

# THE KIWI

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The next meeting of the New Zealand Society will be held on Saturday, 27th March at 2.30 p.m. at the Shaftesbury Hotel, Monmouth Street, London. It will be the occasion of the Annual Competition for the "KIWI SHIELD" for the earlier issues up to and including K.E.V11 and the "STACEY HOOKER CUP" from K.G.V to modern issues to Q.E.11.

Our President, Mr. Harry Bartrop, will take the Chair for a Philatelic Quiz while the entries for the Competition are being judged.

## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY.

### EXCHANGE PACKET SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hasler Young has handed over the running of the Exchange Packet to the Secretary Mr. G.E.C. Pratt.

Mr. Young has been doing all the hard work of running the Packet for nine years, and all our thanks are due to him for the wonderful way he has carried through all the labour and frustration that this has involved.

Keen buyers impatiently waiting for the packet, and successful sellers for the cash to come, can scarcely have appreciated the patience he has needed checking all the details of hundreds of purchasers and trying to make the books balance.

For the future, the larger number of new members has brought lots of keen buyers; six separate boxes of booklets

EXCHANGE PACKET SUPERINTENDENT (contd)

are now circulating, but at least fifty new booklets are needed within the next six months to provide the next batch for circulation.

No booklets from sellers will mean no packets for buyers.

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AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST No. 13. 2/65.

NEW MEMBERS.

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| Mrs. R. Gilders | 10, Southspring, Avery Hill,<br>Sidcup, Kent.                |
| D.B. McAlpine   | "Holmleigh" Aiskew,<br>Bedale, Yorks.                        |
| M.T. Rowe       | Pre D'elaine, L' Aumone,<br>Catel, Guernsey, C.I.            |
| H.D. Spears     | 10, Sunbury Avenue,<br>East Sheen, S.W.14.                   |
| R.D. Tweed      | 5, Vale Road, Llandudno Junct.,<br>Caernarvonshire.N. Wales. |
| P.F. Werner,    | 61, Leas Road,<br>Warlingham. Surrey.                        |

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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| Sqdn.Ldr. R.J. Riley | 158, Kingsthorpe Grove,<br>Northampton. |
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MEMBERS NAMES TO BE DELETED FROM LIST.

G. Korel, London, W.C.2.  
B.E. Lynch, Hampstead, N.W.3.  
E.J. Lunt, Manchester.  
J. Miller, Burnley.

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REPRESENTATION AT PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Following the request in the January KIWI the following members have agreed to represent our Society, Mrs. H.C. Versey of Leeds, Mrs. H. Gordon-Kaye, Colwyn Bay, Mr. D.M. Burton of London.

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Will members sending questions for the Quiz let me have them as early as possible before the meeting on March, 27th.

Will the member who wrote to the President asking if the S.G.4 penny stamp offered in the Society's Packet is still available, please write again as it is available at the price it was offered. I did not keep the member's letter and I cannot remember who wrote.

Members will no doubt wish to congratulate the following members of our Society who have won awards in recent National Competitions:-

British Philatelic Exhibition - Silver Medal, R.C. Agabeg, New Zealand; Bronze Medal, Dr. Harold J. Selby, British Commonwealth; Thematic Class - Bronze Medal, H.L. Bartrop, President, Art New Zealand Maori Emblems; Literature - Silver Medal, New Zealand, Campbell Paterson.

### STAMPEX COMPETITION AWARDS.

Specialised Silver-Gilt Medal Michael S. Burberry, (1906 N.Z. 1d) who also won the Stanley Gibbons Trophy.

Thematic - Bronze Medal "Masterpieces of Engraving on Postage Stamps" - A.A. Hard.

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Mr. Rupert Gilbert, our member in Bristol, was successful in being awarded the Douglas Rowe Commonwealth Memorial Cup, at the competition of the Bristol North Philatelic Society in February. The subject was New Zealand Postal Fiscals, and consisted of nine sheets describing the history of use, both fiscal and postal, and showing the danger of accepting what appeared to be postal markings, which were in fact of fiscal origin although apparently postal. Forgeries of postmark etc. were also available, as well as a representative range from 1d to £50 face value (used fiscally of course!!)

A great deal of information came to me by courtesy and kindness of Ken. McNaught of Hamilton, N.Z., who certified a number of specimens, and gave me great help in sorting out these interesting specimens.

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## NOTES FROM NOEL TURNER.

### ANNUAL COMPETITION.

You will have received your Notice with regard to the above and doubtless elsewhere in this issue there is a further reminder. May I say that I have arranged for a special exhibit - hors concours - and I strongly recommend that you should come to the Meeting, as it will be quite impossible to describe this in the next 'KIWI'. If I tell you that 12 sheets will be exhibited without a single stamp or cover, I hope this will whet your appetite.

MAJOR A. HOPKINS M.C., R.D.P. will be the Judge of our Competition. I have had a letter from him in which he has promised to produce items from his collection of Wreck Covers, and assures me that most of these have direct links with the waters of New Zealand. He will also produce for us a copy of "The History of the Post Office in New Zealand", by Howard Robinson.

### THE PACKET.

Many of you will already know that for personal reasons it has been necessary for Warrenne Young to discontinue being Packet Secretary. He has held this job for many years, and we express our thanks to him for his hard work in what has proved to be, at times, a somewhat thankless task. Gerald Pratt, who is already the Secretary of the Society has taken over the work, and I appeal to all our Members to give him strong support. To most of us this means the sending in of Booklets so that he can make up parcels and keep the circuit going.

### NOTE FROM NEW ZEALAND.

It was interesting to see the latest issue of the New Zealand "Stamp Collector" and to find recorded therein, the discovery of 'Province of Auckland' date stamp showing the serial number 7. Credit was given to our Member, John.D. Evans of Sheen for the discovery, together with a note that the item was shown to 'The Kiwi Stamp Club, London'. New Zealanders have always referred to our Society in this way.

### QUESTIONS.

Our new Member Sgt.T. Grassie, who is with the R.A.F. at El Adem writes that he has two queries and solicits the help of other Members. The first concerns the current 2/- which has a line of deep colour running vertically along the right side of the stamp. Campbell Paterson has offered a possible

NOTES FROM NOEL TURNER

QUESTIONS (contd)

explanation to our Member who would like to know now if other Members possess similar items. Mention is made of several flaws and retouches on both values of the last two Health Stamps, and rather than quote these in detail I invite letters to me dealing with such items that you possess, so that we can compile a Check List. Sgt. Grassie expects to be back in England this month, but does not know where he will be posted, hence the suggestion that you should write to me.

NOEL TURNER.

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REPORT OF MEETING ON JANUARY 30th 1965.

Apologies were received for non-attendance from:-  
Messrs Bartrop, Young, Pratt and Hard.

In the absence of the President, Michael Burberry was in the Chair.

Royton Heath was leader at the meeting and his report follows.

Mr. Heath the leader for the afternoon's meeting, dealing with varieties of the Queen Elizabeth issues, dealt briefly with the object of this type of discussion. The idea is to get members who normally do not bring material for display, to do so and also say in a few words about it. The subject matter chosen proved to be a good one, for it certainly brought forward 4 members who with their material gave the 16 members present an enjoyable afternoon.

As Mr. Heath explained in his short opening talk, the Queen Elizabeth varieties are well within the reach of most members' pockets, and here he gave an estimated figure that 60% of our members fall within that category. Unlike the classic material which is now becoming almost impossible to obtain for research, or out of reach due to expense. The Queen Elizabeth stamps are easily obtainable and certainly not expensive, and where the Queen's head issue 1954 to 1960 is concerned, being recess printed provides just as much scope with a greater chance of finding the answers as to why the re-entries and re-touches were made than in some classic material.

Mr. Chasmer showed an interesting display of the 3d. Telegraph flaws which certainly gave the members something to think about, for this issue has become well known for its missing and change of colour which occurred during printing.

REPORT OF MEETING ON JANUARY 30th 1965(contd)

We have certainly found a keen specialist of both the Queen Elizabeth 11 heads, 3d and 1d. 1958 Health Miniature Sheets in Mr. Mackie. It takes a talk of this nature to bring out hidden talent which would not otherwise be found. His display of the miniature sheets (what looks better than these complete sheets carefully mounted up and well annotated?) were excellent, telling a story of the flaws and retouches carried out on these stamps. This was followed by a really comprehensive showing of the 9d 1/- 1/6 1/9 Queen Elizabeth 11 heads with blurred centres, plate flaws, retouches and re-entries, also different centre plates including plate 3. Here again, much work had gone into arranging such a wealth of philatelic varieties, and he is to be congratulated on the research undertaken. There was also on display, retouches to the smaller Queen's head on the lower values of this issue.

After the members had an opportunity to see and discuss both Mr. Chasmer's and Mr. Mackie's displays, Mr. King displayed a number of sheets of the 2d. and 3d. values of the 1960 Pictorials, these of used singles and although sheet placings were lacking in a number of instances, it did show that there is a great deal of research waiting to be done in these issues. Not an easy task when one realises the number of plates issued and the fact that they are still current.

Dealing with the subject matter of this talk, Mrs. Willis showed the chambon perfs. on booklet panes, and this was followed by Mr. Heath who had on view similar material, and explained the method used in perforating whole sheets. He also finished off the afternoons talk by a display of both Queen Elizabeth 11 Heads, and 1960 Pictorials using macrophotography (extreme close-ups) to illustrate the flaws, retouches etc. Mr. J.D. Evans of the Full Face issue fame, proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned, stating he had enjoyed the discussion and the material displayed. He also had a sly dig at the subtle comparison Mr. Heath had made regarding research in Full Face material and the modern issues, by saying he would like to see a normal modern stamp, this must be a rarity!

POSTAL STATIONERY.

The increased postage rates operating from 1st. October, 1964 excited a good deal of interest as to how Postal Stationery would be affected. There must be new issues, but would there be intervening provisional overprints as varied as those of pre-war days?

For a couple of months nothing happened. The Post Office added extra adhesives in the old issues and collectors in New Zealand went from Post Office to Post Office to make sure they were not missing anything.

After a couple of months overprints appeared - almost surreptitiously at scattered Post Offices, and again collectors became anxious. These overprints comprised:-

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| ADDITIONAL<br>POSTAGE 1d. ) | Below the embossed stamp on<br>envelope and letter card. |
| ADDITIONAL<br>POSTAGE ½d. ) | Similar position on Postcard.                            |

• 1/4 •                      On Registered Envelopes, the large  
dots obliterating the old value.

I have not seen any overprints on Newspaper Wrappers, and as a new issue Wrapper valued 3d. has already appeared an overprint is now unlikely.

I have only seen the Letter Card Overprint on the new issue first made in September 1964 with no Departmental Advertisements on the back. I had been looking for overprints on the earlier printings, their absence and the continued issue of old types of all natures of Postal Stationery for a considerable period, as described above, suggests that only central stocks were overprinted and that no attempt was made to call in the various different printings held by Post Offices in their own stocks.

Thus there is none of the wide variation of 1932 when principal offices were instructed to overprint their own stocks, and used a great deal of initiative in doing so.

I should however be interested to learn if other members of the Society have found any other overprints.

G.E.C. PRATT

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POSTAGE RATES.

| DATE     | LETTERS<br>INLAND - UK<br>COMMONWEALTH. | POST<br>CARD     | NEWS<br>PAPER | LATE<br>FEE | REGN<br>FEE |
|----------|---|------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1/ 1/01  | 1d                                      | 1d               | 1d            | 1d          | 3d          |
| 18/10/07 | 1d                                      | 1d               | 1d            | 1d          | 3d          |
| 1/ 1/08  | 1d                                      | 1d               | 1d            | 1d          | 2d          |
| 23/ 9/15 | 1½d                                     | 1d               | 1d            | 1d          | 2d          |
| 1/ 8/20  | 2d                                      | 1½d              | 1d            | 2d          | 3d          |
| 1/ 2/23  | 1½d                                     | 1d               | 1d            | 2d          | 3d          |
| 1/10/23  | 1d                                      | 1d               | 1d            | 1d          | 3d          |
| 1/ 3/31  | 2d                                      | 1d               | 1d            | 2d          | 4d          |
| 1/ 6/32  | 1d                                      | <del>1d</del> 2d | 1d            | 1d          | 3d          |
| 1/10/39  | 2d                                      | <del>1d</del> 1d | 1d            | 2d          | 4d          |
| 1/ 1/53  | 3d                                      | 1½d              | 1½d           | 2d          | 6d          |
| 1/11/56  | 3d                                      | 2d               | 2d            | 2d          | 9d          |
| 1/ 9/61  | 3d                                      | 2½d              | 2½d           | 2d          | 1/-         |
| 1/10/64  | 4d                                      | 3d               | 3d            | 3d          | 1/-         |

A concession was made to permit use of the 2½d Christmas issue to be used for Christmas Cards without surcharge.

It is a long time since an up-to-date summary of the main postage rates has been published in KIWI. I should however welcome any additions or corrections that readers can supply.

This simplified list has had to exclude air mails also surface mails to foreign countries because of the variations from country to country.

G.E.C. PRATT.

TUHIKARAMEA - NGAHINEPOURI

D. EDSALL.

I'll admit I'm the worst hand in the world, that will be confirmed by your Secretary.

So I would like to make some things clear in the above article you so kindly printed in the July 1964 "KIWI".

First NGAHINEPOURI officially misspelt by several who refer to it as HINA. HINE means woman, HILIN has, I think, no meaning. Col. Cameron, my mistake, General for WAIPO river read WAIPA, for NGAPIAWHIIA read NGARUAWHIIA. To get other information clear NGAHINEPOURI Military P.O. opened 1863 and closed 14/9/1865.

NGAHINEPOURI P.O. Vickers House opened 1/9/76 name changed to TUHIKARAMEA 7/8/1880. Closed 10/1/17. NGAHINEPOURI P.O. at Creamery not Butter Factory. Cream was collected there and sent to Francton Factory, P.O. opened 1912, closed 11/1/1917. So at one time two Post Offices within a mile of each other were operating!

TUHIKARAMEA-NGAHINEPOURI (contd)

Three military Postmasters listed at NGAHINEPOURI Military P.O.  
27/1/64 Sgt. EVANS, 18/3/64 Sgt. HUNT both of 64 Regt. N.Z. Gazette P.309  
24/3/64 G. WASHINGTON (no rank). WAIPA river campaign Officers Col.  
Wyatt 4 Regt. Col. Waddy 65 Regt; OHAUPO P.O. opened 1/7/81,  
H. Lewis P.M.

Apologies for giving all this trouble, anyone got an old typewriter they don't want!

VARIETIES

With the rather careless printing of modern stamps we get a lot of "Varieties", very desirable where they are easily visible, yet how a Philatelist likes to make a rod for his own back.

But his yearning for "varieties" can be overdone, I had a friend who doted on these things, so made a specialised collection of the low value Australian George V, 1½d I think, but he first sorted out varieties he could see, then borrowed his mother's reading glass, discovered more, not content with that he bought one of those watchmakers eye pieces for a further hand of varieties! The last I heard of him he borrowed two quid as he wanted to buy a microscope he saw in a second hand show. Poor chap! I think he ended up in an asylum, so be warned!!

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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

SATURDAY 21 (continued)

.....In their walk, they visited several houses of the natives, and saw something of their manner of life; for they shewed, without any reserve, anything which the gentlemen desired to see. They were sometimes found at their meals, which the approach of the strangers never interrupted. Their food at this season consisted of fish, with which, instead of bread, they eat the root of a kind of fern, very like that which grows upon our commons in England. These roots they scorch over the fire, and then beat with a stick, till the bark and dry outside fall off, what remains is a soft substance, somewhat clammy and sweet, not displeasing to the taste, but mixed with three or four times its quantity of strings and fibres, which are very disagreeable; these were swallowed by some, but spit out by the far greater number, who had baskets under them to receive the rejected part of what had been chewed, which had an appearance very like that of tobacco in the same state. In other seasons they have certainly plenty of excellent vegetables; but no tame animals were seen among them, except dogs, which were very small and ugly. Mr. Banks saw some of their plantations, where the ground was as well broken down and tilled as even

LIEUT. JAMES COOK (contd)

in the gardens of the most curious people among us: in these spots were sweet potatoes, coccos or eddas, which are well known and much esteemed both in the East and West-Indies, and some gourds: the sweet potatoes were planted in small hills, some arranged in rows, and others in quincunx, all laid by a line with the greatest regularity: the coccos were planted upon flat land, but none of them yet appeared above ground: and the gourds were set in small hollows, or dishes, much as in England. These plantations were of different extent, from one or two acres to ten: taken together, there appeared to be from 150 to 200 acres in cultivation in the whole bay, tho' we never saw an hundred people. Each district was fenced in, generally with reeds, which were placed so close together, that there was scarcely room for a mouse to creep in between.

The women were plain, and made themselves more so by painting their faces with red ocre and oil, which being generally fresh, and wet upon their cheeks and foreheads, was easily transferred to the noses of those who thought fit to salute them; and that they were not wholly averse to such familiarity, the noses of several of our people strongly testified: they were, however, as great coquets as any of the most fashionable ladies in Europe, and the young ones as skittish as any unbroken filly: each of them wore a petticoat, under which there was a girdle, made of the blades of grass, highly perfumed, and to the girdle was fastened a small bunch of the leaves of some fragrant plant, which served their modesty as its innermost veil. The faces of the men were not so generally painted, yet we saw one whose whole body, and even his garments, were rubbed over with dry ocre, of which he kept a piece constantly in his hand, and was every minute renewing the decoration in one part or another, where he supposed it was become deficient.

In personal delicacy they were not equal to our friends at Otaheite, for the coldness of the climate did not invite them so often to bathe; but we saw among them one instance of cleanliness in which they exceeded them, and of which perhaps there is no example in any other Indian nation. Every house, or every little cluster of three or four houses, was furnished with a privy, so that the ground was every where clean. The offals of their food, and other litter, were also piled up in regular dunghills, which probably they made use of at a proper time for manure. (Then follows a discourse on the sanitary arrangements of other nations)

In the evening, all our boats being employed in carrying the water on board, and Mr. Banks and his company finding it probable that they should be left on shore after it was dark, by which much time would be lost, which they were impatient to employ in putting the plants they had gathered in order, they applied to the Indians for a passage in one of their canoes: they immediately consented, and a canoe was launched for their use. They went all on board, being eight in number, but not being used to a vessel that required so even a balance, they unfortunately overset her in the surf: no life however was lost, and it was thought advisable that half of them should wait for another turn.

LIEUT. JAMES COOK (contd)

Mr. Banks, Dr. Solander, Tupia, and Tayeto embarked again, and without any further accident arrived safely at the ship, well pleased with the good nature of the Indian friends, who cheerfully undertook to carry them a second time, after having experienced how unfit a freight they were for such a vessel.

While these gentlemen were on shore, several of the natives went off to the ship, and trafficked, by exchanging their cloth for that of Otaheite: of this barter they were for some time very fond, preferring the Indian cloth to that of Europe; but before night it had decreased its value five hundred per cent. Many of these Indians I took on board, and shewed them the ship and her apparatus, at which they expressed equal satisfaction and astonishment.

As I found it extremely difficult to get water on board, on account of the surf, I determined to stay no longer at this place; on the next morning therefore, about five o'clock, I weighed anchor and put to sea.

SUNDAY 22

This bay, which is called by the natives TEGADOO, lies in the latitude of  $38^{\circ} 10'$  S, but as it has nothing to recommend it, a description of it is unnecessary.

From this bay I intended to stand on to the northward, but the wind being hard against me, I could make no way. While I was beating about to windward, some of the natives came on board, and told me, that in a bay which lay a little to the southward, being the same that I could not fetch the day I put into Tegadoo, there was excellent water, where the boats might land without a surf. I thought it better to put into this bay, where I might compleat my water, and form further connections with the Indians, than to keep the sea. With this view I bore up for it, and sent in two boats, manned and armed, to examine the watering-place, who confirming the report of the natives at their return, I came to an anchor about one o'clock, in eleven fathom water, with a fine sandy bottom, the north point of the bay N. by E. and the south point S.E. The watering-place which was in a small cove a little within the south point of the bay, bore S. by E. distant about a mile. Many canoes came immediately off from the shore, and all traded very honestly for Otaheite cloth and glass bottles, of which they were immoderately fond.

MONDAY 23

In the afternoon of the 23rd, as soon as the ship was moored, I went on shore to examine the watering-place, accompanied by Mr. Banks and Dr. Solander: the boat landed in the cove, without the least surf; the water was excellent, and conveniently situated; there was plenty of wood close to high-water mark, and the disposition of the people was in every respect such as we could wish.

LIEUT. JAMES COOK  
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Having, with Mr. Green, taken several observations of the sun and moon, the mean result of them gave  $180^{\circ} 47'$  W. longitude; but as all the observations made before exceeded these, I have laid down the coast from the mean of the whole. At noon, I took the sun's meridian altitude with an astronomical quadrant, which was set up at the watering-place, and found the latitude to be  $38^{\circ} 22' 14''$ .  
..... to be continued.

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