

THE KIWI

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MEETINGS FOR 1962

Saturday, 27th January	at 2.15 p.m.
Saturday, 31st March	at 2.15 p.m.
Wednesday, 30th May	at 6.15 p.m.
Wednesday, 25th July	at 6.15 p.m.
Wednesday, 26th September	at 6.15 p.m.
Saturday, 24th November	at 11 a.m.

All of the above meetings will be held at Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way, London W.C.1. Please enter these dates in your diary NOW !

OUR NEXT MEETING

The afternoon of the 27th January is to be YOUR meeting. Last year we had a very good attendance and some fine material was on display, but this year I should like you to excel yourselves! As I mentioned in the January "Kiwi" for 1961, the sheets do not have to be written up as for an "International" - we want to see your stamps, proofs, postmarks, postal stationery - in fact anything to do with our mutual interest in New Zealand. It is only at these "Members Meetings" that we are all able to view, at leisure, the more unusual items. So do please bring a few pieces from your collection.

In previous years our Annual Competitions have seemed to clash with the holiday season, so as a new venture we shall be

holding the Competitions in March, beginning this year. My first mention of this appeared in the September "Kiwi", so I hope that by now you have set aside the sheets for your entry. In our next issue we shall give the closing date for the receipt of postal entries and a reprint of the Competition rules for those of you who do not have the July 1961 number. The only difference this year being that the Cup will be awarded for pre-1910, the material and the Shield for post-1910.

The Philatelic Congress of Great Britain will meet at Worthing this year from the 12th to the 15th June, and this Society is entitled to nominate three delegates - if you would like to attend the Congress as a member of the delegation, will you please let me know as soon as possible, and in any case not later than the 12th March.

It was a great pleasure to see so many happy faces at the Kingsley Hotel on the 25th November. The show given by our Dealer friends was first class - the only word for the material shown is "fabulous"! - the members display sheets were a real picture and most informative, and we had the largest attendance figure of any A.G.M. All in all the meeting was eminently successful, and I should like to thank all the members who helped to make it so.

I have now completed my "probationary year" as your Secretary, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you all for your support and thank you for re-electing me - this year promises to be an exciting and interesting one for the Society and I know that I can count upon your support for the Committee in its work.

It but now remains for me to wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Garnett.

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome the following new members to our ranks and wish them many happy hours with their stamps.

Miss J.W.Ady,
14 Ashbourne Road,
Mitcham, Surrey.

Interests.
Health stamps,
Flowers & colours.
(Speciality:
Health Stamps)

Rodney M. Baguley,
"Stony Side",
Church Street,
Grappenhall,
Warrington, Lancs.

All issues, and
Postal History,
(Specialities:
Early & Present
Day Machine
Cancellations &
post marks,
pre-stamp marks
& 'Ship Letters')

John D. Bowstead,
"Selborne",
Portland Road,
Bowdon,
Altrincham, Cheshire.

All issues of
New Zealand
from 1855.

President's Report.

It is my pleasure to give you a brief report on the past year. We have had our usual bi-monthly meetings, most of which have been well attended, and were well reported in "Kiwi".

The Members' meeting on January 28th was a great success I thought. Many members brought along with them stamps about which information was sought and given by other members present, and that Saturday afternoon was one of the most enjoyable I have ever spent. On Saturday, March 25th, Mr. Campbell Paterson gave us a most interesting talk on Stamp Collectors of New Zealand, and he showed us some very fine and interesting stamps. On Wednesday, May 31st, I had to deputize for Mr. Smith of Messrs. Harrison who could not attend on that evening and I did my best to console members in their disappointment. On Wednesday, 27th September, however, Mr. Smith made amends and taught us a very great deal about his firm's printing in photogravure. The film he brought along to show us was a masterpiece of presentation of the work in progress. Campbell Paterson remarked that on his personally conducted tour of the Works he did not see more. Mr. Smith told us that sheet scrutiny was done by allowing the sheets to fall at high speed and the scrutiniser would be able to stop if any variation appeared in the printing because any such variation would catch the eye in the high speed sequence. The R.P.S.N.Z. in their February 1960 Newsletter made some scathing comments re the prevention of Printers' waste from finding its way to the general public. It is obvious that somewhere in the line of production and distribution these items should be spotted and prevented from being issued to the public. The only meeting I was unable to attend - to my regret - was Competition night on July 26th, but I would like to thank personally all who displayed, and congratulate the winners of the two competitions. I would

like to congratulate also Mr. Chadwick who won a Gold Medal at the New Zealand National Exhibition and our New Zealand members who also won awards there. We would like many more contributions to "Kiwi" from our own, and from New Zealand members. We must have more contributions. Ken McNaught of Hamilton, N.Z., sent us a most erudite article on the Map Stamps of New Zealand and we want our other members out there to feel that their contributions also would be very much appreciated by us here at home. We have unfortunately lost several of our members by death during the past year which have been reported in "Kiwi", but we have welcomed many new members also to our Society. You all have some knowledge which you should write about for the benefit of members. Displays were given - all in April last - to Horsham, Normanhurst (Croydon) and Tynemouth Societies. I see also that quite a number of individual displays were given to Societies on the stamps of New Zealand and yet some of the displays were by people whose names are unknown to me, and we should seek them out and enrol them in our Society.

I offer my very sincere thanks to our hard working Secretary, Packet Secretary, Treasurer, Committee, and Past President - Mrs. Moore - who so ably presided at the Annual Competition meeting.

I think our Society can truthfully claim to be a very friendly and sociable Society, and I hope all members who read this report who are not present today will make an effort to attend some of our meetings in future. By personal contact we gain fellowship, happiness, and knowledge in the hobby we so much enjoy.

EDITORIAL.

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Society of Great Britain was held at the Kingsley Hotel, London, on November 25th 1961, with the President, Mr. H. L. Bartrop in the Chair.

After his opening speech of welcome to members and guests present he called upon the Secretary to read the Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting held in November 1960. The Minutes were read, proposed, seconded and carried unanimously without any further discussion.

The President then gave his report on the past year, a copy of which will be found elsewhere in this issue of the "Kiwi".

The Treasurer Mr. Noel Turner, and Packet Secretary Mr. W. Hasler Young, next gave their reports and Balance Sheets for the past year's business and copies of these are included with this

issue of the "Kiwi".

The next item on the Agenda was the election of Officers for the ensuing year and the following were elected:-

President -	Harry L. Bartrop, Esq.
Vice Presidents -	Mrs. Magarete Erskine
	Mrs. E.C.M. Moore.
Hon. Secretary -	Peter Garnett, Esq.
Hon. Packet Secretary -	W. Hasler Young, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer -	Noel Turner, Esq.
Hon. Auditor -	Gerald B. Erskine, Esq.
Hon. Bulletin Editor -	Albert A. Hard, Esq.
Committee - elected en bloc -	
	Mrs. E.C.M. Moore, Mrs. I.J. Willis,
	Messrs. G.B. Erskine, D.V. Givan and
	R.D. Williamson.

This concluded the election of Officers of the Society for 1962.

Under the next item, any other business proper to an Annual General Meeting Mr. Royton Heath proposed that the Society should endeavour to provide a "Reference Collection" for the benefit of members wishing to identify stamps whose classification was in doubt. He offered to provide a set of One Penny Universals to start the collection. After a thorough discussion in which Mrs. Moore and Campbell Paterson spoke against the proposal as being impractical your Editor suggested that to meet the requirements an expert Committee should be formed with powers to co-opt any member known to be a specialist regarding the item requiring identification.

The President next presented the "Kiwi Shield" to Mr. M.S. Burberry and the "Stacey Hooker Cup" to Robert Chasmer the winners of the respective sections in the Annual Competition.

Mr. Noel Turner then introduced the visiting speakers Messrs. Deakin, Michael, Leverton, Lea and Buck, all wellknown dealers in the Philatelic World.

Mr. Michael on behalf of the visitors opened the proceedings entitled "Stamps we have not sold" and there was such a galaxy of splendid things to see displayed by these eminent stamp dealers that it was impossible to note all the items displayed.

Mr. Deakin batted first and amongst his items was a complete sheet of 240 stamps of Western Australia taken from the original stone which at some time had been used as a door step. The sheet showed various cracks, the plate had suffered from the wear in its downtrodden existence. The display comprised stamps and covers from the whole world, rarities, airmails where only 13 covers were

flown, reprints and forgeries.

Mr. Buck next displayed amongst many items the New Zealand 1960 - ½d. value sheet of 240 with the greyish colour missing in rows 10 - 11 - 12 and bottom row No. 20. Also a strip of 5 with part of the green colour missing and a block of 12 with the green colour completely missing.

Mr. Leverton also displayed some very fine Chalon Heads, the 1959 Health 3d, S.G. 777a and 777b misplaced, pink of legs and pink colour omitted; the New Zealand 1960 Christmas issue part sheet with the red colour omitted which, together with the black colour would have produced a brown colour, the stamps therefore show as black; also stamps shown with the red colour misplaced.

Mr. Lea displayed some exciting items of West Australia and Newfoundland with the Gen. Balbo Flight overprint inverted, one of which was a forgery.

Mr. Michael wound up the displays with some of the wittiest "Philatelic Terms" ? illustrated by stamps covers cancellations, etc. it has been my pleasure to see. Such items as Wreck(ed) cover and it was "Posted on board" yes hardboard! the rare "Stitch" watermark, I think in sewing circles it would be known as a "blanket stitch", registered errors!, a demonstration of "It's condition that counts", the office boy mounted these items from the waste paper basket and the first example of British Space Stamp Research.

With his tongue in his cheek Mr. Michael said the collection had been arranged by the office boy, but we could see the master hand behind this very amusing display.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. M. S. Burberry, seconded by Mr. John D. Evans and all present responded with a hearty round of applause to these busy gentlemen who had given up their Saturday afternoon for our enjoyment.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I wrote early in October to Campbell Watts - the Secretary to The Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand - to ask permission to copy information from "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand" published by that Society, to answer questions from members of our own Society. That request was considered by the Council of the R.P.S.N.Z. and I have now received a letter from Campbell Watts saying that they give the permission as requested; and the Council not only gave permission but said they would be very pleased indeed for full information to be given and they sent greetings

to all members of our Society. Requests for information should therefore be sent to me:- Mr.H.L.Bartrop, "Northcot", Highworth, Swindon, Wilts. with a stamped addressed envelope, or to the Officers or Committee of our Society stating clearly and concisely any problem you may have concerning your own New Zealand stamps.

I can remember in my youth, when the only book I possessed was a slim volume published by Verne Collins & Co, Christchurch (which was written by our member Ray Collins) poring over a heap of Penny Universal stamps, wondering how to distinguish the differences between Waterlow, Basted Mills and Cowan papers, with the aid of a microscope used by my great grandfather when he was a missionary in the West Indies. I still have the microscope but I never use it for that purpose now! It is very important indeed to be able to distinguish papers which have a vertical mesh, i.e. Waterlow (Pirie) and Basted Mills; and those which have a horizontal mesh, i.e. Cowan. The Waterlow paper is soft and thicker than the others and the stamp colour is darker; the Basted Mills look slightly oily when seen face down, the double N.Z. star watermark can usually be seen on a dark tray - without using benzine. The stamps on Cowan paper have a single N.Z. star watermark which can usually be seen very clearly and any other copies which have no watermark must be Cowan if they are on thin paper which has a horizontal mesh. The Waterlow paper varied considerably in thickness, some of which looks like a lady's fur coat on the back of the stamp !! Others appear to be thin and to have both a vertical and horizontal mesh. The date (1901), the rich dark colour and the softness of the paper all help to identify them as Waterlow (Pirie). This issue, perf:14, is quite a difficult stamp to find. The gum used was dull whereas all perforated 11 Waterlow Mint stamps have shiny gum. I have never found a Waterlow with 11 x 14 or 14 x 11 perforations. On the other hand the Basted Mills are fairly common with these compound perforations, and with inverted watermark. If you have a stamp perf: 11 with clear single New Zealand star watermark on horizontal mesh paper, if it has a flaw on the right hand side rosette it is a Royle or Waterlow experimental printing S.G.418c not S.G.341. Keep a look out for S.G.348a. I once found a mint pair in a dealer's stock before they were catalogued as a variety. C.P. catalogues them at £30. against S.G. £10, and they are quite rare. The colour is darker than S.G.348 because the plate (Reserve Plate) was comparatively unworn and the engraved lines are consequently more heavily printed. The best stroke of luck I ever had was when I gave a New Zealand display to Cheltenham Philately Society. A member of that Society afterwards wrote to me saying how very much he had enjoyed that meeting and he enclosed a mint strip of four S.G.421 as a thanks offering; as they would be seen and enjoyed far more in my collection than in his somewhat schoolboy collection of New Zealand. I thanked him and said that I wondered if he realised the cash value of these stamps. He wrote again saying of course he realised their value and there would be no

point to his remarks if his gift had been valueless! A relation of his had taken them home from New Zealand and given them to him in 1907.

To those who live far from London and who cannot come to our meetings very often, our publication "Kiwī" is the vital link of fellowship. Please help our Editor, Mr. Hard, by writing your experiences, or by giving help and knowledge to others in an article for publication.

Yours sincerely,

H.L. Bartrop.

AUCTION REALISATIONS --- HELD 25th NOVEMBER 1961.

Lot No. 2.	32/6	-	3.	37/6	-	4.	20/0	-	5.	32/6	-	6.	25/0
9.	40/0	-	10.	63/0	-	11.	20/0	-	12.	17/6	-	13.	20/0
14.	7/6	-	15.	42/6	-	16.	10/0	-	17.	10/0	-	18.	25/0
19.	9/0	-	20.	6/0	-	21.	7/0	-	22.	10/0	-	23.	11/0
24.	17/6	-	25.	20/0	-	27.	20/0	-	28.	5/0	-	29.	5/0
30.	10/0	-	31.	15/0	-	32.	15/0	-	33.	10/0	-	34.	2/6
35.	2/6	-	36.	2/6	-	37.	65/0	-	-(Last minute gifts -				
37A	7/6	-	37B.	7/6	-	37C.	10/0	-	37D.	5/-	-	37E.	5/0
37F.	25/0	-	37G.	4/0)	-	38.	35/0	-	42.	10/0	-	43.	25/0
45.	20/0	-	48.	3/9	-	50.	5/0	-	51.	20/0	-	52.	32/6
53.	30/0	-	54.	47/6	-	55.	15/0	-	56.	7/0	-	57.	7/0
59.	5/0	-	60.	5/0	-	61.	7/6	-	62.	35/0	-	63.	10/0
67.	63/0	-	68.	10/0	-	69.	40/0	-	70.	7/6	-	71.	5/0
72.	7/0	-	74.	22/6	-	75.	12/6.						

THE COUNTER COILS OF NEW ZEALAND

by E.M. Pyrah.

The counter coils were introduced by the New Zealand Post Office in February 1945 in an attempt to ease the work of the counter clerks, as it was thought that for the sale of a small number of stamps it would be easier to detach them from a roll than from a sheet. At the same time, by inserting numbers between the stamps, the work involved at the end of the day when the clerks had to balance the books would also be eased. The first rolls to be made consisted of the 1d. and 3d. King George VI and the 2d. and 6d. of the then current pictorial issue. These were housed in a container divided into sections; several different sizes of container were tried, and finally an eight-compartment one was issued for general use.

The coils are manufactured from the ordinary sheets of stamps, being either of the horizontal or vertical format, depending on the size of the stamps. The method of manufacture of both types of coils is similar, and a brief description for one type will suffice. For the horizontal rolls 20 equal piles of stamps in sheet form are placed side by side; on the second pile '19' is printed on the right-hand selvedge, opposite each row of stamps; on the third pile '18' is printed, and so on. The unnumbered sheet is then attached to a '19' sheet, which in turn is attached to the '18' sheet, and so on. The whole is then coiled into one large master roll; this is then placed in a cutting machine, which divides the roll by cutting between the rows of stamps, also removing the selvedge at the top and bottom of the sheets. In the case of a sheet consisting of ten rows, this will produce ten coils for issue to the counter clerks. The numbers were originally hand-stamped in colour, but machine-stamped numbers in black were soon introduced.

Many varieties occur, especially in the Queen Elizabeth II values; at first sight these appear to be unnecessary, but a closer study shows that they are attempts by the Post Office officials to ease the work of their employees. It is of course better for the counter clerk if the numbers are upright to him on being issued from the coil appliance. To achieve their aim, several coils, especially of the 9d, 1/-, 1/6d. and 1/9d. values were produced. In the current pictorials, owing to the make-up of the sheet, one coil in every twelve of the pence values and one in every ten of the 1/- value has the coil number printed over the sheet value. The black numbers did not show up, so the numbers are now printed in red. In addition, the numbers themselves have worn in the course of printing, and three types have been used to date.

I have heard the opinion expressed that nothing could be duller than counter coils; on the contrary, as in most philatelic matters, the more one studies it, the more fascinating it becomes.

One of Mr. Michael's pages displayed at the Annual General Meeting reminded me of this perfectly true story -

"Hear-say"

A young lady walked up to the Post Office counter and recognised the clerk as a friend so, she asked "Twelve Twopenny Stamps please WITH THE CHOCOLATE FLAVOURED GUM!" Without a smile he replied "I am sorry Madam we only have vanilla flavour today"!

They were overheard by a little old lady who piped up "Oh! whatever next! Flavoured gum on the stamps. Well I never" !!!

I hope I have set the ball rolling for a paragraph in each "Kiwi" "The Lighter Side of Philately".

Request through "Kiwi" please -

Can any member to whom I gave New Zealand Clianthus seed last January 1961, please spare me one plant and bring to next meeting which I hope to attend.? I never did get my seed sown.

Joan Willis.

LIEUT. JAMES COOK.

..... continuing the story of Capt. Cook's re-discovery and circumnavigation of New Zealand - from "Hawkesworth's Voyages" published in Dublin in 1775 (It is regretted that the last instalment had to be curtailed, due to shortage of space in our November "Kiwi").

October 1769.

Tuesday 10

In the morning, they all seemed to be cheerful, and eat another enormous meal; after this we dressed them, and adorned them with bracelets, anklets, and necklaces, after their own fashion, and the boat being hoisted out, they were told that we were going to set them a-shore; this produced a transport of joy; but upon perceiving that we made towards our first landing place, near the river, their countenances changed, and they entreated with great earnestness that they might not be set a-shore at that place, because, they said, it was inhabited by their enemies, who would kill them and eat them. This was a great disappointment to me, because I hoped the report and appearance of the boys would procure a favourable reception for ourselves. I had already sent an officer on shore with the marines and a party of men to cut wood, and I was determined to land near the place; not, however, to abandon the boys, if when we got ashore they should be unwilling to leave us, but to send a boat with them in the evening to that part of the bay to which they pointed, and which they called their home. Mr. Banks, Dr. Solander, and Tupia were with me, and upon our landing with the boys, and crossing the river, they seemed at first unwilling to leave us, but at length they suddenly changed their minds, and, though not without a manifest struggle and some tears, they took their leave. When they were gone, we proceeded along a swamp, with a design to shoot some ducks, of which we saw great plenty, and four of the

marines attended us, walking abreast of us upon a bank that overlooked the country. After we had advanced about a mile, these men called out to us, and told us, that a large body of the Indians was in fight, and advancing at a great rate. Upon receiving this intelligence, we drew together, and resolved to make the best of our way to the boats. We had scarcely begun to put this into execution when the three Indian boys started suddenly from some bushes, where they had concealed themselves, and again claimed our protection; we readily received them, and repairing to the beach as the clearest place, we walked briskly to the boats. The Indians were in two bodies, one ran along the bank, which had been quitted by the marines, the other fetched a compass by the swamp, so that we could not see them. When they perceived that we had formed into one body they slackened their pace, but still followed us in a gentle walk. That they slackened their pace, was for us, as well as for them, a fortunate circumstance; for when we came to the side of the river, where we expected to find the boats that were to carry us over to the wooders, we found the pinnance at least a mile from her station, having been sent to pick up a bird, which had been shot by the officer on shore; and the little boat was obliged to make three trips before we could all get over to the rest of the party. As soon as we were drawn up on the other side, the Indians came down, not in a body as we expected, but by two or three at a time, all armed, and in a short time their number increased to about two hundred. As we were now despaired of making peace with them, seeing that the dread of our small arms did not keep them at a distance, and that the ship was too far off to reach them with a shot, we resolved to re-embark, lest our stay should embroil us in another quarrel, and cost more of the Indians their lives; we therefore advanced towards the pinnance, which was now returning, when one of the boys suddenly cried out, that his uncle was among the people who had marched down to us, and desired us to stay and talk with them. We complied, and a parley immediately commenced between them and Tupia; during which the boys held up everything we had given them, as tokens of our kindness and liberality; but neither would either of the boys swim over to them, or any of them to the boys. The body of the man, who had been killed the day before, still lay exposed upon the beach; the boys seeing it lie very near us, went up to it, and covered it with some of the clothes that we had given them; and soon after a single man, unarmed, who proved to be the uncle of Maragovete, the youngest of the boys, swam over to us, bringing in his hand a green branch, which we supposed, as well here as at Otaheite, to be an emblem of peace. We received his branch by the hands of Tupia, to whom he gave it, and made him many presents; we also invited him to go on board the ship, but he declined it; we therefore left him, and expected that his nephew and the other two young Indians would have stayed with him, but, to our great surprise, they chose rather to go with us. As soon as we had retired, he went and gathered another green branch, and with this in his hand he

approached the dead body which the youth had covered with part of his clothes, walking sideways, with many ceremonies, and then throwing it towards him; when this was done, he returned to his companions, who had sat down upon the sand to observe the issue of his negotiation. They immediately gathered round him, and continued in a body above an hour without seeming to take any notice of us. We were more curious than they, and observing them with our glasses from on board the ship, we saw some of them cross the river on a kind of raft, or catamarine, and four of them carry off the dead body which had been covered up by the boy, and over which his uncle had performed the ceremony of the branch, upon a kind of bier, between four men; the other body was still suffered to remain where it had been first left.

..... to be continued.

URGENT PACKET NEWS.

DURING G.P.O. Parcel ban in the London area - will all members alter Packet Secretary's address on gummed label to:-

"If undelivered return to -

113, Church Lane,
CHESHUNT,
Hertfordshire. "

Please keep the Packet on the move by sending to the next member NOT in the London Postal District - when the "go slow" finishes the London members can then be circulated in order.

All monies and advice slips to N.18.

OBITUARY.

As the "Kiwi" goes to press we have just received news from New Zealand of the death of George Morris, our member at 65, Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton, N.Z. George Morris was a well-known philatelist in New Zealand and had been a member of our Society for many years.

We send our sincere condolence to his wife and family.

R.I.P.

Albert A. Hard
Hon. Editor "KIWI".