

# Our BOYS' & GIRLS' PAGE



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**H**ELLO Fellow Collectors: How do you feel now that you can loaf around, and don't have to think of school? I like school during the school season, but gee, I like a good vacation, too, and I know that goes for most of you, too.



Clement S. Ernst, Jr.

Have you seen the story about the Fathers' Day stamp in the June 9th issue of GOSSIP? It connects father with the National Parks issue, such as "father asleep on bench, Central Park." It was all meant as a joke, but I believe that a stamp should have been issued for Fathers' Day, as the Mothers' Day stamp was issued for Mothers' Day. It would be kind of nice to get "Mom" and "Pop" together in a stamp album, wouldn't it?

I have noticed that there has been some opposition to the Presidential set to be issued, because of some of the Presidents not being prominent enough. It would be a splendid idea to have all the Presidents on postage stamps, especially those who were never fortunate enough to have been on stamps before. Why not make it an issue of Presidents that have not been shown on our stamps? I believe it would help lots of us to remember them in the order in which they served as President of our country. We could place them in our collection, one after the other, and even if the present day people don't think enough of

them, someone must have thought quite a bit of them, or else maybe they wouldn't have been President. It is true that some became President, not by vote, but by the death of a President, when they were elected Vice-President. The new faces would be better than a repetition of the ones that we see all the time in our collections.

Joseph A. Hanzely, of Minneapolis, writes again: "I had thought time and again about writing you a letter to let you know how I was coming along, and when you get this letter you will be glad to know I am home. I have been trying to get home since April 1st, and the doctor persuaded me to stay a little longer, so I got out May 14th, and moved into a nice little house, a little over a mile from the hospital, so if I have to go back, the wife won't have so far to travel to visit. But I hope I don't have to go back for a long time, although I haven't a single complaint about the hospital, I think it is one of the finest in the country. Have been getting along fairly well since I am home, and have not had many asthma attacks.

"I have quite a few 'pen pals' that I write to including one in the Philippines and one in New Zealand. Would like more U. S. possession and foreign 'pen pals,' also would like to hear from any of those that wrote to me through your column, and will answer all letters. I have my *National Geographic* magazines in the book case, and I have about 85 extra ones covering some foreign countries, and if any of your readers want any, they can have them for the postage. They are very helpful in that you can absorb a lot of information on the industry and habits of the countries. This winter, if health will permit, I will start an album on Italy commemoratives, and just see how far I can go on that.

"I use a Scott's American album for U. S. stamps and have 245 in that, not including revenue or envelopes. Haven't a single Confederate or many 19th century, as they run into big money. Before I forget, I better mention that my total varieties of stamps is almost 4,400 now, and the strangest I have run across is the Epirus set, Nos. 1 to 4 with the crossbones and

skull. Rather crude looking stamps."

This is just a part of his letter, and I am sure all our readers will join with me in wishing him continued good health, and that he will never have to go back to the hospital. Mr. Hanzely has done well with his stamp collection, for I first heard from him about six months ago, when he was just getting started. You can reach him at 5605—33rd Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Helpful hint for this time: What is the best method of telling a watermark on a yellow or any of the paler stamps? This question from J. B.

Answer: Hold stamp before a strong light, examine carefully, and if it doesn't show up, worry some more about it. So long for this time.

## AS OTHERS SEE US

We reprint below a letter that appeared in the *Boston Post*:

Sir—In today's *Post* it is stated that the Central New England Stamp Clubs, meeting in Lawrence, go on record as branding the U. S. Government with being racketeers in the stamp business. Why do they not go all the way. If the U. S. Government is in the stamp racket, what about the stamp dealers throughout the country who for years have taken the pennies of children under the guise that stamp collecting "is an education" and that they can learn much about geography and history by collecting stamps. If this isn't a racket then you tell me another.

Stamp collectors do not collect stamps to learn the history or geography of their country but to fill the vacant spaces of their stamp collections. As for the Byrd stamp and the Byrd expedition, if a stamp collector isn't red blooded enough to do his little bit for the expedition, let him stay out. The government does not compel him to spend his money. A collector spends his money for postage stamps because he must have no unbroken sequences in his collection. He must have all the new stamps issued, which if they come out too fast just about breaks his heart. I know, for I have been a collector myself for 30 years.—FRANK Q. MORSE.

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By BARBARA TRASK CLARK

**L**ITTLE did those embattled farmers know, when they fired that historical shot at Lexington, that it was to have world-wide echoes. Certainly they could not guess that it would lead to the settlement of a new land at the other end of the globe. To them it meant merely the start of a fight for their independence. But to England that independence not only was a blow to her pride, but deprived her of a dumping ground for the dregs and scum of her jails, which she had been shipping to the American continent.

When it became evident that the murderers and thieves could no longer be sent to this country, it was necessary to find another spot to unload them, and that, preferably, as far from England as was possible. Capt.



James Cook, in H.M.S. "Endeavour" had recently (1769-70) explored the eastern coast of Australia and hoisted the British flag on it. In 1788 the first fleet of convict ships began a settlement at Port Jackson, near the site of the present metropolis of Sydney. Tasmania, which had been discovered by the Dutch navigator Abel Tasman, was founded as an auxiliary penal station in 1803. In 1835 two parties crossed from Hobart Town, Tasmania, to the mainland, where they founded Port Phillip, and the history of the city of Melbourne and the later state of Victoria began.

Next summer will see the celebration of Melbourne's centenary, with the issuance of a special commemorative stamp for the occasion. That early settlement of a few huts on the banks of the River Yarra has grown to a city of nearly a million inhabitants, drawing its trade and its sustenance from the fertile plains and mineral deposits in its back country.

As early as 1520, the western coast of Australia had been discovered by Portuguese and Spanish navigators, but the topography and climate of most of it were so forbidding that they did not press their discovery. It was explored by the Dutch in the 17th century, and by the French in the 18th but no settlement was made un-

sent out from Port Jackson. These did not remain long, but in 1829 a permanent settlement was made by a British colonization group, and Western Australia became a colony. This was duly celebrated in 1929 with a 1½d. stamp picturing the famous black swan of the region.

Western Australia produces 68% of all Australian gold. It also produces much wheat and quantities of timber, and there are extensive pearl fisheries at Broome. Due to the great distances, air service is much in demand. There is regular mail service between Perth and Adelaide, and between Perth and Derby, the latter a distance of 1,467 miles.

Brisbane was founded in 1824 to relieve pressure at Port Jackson, and is now the capital of the semi-tropical state of Queensland. South Australia was settled in 1836 by a party of free settlers sent from England.

Spasmodic attempts to unite the six colonies into one federation began in 1891, but it was not until ten years later that they met with success and the Commonwealth of Australia was formed. Since then the country has grown steadily, and is an important part of the British Empire. It produces large quantities of gold, wheat, wool, cotton and dairy products, and to its fine harbors come ships from all parts of the world.

One of these harbors, that at Sydney, was the occasion for the issuance of a set of four commemorative stamps in 1932. On March 22 of that year the gigantic bridge spanning Sydney harbor, the work of nearly ten years, was completed and dedicated. From a ship at sea, outside the two "heads" which mark the entrance to the curving, land-locked harbor, the bridge stands out, gleaming white over the intervening hills, the first indication the tourist has of the city. From the water it is huge and majestic, dwarfing the buildings that cluster at its ramps and the tugs and ferry boats that scurry beneath it. Once on it, however, the visitor is fooled by its exquisite proportions into believing it to be far smaller than it is, until he finds how weary he is after crossing it afoot.

If the United States had a hand in the first settlement of Australia, it also had one in the building of Canberra, the capital city. A world-wide competition for plans for the city, held in 1910, was won by Walter Burley Griffin of Chicago. Canberra—pronounced "Cann-bra," with the accent on the first syllable—is in a federal district of nearly a thousand square miles in southern New South Wales. It has an equable climate, and

in a natural amphitheater surrounded by wooded hills. Its population now is nearly 10,000. The foundation stone of the city was laid in 1913, but the World War interrupted the work. In 1923 work was begun on Parliament House, and on May 9, 1927, the Duke of York opened the first parliament in the new city.

On this occasion the Commonwealth issued her first commemorative stamp. The central motif of the design is the new Parliament House. To the left is a seated female figure representing Australia. The total issue of these stamps was 32,213,680.

Two stamps in 1930 honored Capt. Charles Sturt, one of the first to explore the hinterland of the continent. Geographical knowledge in the early days was limited to a narrow strip of land along the coast, for a range of mountains, seldom more than 2000 feet high, but broken by abrupt ravines, made exploration of the interior impossible. Eventually, however, a pass was discovered, and in 1828 Gov. Sir Ralph Darling sent an expedition, under Captain Sturt, to trace the course of the large rivers flowing westward from the mountains. On a second trip, three years later, Sturt covered nearly two thousand miles in the interior. A third expedition, 1844-48, made its way from the Darling River to the geographical center of the continent. Terrible hardships were endured, and Sturt, when he returned, was quite blind. He never altogether regained his sight. Until

1856 he was first surveyor-general of South Australia, and then chief secretary. He died in Cheltenham, England, in 1869.

The exploits of Sir Charles Kingsford Smith are too well known to require listing here. One of the world's great airmen, he is Australia's greatest hero. The epochal flight of the Southern Cross from the United States to Australia was watched with as much interest and anxiety over here as it was in the flier's homeland. It was only a fitting tribute that in 1931 three stamps should be issued, showing the Southern Cross in flight over a globe.

The Fourth Australasian Philatelic Exhibition and Congress, held in Melbourne in October, 1928, was the occasion for the issuance of a 3d. stamp similar to the 6d. stamp of 1913. The bird pictured is a kookaburra, that famous native Australian, better known as the "laughing jackass." His ribald laughter and leering eye are undoubtedly responsible for his name; nevertheless, he is often kept as a house pet, and is a valuable ally in the garden, his strong beak making quick work of insects and small rodents. The stamps are blue in color, and were printed in large sheets and also in miniature sheets of four, with a descriptive border. These latter were sold only at the exhibition.

A stamp to be issued in the near future will recognize Capt. John Macarthur, who in 1797 introduced the rearing of fine wool sheep in New South Wales. Much of the prosperity

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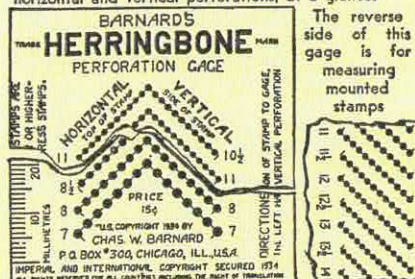
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Belgium (427). The special stamp for the Invalides Stamp exhibition, chronicled on page 296, will not be issued.

The King Leopold III series will be issued the latter part of 1934, and there is a possibility that the subjects of the lower values will be altered, but there will not be a reissuance of the 50fr. and 100fr. values.

Bolivia (264). The following figures show the quantities sold of the 1928 and 1930 air stamps:

15c.—93,984	1928 Series	35c.—78,596
	20c.—60,383	
	1930 Series	
5c. 45,942	50c. 15,172	
15c. 46,413	1b. 9,142	
20c. 45,271	2b. 5,934	
35c. 59,155	3b. 5,767	

Both these issues are obsolete and the remainders have been destroyed, according to *Gibbons' Stamp Monthly*.

Brazil (427). A new set of commemoratives will appear soon in connection with the 400th Centenary of St. Anchieta.

China (428). Add the 15c deep blue and the 30c brown violet types of 1913-18, as having been overprinted for the Chinese offices in Sin-Kiang.

Costa Rica (134). According to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, the new official air mail series were put on sale the 14th of April, and although there were 20,000 issued, all of the 5c stamps were bought up by one man who is now selling them at 25 centimos each, so, at the present moment, collectors who try to buy the official set at the post office are unable to get the lowest value, but must buy them through a dealer paying 20 centimos over the face value. It has created something of a temporary furore down there, but as there were a large quantity of the stamps, it hardly seems likely that the speculator will get very far on his game. The face value of the series is around \$5.00 so the variation in cost is trifling, and it is quite likely that the Costa Rican Government will have an extra supply overprinted.

Denmark (428). The new postage

stamps to be issued will be the 4 and 10 ore values.

Dutch Indies (428). We have been informed that the 30c air mail stamp chronicled on page 101 is bogus and was never authorized by the Colonial Ministry.

Eritrea (327). The 1934 Italian postage series, from the 5c to 20L values, have been overprinted for use in Eritrea.

France (328). The 50c rose red issue, type of 1932-33, has been overprinted "F.M." in black.

Germany (328). Add the 60rpf red violet and black to those previously listed as having been issued on Swastika watermarked paper.

Grenada (229). The new series of stamps foreshadowed in our issue of August 26, 1933, will consist of the following values: 1/2p, 1p, 1 1/2p, 2p, 2 1/2p, 3p, 4p, 6p, 1sh, 2sh6p, 5sh and 10sh. The design on the 1/2p, 1p, and 1 1/2p will be local pictorial scenes with the King's head inset in the upper right hand portion of the stamp. The Coat of Arms and the King's head will appear on the other nine values. The stamps will be printed by Waterlow & Sons.

Guatemala (XVIII, 1191). Several sheets of the 5c de q on 15p black air mail stamp have been found surcharged on the Perkins, Bacon & Co. printing of the original stamps. The original printing of these stamps in 1929 was by Waterlow.

Hejaz & Nejd (134). The Crown Prince set chronicled in our March 3rd issue will remain on sale for another three months, becoming obsolete at the end of this month.

Hungary (135). The likeness of Cardinal Pierre Parmenty, Prince-Primate of Hungary, will appear on the stamps to be issued for the 3rd centenary of the University of Budapest, previously mentioned in our issue of March 3rd.

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