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STAMP NEWS

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PORT MORESBY

No 1

This month we are starting our magazine era - true, it is not elaborate but in due course we hope to get this page printed as a cover.

To put this news into print it costs about four shillings. As I see it, we don't pay a "Brass Razoo" for subscription. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ern Billinge for his generous donation to keep us in print for the first 5 issues. Some kindly soul may like to ensure the following 5 months!!!

NEXT MEETING

On February the seventh is the date. The place - out at Yvonne's at Three Mile. Time is still at eight o'clock. Roll up in your thousands!!!

GREETINGS

One of our members, the 'Wild Irishman' is out in the bush looking at rocks and things. Sincerely hope you are doing well Roland. All in stamps are looking forward to seeing you again.

I'm a bit dubious as to which side this is going to be printed on. Not being an expert at turning myself inside out I am hoping that it really is page two. I am trying an experiment to see if the duplicating paper will take printing on both sides. Next time I am going to leave the stencil cutting to Gloria - I can't even put in the capitals.

OUR ORGANISER, Ern, has got a trick up his sleeve. At our next meeting, on the 7th, he wants you all to bring along a 3 page display of stamps. (There may be a prize. I dunno). You may bring one or two pages if you wish. The penalty for non entry shall be one only ZAC!!!

Rumour has it that our able Secretary is going South for a spot of leave. Good luck to you Yvonne. Don't spend too much money on those FDCs and stamps with a flaw in.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24 JANUARY 1955

We hope to be able to print for you the minutes of these meetings in order to let you, the members, see how far we have advanced in the stamp world.

MEETING commenced at 2000 hours.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted and passed by E Douglas, Seconded by B d'Arx.

Cash in hand by Treasurer's report seven pounds.

Expenses for advertisement in South Pacific Post one pound two shillings.

Correspondence Letters were received from a number of people interested in exchanging with members. It was decided to ask our members to write to individuals if interested. It was proposed by P Daniels, seconded by R d'Arx that a letter be written to his Honour the Administrator requesting he be our PATRON.

Overseas Members, if they wish to join our Society to pay ten shillings subscription.

PROPOSED STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB

It was decided to commence the stamp exchange booklets; P Daniels offered to make same assisted by R d'Arx. Booklets to cost members threepence each. They are to be numbered and distributed monthly. E Douglas offered to run this and to keep the accounts. These booklets are to have marked on the cover - No of Book, Catalogue used in pricing stamps. Members are asked to mark catalogue value as well as amount required under each stamp and buying members to initial place when removing stamp.

Special Booklets will be compiled at a later date for members overseas.

ORGANISATION

P Daniels nominated E Billinge to be our Organiser, seconded by Y Beadel. The Organiser to arrange evenings in advance and to advise members of coming events, such as first issues etc. This to be published in the magazine prior to meetings.

STAMP NEWS

It was decided to publish amongst ourselves a small magazine called "Stamp News". P Daniels volunteered to write and distribute the sheets to members once a month. This is to contain an outline of the previous meeting and items of interest to members.

Ern Billinge donated one pound to purchase stationery for the "Stamp News".

READERS

If you have any news item worthwhile printing please let me have it. Even a good joke will help us along. Send them in to:

P Daniels, Steamships Tdg Co, Port Moresby

LET ME KNOW IF THIS MAGAZINE WILL BE ALL RIGHT.

February 1955

PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
STAMP NEWS

PORT MORESBY

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No 2

I am pleased to see that the better class of people enjoyed the intelligent, knowledgeable and superior magazine that gently flowed into circulation after the last Committee meeting???

AND THEN there was the one about Jane Russell, What did she buy two 3d balloons for? The answer to that is on page four.

NEXT MEETING

Yes, still the same place, Yvonne's at Four Mile. Time remains at eight (evening of course). The date of this big event is the 7th March.

BON VOYAGE

Yvonne, you lucky thing. Fancy getting a berth on the BULOLO!!! Hope the trip down was pleasant and no paper bags or such.

GREETINGS

John Gartner and Chick Ferguson, we welcome you to our little gathering. You will find that on the back of this magazine we have given you your official number.

Sorry you cannot be with us in person, John. No doubt the old spirit will keep in touch with us.

Chick, you old digger you, glad to have you. Lets hope the Army doesn't whizz you off from us as we will welcome a little lecture one day.

OUR LAST MEETING

Here are a few extracts from our last meeting.

Eric opened by giving the members a talk on the "Stamp Exchange Booklets", which will be used at the next meeting. The requirements to be fulfilled are printed on page four of this magazine.

It is not necessary for any money to be paid when stamps are taken from these booklets, but a reconciliation will be made from time to time in order to let members know how they stand financially.

At present we are not catering for overseas members. They have certainly been considered though, and in the near future we hope to have a range of booklets prepared for them.

Thirteen people attended the meeting. This alone shows that we are slowly expanding. We were pleased to have the "Kelly Gang" with us and sincerely hope they enjoyed the evening and will come again.

We are honoured that His Honour The Administrator D M Cleland has become our Patron and take this opportunity in welcoming His Honour to our Society.

Remember the last issue, Ern decided on a three page stamp display for this meeting? Well, I am sorry to say we had only three or four entrants - not enough. Next time let us all be enthusiastic and give with a will.

Enid Beitsch was the leading light in our display. Three pages were entered by her. Firstly a display of UNITED NATIONS mint, then a page of the VATICAN and topped it off with a page of PAPUAN canoe issues.

Very good work, Enid. Glad to see you take the prize of a mint block of 3d VAN DIEMANS LAND CENTENARY complete with printers name.

All other entrants were very good. From this effort we made four shillings in fines from non-entrants.

Our Secretary has received quite a number of letters from overseas so in order to make her job easier, these letters were handed around to members to answer. I think that is a very good idea. That way we should get more members and pen pals as well.

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE

Whilst mingling with members I happened to overhear this little item. "Wouldn't it be nice if Papua New Guinea put out a new stamp. First Day Covers would go like hot cakes".

Personally, I think it is an excellent idea - say a 4½d stamp commemorating some important event that has taken place in the territory.

Let us make believe and see what bright ideas can be thought up regarding colour, style and design of the stamp. A good cover could have the stamp enlarged on the left hand side of it.

After looking at some stock books the meeting closed at 2145 hours.

AUCTION AUCTION AUCTION

Ern has come up with another good idea for our next meeting.

Would all members bring along stamps and First Day Covers for auction. A percentage of the sales to go to the Society. Don't forget to put your reserve price on the articles so as to avoid mix-ups.

Looks like a good night is going to be had by all.

While Yvonne is on leave, Bob d'Arx has offered to act as Secretary. Thanks a lot mate.

Thanks a million for your donation John. It will give the magazine a few more months life.

Last week, one of our members parked the utility outside a well known store. Switched the motor off and like all cantankerous vehicles, it decided to half-and-half, neither on nor off, just a continual purr. Luckily a good Samaritan was handy to put things in order.

I WONDER WHO IT COULD BE!!!

We take this opportunity in letting you know who our members are and their official numbers. Each month we hope to add to our little list.

<u>Official No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1	Mr R d'Arx	Dept of Works Port Moresby
2	Mr E Douglas	" " " " "
3	Miss G Paulig	" " " " "
4	Mr P Daniels	Steamships " "
5	Mr G Bottrill	Dept of Works " "
6	Mrs E Beitsch	Dept Treasury " "
7	Mrs Osborne	?
8	Mr Osborne	?
9	Mrs Thompson	Dept of Works " "
10	Mr R De Caen	Aust Pet Co " "
11	Mr E Billinge	Dept Civil Aviation " "
12	Mrs Billinge	" " " " "
13	Mr A Anderson	Dept of Works " "
14	Mrs W Beadel	" " " " "

WHO IS TO BE NUMBER 15?

STAMP EXCHANGE

(I have no solution to alter the heading to "EXCHANGE").

At the next meeting the writer is to bring along a few booklets to be sold at 3d, so that we can buy and then use same for exchanging stamps. It will be told to you when you arrive.

PASSING PARADE

This happened in '46 or 47'. A mail, for some unknown reason was diverted from "BSI" through Moresby. No letter was cancelled so the Native members of the Post Office obligingly cancelled with PM Postmark. Approximately 200 letters were franked before the error was discovered. I can vouch for this because I was the discoverer.

MY APOLOGIES for crook spelling, crook typing etc.

Today we publish our second list of new members and their official numbers.

<u>Official No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
15	Mr J Gartner	15 Guildford Lane, Melbourne CI
16	WO2 Chick Ferguson	C/-PNGVR Port Moresby

STAMP EXCHANGE

At our last meeting we all dug into our pockets and pulled out a few "trissies" to buy the booklets we spoke of in the last issue.

Eric came good with three books as samples and let all the enthusiasts have a decko at what was required. It must be remembered, that when you borrow a book from Eric, it must be returned to him before allocation to other - er - intelligent people.

Don't forget the MUST.

NUMBER name & date of catalogue;

Sixty stamps per booklet.

Catalogue price beneath your stamps on the left side.

Your selling price beneath the stamp on the right side.

No stamp value (per stamp) to exceed 200 quid - yak - yak.

ANSWER - Sixpence - you nasty man you!

READERS

Last Edition I asked if some kindly soul would give me some new items for this little nerve wrecker. Thanks I should get it very soon.

PASSING PARADE

Chick Ferguson reckons he has only just over a million stamps. Should be worthwhile seeing just a few thousand of them. He brought along a few last meeting and made mouths water. He goes for different shades etc.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS.

March 1955

S T A M P N E W S

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No 3

We are sorry to hear that our Editor, Peter Daniels is unable to spare the time at the moment to produce our magazine since he is in the throes of changing his job and quarters. Best of luck to him in his new circumstances and we hope that later on he will be able to continue to be our newspaperman.

Our Secretary, Yvonne Beadel, has now returned from Australia, and our next meeting will be held again at her place at Four Mile on Monday 4th April. As yet no fixed programme for the evening is set since our programme director, Ern Billinge, has been away, but something will be arranged to keep you entertained.

The March meeting of the Society was Auction Night and although only a limited number of lots were brought in for disposal, a most enjoyable evening was had by all. The Society funds were swelled by 7/6 being a percentage of the amounts realised by the sale. Our ladies for once were in the fore, with lively bidding going on. There were mixed lots, a few sets and some covers, also an imprint block; all lots were sold, some of them at three times the reserve price.

Ern Billinge, our Organiser who was responsible for the idea of holding the auction, was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting being delayed over on the Other Side. Bad luck Ern but thanks all the same for your so very successful idea. We'll have to have another evening like this - and perhaps next time EVERY member will have something to bring along. Think of it - what a wonderful chance of getting rid of those oddments that have been cluttering up the drawers.

Recently Bob d'Arx has found amongst his stamps a St Lucia King George VI stamp with a perforation distinctly different from any listed by Stanley Gibbons. He has now written to SG in London and sent the stamp for analysis and report. It should be interesting to hear what the experts have to say about it.

It is very likely that in the near future Great Britain will change the watermark on all current issues which also means those values only recently added to the set, ie the 9d, 10d and 11d. These values should be well worth keeping with the old watermark. Similarly all overprint issued (Bahrain, Kuwait etc) will be accordingly affected.

In our current Papua & New Guinea set, apart from instances of stripped ink on the recess plates (mainly discernible on the 9d and 11 values), considerable variations in shades have been noticed. Members should be on the lookout for major shades, preferably in mint stamps. There has been little research on current local stamps, and the only known rare feature is the plate No 2 which has been discovered on a few sheets of the 9d value. Rumours are about that similar plate numbers have been seen on the 2/- stamp, can anyone confirm this? The plate numbers appear in the sheet margins on the SHORT side of the sheets, about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the coloured dot which indicates the correct cutting line; ie only misplaced sheets can show a plate number, in which case the left margin is very narrow and the right margin of selvage is unusually wide.

The PPS will always welcome any item of special interest, particularly on local stamps, as we feel that it is up to us to become an authority on our own stamps as will no doubt be expected of us by our overseas friends. Please bring in any unusual covers etc of Papua NG for inspection by other members, as it will help to increase the general knowledge and interest of the Society.

We welcome this month five new members to the Club and two of them have come good right away - the Kelly's bringing a whole pile of back numbers of the Australian Stamp Monthly. These will be the beginning of a Club Library on Philatelic matters, and very welcome, too. Thanks a lot, Ray and Katrine.

Under discussion was last month's suggestion to approach our Patron the Administrator in connection with the issue of one or more new stamps in the Territory. After preliminary debate at the last Committee meeting it was thought unseemly to approach our Patron at this stage on a matter that would have to be done through the usual channels. It appears that under present Treasury policy there is more than an ordinary disinclination against new issues, which is the result of the severe confusion due to mismanagement of the original issue. As there is likelihood of a change in policy, when there is a change in the administration of the Posts and Telegraphs, we stood a better chance then, since it is known that the P&T staff is much in favour of a new issue.

However, Mrs Beitsch now informs us that this re-organisation might be further off than we supposed. We are aiming to establish our Society sufficiently that eventually we will be able to put more effective weight behind a request to Treasury, possibly backed by a publicity campaign through the local Press.

The Exchange Club is beginning to function and quite a lot of books are circulating. There are still a few coming in with some stamps not priced, which makes it impossible to issue them. And please put no more and no less than 6 stamps on each page. The Stamp Secretary will not accept any books that are incompletely prepared and will not act as arbitrator in pricing dubious stamps. They are offered by YOU and you alone can put a price on them, even if it is a bit too high or too low.

The Exchange Secretary also wishes to inform all members that if anyone accrues an adverse balance exceeding Two Pounds, cash settlement is required forthwith. At the end of each June and December, all outstanding balances have to be effected in cash. To date, the total amount in stamps taken from exchange booklets exceeds Seven Pounds. The Exchange Secretary will be pleased to inform every member of his or her balance at any time.

We welcome the following new members to the Club:

No 17	Mr E Holdcroft	Dept of Works
No 18	Mrs K Kelly	Public Library
No 19	Mr R Kelly	Aust Petr Co
No 20	Mr E Tredrea	Dept of Works
No 21	Mrs V Mogeough	Bomana

We have circulated amongst members two application forms for special First Day Covers, one for a Jamaica new issue and another for the assumption of Australian Postal facilities in the Cocos Islands. Wherever possible we shall attempt to ensure that every member will have sight of these circulars, but if they have to be completed at short notice, those less "accessible" members may miss out. We earnestly request those members who we do not see so regularly to contact the Secretary, or alternatively the Exchange Secretary, Mr E L Douglas at the main office of the Department of Works whenever they have the opportunity. It will simplify the circulation of the exchange booklets, too, as we do not want to give the impression of "favouritism", when the reason for apparent neglect is purely the difficulty of getting in touch with them.

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At the last Committee Meeting the possibility of making available to our members more of the stamps of Papua and of New Guinea was raised. From our overseas letters it can be clearly seen that many people expect us to have these early issues for exchange purposes, which is a natural attitude as it is generally the case that the collectors of any one country are well stocked with their own issues. This does not apply in our case since Papua and New Guinea is quite a different country from the old Papua and the Mandated Territory, and indeed very few of our members have even been here at that time.

The fact remains that there is a great demand for these stamps and it is clear that until our members have satisfied their own requirements there can be no question of our exchanging these early issues overseas. Pre-war issues are highly priced in catalogues but are not really as scarce on the stamp dealing market as it would appear and we shall try and obtain bulk lots of the cheaper varieties through the Club and distribute them through the Exchange booklets, proviso being that in this case cash settlement has to be made to reimburse the Club for the initial outlay. In this fashion it is hoped to make some of the pre-war issues available to members at prices well below catalogue.

Our next meeting will be at the usual place, at Mrs Beadel's residence in Four Mile next Monday 2nd May at 8.00 pm. There is no set programme as yet, but as usual something will be arranged to keep you entertained. If you have any friends interested in stamps, don't hesitate to bring them along; and take your own stamps - there is always time to do some exchanging.

Apologies for the delay in the distribution of this issue, but the holidays this month have held up the production of this magazine.

Remember we mentioned in the last issue that Bob d'Arx had sent in an odd St Lucia perforation for analysis. Well, Stanley Gibbons gave the verdict that it was a standard listed perforation, and something must be wrong with the perforation gauge used. Bob reckons that the climate has interfered with his plastic gauge. Bad luck, Bob - better luck next time.

One of our new members, Mr Voyce, is a resident of Bougainville and a keen collector of all items intimately connected with Pacific Islands and Papua New Guinea in particular. Postal History items are of interest to him - any odd cancellations, taxed letters etc. In particular he would like to have covers showing handstamps of ships plying in these waters, where these covers have been handed in on board for posting at the nearest Post Office; also special flight covers, perhaps autographed by the pilot if no other means of identification is available. Any member who has something that may be of interest, please contact Mr Voyce in Buin.

It is with great pleasure that we notice that the trend of Thematics has found adherents amongst our members. So far the subject of "sport" and "flowers" have been chosen, but there are many others. How about some of you starting a collection of, say, cars, trains, ships, animals, aircraft, architectural designs, landscapes, mountains, birds, "Stamps-on-stamps", bridges etc, etc. Thematics are ideal for the modest collector as they embrace collection of the whole world without requiring the acquisition of every stamp issued. It is fun also since a great deal of searching is required for even some of the cheapest stamps. Other subjects for limited collection would be "Overprints and Surcharges", "UPU issues of all the world", Charity Stamps, Red Cross stamps and so forth. Much better than keeping all stamps, since you know that there is no hope of ever getting a complete collection of the whole world, and specialising in any one country may prove too expensive.

The following new members are welcomed:

No 25	Mr G Toogood	District Services
No 26	Mr M Ilcheff	Dept of Works

At the last meeting, we had another "quiz" by which we hope to familiarise members with the means of identifying unusual stamps. Mr DeCoen won the first prize with the high score of 67%. Even if a country does not show its full name on a stamp, there are normally typical features by which identification is possible. Even the moderate collector should be able to tell all but the rarest stamps apart and classify them into their respective country heading. In fact it is not very difficult if the stamps are carefully scrutinised.

There seems to be a general wish to have another Auction Night, so we will try to put one on for our July meeting, as most of our next meeting will be taken up with Annual General business.

The Exchange Secretary requests that ALL exchange books be handed in to him by next meeting or at the latest in the second week in June. The half-yearly balance will be struck by the end of June, when cash settlement of unequal balances is required from all members.

It appears that Monday nights are not the best for some of our members and it may be possible to arrange an alternate regular night more suitable to most of us. With this end in view, we shall circulate forms at the Annual General Meeting for completion by each member. This should enable everyone to indicate which nights are inconvenient, and from examination of all the forms we will be able to select that night which will permit the maximum number of members to attend regularly.

A number of our members are experiencing difficulty in completing their exchange booklets due to their inability to price the stamps along catalogue basis lines. We are willing to assist those who are not so fortunate to have a catalogue at their disposal by buying a Stanley Gibbons Simplified Catalogue for 1955 for the Club use. When it has arrived, it will be available to all members on a free library basis. However, one catalogue amongst the many who may require it will make it impossible to loan it out for periods longer than 3 days and we will have to impose stiff fines on retention of the catalogue over and above the permitted time.

Please bring as many of your stamps to the monthly meetings as you can take along. Not only will it simplify direct exchange, but most of us like to look at other people's stamps, be it their collection or just duplicates. We have seen very few displays of mounted stamps and since we shall have competitions for mounted displays, members should start getting some ready.

In case you have forgotten: We have a large pile of back numbers of the Australian Stamp Monthly, which are available to members on a library basis. They are kept by the Secretary. By browsing through them, much interesting information can be obtained and it is generally useful to be up-to-date in the world of stamps. And those who have no regular subscriptions can catch up with some of the recent innovations and stamp news. Take some copies home with you after the next meeting: same place same time, on Monday 6th June at 8.00 pm, at Mrs Beadel's residence, Four Mile, and particularly important since it is our Annual General Meeting.

not bring bids high enough for you, you must bid yourself to push the price up - you hope! But if things go as they did last time, you will get much more than you expect.

At the General Meeting the motion was passed that to simplify the accounts of the Society from one Annual Meeting to the next, membership should become payable as from each 1st July. As the Club is only six months old, it was agreed that those members who joined after 1st April should have their membership extended to June 1956, whereas the members who have paid their annual subscription before that date should pay half the yearly fee in July, which will then carry them through until July 1956 when the new subscriptions will fall due.

On Monday 27th June, some of our members who are interested will go and view a collection, comprising 70 sheets of early and rare Papuan stamps, which will be brought up from Australia for our inspection. This should prove very interesting and we hope that there will be a large attendance since we consider it of importance that our members should have some knowledge of the stamps used in this country even before the present Administration.

At the General Meeting it was also decided that we would approach the Administration through the proper channels regarding the issue of special commemorative stamps. Next year will be half a century since the assumption of Papua as an Australian Territory. We feel that we should sponsor such an issue while there is still time to prepare it for its emission at the appropriate date, as we realise it will take some time to produce such stamps. The matter of designs for the stamps was shelved inasmuch as it is more important at this juncture to get approval for the issue of the stamps; but we will recommend a short set to be produced, preferably of four stamps. The meeting agreed on this, but the matter had to be taken to a vote when it came to decide which values were to be recommended. However, the values of 3½d, 6½d and 2/- were agreed on unanimously, while the majority voted for the inclusion of a 3d stamp as a fourth value. The matter will be taken up with the Administration as soon as possible, and we hope that we shall be successful in our endeavour. It is nearly three years since our present stamps were emitted and we feel that we are best qualified to make a move to have some new stamps for the Territory.

The Balance Sheet for June 1955 for the Exchange Club has been made up and those members who have a negative balance will be separately informed of the amount they owe to the Club, and are requested to square their accounts as soon as possible. The members who have a positive balance are as under:

Miss Paulig, Mrs Kelly, Messrs d'Arx, Bottriell, Holdcroft, Keogh and Toogood.

As soon as the outstanding money is coming in, it will be paid out to the above and the balance effected.

The total number of stamps taken from books was 1330 and the total amount they were exchange for added up to £29 7s 0d. Considering that we have only just started the Exchange Club, this is very satisfactory.

Chick Ferguson has kindly donated a sheet of stamps which is to be used as a prize at one of our future competitions. We don't know yet when and what it will be given away for, but it is certainly something to look forward to. Thanks a lot, Chick.

All correspondence and queries regarding the activities of the Papuan Philatelic Society should be directed to the Secretary Mr R d'Arx, or the President, Mr E Douglas, both at the Department of Works Town Office, where they can be reached during working hours.

July 1955

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BULLETIN OF THE PAPUAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, PORT MORESBY

PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

Last meetings Auction Night was a high success, beyond all expectations. Seventy two lots were handed in for auction and 65 were sold - truly a magnificent turnover. The total amount realised by the sale of the stamps exceeded £9. Most of the buyers had also placed lots of their own for disposal, hence much of the business was in the nature of exchange.

Our lady members were once again in the fore, bidding keenly for the items they coveted. Unfortunately, there were only a few lots of stamps suitable for our thematic collectors, hence acquisition of these stamps was hotly contested. Quite a few First Day Covers were sold, but there were also some packets of assorted stamps, which however did not seem to rouse much interest. Since we have relatively few specialised collectors, pictorial sets sold much better than the rest, as had to be expected.

From both the buying and selling point of view, it was a most successful evening, and the Club funds were swelled by 16/- from the sale commission, which was also a very welcome contribution.

Bad Luck, Ern Billinge, for missing out once again on an auction night. Now that you are back with us after your prolonged stay South, we hope to see you at a few meetings during the next months.

On Monday, 27th June the Papuan Philatelic Society had great pleasure in welcoming Mr R Simpson from Sydney, who had brought his extensive collection of early Papuan stamps to Moresby for special display to Papuan Philatelic Society members.

Unfortunately, some of our members were unable to come, but 8 members met Mr Simpson in the Papuan Hotel. In view of the obvious unsuitability of the locality for display purposes, it was decided that we should avail ourselves of the kind offer of Mr and Mrs Kelly to have the stamps exhibited at their home in Badili, whither the meeting adjourned at half past eight.

The stamps shown were of great interest to all, since hitherto most of us had never seen a detailed collection of historic philatelic items, and certainly not of Papuan stamps. Starting with Queensland stamps, Mr Simpson showed us the various cancellations used in Papua, initially NEW GUINEA, then BRITISH NEW GUINEA; and later the temporary change from PORT MORESBY to GRANVILLE, until finally the country was named Papua. This appeared first in overprint form on British New Guinea stamps (two distinct printings being in evidence) and was later incorporated in the stamp design and was then also changed on the cancellations.

There were many Post Offices in Papua in these early days which do not exist any more, and some of them had an assortment of different cancellation concurrently in use. Mr Simpson's collection showed some fine impressions of Papuan postmarks on these early issues.

The overprint issue is very well covered in Mr Simpson's collection, including some complete sheets and showing the various printing errors occurring on each. Apart from seeing many scarce items, some in block form, we were able to form a comprehensive picture of the postal history of this country.

Mr Simpson was unable to bring his entire collection with him and confined himself to the 70 sheets covering the period preceding the regular Papuan issues. He did, however, round off his display with a showing of his piece de resistance, a fine copy of the inverted overprint of the 1/- Airmail of 1930, now listed at £95.

It was a most interesting evening for all who attended and it was a privilege to see this fine collection. At the same time, Mr Simpson said that it was most befitting that at their first showing before a Philatelic Society his stamps should be displayed in their country of origin. It was certainly appreciated by our members that Mr Simpson gave us this opportunity to see his collection.

Our thanks are also due to Ray and Katrine for their hospitality which added greatly to the success and made the occasion a most enjoyable experience.

We welcome as new member to the Club:

No 28 Mr J Lubran Australasian Pet Co

The 3½d Cobb & Co Stamp recently issued by Australia appears to have a slight flaw in the original engraving, as the whip cord in front of the coach is interrupted, giving it a broken appearance. This flaw occurs on all copies of the 3½d value which we have seen so far, but it is never seen on the 2/- value on which the whip cord is continuous.

It is quite possible that on future plates the flaw on the 3½d may be retouched in which case two distinct types of this stamp would emerge, and hence it might be quite a good idea to hold on to your copies of this stamp just in case it becomes a recognised variety.

Two of our members, Mr & Mrs Kelly, have suggested that in view of the fact that on our regular monthly meetings there is often insufficient time to do individual exchange deals, we might have intermediate meetings for exchange purposes only. There would be no organised programme for these meetings, which would be on the last Tuesday each month.

Mr & Mrs Kelly kindly offered to have these meetings at their residence in Badili (on the last turnoff on the right before you get to the fork of the Golf Course, coming from town), so those who can make it are welcome. We'll start off on next Tuesday, 26 July at the normal time of 8.00 pm, so bring along all your exchange material and catalogues and we'll get down to some swapping business.

We are glad to find that Peter Daniels is back with us after having been laid up in hospital for some while. We hope that he will stay away from there for a while and come to some of our meetings instead.

Roland deCaen is off "bush" once again. Even though we cannot expect him to bring any rare stamps back with him, he might at least oblige and find some oil instead! And he had better not provoke those cannibals too much else he might get eaten yet, and we cannot afford to lose any members at this stage.

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PATRON: HH THE ADMINISTRATOR BRIGADIER D M CLELAND

Since Mr Toogood returned to Port Moresby only a few days before our last meeting, he was unable to prepare for the talk he meant to give at our August meeting. In consequence there was no set programme on that evening and it was spent on discussing stamps in general and on individual exchange between members who had brought their stamps with them. To help us out, however, an extensive display of First Day Covers contributed by Mrs Beitsch gave an opportunity of studying these covers, which were from all corners of the world, and much appreciated. A pity Mrs Beitsch was unable to be there herself to make some comments on individual covers.

Mr Toogood will give his talk at our next meeting which will be on 13th September, and he will deal with the pre-war issues of Papua and New Guinea. It should prove interesting and it is hoped that many members will be present.

If you have missed out on some of the earlier issues of this magazine and are interested to get some of the back numbers, there are still some copies available from most months and all you have to do is let Bob d'Arx know and he will see what he can do for you. If our Society continues to prosper as it does, these early manifestations of our activities should be quite interesting in a few years' time.

Our 1955 Stanley Gibbons Simplified Catalogue has finally arrived and is at the disposal of all Club members on a library basis. Our Secretary, Bob d'Arx will look after its circulation as he is relatively easy to contact at the Department of Works town office, where he can be found also during lunch time.

Please remember that as the catalogue is in high demand, you cannot keep it for longer than 3 days at a time and we have to enforce a fine of 6d a day for keeping it longer than the prescribed period. But if you ring Bob d'Arx and there is nobody on the waiting list, he'll gladly extend the loan period.

We have finally given to the Administration our full proposals regarding a commemorative issue of Papua & New Guinea stamps for next year. The occasion of the issue will be the 50th anniversary of Papua as an Australian colony and, incidentally, 50 years of Papuan stamps (previous to that the country was called British New Guinea). The day of issue is suggested for 1st September, which is the day on which the Papua Act came into force in 1906. It is interesting to note that Papua has previously issued two commemorative sets, one for the 50th anniversary of the British Protectorate in 1934 and again for the 50th anniversary of British Possession in 1938. In 1934, four stamps were issued and in 1938, five. For our proposed issue the values of 3d, 3½d, 6½d and 2/- have been put forward. We have received a reply from the Posts and Telegraphs Department that the issue is under consideration so we are keeping our fingers crossed that something will come of it.

As we had plenty of opportunity to do direct exchanging at our last meeting, there will be no intermediate exchange session at the Kelly's place this month. However, on last Tuesdays in the future it is intended to have these evenings quite regularly.

This month we have no new member to record and it is the first time that this has happened. I hope that our members are not slacking in their recruiting drive. There must be many more philatelists in town who don't know what they are missing.

Mr Voyce in Buin is anxious to secure some good impressions of the BAININGS and MILNE BAY postmarks, especially on registered letters. Perhaps one of our members could dig up some of them amongst their hoards of Papua & New Guinea covers.

The Australian Stamp Monthly has recently printed a paragraph stating that only two Philatelic Societies in Australia issue their own regular bulletin. We have written down to them and enclosed one of ours; asked them whether we qualify as an Australian Philatelic Society. But I'll wager that we are probably the only newly-formed Philatelic Society that had a bulletin issued within a month of its inaugural meeting. It all goes to show that we are not doing too badly.

The Chief Postmaster in Port Moresby has communicated with us in connection with letters from abroad he has received regarding the establishment of pen friends and philatelic contacts. He proposes to forward these letters to us and they will be circulated amongst our members to enable those who are interested to write to the respective people overseas.

Latest Australian philatelic releases are the YMCA stamps, which most members will have seen by now. Two further new stamps are to be issued in the near future, one commemorating the centenary of the first South Australian stamp and another honouring the Nursing Profession. If Australia can issue a new stamp every few weeks, the least we can do is to clamour for some new stamps in the Territory after nearly four years.

By the way, the Editor of this magazine is still complaining about the lack of co-operation from the members in respect to compiling news items for inclusion in these pages. It is quite a job filling four pages and I am sure that many of you could help by contributing a paragraph or two. Any kind of suggestion and observation will be welcome. In the meantime, just to punish you people, we will leave the rest of this page blank.

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You may have wondered what has happened to the September Issue of our magazine and as you will observe, it was found necessary to make this a combined issue for the last two months. The reason: your Editor sustained a rather unpleasant injury on his right hand which made it temporarily impossible for him to write or type. Now since nobody else has come forward to do the necessary work for him, it just did not get done.

Moreover, there has been no co-operation either in supplying items for inclusion in the magazine, so we would have been rather hard put to fill four pages. Please try and contribute a few paragraphs - there must be some information of general interest which you can submit.

By request we shall endeavour in future to publish in these pages any information regarding cancellations used in the Territory, such as the Post Offices using RELIEF markers, and any new Post Offices or postmarks used. We hope that the Post and Telegraphs Department will co-operate to enable us to give accurate dates and details. The current information we have been able to obtain for inclusion in this issue is concerned solely with Relief postmarks in use, as follows:

RELIEF NO 2 has been used at KAVIENG since 12.5.55

RELIFE No 3 has been used at SAMARAI since 31.5.55

RELIEF NO 4 has been used at NAMATANAI since 31.8.55

RELIEF No 5 has been used at MAPRIK since 20.9.55

The reason for the use of the above has been given as minor damage to the normally used marker which will return into service as soon as the necessary repairs to it have been effected, when the RELIEF canceller will be returned to Port Moresby.

There have been persistent rumours of the KONEDOBUBU Post Office getting its own postmark, but neither the office itself nor the Postal Administration are able to say when this likely though it is understood that the postmark will eventually materialise. In the meantime the Konedobu Post Office continues to use the POSTAL DEPT C3 canceller, which is used in the fashion of a RELIEF postmark as it has recently been authorised for the execution of all postal cancellation purposes and not only for clerical business as has been the case hitherto. The Registration labels used are still the Port Moresby type with the letter T added in red, to denote Treasury use.

To become member No 29 of the Society, we welcome Mr M T Bulley of Melbourne - a valuable addition to the Club as Mr Bulley is an authority of considerable standing on the stamps and postal history of the Territory. It is a pity that

Mr Bulley cannot attend our monthly meetings here and answer all those questions which we might ask him, but we feel sure that he will attend to any such queries as you may send to him by letter. His address is 4 Tower Street, Upper Hawthorn, Melbourne E3.

Another of our advanced members, Rev A Voyce of Buin, has had much recent publicity on his winning an award in the latest New Zealand stamp exhibition with a display of local items. Congratulations to Mr Voyce for his success and his efforts to bring back international interest in the stamps of Papua and New Guinea.

Gone on a six weeks vacation to Australia has our member Mr H Iltscheff. He intends to spend quite some time (and money) on looking for stamps down there, so we hope that he will bring back some interesting items with him.

There is a decided lull in the Exchange booklet turnover. This is not surprising in view of the fact that there have been hardly any new books handed in, and those in circulation have been viewed by most members on several occasions and only very few stamps have been taken from them. There are still quite a few empty books that have been issued to members and that have not reached the Exchange Secretary filled with stamps. Unless new books are forthcoming, the Exchange Club is bound to die a slow death and surely you will not allow this to happen. To date, about 3600 stamps have been circulated and 2200 have been taken from the books which is not bad at all. But there is little chance of the remaining 1400 to find takers, so a blood transfusion into the stamp pool is called for.

The only recent new emission from Australia is the 3rd Centennial of the first South Australian stamp. In design it is treated very similarly to the recent 3d New Zealand Stamp Centenary stamp and has very little to commend itself except possibly its colour which is rather a pleasant shade of green. With stamps of this kind there is not much scope for originality if the ancient design is to be retained, but since the other States had their commemoratives it is reasonable that South Australia should be included in this series too. All the more reason that we should press our own case for a stamp or set commemorating the first Papuan issue - even if it is only fifty and not a hundred years ago.

There has been no official news as to what chances there are for these new stamps to come out so we just have to be patient and hope for the best, with an occasional reminder to the powers-that-be in case the whole thing is forgotten.

If Mr Toogood is in Moresby at the time of our next meeting which will be on 8th November, we hope that he will be able to deliver the talk on Papuan stamps which he has promised us for some time. His work takes him away from Port Moresby for long spells which makes it a bit difficult to fit his talk into our programme. While on this subject, Ern Billinge threatens to resign his office of Programme Organiser for the same reason, but we think that in his case it was just a run of bad luck that he has been away on the days of some of our meetings, and since we have not had many Committee meetings lately we feel he might as well carry on and strike it luckier in future.

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SOCIAL ROUND-UP

Our Secretary Bob d'Arx is leaving the Territory next week. His departure is for health reasons and we are very sorry to lose him. Apart from the good work he has done as Secretary of the Society, he was also one of our keenest members. Our good wishes to you Bob, and thanks for helping us along. We expect to keep in touch with you down South, of course.

Mr Iltscheff and Mrs Thompson are two of our members who have recently returned to the Territory from leave and we hope to see them regularly at our future meetings.

Roland deCaen is back in town after having been out in the bush for a few months and we hope that his rest period in "civilisation" will be coupled with some philatelic activity on his part.

Mr Treadrea of the Department of Works has left the Territory and has taken up residence in West Australia. What with members going South we could do with some new blood in the Society, so what about that recruiting drive!

Mr Kelly of APC is taking over the Secretaryship of the Society. We understand that he has some ideas up his sleeve to put a bit of pep into our activities; the new cover on our magazine is one of his first efforts. The new Secretary and the President have put their heads together to discuss the means to enable our less advanced members to participate more fully in the activities of the Club. Next month's issue will deal with this more fully.

NEXT MEETING

Mr Toogood's lecture on Papuan stamps is finally due at our next Society evening which will be on 13th December and will be at the usual place at Mrs Beadel's home in Four Mile.

POST OFFICE RELEASES

Here is the Relief postmark information for this month:

RELIEF No 2 is still in use in KAVIENG
 RELIEF No 3 is still in use in SAMARAI
 RELIEF No 4 has been withdrawn from NAMATANAI on 31.10.55
 RELIEF No 5 has been withdrawn from MAPRIK on 26.10.55
 RELIEF Nos 1 and 6 are held in stock at Port Moresby as are POSTAL DEPT A1 and D4
 POSTAL DEPT C3 continues in use at the KONE DOBU Post Office, and B2 has been returned to Australia.

A new Post Office is due to be opened at MINJ early in 1956, and there is a chance of a new agency at KEREVAT.

A new printing of the current 6½d stamp has appeared in a distinctly different shade from previous printings and might be worth while keeping separately.

The new postage rates within the Territory announced today and coming into force tomorrow will mean that air mail postage rates are abolished for internal letter mail. For collectors it will mean that few used high value stamps will be found here as from now on they will be used primarily for mail going South. Even the 6½d stamp will become scarcer, locally.

OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENCE

New enquiries have been received from overseas for collectors here to enter into exchange communication with philatelists abroad. Most people contacting us are specialising in the issues of Papua and New Guinea and are collectors of all postal items, including cancellations. In consequence there is a considerable demand for covers and members are advised to keep all PNG stamps with less common postmarks on the cover rather than soak them off. Especially for Registered Covers there is always a considerable demand and specialists are usually willing to give exceptionally good exchange rates for such items.

PAPUA and NEW GUINEA CHIT CHAT

Exceptional interest has been centred during the past year or so, on our Territory and its Post Offices post marks.

Most of the ground work has been undertaken by non Territorians and at the moment a comprehensive list can be gathered from ASM. (September-October-November 1954 by Basil G Challis) and Philately from Australia (September 1954 by Max Bulley).

It is our intention, through PPS "Stamp News" to further this interest by listing everything available on the subject, and where possible amend or add to current information.

The first of this information to hand is listed below:

PORT MORESBY POST MARKS by Ray Kelly

Firstly I would like to bring to your notice a correction on page 89 of Philately from Australia by M Bulley.

The example of Type 1 "Buin" shows Papua New Guinea, but it is listed on page 88 as Papua-New Guinea.

The hyphenated inscription is correct, and is verified by B Challis (ASM October 1954) with example from ABAU.

Both Challis and Bulley agree on permanent types and these are listed as follows (with complete details):

Type 1 Date line figures measure 3mm inscription at foot "Papua-New Guinea".
(For reference the inscription is also 3 mm high).

Type 1a As above but inscription at foot reads "Papua & New Guinea".

Type 2 Date line figures 4 mm high, inscription at foot reads "Papua-New Guinea".
(The inscription measures 3 mm high).

My investigations have verified the above types but I have found two additional suggested types from Port Moresby which are listed as follows:

Type 1b Date line figures and inscription 3 mm high. Inscription reads "Papua New Guinea". (As Buin reproduction referred to previously). This post mark was used extensively in 1952.

Type 3 Both date line figures and inscription 4 mm high. Inscription "Papua-New Guinea".

My earliest record of this post mark is June 1953.

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At our last meeting Mr Toogood finally delivered his talk on the stamps of Papua, which he has promised to give us from some time now. He gave a brief description of the history of Papuan stamps and then went into some details of the various "Lakatoi" issues which were current in Papua till 1932. A few of the rarer printings and perforation varieties were enumerated, and as an old resident of Papua, Mr Toogood was able to speak from his own experience as to the distribution of these scarcer stamps which appear to have been sent to Australian stamp dealers through the agencies of an officer of the Papuan Administration.

An interesting question which arose was the purpose of the ONE PENNY overprints on the uni-coloured Lakatoi issue. It appears that no information is available as to why six current values were thus overprinted and to what use these stamps were put - there is no record of a shortage of Penny stamps at that period. May be someone can shed some light on this matter.

The 1932 pictorial definitives are far less common than most of the Lakatoi issues and the high values are unusually highly priced for an issue that was in use for about ten years. The air mail sets issued later, although also fairly expensive, are far more commonly met on the stamp market - except perhaps the 1/6 value issued in 1941 which was in use for a very short time only.

Mr Toogood then illustrated his talk by circulating his collection of Papuan stamps amongst the members present. Mr Toogood lost nearly all his original collection which was practically complete, during the war; but he was able to build up a new collection which showed many of the points referred to in his talk. Mr Holdcroft also exhibited some of his Papuan stamps so that members were able to get a good idea of the different issues of early Papua.

Thank you, Mr Toogood, for presenting this talk of special interest on our local stamps.

We welcome as new member for the Society:

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Mr F Vidgen

Com Dept of Works

At the end of this month, the bi-annual balance for the stamp exchange club will be struck. Business during the last 6 months has been very slack due to the fact that practically no new booklets have been put into circulation and the old books had been practically picked clean before being recirculated after the last balance. We shall probably discontinue the present system of booklets next year and substitute exchange books made up of larger sheets submitted by members, which will be returned to them after all members have sighted them.

It is the intention to produce an 8 page magazine for our next issue and members are earnestly requested to contribute some paragraphs. We would like to make it an extra special anniversary number - the Papuan Philatelic Society is now more than a year old, and going stronger than ever.

At our last meeting mention was made of buying up good lots or kiloware on behalf of the Club to give our less advanced members the basic material for exchange and thus enable them to increase their own collection without having to buy each individual stamp, which is always uneconomical. Will those members who are interested in such a venture please contact the Secretary.

POST OFFICE RELEASES

RELIEF No 2 continues in use in KAVIENG

RELIEF No 3 continues in use in SAMARAI

RELIEF No 1 is intended for use in MINJ when that Post Office opens for business.
No date available as yet.

PAPUA and NEW GUINEA CHIT CHAT

The only items of interest brought to our notice this month are some irregularities in dates originating from one or more of the Port Moresby post marks. They are:

An envelope bearing the current 3½d Papua & New Guinea stamp, and clearly post marked 7 May 42, and two envelopes bearing "Nov 56" and "Sept 65" post marks.

It has now been found that one of the older Port Moresby post markers had a loose date pin.

Under normal Post Office system it is only possible for these irregularities to occur through a mechanical defect, as they use a Post Mark Day Book and as the post markers are changed daily, they are recorded, and any errors can be corrected before being put into use on the desk.

News is very short this month; let's hope there will be something of interest for our next issue, until then

Type 2 (Small)	Registered letter counter
" (Large)	Philatelic Section: 1 Accounts Section
Type 2a (Small)	Parcels Office
" " (Large)	General Counter
" " "	Money Order Office

Plus of course PMT in use in Mail Room.

Money Order Office

The postmarker used on most FDCs (20 Oct 52) is the same as for Coronation Day Flight (2 June 53) cancelled in Sydney GPO, but it is different from any of those listed above.

This postmarker only seems to appear on special occasions. If by chance it is still in existence, let's hope it is brought into use in the near future for another special occasion.



Special
Occasion
Postmarker?

For those people interested, it is a Type 2a, almost identical to the postmarker currently in use on the General Council.

Incidentally, Type 1, 1a, 3, 3t, Relief Nos 1-6, Postage Paid at Port Moresby and Postal Dept (C 3 etc) P.-N.G all measure approximately 30½mm diameter, whereas the Type 2, 2a, and Port Moresby with time included (PMT) measure 29½mm approximately.



To overcome the problem of "New Types", we recommend that the PMT postmark be known as Type 2t.

Type 1p

With the accepted and suggested types now listed, we believe that all postmarkers excepting Reliefs and Postage Pairs have been classified.

At the time of writing, there is only one relief in use. (MINJ), opened with Relief No 1 on 24 February 1956).

We will go a step further and suggest that the Postage Pairs from Port Moresby (Dec 1946), Madangs, Rabaul and Lae 17 Aug and Samarai (14 Sept 51) be known as Type 1p.