

THE KIWI

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WHOLE No. 64.

The January meeting of the New Zealand Society will be held at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 25th January, 1964, at 2.30 p.m.

The main business of the meeting will be a discussion and display of the Pictorial Issues of 1935-43 and the current Pictorials, by all members attending who have something of interest in these issues. Messrs. R.D. Williamson and R.E. Heath will be the Leaders for this group (see separate Notes under "Our Programme for 1964") and will exhibit any items sent in by members unable to attend and, contribute to the proceedings as and when necessary.

OUR PROGRAMME FOR 1964.

At the suggestion of our Secretary, Mr. Pratt, the Society is making a new departure in the nature of our programme, for the year 1964. Most of our Meetings will consist of the display of an issue or group of stamps, with study and analysis, and with one or more of our Members acting as Leaders. The Committee feel that this is a good idea, but they emphasise that it will largely depend for its success, upon the active support of the Members. You are, therefore, asked to do two things - first to note the dates in your diary - and second, to contribute to each meeting by bringing your own selection from the group under study, with, if possible, interesting varieties and any problem items. Members throughout the country can participate by sending selections to Noel Turner, or W.H. Young, as they do for Competition Day. The reports of all these meetings will be of interest to our members all over the World.

OUR PROGRAMME FOR 1964 (contd).

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - JANUARY 25th. 2.15 p.m.

The Pictorial Issues of 1935-43 and the current Pictorials.

Leaders: R.D. Williamson and R.E. Heath.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - MARCH 21st (NOT 28th). 2.15 p.m.

The Annual Competition. This year the STACEY HOOKER CUP will be awarded for the earlier issues and the KIWI Shield to modern issues. Campbell Paterson will be invited to judge the entries and later to act as Question-Master at a New Zealand Philatelic Quiz. Questions should be sent to the President before the date of the meeting.

WEDNESDAY EVENING - MAY 27th. 6.15 p.m.

The Pictorial Issues of 1877-1909 -

Leader: A.A. Hard.

WEDNESDAY EVENING - JULY 29th. 6.15 p.m.

Postal History including Returned Letters and Postage Dues, details later.

Leader: G. Pratt.

WEDNESDAY EVENING - SEPTEMBER 30th. 6.15 p.m.

Air Mails and associated items.

Leader: H.L. Bartrop.

SATURDAY (ALL DAY) - NOVEMBER 28th. 11.00 a.m.

KIWI DAY - Annual General Meeting, Auction, Displays by Members, Informal Luncheon.

The Committee hope that you will support every meeting feeling sure that we shall all benefit from the knowledge of others irrespective of our own particular specialised groups.

MEMBERSHIP LIST. No. 7. 1/64.

NEW MEMBERS.

N.W. Hoggarth,	68, Bramley Road, Birstall, Leicester.
R. Gilbert,	54, Cairns Road, Bristol. 6.
J.W. Fairbairn,	35, Williamwood Park West, Netherlee, Glasgow. S.4.
R.L. Monk,	28, Heybridge Road, Ingatestone, Essex.
R.W. King,	78, Arncliffe Gardens, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
M.L. Blinkhorn,	41, North Street, Broadway, Worcestershire.

RESIGNATIONS.

H.W. Hanlon	of	New Zealand
W.W. Potts	of	Whickham, Newcastle

DECEASED

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of our Member, G.B. TALBOT, of Southern Rhodesia.

DO PLEASE KEEP YOUR LIST UP TO DATE.

W. Hasler Young.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 30th NOVEMBER 1963.

The attendance was quite good and we had a very enjoyable day. The proceedings commenced at about 11.30 a.m. with a display of members' sheets with something for everyone. A most excellent display of Chalon Heads from the Burrus Collection including a block of 60 (12 x 5) of the 1864-67 One Penny vermilion perf. 12½. There was also a fine display, full of interest of the 1935 and Current Pictorials, with numerous varieties of re-entries and re-touches. To bring the displays up-to-date, there were miniature sheets of the 1963 Health Stamps and, the Christmas 1963 issue of "The Holy Family" from a painting by Titian.

The Auction Lots were also on display, some 139 Lots, many of which came in after the publication of the Auction Lots in the November KIWI. A list of the prices realised will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The Business Session commenced at 2.30 p.m. with the President, Mr. H.L. Bartrop in the Chair.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mrs. Moore (first time absent), Mrs. Kaye, Rev. R.H. Gilding and Messrs. A.M. Davidson and T.H. Hopkins. A letter had been received from Mrs. Talbot saying that her husband had died in Southern Rhodesia.

1. The Minutes of the Eleventh Annual General Meeting held in November 1962 were read and approved unanimously.

The President then welcomed new members present at the meeting; they were Mr. Halliday from Woking, Surrey, Mr. Bradford, Leamington Spa, and Mr. King and daughter from West Hartlepool, also present from Scotland was our member Mr. Johnstone from Edinburgh.

2. A report of the Society's activities during 1963 was given by the President and a copy of the Report will be found elsewhere in this issue.

3. Mr. Noel Turner, our Hon. Treasurer, then reported upon the Society's favourable financial position. A copy of this Report together with a Statement of Accounts will be also found in this issue. The Report and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

4. The Hon. Packet Secretary's Report was presented by Mr. Hasler Young, a copy of which is enclosed.

5. Election of President: Mr. H.L. Bartrop was willing to stand for a further term and he was re-elected with acclamation.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 30.11.63 (contd).

6. Election of Vice-President: Mr. Michael Burberry was unanimously elected.

7. Election of Hon. Secretary: There being no other nominations, Mr. Pratt being willing to carry on, was elected unanimously.

Hon. Auditor: Mr. G.B. Erskine.

Hon. Bulletin Editor: Mr. A.A. Hard.

Hon. Packet Secretary: Mr. Hasler Young.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Noel Turner.

Hon. Publicity Officer: Mr. Michael Burberry.

8. Election of Committee of Five: Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Willis, and Messrs. Heath, Riddell and Williamson.

9. Any other Business: A suggestion was put forward that a member travelling from a distance to attend a meeting, especially to give a display, might have to incur costly hotel expenses. It was thought that there might be some members living in or around London who would be willing to provide hospitality to such members. Perhaps any member interested will contact the Secretary.

The presentation of trophies for the 1963 Annual Competition was made by the President, Mr. Johnstone of Edinburgh receiving the STACEY HOOKER CUP for his entry of 1946 Peace issue, and Mr. John Evans received the KIWI SHIELD for his entry of the 6d. value of Chalon Heads.

Mr. Monk and Mr. Cook, prospective new members, were introduced to members and welcomed by the President.

A proposal was put forward to hold a provincial meeting at Liverpool and it was left to local members to finalise details.

After a break for tea and biscuits, the Auction commenced at 4.05 p.m. with the hammer being wielded by our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner, in his usual genial form. There were a number of postal bids and brisk bidding from the floor and the efforts of all concerned were greatly appreciated.

This concluded another A.G.M. and a good time was had by all.

Hon. Editor.

AUCTION REALISATIONS - HELD NOVEMBER 1963.

LOT No.

1 -	16.0.	29 -	2.6.	54 -	6.0.	85 -	4.0.
3 -	8.0.	31 -	2.6.	56 -	1.9.	86 -	4.0.
6 -	14.0.	33 -	2.6.	58 -	1.0.		
7 -	10.0.	34 -	3.6.	59 -	1.3.		
8 -	8.6.	35 -	3.6.	60 -	1.9.		
9 -	£4.10.0.	36 -	6.0.	61 -	2.6.		
10 -	£3.10.0.	37 -	7.6.	62 -	2.6.		
13 -	12.0.	38 -	4.6.	63 -	2.0.		
18 -	2.6.	39 -	4.0.	64 -	2.6.		
19 -	3.0.	40 -	20.0.	65 -	12.6.		
20 -	3.0.	41 -	1.6.	66 -	2.6.		
22 -	4.6.	42 -	1.3.	67 -	2.0.		
23 -	4.6.	45 -	30.0.	71 -	42.6.		
24 -	5.6.	46 -	5.0.	73 -	13.0.		
25 -	7.6.	47 -	17.6.	74 -	4.0.		
26 -	6.0.	49 -	15.0.	76 -	4.0.		
27 -	2.6.	50 -	6.0.	83 -	80.0.		
28 -	2.0.	51 -	17.6.	84 -	8.0.		

Lots 87 - 110 N.S. - A further 29 Lots (which arrived too late to be published in the KIWI) were also sold.

Sincere thanks to all the Members who gave Lots to be sold on behalf of the Society Funds (£4.3.0.).

W. Hasler Young.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1963.

How quickly time passes. It does not seem nearly a year since we first met at this Hotel. I think you will all agree we are very happy and comfortable here. I would like to thank our host on your behalf for looking in to make certain that all our needs have been met, and I wish to thank the Postal History Society for allowing us to use their frames for our displays. It is very kind of them to grant us this privilege, and we greatly appreciate it. We have depended entirely on our own Members for displays during the past season, and they have brought for our enjoyment and instruction a wonderful array of material. Accounts of these displays have been reported in full detail in "KIWI" and I am sure members who were unable to be present at our meetings must have appreciated these

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reports rendered so carefully by members, and edited by Mr. Hard. I think this is the outstanding event of the past season. I mean the wealth of information given to us in 'KIWI'. Members have responded well also in sending letters and answers to queries, so that Mr. Hard actually has material in excess of space available! Our 'KIWI' Editor is to be congratulated on his selection and presentation of material. The other Officers of the Society have worked hard and we must thank our Treasurer for all his efforts to make our annual auction so enjoyable and remunerative; our Packet Secretary also is to be congratulated and thanked for all his unflagging zeal. Our Secretary - Mr. Pratt - is a man full of ideas for the welfare of our Society, and our Committee have collectively helped us a great deal - particularly at our A.G.M. and competition meetings. During the past year displays have been given by members to the Kent Federation, to Birmingham, Bournemouth, Newbury, Devizes, Worthing and to the Wiltshire Federation meeting at Swindon where Cyril Harmer awarded the Dr. Renton Challenge Cup to a display of New Zealand Chalon Heads.

We thank Gerald Erskine for auditing our accounts and we wish he would attend some of our meetings with our Past President - Mrs. Erskine. We miss them both, they have both done so much for us in the past. I thank also our Publicity Officer. I do not wish to appear complacent but think you will agree this has been a year of outstanding progress in the affairs of our Society. We must strive together to do even better next year, and I thank you one and all for your kindness and co-operation.

H.L.Bartrop.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND - VOLUME 4.

Although we are still without news as to the precise date upon which this book will be available I am sure that our members who originally subscribed at five guineas per volume will be interested in the announcement that appeared in the News Letter of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, September issue. The statement reads, "the day is approaching when no more orders will be accepted for this handbook at six guineas". Whilst we may feel disappointed at the long wait, this may be offset a little by the knowledge that we have at least saved one guinea per volume.

Noel Turner.

"KIWI" QUOTED IN NEW ZEALAND.

Members will be interested to learn that in the August edition of the New Zealand "Stamp Collector" (the official journal of the Federation of New Zealand Philatelic Societies) there was a lengthy article on the subject of the Fourpenny Orange (S.G.120 and 121). As a preamble to the notes by Marcel Stanley and R.J.G. Collins three authorities were quoted - The Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, Volume 4 - the Kiwi (the official organ of the N.Z. Society of G.B.) and the Postage Stamps of N.Z., Volume 1. It is gratifying to observe that the opinion given in reply to a question in our issue of September 1962 should have been regarded as of sufficient importance to be quoted in a very learned article on this important topic.

Noel Turner.

ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY.

I have received a very delightful book entitled "New Zealand - Gift of the Sea" by Brian Brake and Maurice Shadbolt. This book is the gift of our friend Campbell Paterson who in a covering note says, "To the members of the Kiwi Society with compliments and best wishes, Christmas 1963". There is a great deal of reading matter in innumerable illustrations, many of which are in full colour.

I shall be very happy to forward this book on loan to any member of the Society who is prepared to pay postage both ways.

Noel Turner.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisements, "FOR SALE" or "WANTED" are inserted in the 'KIWI' at the rate of 25/- per full page or 2/6d. per inch across the page, per issue. Minimum rate accepted 2/6d.

FOR SALE

Any member wishing to purchase Volumes I, II & III of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand", all three are numbered 49, and in Mint condition. Please contact E.H. Pyrah, 6, Clifton Park Road, Davonport Park, Stockport, Cheshire. (Stepping Hill 2785).

FOR SALE.

Specialised collection of the K.G. VI Head types. Mainly mint blocks of 4 (or larger). Shades, Plate and Imprint Blocks, Booklet Panes, Inverted Wmks. Flaws, retouches etc. Mounted on Godden 'De-luxe' leaves in 2 Warwick Covers.

1200 + stamps cat. value (by C.P.) over £100.

Price £75 o.n.o.

Further details from J.E. Shackleton, 133, Prescott Road, Aughton, Nr. Ormskirk, Lancs.

"FLAG STATIONS".

Flag Station covers really come under the heading of "Loose Letters". Loose Letters according to the N.Z. Postal Regulations are those which make part or the whole of their journey before being handed to the post office.

The only reference to this subject occurs on page 280 of Vol. III N.Z. Handbook in connection with "Late letter" boxes, into which these Flag Station covers may have been put, or they may have been handed to the guard of the train. Also they are referred indirectly to on page 238 of the same Volume where it states ... "In 1938 the Chief Post Master suggested to the Post and Telegraph workshops manager that no Loose Letter slugs be made for use in the cancelling machines for issue to Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, so that they could be used, and I quote .. "When sufficient correspondence is received from overseas and when convenient, for loose letters received from trains, etc".

However, the practice of Flag Stations had been in operation for many years before this, my earliest example being dated 1897, but the term had been in use since the earliest days of Government Railway operations in New Zealand, between 1860 and 1870.

Flag Stations are according to a South Island timetable dated 1879 "Platform Stations, Private Sidings, and other places where there is no one in charge, where trains are stopped by signal only". This signal referred to would be a hand signal made by intending passengers, or for the handing in of mail, or goods.

In newspaper comments around 1885 reference was made to the difficulties experienced by passengers in keeping a match alight in rough weather on flag station platforms at night to

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attract an approaching train. Flag Stations occur near country settlements adjoining the railway system, where the number of residents or traffic does not warrant the appointment of officials in permanent attendance. There are many flag stations in existence in New Zealand today and are of two classes ... Unattended and attended flag stations, some are just sidings, others have sheds and platforms. Wagons at or for unattended flag stations are handled by surface men stationed nearby or by the train guards, and come under the control of the nearest officered station. "Attended" Flag Stations started at the turn of the century, and often only have part time porters in charge.

Under the N.Z. Post Office Regulations letters may be posted at Flag Stations without any late fee charge provided they are inscribed "Posted at... Flag Station" or just "Flag Station". In some cases letters were handed to the post office officials at the first town with a Post Office for cancellation, then continued to their destination, and wherever possible the cover was marked "Loose Letter", or latterly the adhesive was cancelled with the towns' "Loose Letter" c.d.s.

There are still a large number of Flag Stations on the N.Z. Railways today.

John D. Riddell

RETURNED LETTERS.

Covers showing the markings on Returned Letters are another of my sideline collections.

Post Office Branches looking after Returned Letters and correspondence for those who cannot be traced use a wide variety of postal markings - some of a pattern common to many Post Offices - others peculiar to themselves.

These markings fall into three categories.

- a. Date Stamps - usually hexagonal - showing the name of the Post Office, N.Z., the date and the name of the Post Office Branch.
- b. Routing and Instructional Stamps bearing the name of the Post Office but not the date.
- c. Routing and Instructional Stamps showing neither date nor name of Post Office.

RETURNED LETTERS (contd).

The use of (b) or (c) is usually accompanied by (a) in order to identify and date the action being taken to re-direct correspondence or return it to sender if the addressee cannot be traced.

(a) Date Stamps.

Most large offices use a hexagonal date stamped marked "RLB" with the undated stamps of types (b) and (c).

Many of them also have a similar stamp "Unclaimed" and I have also one specimen "Unknown" from Auckland.

The use of Circular Date Stamps for these purposes is less common but I have seen in circular form:-

- "Postmen's Branch" - Fairly Common
- "Returned Letter" - (e.g. Wellington)
- "Postmen" - (e.g. Palmerston Nth)
- "Dead Letter Office" - (e.g. Wellington)

(b) Undated Stamps bearing Post Office Name.

The principal group of stamps, of which numerous Post Offices have their own particular pattern, makes provision for individual postmen - usually identified by the number of their delivery area - to confirm by their initials that the addressee is not known.

Such stamps "Not known by Postmen....." in a square frame with provision for several rows of initials are used, inter alia, at

New Plymouth	Grey Lynn
Takapuna	New Lynn
Palmerston North	Waitara
Masterton	
Rotorua	

One used at Auckland makes no provision for individual postmen to initial.

Other stamps serving a similar purpose show considerable variation of wording, according to local invention.

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"Not known by Letter Carriers....."

"No Order Letter Delivery Branch....."

"Not known at Delivery Counter"

"Returned from Box....."

"No such.... in....."

"No such Street in"

It is by stamps in this category that Rural Delivery Services reveal themselves but they must be discussed separately.

(c) Undated Stamps bearing No Post Office Name.

The commonest of all - in both senses of the word - is the universally used hand, with pointing finger - endorsed Return to Sender. Hardly a cover fails to carry this in addition to other markings.

Some of the stamps in this group are in common use at numerous Post Offices -

"Unclaimed"

"Gone - no address"

"Not Found"

"Returned from..... "

Others represent uses unlikely to occur sufficiently often to justify a special stamp, and only appear to exist at a smaller number of Post Offices.

"Please inform sender of your Correct Address".

"Unknown"

"Undelivered for Reason Stated - Return to Sender".

"Checked at Delivery Counter"

"Not for Box...."

"Insufficient Address". "Insufficiently Addressed"

"Checked - No Re-direction Order".

"Deceased".

It will be seen that these markings are of great variety - even a modest collection needs a great deal of space but these

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covers do contain a great deal of interest. There are obviously many more markings of interest to be identified and I hope "KIWI" members will let me have particulars of any additional or novel markings.

G.E.C. Pratt.

54, Cairns Road,
Bristol. 6.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The 1963 Christmas stamp is probably second only in appeal to the first of the series; indeed a nice reproduction. Having had the opportunity to examine two complete sheets of PL. 1A I noticed a number of flaws that were constant on the two sheets, and wondered if the following observations would be of interest to members.

In general they are not outstanding on PL. 1A, but there are a few plate scratches in gutters and no flaw is so outstanding as the "Donkey's Pink Pimple" on PL. 1B, Row 3, No. 8.

Two may be of "recognised" standard, i.e., "The falling bomb", and the "Weeping Mary", perhaps also the "Shepherd with the Ringworm". The following notes will explain where and what these are!

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|------|----|-----|-----|---|
| Row. | 1. | No. | 1. | Small break in black edge of design, just above "N" of "TITIAN". |
| " | 1. | " | 2. | Pink spot in black hair of shepherd. ("Shepherd with Ringworm". |
| " | 1. | " | 5. | Flaw on left shoulder of shepherd, on "waistcoat sleeve" |
| " | 1. | " | 10. | Black spot on Joseph's finger ("signet ring") |
| " | 2. | " | 9. | Black spot on cheek of shepherd ("Shepherd with a mole") |
| " | 3. | " | 8. | Peculiar black flaw in sky, below "N" of "ZEALAND".
("Falling bomb") |
| " | 3. | " | 9. | Flaw in corner of Mary's eye, below lid ("Weeping Mary") |
| " | 4. | " | 7. | White spot below "S" of "CHRISTMAS". |
| " | 4. | " | 9. | White spot below "M" of "CHRISTMAS". |
| " | 4. | " | 10. | Plate scratch through face of Joseph. |
| " | 5. | " | 7. | Black spot on left wrist of Shepherd. |
| " | 6. | " | 10. | Plate Scratch from left limb of "A" of "ZEALAND",
running into Joseph's beard. |

The nomenclature for flaws is the writer's own!

I also note that there are distinct colour variants on specimens of the 1963 Christmas stamp that I have received - quite distinct varieties.

Sincerely,
Rupert Gilbert.

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

OCTOBER 1769.

TUESDAY 17.

In the afternoon we had a fresh breeze at west, and during the night variable airs and calms: in the morning a gentle breeze sprung up between the N.W. and N.E. and having till now stood to the southward, without seeing any probability of meeting with a harbour, and the country manifestly altering for the worse, I thought that standing further in that direction would be attended with no advantage, but on the contrary would be a loss of time that might be employed with a better prospect of success in examining the coast to the northward; about one, therefore, in the afternoon, I tacked, and stood north, with a fresh breeze at west. The high bluff head, with yellowish cliffs, which we were abreast of at noon, I called CAPE TURNAGAIN, because here we turned back. It lies in latitude 40° 34' S. Longitude 182° 55' W. distant eighteen leagues S.S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. from Cape Kidnappers. The land between them is of a very unequal height; in some places it is lofty next the sea with white cliffs, in others low, with sandy beaches: the face of the country is not so well clothed with wood as it is about Hawke's Bay, but looks more like our high downs in England: it is, however, to all appearance, well inhabited, for as we stood along the shore, we saw several villages, not only in the vallies, but on the tops and sides of the hills, and smoke in many other places. The ridge of mountains, which has been mentioned before, extends to the southward farther than we could see, and was then every where chequered with snow. At night we saw two fires inland, so very large, that we concluded they must have been made to clear the land for tillage; but however that be, they are a demonstration that the part of the country where they appeared is inhabited.

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On the 18th, at four o'clock in the morning, Cape Kidnappers bore N.32W. distant two leagues: in this situation we had sixty-two fathom, and when the Cape bore W. by N. distant three or four leagues, we had forty-five fathom: in the mid-way between the isle of Portland and the Cape we had sixty-five fathom. In the evening, being a-breast of the peninsula within Portland Island, called TERAKAKO, a canoe came off from that shore, and with much difficulty overtook the ship; there were on board five people, two of whom appeared to be Chiefs, and the other three servants: the Chiefs, with very little invitation, came on board, and ordered the rest to remain in the canoe. We treated them with great kindness, and they were not backward in expressing their satisfaction; they went down into the cabin, and after a short time told us that they had determined not to go on shore till the next morning. As the sleeping on board was an honour which we neither expected nor desired, I remonstrated strongly against it, and told them, that on their account it would not be proper, as the ship would probably be at a great distance from where she was then, the next morning: they persisted, however, in their resolution, and as I found it impossible to get rid of them without turning them by force out of the ship, I complied.

.... to be continued.

ALBERT A. HARD
Hon. Editor.