The distance from London to Pontefract is 120-170 miles and this was accomplished in one day almost 200 years ago. Our postal service could obviously learn something from those long ago Englishmen.

The letter was re-rated in London from 2s. 4d to 3s. 9d. The reason for this is unclear to me at this point since the proper rate would appear to be: 8d. (double ship letter rate) + 2d (Ship Captain's gratuity) + 18d (inland double letter rate 120-170 miles) = 2s. 4d. Certainly the cover is a fascinating piece of Cape postal history and John is indeed fortunate to have it and to have recognized it for what it is.

Philately Of The Boer POW Camp At St. Helena Continued

By : Ralph M. Myerson, USA

Despite the remoteness and stark nature of St. Helena, life for the Boer prisoners there was tolerable. Generally speaking, they were well treated by their captors and allowed a certain amount of freedom of activity. Cultural activities such as a drama society, choral group and glee club developed, but I can find no reference to a philatelic society!

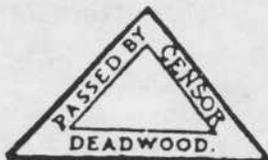
Incoming and outgoing mail was, of course, subject to censorship, but mail service was surprisingly good considering the remoteness of the island and its dependency on ship transportation. Mail to the and from POW's at St. Helena during this period can best be identified by the presence of censorship markings, examples of which are shown in Figure 1.

FIG. 1.

CENSORSHIP MARKINGS



General Use  
April 1900 - May 1902



Deadwood Camp  
Feb. 1901 - March 1902



Broad Bottom Camp  
Feb. 1901 - Jan. 1902



April 1902



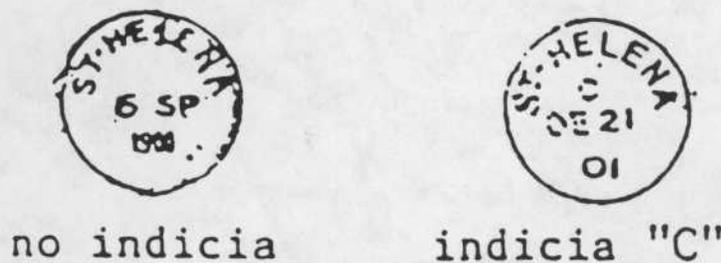
May-July 1902

In most instances, the markings bear the manuscript initials of the censor, and these can assist in the identification of the camp of their origin. Some of these are listed below in Figure 2:

|            |        |                                   |
|------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>FWA</i> | F.W.A. | Chief Censor, F. W. Alexander     |
| <i>EW</i>  | E.W.   | Deadwood Camp, E. Wilson          |
| <i>PR</i>  | P.R.   | Deadwood Camp, P. Rowe            |
| <i>GAB</i> | G.A.B. | (Deadwood Camp?) ???              |
| <i>HGM</i> | H.G.M. | Broad Bottom Camp, H. G. Mortimer |
| <i>HM</i>  | H.M.   | Broad Bottom Camp, H. G. Mortimer |

During the period 1900-1902, when the POW camps were in operation on St. Helena, the single-circle date stamp was used. During 1900 and 1901 no indicia over the date stamp was used, but there are rare examples of the indicia "C" having been used in 1902 (Figure 3).

Figure 3.



Outgoing mail from St. Helena POS's bears two types of cancellations (Figure 4). The 9-bar cancel was used during 1900 and early 1901, while the Maltese Cross in Circle came into use in late 1901, and continued into 1902.

Figure 4.



ZAR ONAFGEHAALDE BRIEVEN DEPT. AND  
TRANSVAAL RETURNED LETTER OFFICE DATESTAMPS

Alan Drysdall and George van den Hurk

An article to be published in a forthcoming number of 'The Transvaal Philatelist' describes, with extensive quotations from the relevant regulations, the procedures for dealing with undelivered mail during the existence of the Second South African Republic (ZAR) and the Colonial period which followed the Second Anglo-Boer War. The instructional markings which were used to indicate the reasons for non-delivery, and the envelopes used to return letters which had been opened are also described.

The department of the ZAR General Post Office which dealt with undelivered mail was the Onafgehaalde Brieven Departement or Kantoor (Unclaimed Letter Department or Office), which was sited in Pretoria. This office is known to have used at least three different datestamps:

- 1 - framed 59 x 20 mm rectangular type inscribed 'ONAFGEHAALDE BRIEVEN KANTOOR / [date] / PRETORIA Z.A.R.' with the date in the form '8 OCT 94'.  
The range of recorded dates is 1891 - 8.10.94.
- 2 - 24 mm double-circle type inscribed 'ONAFGEHAALDE BRIEVEN DEPT / Z.A.R with flanking stops. The date is in the form '12JAN.98'.  
The range of recorded dates is 26.6.96 - 12.1.98.
- 3 - 24 mm double-circle type inscribed 'ONAFGEHAALDE BRIEVEN DEPT / Z.A.R. with flanking stops. The 'T' in 'DEPT' is shorter than the other letters and is underlined; there is a full stop after the 'R' of 'Z.A.R.'. The date is in the form '-3.DEC.99'.  
The range of recorded dates is 14.10.98 - 18.3.00.

The Head Post Office and what was now known as the Returned Letter Office (RLO) remained at Pretoria after the occupation of the city by British troops on the 5th June, 1900. Transvaal Postal Circular No. 12, dated the 1st September, 1900, records the transfer of the Head Post Office, and presumably the RLO, to Johannesburg. Orange River Colony Post Office Circular No. 7 states that the transfer took place on the 15th September, 1901. The datestamps used at Pretoria and Johannesburg (see below) indicate only that the move took place sometime between the 19th August and the 6th November, 1901.

The datestamps used were as follows:

- P1 - 25 mm double-circle type inscribed 'RETURNED LETTER OFFICE / PRETORIA' with the date in the form '7-JUN.1901', i.e. the year is in full and is not preceded by a code letter. (A strike dated '6-MEI.1901' shows the month in Dutch rather than English.)  
The range of recorded dates is 26.1.01 - 19.8.01.
- J1 - 24 mm double-circle type inscribed 'RETURNED LETTER OFFICE / J.H.BURG' with the date in the form '27.NOV.01.', i.e. the year is represented by only the last two digits and is not preceded by a code letter.  
The range of recorded dates is 6.11.01 - 27.11.01.
- J2 - 25 mm double-circle type inscribed 'RETURNED LETTER OFFICE / JOHANNESBURG' with the date in the form '3-JAN.1906', i.e. the year is in full and is not preceded by a code letter.  
The range of recorded dates is 28.12.01 - 9.8.11.
- J3 - 25 mm double-circle type inscribed 'RETURNED LETTER OFFICE / JOHANNESBURG' with the date in the form '7-NOV.A07', i.e. the year is represented by only the last two digits and is preceded by a code letter ('A' or 'P').  
The range of recorded dates is 6.8.07 - 21.3.11.
- J4 - 28 mm double-circle type inscribed 'RETURNED LETTER OFFICE / JOHANNESBURG'. The inner circle is 19.5 mm in diameter, and the lettering is 2.5 mm high. The date is in the form '4-APR.A12', i.e. the year is represented by only the last two digits and is preceded by a code letter ('A').  
The range of recorded dates is 4.4.12 - ?
- J5 - 29 mm double-circle type inscribed 'RETURNED LETTER OFFICE / JOHANNESBURG'. The inner circle is 18.5 mm in diameter, and the lettering is 3 mm high. The date is in the form '16.JAN.A 13', i.e. the year is represented by only the last two digits and is preceded by a code letter ('A').  
The range of recorded dates is 16.1.13 - ?

As in the case of some other Transvaal datestamps, for example the one inscribed 'C.S.A.R.' / JOHANNESBURG', it is likely that the code letters 'A' and 'P' indicate 'am' and 'pm' respectively. (Strikes coded 'P' are much more uncommon than those coded 'A'.)

The first datestamp used by the RLO after the move to Johannesburg was evidently type J1. Strikes of this mark are uncommon, and it appears to have been replaced by type J2 in December 1901. Type J3 was apparently introduced in mid-1907 and, together with type J2, remained in use until 1911. It would seem probable that types J4 and J5 were introduced after the Transvaal became a province of the Union of South Africa in May 1910.

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FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1 Type 1 datestamp ('8 OCT 94') struck in blue on the reverse of an OFS postal stationery card addressed to Johannesburg and posted at Vrede on '30 JU / 94'.

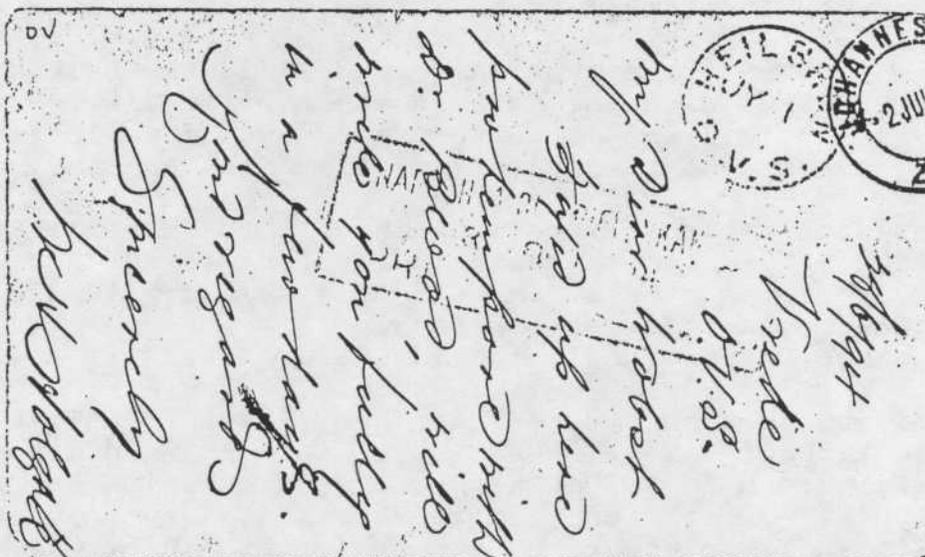


Figure 2 Type 2 datestamp ('12JAN.98') struck on the face of a ZAR postal stationery card. (Courtesy of Peter Hutterer)

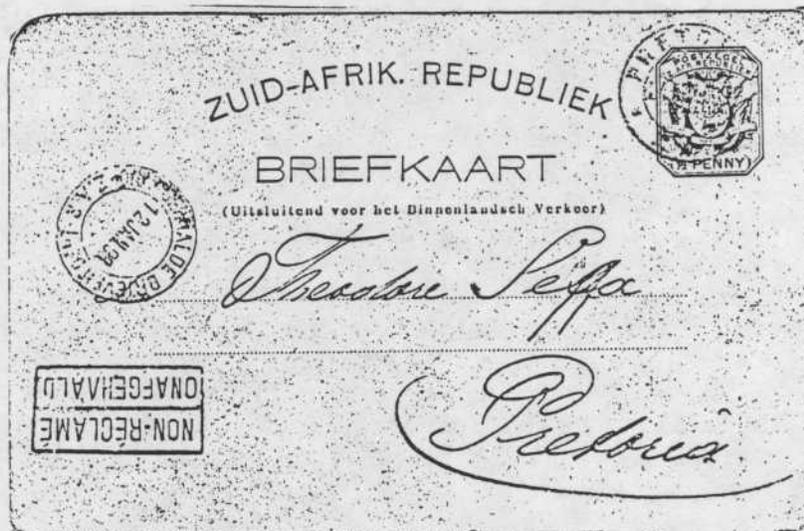


Figure 3 Type 3 datestamp ('-3DEC.99') struck on the reverse of a ZAR postal stationery card.

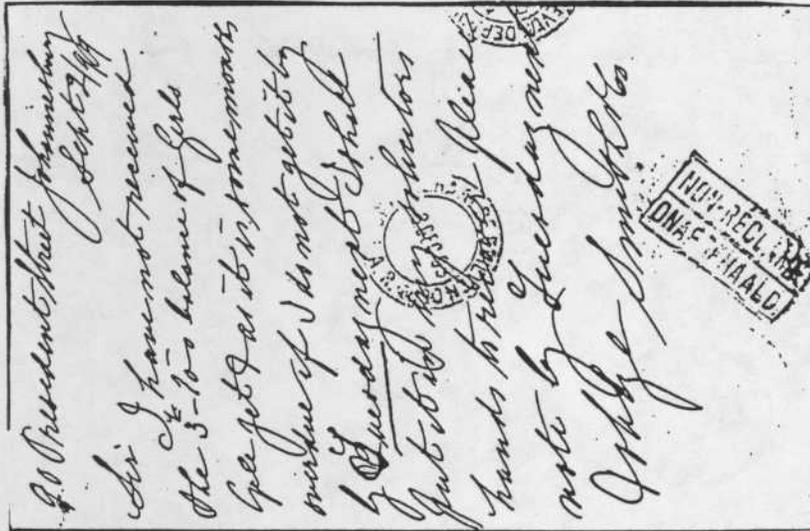


Figure 4 Type P1 datestamp ('7-JUN.1901') struck on the reverse of a letter posted in Johannesburg but franked with OFS stamps. The sender indicated that he intended to register the letter, but it was 'posted out of course'. It was never forwarded to the addressee in Western Australia, as it was opened and returned to the sender - there are no transit markings - by the RLO only two days after it was posted. (Courtesy of Alan MacGregor)

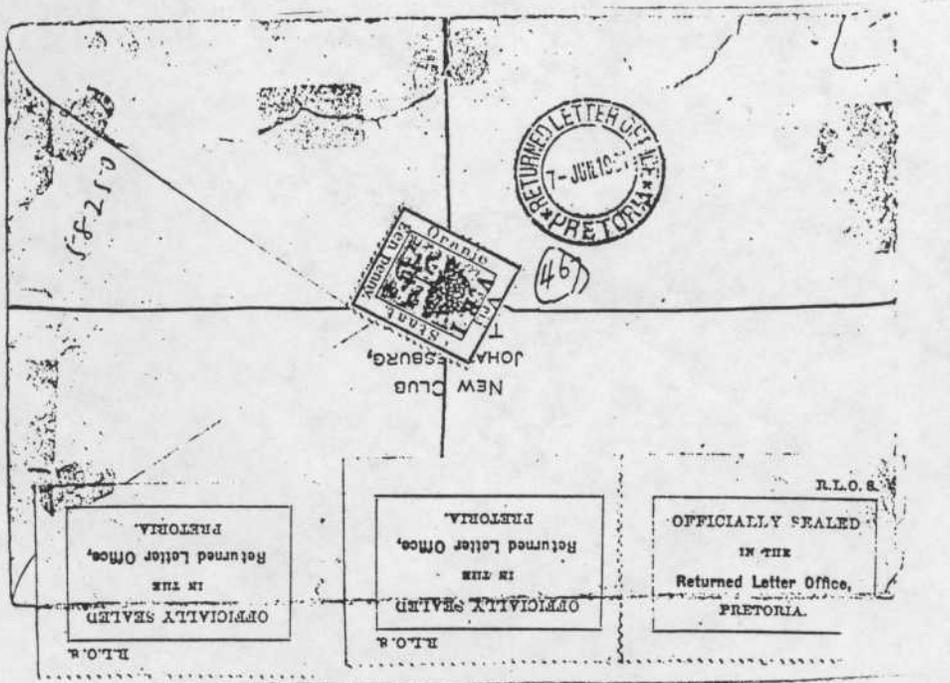


Figure 5 Type J1 datestamp ('27.NOV.01.') struck on the reverse of a letter addressed to Pietersburg sent from the Netherlands in October 1900. (Holden and Pemberton, 17.2.89, lot 1022)



Figure 6 Type J2 datestamp ('3-JAN.1906') struck on the reverse of a letter posted 'out of course' at Pretoria two days previously. The letter was opened to obtain the name and address of the sender, who paid an additional fee, before the letter was forwarded as registered mail to London.

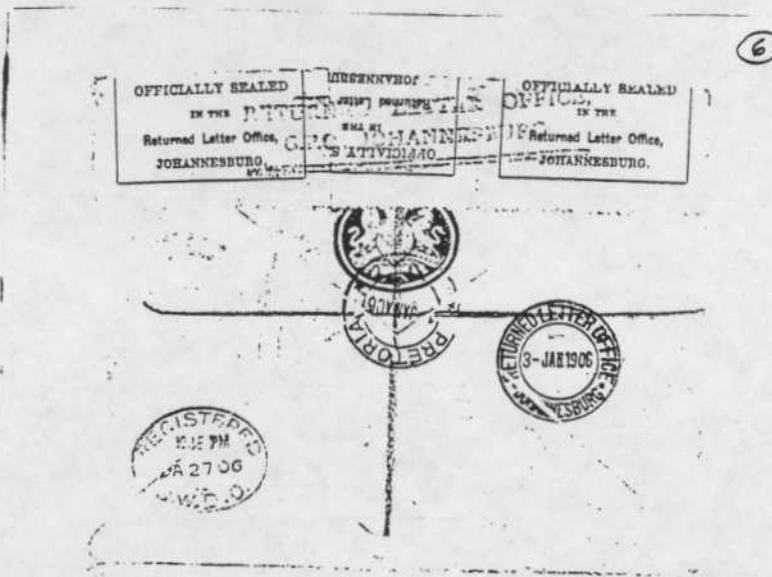
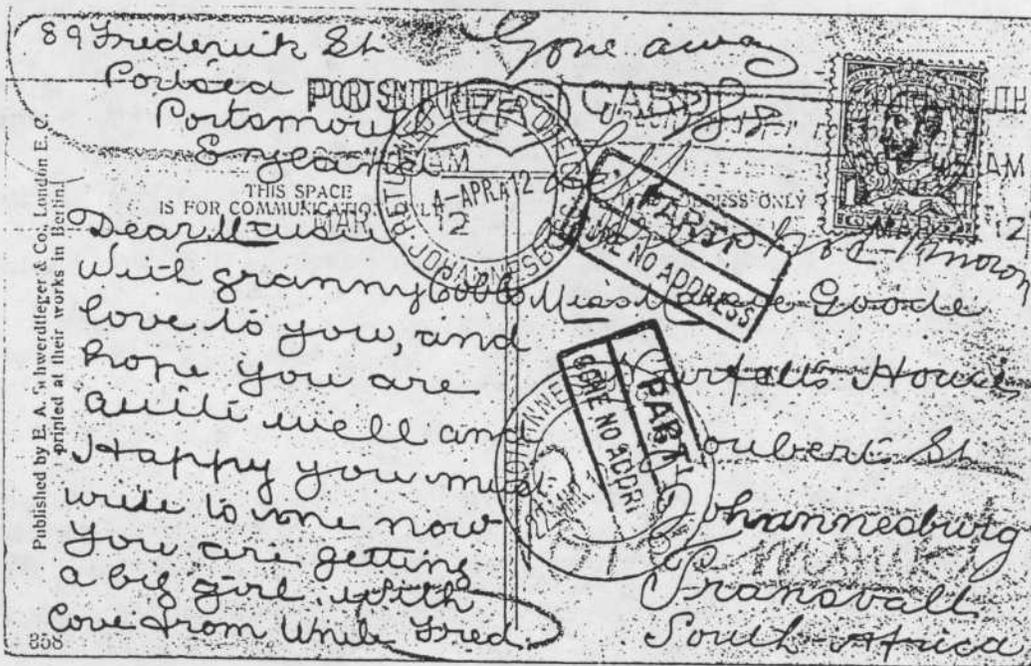


Figure 7 Type J3 datestamp ('7-NOV.A07') struck on the reverse of a picture postcard sent from the Cape of Good Hope.



Figure 8 Type J4 datestamp ('4-APR.12') struck on the reverse of a picture postcard sent from Portsmouth, England. (Courtesy of Chris Board)



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Figure 9 Type J5 datestamp ('16.JAN.A. 13') struck on the reverse of a letter posted in Munster, Germany, on the 12th December, 1912. (Courtesy of Peter Hutterer)



## Early Cape Government

Guest Article By: John W. Hodgson, A.I.J.P., RSA

This may seem to be a very dry and unromantic subject to follow, due to the paucity of philatelic material on which to draw. But it is not, as will be seen as the story unfolds. Postmarks can be obtained from those towns as are underlined, and where stamps are available, these are listed by year of issue and value. Over the years, various forms of government have been introduced, and these are dealt with as the story progresses.

The Council of Policy: (1651 - 1806) was formed by Commander Jan van Riebeeck (South Africa 1952 41/2d) who called the first meeting on December 30, 1651 aboard the "Dromedaris" (South Africa 1952 2d), one of a fleet of three ships which sailed to the Cape from the Netherlands. After the Castle (South Africa 1961 10c) was built in 1666, Council meetings were held there.

The Council of Advice: (1825 - 1835) Lord Charles Somerset (Somerset West and Somerset East) who was the British Governor from 1814-27, created this council and it held its sessions in the old Dutch-built Public Offices, now the Cultural Museum at the top of Adderley Street, Cape Town - frequently visited by tourists.

The Legislative (Nominee) Council: (1834 - 1853) was the brain-child of Sir Benjamin D'Urban (Durban), British Governor of the Cape from 1834-38. This also met in the now Cultural Museum. With the development of the Cape, names were required for new towns and the following Council members were so honoured: Lt. Col. J. Bell (Bellville); Michel van Breda (Bredasdorp); William Porter (Porterville); Harry Rivers (Riversdale); John Montague (Montague); and William Hope (Hopefield). The Executive Council: (1854 - 1872) also met in the same building under the chairmanship of Sir George Cathcart, Governor from 1852-54 and was subsequently presided over by succeeding Governors. Among the members were Hope, Rivers, Porter and Rawson W. Rawson (Rawsonville).

The Legislative (Representative) Council: (1834 - 1884) functioned as a Lower House as is indicated by its title. It too was presided over by the resident Governor, the first of whom was Sir George Grey, 1854-61, (New Zealand 1979 10c). He also served there (NZ) as governor just prior to being posted to the Cape. Among the members of this council were: F. W. Reitz who subsequently became President of the Orange Free State, van Breda, John Paterson, J. H. Hofmeyr, J. D. Logan ("Laird of Matjiesfontein"), John Garlick whose firm used the JG perfin on postage stamps and P. H. Faure.

The House of Assembly (1854 - 1910). It was early in the life of this governing body that the Houses of Parliament, as

illustrated on RSA 1982 R1, was built and a special Post Office operates here to handle members' mail. The leaders of this House are known as Prime Ministers and are as follows: Sir J. S. Molteno, Sir. T. Upington, C. R. Rhodes (Southern Rhodesia 1941 1 1/2d), L. S. Jameson (Rhodesia 1967 1/6 - he is best known for his part in the Jameson Raid and J. X. Merriman. Ministers of the House over the years were John Laing (Laingsburg), J. H. Hofmeyr, J. S. Sauer, P. H. Faure and J. Rose-Innes (Innesdale). The following were members: Sir C. Brand-after whose wife Ladybrand was named, J. H. Brand-who subsequently became President of the Orange Free State, J. Paterson, S. Loxton, F. W. Reitz Jnr., T. P. Theron-the town of Pofadder was renamed Theronville in 1917 and reverted to the name of Pofadder 1936, T. Lynch (Lynchfield), J. D. Logan, J. T. Molteno, W. H. Milton (Rhodesia 1969 1/6) and J. W. Jagger whose firm used the JWJ perfin on postage stamps.

As one can see, this part of the Cape's history is not so dull and this article is intended to whet the reader's appetite to learn more of the background of his/her collecting field and also to assist the reader in his/her research.

### One Hundred Years Of The Barberton Post Office: Part III

By: Werner K. Seeba, Stuttgart, Germany

PLACES, POST OFFICES and POSTAL AGENCIES in the DE KAAP VALLEY - BARBERTON GOLDFIELDS.

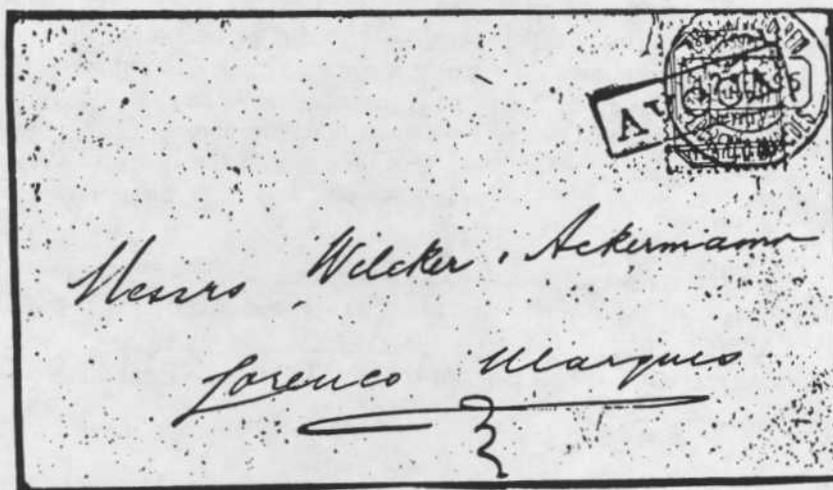
P.O.A. AVOCA, Railway Station, N.Z.A.S.M. Agency, via Barberton, Lydenburg District

Opened 1 February 1894. Temporarily closed in 1901 because of the second Anglo-Boer War. Reopened 1 September 1901. Name changed February to Eureka Station. Postmarks: one 24 1/2 x 16 mm double circle datestamp (2nd Republik) with "AVOCA", star left, star right, Z.A.R. below and the dateline in the middle was used from 1896 until 1903 - see Figure 1. Also sometimes a rectangular 33 x 10 mm canceller, with "AVOCA" inside, was used at the same time to mark letters but primarily telegrams - Figure 2.

Figure 1



Figure 2



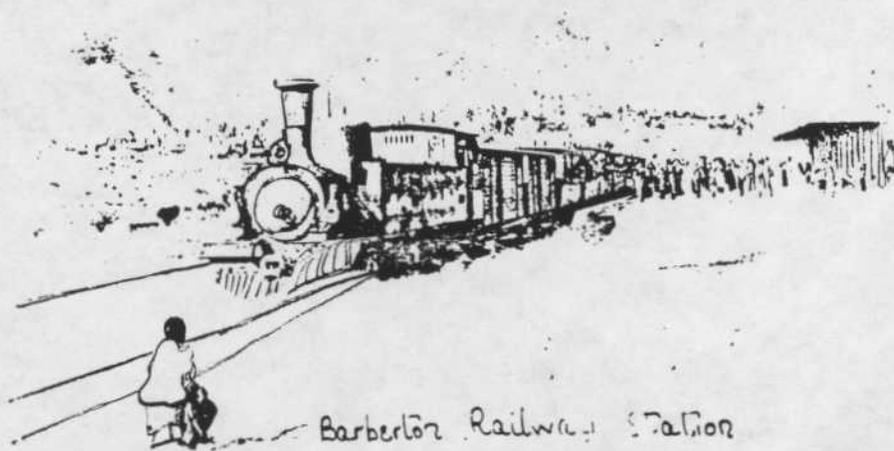
**BADPLAAS**

The hot sulphur spring which bubbles out of the ground from Badplaas, was known to the local tribespeople as Emanzana - "the healing waters". The spring was presented as a gift to the white trader, Jacob de Clercq, by the paramount chief of the Swazis in 1876.

Situated halfway on the road between Barberton and Carolina, De Clercq built a store near the spring resulting in its medicinal properties becoming widely known, particularly when gold was discovered in the De Kaap Valley. The backdrop to Badplaas is a range of hills called Ndlumudlumu - "place of much thunder" - by the Swazis. Nearby, one postal agency named Hlomohlom opened July 1, 1887, with Carolina designated as the district office.

T.A.R. BARBERTON RAIL (R.O.), via Barberton, Lydenburg District. Opened as N.Z.A.S.M. Agency (BNR) 1894 with telegram service only at first. Figure 3 shows the first train to reach the mining town of Barberton after the opening of the Pretoria-Delagoa Bay railway line. The first bridge on the line to be completed was called Tien Meters Brug at Km 1.4. The terrain was absolutely and dangerously awesome considering the implements the construction workers had to work with!

Figure 3



Barberton Railway Station

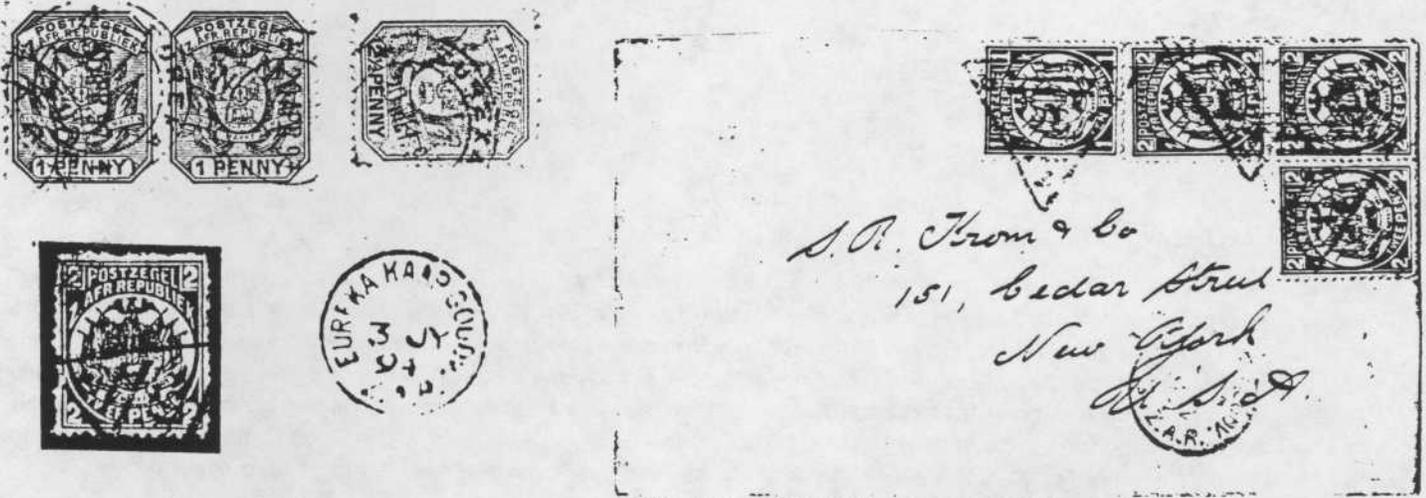
P.O.A. THE CREEK, via Barberton, Lydenburg District, opened 1909. S.O. EUREKA (City), via Barberton, Lydenburg, District, Eureka Kaap Goldfield, Eastern Mining District, opened 1903. It is possible that a postal agency had already been established previously in 1885, known as "KAAP KANTOOR". It is believed that in 1886 a Cape type BONC was supplied to this agency before the first placename-date-canceller was made and could be supplied. It was officially opened as Post Office Agency (P.A.K.) known as "EUREKA KAAP GOUDVELDEN" (Goldfield) on January 1, 1887. Due to a great deal of business in a very short time after opening, it was raised to full post office status - P.W.K./M.O.O. The annual salary for the postal agent in 1887 was 10 pounds sterling.

The Eureka Post Office staff handled 12,433 items of outgoing mail during the period of 1887-90. The office was temporarily closed during the second Anglo-Boer War. It reopened the first of August, 1902 as a P.O.; but was reduced to the status of S.O. in September 1909 and subsequently closed, although the date and year are not known to me.

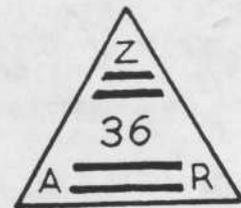
Postmarks of Eureka

The first canceller was a 22mm single circle datestamp (2nd Republik) - "EUREKA KAAP GOUDV", dateline and Z.A.R. below (Figure 4). It was used from 1887 until about 1894. Also from May 1889 on, this office used a triangular canceller (30mm) with No. "36", two bars above/two bars below and Z.A.R. in the corners (Figure 4).

Figure 4.



APR 15, 1892



EUREKA KAAP GOUDV.

At about the same time another canceller was used with "PWK" on the top, "EUREKA Z.A.R." on the lower part, and Day/Month/Year in the middle (Figure 5). The canceller was changed after 1903. Figure 6 shows a full postmark on two pieces.

Figure 5.



Figure 6.



The Place: EUREKA (CITY) - 16 kilometers north of Barberton.

On the heights of the Sheba Ridge, overlooking Barberton lies Eureka. The name recalls a forgotten goldmining town nearby. The gold rush to the Eastern Transvaal followed on the discovery of the reef near present-day Barberton. In May 1885, a Yorkshire prospector, Edwin Bray, casually knocked off a piece of rock which projected into his pathway. It glittered in the sun and on closer examination, proved to be almost solid gold. This was the discovery of the Sheba Reef which lay on top of the mountain forming the easter wall of the Kaap Valley, and the beginning of the once famous mine, Bray's Golden Quarry, which gave a return of 50,000 ounces of gold from the first 13,000 tons of crushed stone. It yielded 519,565 ounces of gold in ten years. One of the highest yields ever in the history of gold mining!

Diggers poured in and to serve the mining community, an ex-Durban butcher, J. Sherwood, established a butchery and a hotel - the beginning of Eureka City. Sherwood's wife, who was notoriously ugly, was jocularly known to the diggers as the Queen of Sheba, and the hotel was so named. It became the nucleus of a town of 650 inhabitants, mainly single men, with three stores and three hotels, about twenty pubs, a pharmacy, a bakery, a music hall and a race track.

The gold soon became exhausted and the mining companies collapsed as quickly as they had been formed. The newly discovered Witwatersrand gold fields tempted the diggers away from Eureka City. Today, it is a ghost town of which very little is left; only piles of rubble remain of the old buildings. The streets have vanished beneath the long grass and trees grow within the ruins of the hotels and stores. A quietness, which is almost frightening, has returned to the town, with not a single inhabitant, which in its heyday, never slept.

P. O. A. EUREKA STATION (Rail Office), via Barberton, Lydenburg District, Eastern Mining District, 1903. Opened as P.A. Avoca, 1894 (N.Z.A.S.M. Agency). Name changed to Eureka Station February 1903. One canceller was used at the office (Figure 7).

P.O.A FAIRVIEW, via Barberton, Lydenburg District, Eureka Kaap Goldfield. "Fairview" was a small goldmine with a postal agency at the Sheba Reef Hill, between Barberton and Eureka City. It has also been said that there was already a postal agency named "Sheba Reef Hill" in 1885-86, used a Cape type BONC. Possibly, perhaps one day or with time, a proofing

proving item will turn up. Officially opened was a postal agency on June 1, 1887, but the salary (Re budget for 1887) paid the agent only 10 pounds sterling for the entire year.

It is possible that a 22mm single circle datestamp (2nd Republik), with the name of the agency, dateline and Z.A.R., or with a point below was used. No postmark type has yet been recorded. Perhaps someone collecting Transvaal postal history and/or postmarks can help with information in this regard. From May, 1889, also used was a triangle (30mm) numeral canceller. It was said that No. "37" was used at Fairview. Who is able to proof this? The agency for some years was temporarily closed until the end of 1897.

P.O.A. (P.A.K.) GODWANRIVER/GODWAN RIVER (Railway Station), Lydenburg District, N.Z.A.S.M. Agency, Eastern District, 1903, code call G.W.R., Komatiepoort-Pretoria railway line. Opened the 5th of December, 1892; temporarily closed 1901, 2nd Anglo-Boer War. Reopened 1st of April, 1901. Telegraph connection point with and to Kaapsche Hoop (Goldfield) Post Office. At this office, a place-date stamp and a rectangular canceller with "GODWANRIVER". From 1902, two types of double circle datestamps with "GODWAN RIVER" dateline and R.O. below have been used (Figure 7).

Figure 7.



P.O.A. THE HEIGHTS, via Barberton, Lydenburg District. Opened 1909. P.O.A. (P.A.K.) HLOMO HLOM, Caroline District. Situated between Barberton and Caroline. Possibly known as Badplaas today. The agency opened officially on July 1, 1887. Possibly used a 22mm single circle place-date stamp (2nd Republik). From May, 1889, a triangular (30mm) numeral canceller, No. "46", was used. Although possible, I have never seen a proving cover with this mark in any Transvaal postmark collection. It must be very rare, only a very short time used if at all. Who knows anything about this forgotten postal agency? The office closed in 1899, due to the 2nd Anglo-Boer War.

P.O.A. (P.A.K.) JAMESTOWN, via Kaapsche Hoop, Lydenburg District. Opened about 1884. Shown on post office lists in 1888 and 1892. Later closed. It has been said, in 1889 the triangle (30mm) numeral canceller with "50" was used at this small agency. This is possible, but who can proof this? Jamestown was a former diggers camp on the northern bank of the Noord-Kaap River. Today this is the Baberton district, where Ingram James discovered alluvial gold in 1883, and the place that was named after him. The diggings were short-lived, however, and the name survives only on old maps.

P.O.A. (P.A.K.) KAAPMUIDEN (Railway Station), via Nelspruit, Lydenburg District, Eastern District, 1903. N.Z.A.S.M. Agency. Opened the 1st of December, 1896, 1905, P.T.A.R., code call KM. Temporarily closed in 1901 due to the 2nd Anglo-Boer War. Reopened April 1, 1901.

This was a village and railway station, 42 km east of Nelspruit, today in the Barberton district. The name means "mouth of the Kaap". This is because the Kaap River here joins the Crocodile River. Kaapmuiden is on the railway line and the national road from Pretoria to Lorenzo Marques (Maputo). It is at the junction of the 56 km branch railway to Barberton which was completed on the first of April in 1896.

The office also used a place-date canceller of the 2nd Republik (Figure 8) and a rectangular type with "KAAPMUIDEN". After 1902, two types of cancellers were also used (Figure 9). . . Part IV next issue.

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Figure 8.

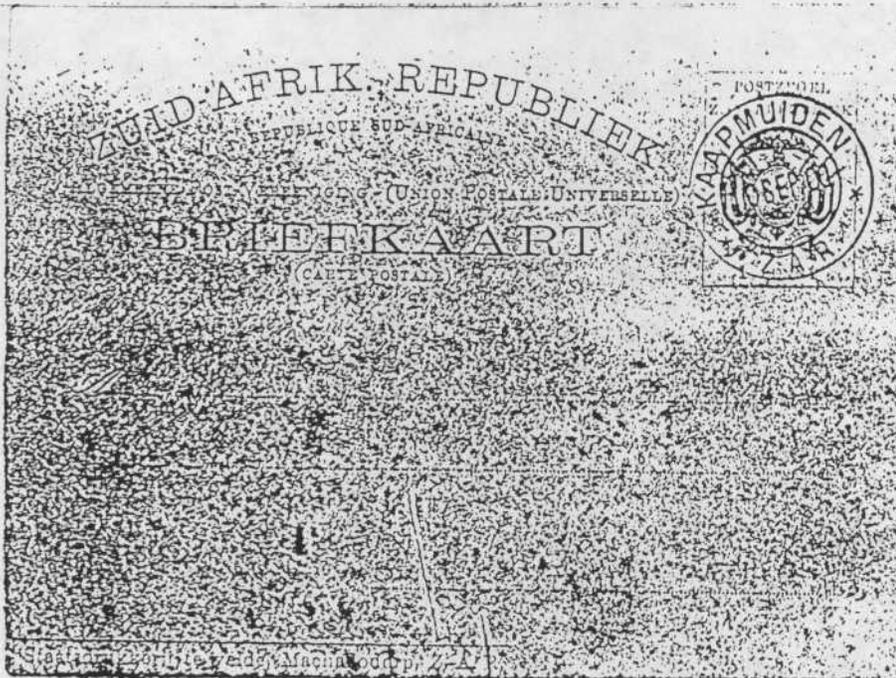


Figure 9.



**BACK-OF-THE-BOOK DEPARTMENT REMINDER!**

AS mentioned in the previous issue, *Forerunners* will inaugurate this new feature beginning with its Mar/June '91 publication. Ron Carlson will be the Editor for this department. Relevant articles, short pieces, copies of documents, etc., should be sent directly to him (address on inside of front cover). Deadline for submissions is January 15, 1991.

This will certainly be an exciting addition to the Journal and will definitely break new ground for publications by groups such as ours. Any reader, member or not, is invited to participate in this effort.

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Don't forget that the "Call For Papers" deadline has been moved back to the first of February, June and October. This reminder is especially important for you regular columnists - Board members and IRs!

As mentioned earlier, "the article well has run dry"! If you the reader do not wish to see materials previously published elsewhere appear in *Forerunners*... well. And don't forget, if you are a member of another specialty group which should be in the Listings Exchange, by all means send the Editor a contact name and address

**REGIONAL SHOW INVITATION TO MEET!**

As Louise mentioned in her column, general member Guy Dillaway has suggested holding a Society meeting and exhibition at PHILATELIC SHOW '91. The event will be held at the Sheraton Boxborough Inn & Convention Center, Boxboro, Massachusetts, from May 3-5. Guy has suggested that perhaps we could award a medal or the like for the best exhibit by a Society member. Guy is the Exhibit Chairman for Philatelic Show '91 which is a World Series of Philately event! The national meeting of the American Revenue Association will be part of the venue. Interested members should write Guy at Box 181, Weston, Massachusetts 02193 USA.

**SOCIETY CIRCUIT/EXCHANGE PROGRAM ? ?**

The Secretary has recently receive a couple of suggestions that perhaps it is time for the Society to give a circuit and or packet exchange some serious thought

Obviously, the idea has certain appeal and could significantly enhance the services offered to the general membership.

The gauntlet will now be thrown down! If there is a member (or there are members) out there who would be willing to take on the role as Society Circuit/Exchange Manager, please contact Tim Bartshe and/or Bill Brooks.



## THE CLASSIFIEDS

Revenues derived from the placement of ads are used to defray publication costs, and to improve the quality of Forerunners, which is published three times per year - Mar/June, Jul/Oct and Nov/Feb. The submission deadlines are the first day of February, June and October, respectively. Ad placement guidelines are as follows:

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My greatest interest is postal history/cancellations. Would like to hear from someone with a listing of each post office for the pre-Union states. Also a list of recommended philatelic literature. Dan Brouillette 1358 Hillcrest Dr. NE Fridley, MN 55432 USA

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