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Editorial

And so to the next season of events. This issue will enclose the programme of London Meetings and the one known Provincial date in April 1992.

Such comments as have been received at time of writing were favourable to the binding. But whilst acknowledging those kind words, passed to our President who handles that end of things, I must with caution state that the cost is considerable and we may not be in a position to maintain that provision. If a reversion to a former printing arrangement were necessarily accepted, that may be less costly, but with demand for early presentation would affect the timeliness of response. Costs must be watched. Circulation of information is the prime reason for a Specialist Society and to that end most expense is directed, but excellence in product terms; binding, layout whilst desirable niceties must be held against cost and primarily legibility. The work maintained by volunteers with no commercial training necessarily, using their own often expensive software packages enables us to produce something much to the fore of several broadsheets and monographs circulated by other equally erudite groups.

The WICKS Award for 1990 goes to Morgan Farrell for his article on *The Typographed One Penny - Issue 1*. Having thanked him, as I try to do for the most modest of requests and replies, I feel that on your behalf our thanks must be made to *all* our contributors for the time and effort they have clearly devoted to the research and formulation of articles, and no less the temerity (?) to seek publication! There are a few more available along with a personal recollection that you shall see in due course. Thank you, and welcome to the next article.

DWP

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Meetings

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| 13 Aug. 1991 | Members' displays |
| 14 Sept. 1991 | "Royalty", Mini Auction, Abell Trophy (Saturday Meeting - 2pm - 5pm) |
| 8 Oct. 1991 | Inland aerogrammes |
| 10 Dec. 1991 | Anything but South Africa |
| 11 Feb. 1992 | Typographed booklets and coils |
| 7 Apr. 1992 | Members' displays: CGH, Natal, SWA |
| 11 Apr. 1992 | Meeting at Weston-Super-Mare |
| 9 June 1992 | Members' displays: Postal stationery |

Meetings (other than regional and other special meetings) are held at Hawkstone Hall, Kennington Road, opposite Lambeth North Underground Station and near Waterloo Main Line, 6pm for a 6.30 start.

Why not come yourself and bring a friend? Members of the Society and visitors alike can be sure of a warm welcome!

SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELIC CINDERELLAS

This listing does not claim to be complete - one of the nice things about Cinderella collecting are the surprises which one so seldom gets in regular stamp collecting. I hope readers will write and tell me about the gaps and errors.

When I wrote about S.A. War Labels (Springbok 37, 2 & 3), I numbered each entry, WAR1, WAR2 etc, but additions and amendments soon made a mess of this, and I shall have to re-set it again one day. In most cases it has been possible to arrange this philatelic material in chronological order, and reference can be made by title and date.

A number of these labels are large, and some whole sheets have been included because of marginal information. Often these have been reduced (A3 to A4) and this is indicated in the text.

INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, DURBAN, 1928

- Imperforated: Red on pink
Red on cream
Red on salmon
Blue on pink
Blue on cream
Blue on pale blue
Green on pink
Green on pale green
- Rouletted: Brown on cream
Brown on pale buff
Brown on orange
Brown on dark blue



It is interesting to note that the Philatelic Society of Natal still has the same P.O. Box No., and their Sales Packet Secretary, Mr Don Young, attended the exhibition.

THE VOORTREKKER MONUMENT FUND, 1933



Reduced

Three semi-postal stamps (SG 51 - 53) were issued by the Post Office which carried a surcharge to help with the Voortrekker Monument Fund. Concurrently, definitive postage stamps were on sale and these three large blue labels were produced as advertisement to encourage people to choose the Voortrekker stamps. A smaller version in blue also exists with an informative "wing" on the right hand side.

JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
JIPEX, 1936



It is debatable whether these should be included as Cinderellas. Although over-printed the stamps remained valid for postage. The two rows of tabs could be considered Cinderella labels and the one that advertises the Robertson Stamp Co. at the top right is philatelic.

ROBERTSON STAMP CO.
JOHANNESBURG



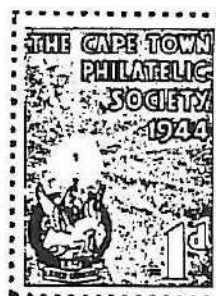
Pre-cut. Purple. Found on the back of a cover dated 1949.

SEVENTH PHILATELIC CONGRESS
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
CAPE TOWN, 1938



Orange & black. Sheets of 4.

CAPE TOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
LIBERTY CAVALCADE, 1944



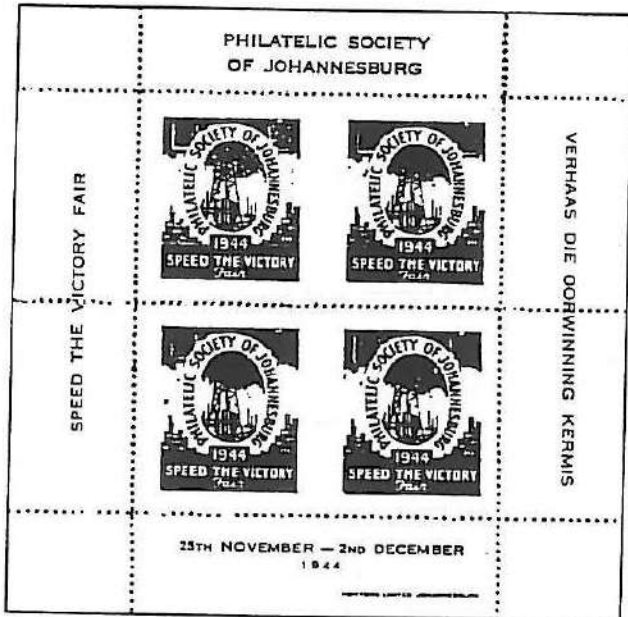
Blue and yellow.
Horizontal strips of 6.

ASHBEYS GALLERIES, CAPE TOWN
STAMP AUCTION IN AID OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FUND



Date unknown. Green.

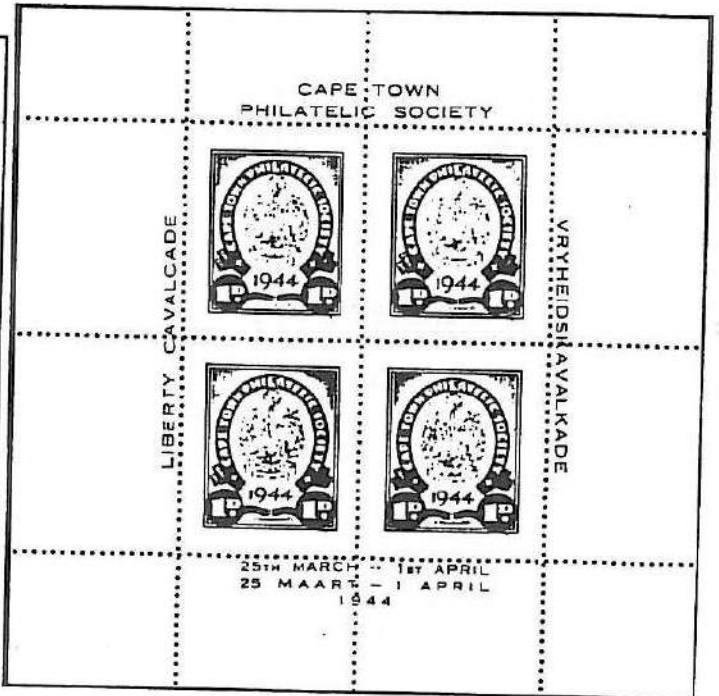
PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF JOHANNESBURG, 1944
SPEED THE VICTORY FAIR



Reduced

Blue and orange. A number of sheets have been seen with a missing centre column of perforations.

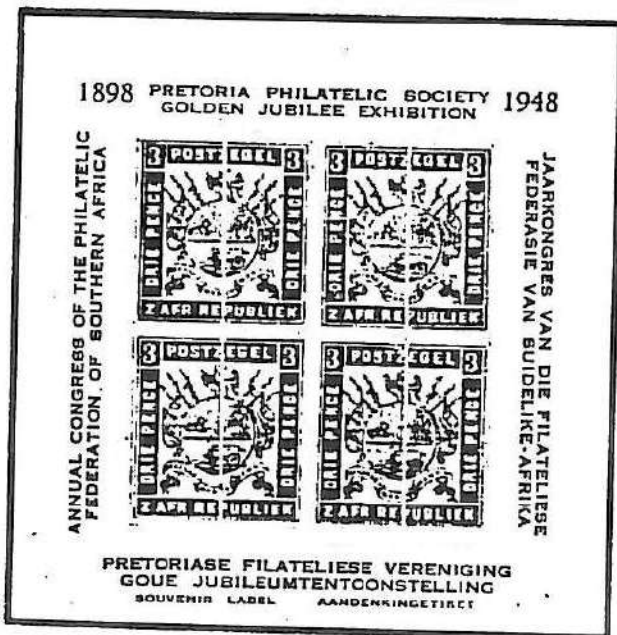
CAPE TOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY
LIBERTY CAVALCADE, 1944



Reduced

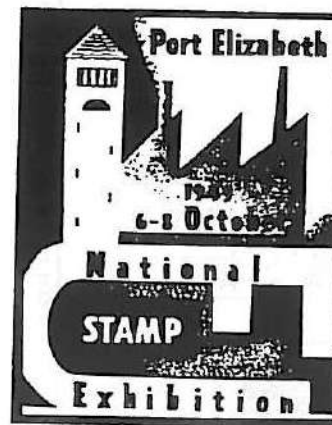
Two different coloured sheets were made, one blue and brown, the other brown and blue with "PLATE 2" in the left margin.

PRETORIA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
GOLDEN JUBILEE, 1948



Imperforated. Purple "stamps" with gold text.

PORT ELIZABETH NATIONAL
STAMP EXHIBITION, 1949



Imperforated.
 Red and blue

NATAL POSTAGE STAMP
CENTENARY EXHIBITION
DURBAN, 1957



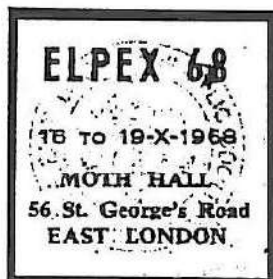
Black on pink.
Sheets of 24

UNION OF S.A. GOLDEN JUBILEE
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
JOHANNESBURG, 1960



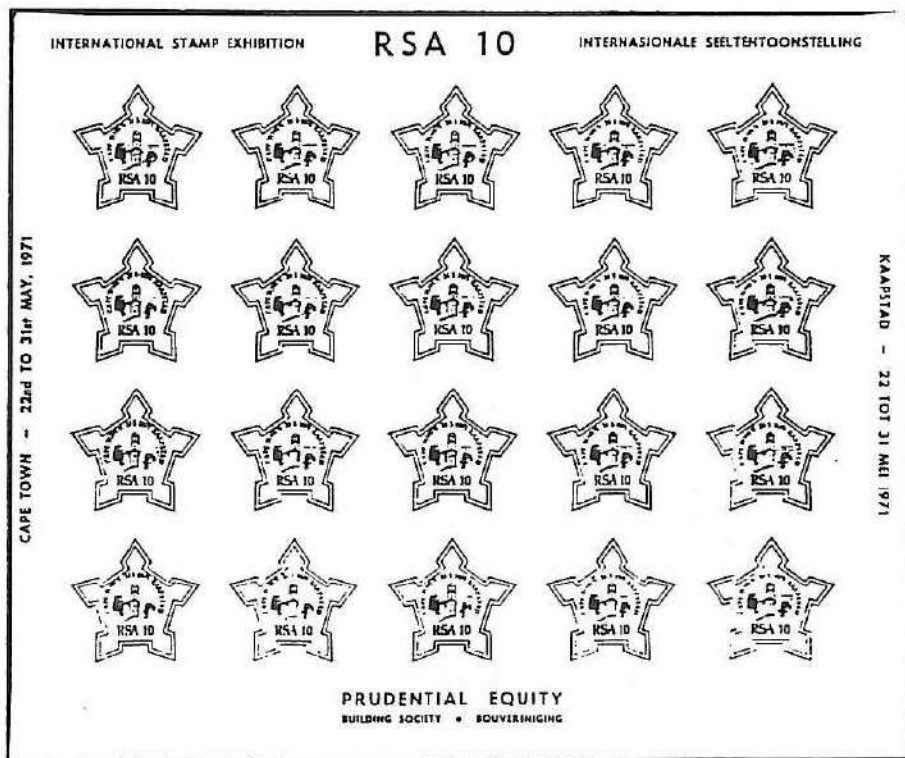
"Colour trials" were made in imperforated numbered sheets of 6 - green & black; blue & gold; green & gold; blue & red; light & dark brown; light & dark blue. Rouletted sheets of 6 were included in the catalogue - black & red; black & purple; green & orange. This last is by far the most common colour encountered.

EAST LONDON
PHILATELIC EXHIBITION
1968



Rouletted. Blue on pale blue background.
Sheets of 10

INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION
CAPE TOWN, 1971



Reduced

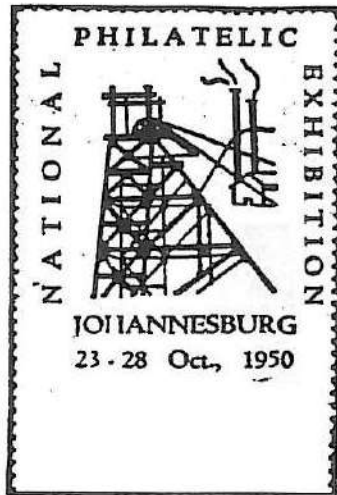
Commemorating ten years of the Republic of S.A.
Rouletted. Orange and blue

S.A. PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
PRETORIA, 1974



Rouletted. Self-adhesive. Pale brown.

**NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
JOHANNESBURG 1950**



Green on yellow.
Imperforated or
perforated with wing
margins.

**SOUTH AFRICAN TRICENTENARY STAMP
EXHIBITION, CAPE TOWN, 1952**



Reduced

Orange and blue. Numbered, perforated and
imperforated sheets were issued.

**PRETORIA CENTENARY PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION, 1955**



Black. Imperforated. Printed on card.

**PORT ELIZABETH
NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION, 1956**



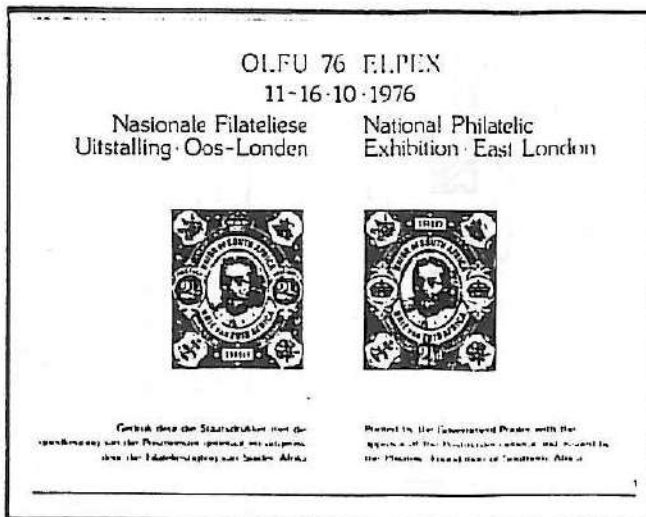
Green with brown text.
Sheets of six.

From 1976 until 1985, the Philatelic Federation of South Africa issued very large gummed labels each year for the annual stamp shows. Most of these depict embossed essays and are numbered 1 to 10. They were printed by the Government Printer and approved by the Postmaster General.

All the illustrations of these "official" labels are reduced.

**NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
EAST LONDON, 1976**

No. 1. Blue with grey text.



NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, JOHANNESBURG, 1977



No. 2. Red, green, brick & purple with grey text and border.



Self-adhesive
Gold and black.



**NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
POTCHEFSTROOM, 1978**

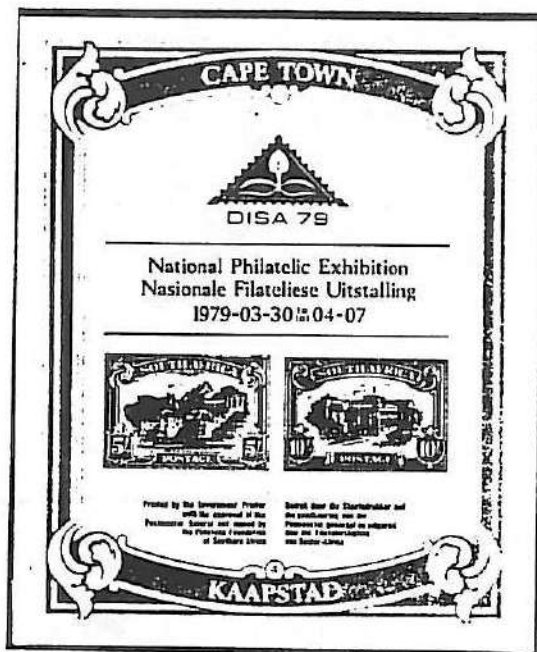
No. 3. "Stamps" multi-coloured, text and border in black. From now on the date is often written in reverse order.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, CAPE TOWN, 1979

This was known as "DISA 79" after the Red Disa orchid which is called the "Pride of Table Mountain"

Three different dates are given in the following items:
4-7 March; 30 March-7 April; 30 March-9 April!

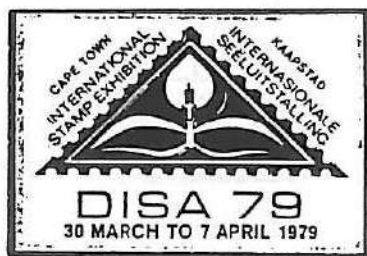
Note also that the large top label speaks of a "National Philatelic" exhibition, while the two at the bottom are inscribed "International Stamp" exhibition.



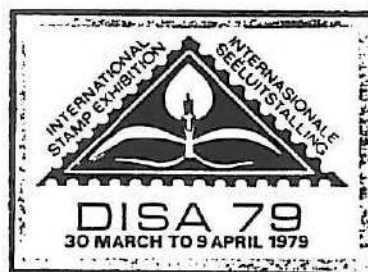
No. 4. "Stamps" multicoloured, text & border grey.



Red Disa triangles were included in the margins of the sheets of SG 456



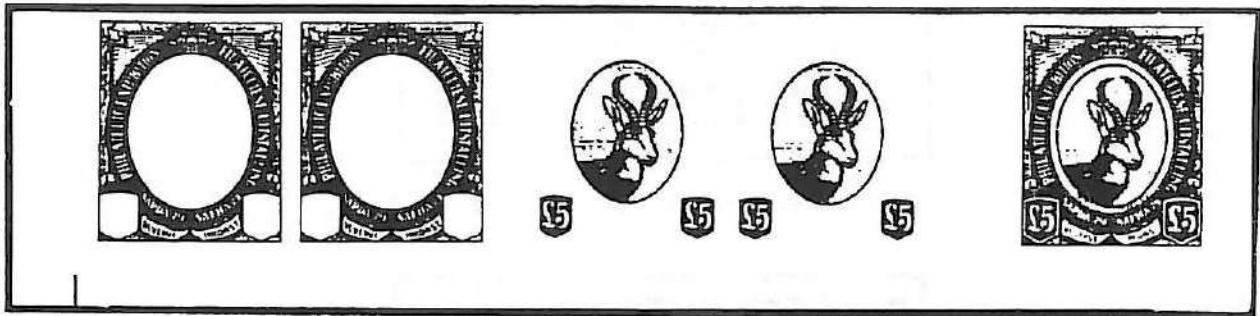
Self-adhesive, red, gold & black.
Dated 30 March to 7 April.



Self-adhesive, red, gold & black.
Dated 30 March to 9 April.
Words "Cape Town" and "Kaapectad" missing.



Issued in red and in blue.



Frame and headplate "proofs" exist in red, in blue and in turquoise, with the added inscription "Franco Fecit October 1979" below the head. These were not needed, since the issued sheets were in monochrome.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, GERMISTON, 1980

Dates differ, one is 7-11 October and the other is 7-14 October.



No. 5. Blue, brick, mauve and purple "stamps", the rest is grey & black. Inscribed "National Philatelic Exhibition"



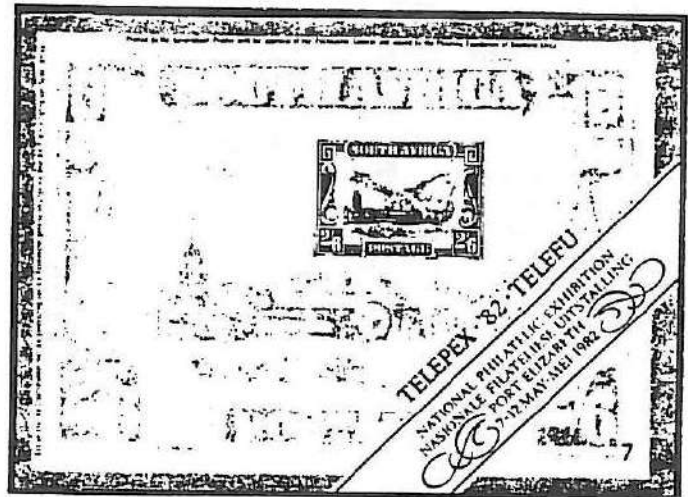
Black on yellow. Inscribed "National Stamp Exhibition"

NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
BLOEMFONTEIN, 1981



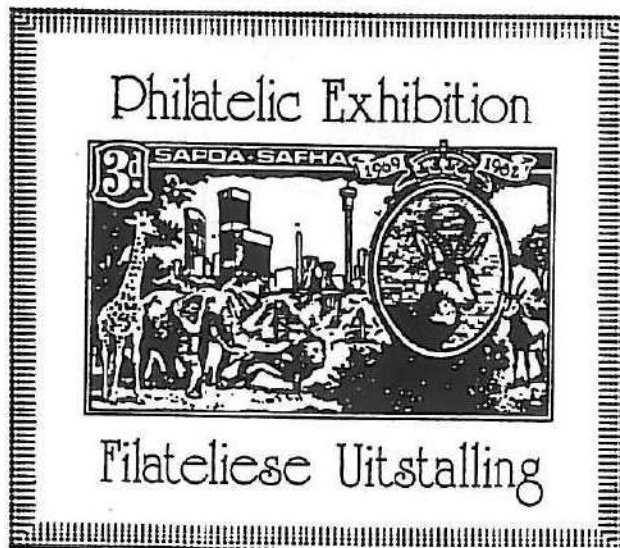
No. 6. "Stamp", flags and shield multicoloured. Text and border black and grey.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
PORT ELIZABETH, 1982



No. 7. "Stamp" green and mauve, text green and black, background grey and indistinct.

S.A. PHILATELIC DEALERS
EXHIBITION, 1982



Seen in black and in blue

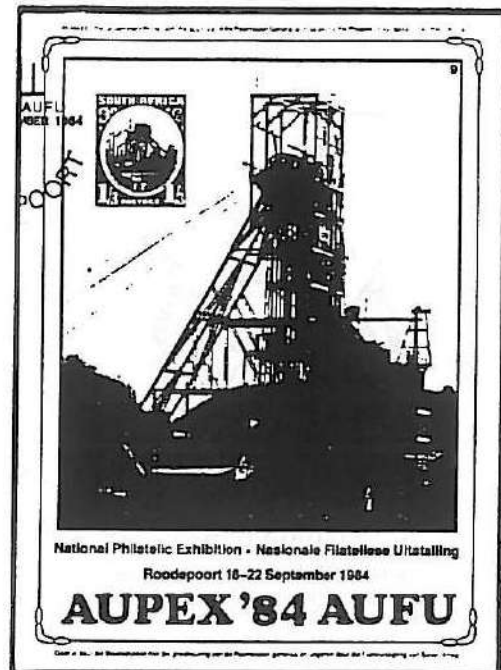
NATIONAL PHILATELIC
EXHIBITION
DURBAN, 1983



No. 8. "Stamp" carmine and deep green, the rest in black.



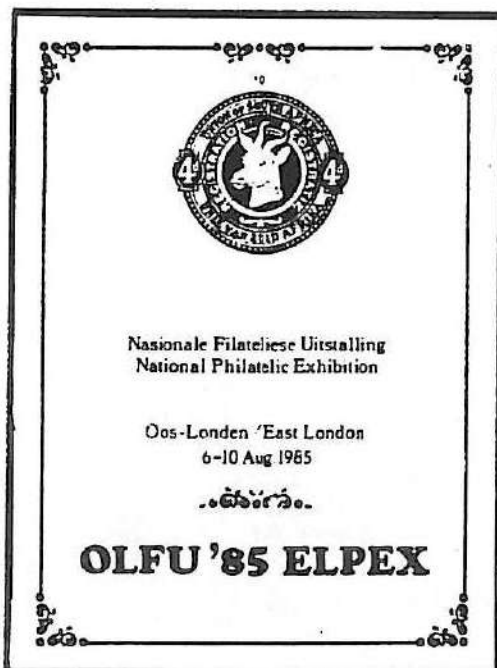
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No. 9.

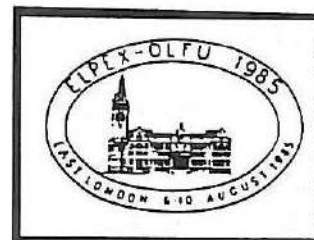
Winding gear is in full colour,
"stamp" and small text in black
"AUPEX '84 AUFU" in gold.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, EAST LONDON, 1985



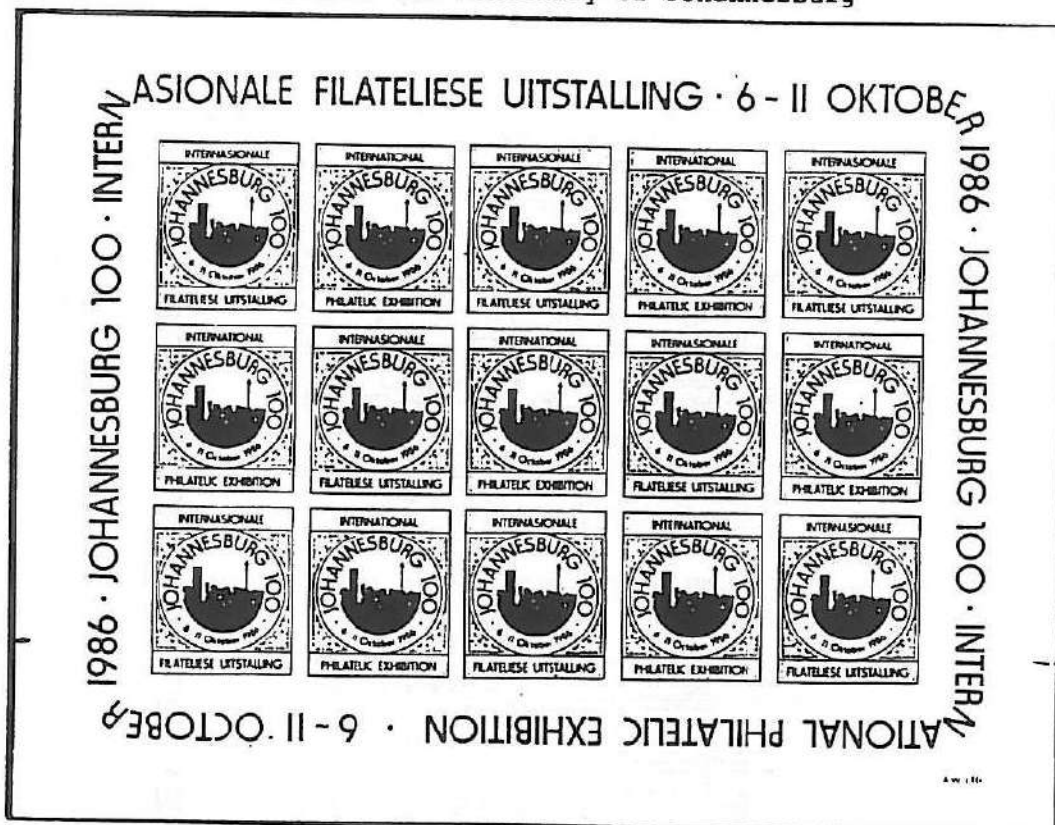
No. 10.

"Registration stamp" in blue,
the rest in silver.



Details unknown -
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To mark the Centenary of Johannesburg



Reduced

Blue & red on thick glossy surfaced paper. Rouletted



Pink. Imperforated.
Design has large '1986'
instead of the full date
as on the issued sheet.
Colour trial ? Used!



Blue. Imperforated.
Centre inverted on right label.
Printers having fun?

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF S.A.
1983

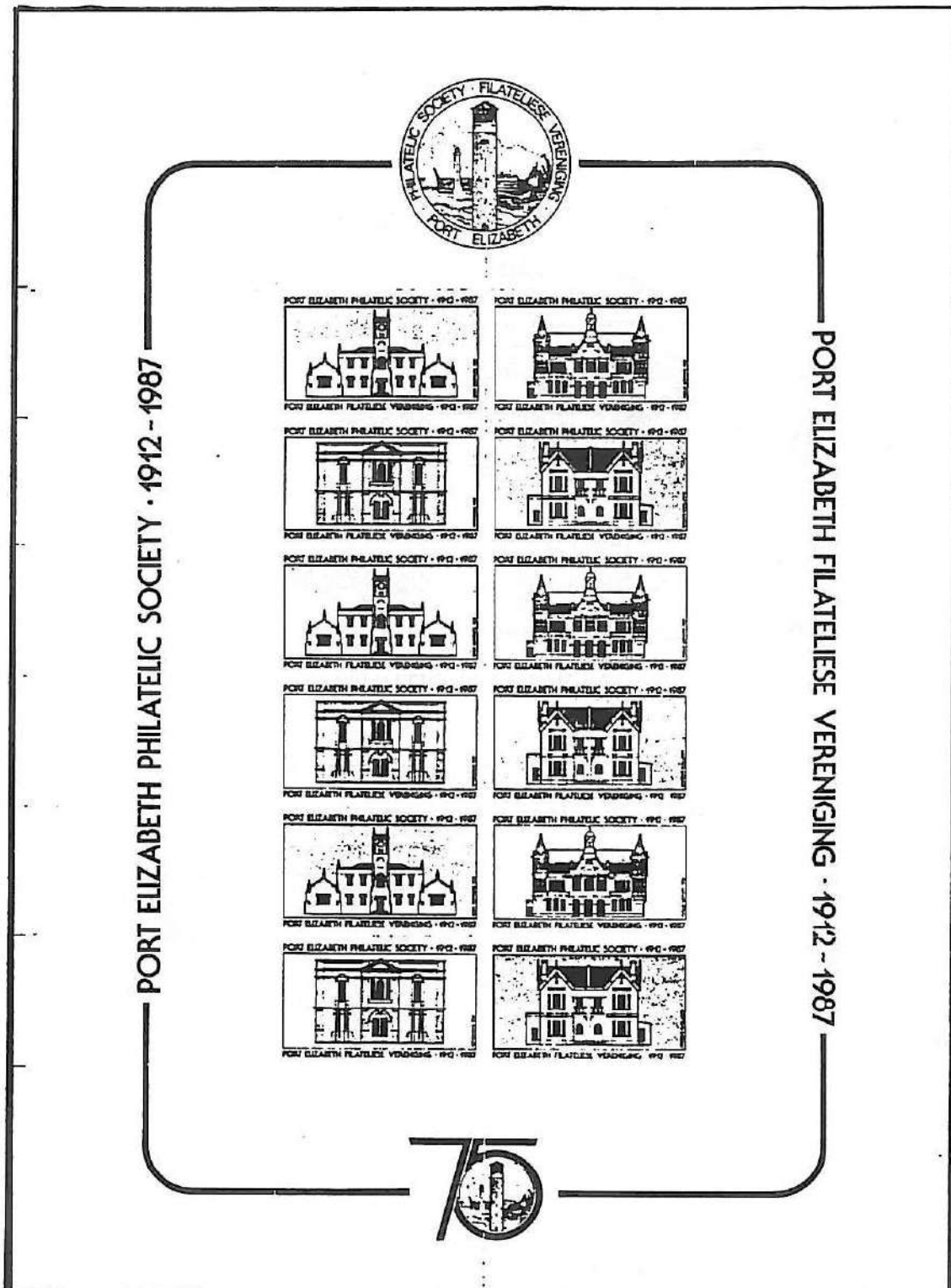


Imperforated. Self adhesive.
First issue was black on white,
later brown on cream.

JUNIOR NATIONAL STAMP SHOW
BLOEMFONTEIN, 1989



Imperforated. Self adhesive.
Brown.



Rouletted. Black, cream and buff.

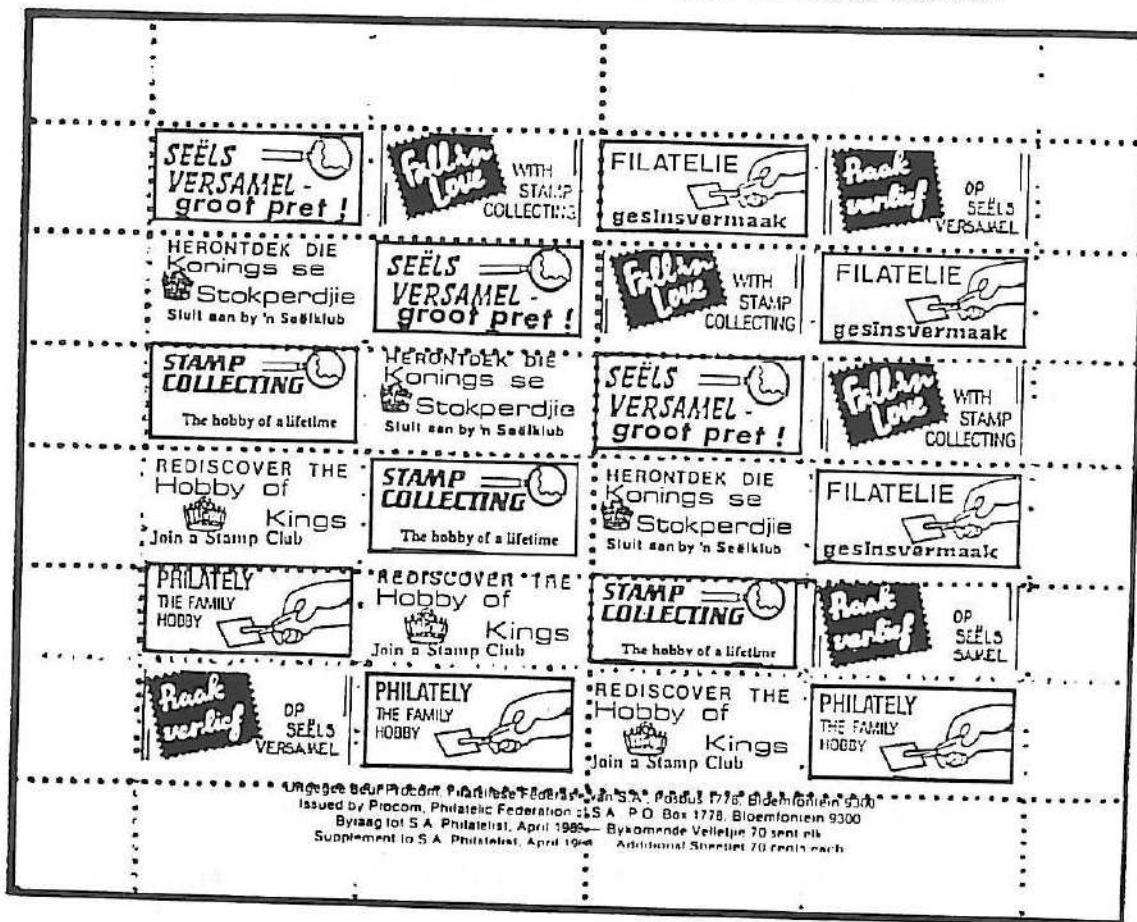
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NATIONAL STAMP DAYS



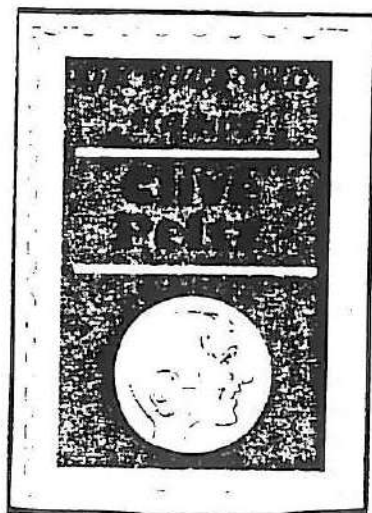
Black with a red heart on thick shiny paper.
Rouletted. Self adhesive. Sheets of 8.

STAMP COLLECTING PROMOTION LABELS, 1989.
 Issued by the Philatelic Federation of South Africa.



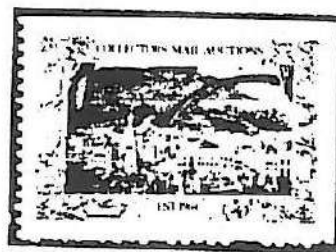
Pink, but a number of black imperforated copies have been seen with different designs - presumably proofs!
 There are a large number of perforation varieties, mostly missing or irregular or extra rows. Two sorts of paper and overall size.

DEALER'S LABEL



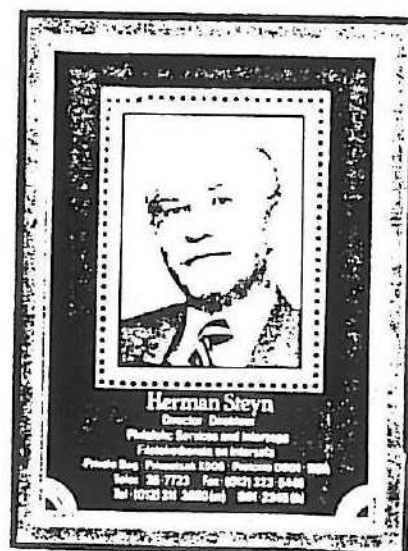
Orange. Self adhesive.
 Reduced

DEALER'S LABEL



Multicoloured

THE BOSS



Brown and gold

A Study of the Types of Paper used in the Various Printings

By:

DES. GREENHALGH

ABBREVIATIONS: FL: White Fluorescent: FL/B: Blue Fluorescent: PH: Phosphor: CH: Chalky:

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| 358 | 1c | 390 - 393 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 648 - 651 | 28. 6.1982 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 766 - 769 | 26. 4.1984 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL/B with Pink back |
| | | 858 - 861 | 11. 6.1985 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1198 - 1201 | 8. 8.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1358 - 1361 | 20. 7.1989 | PH. with Pink back | |
| 359 | 2c | 394 - 397 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 826 - 829 | 4. 1.1985 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 946 - 949 | 4. 6.1986 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1038 - 1041 | 18. 5.1987 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1330 - 1333 | 28. 5.1989 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 1362 - 1365 | 20. 7.1989 | PH. with Pink back | |
| 360 | 3c | 398 - 401 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 1130 - 1133 | 10. 2.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1366 - 1369 | 20. 7.1989 | (a) PH. with Pink back | (b) PH. with White back |
| 361 | 4c | 402 - 405 | 1.10.1980 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 734 - 737 | 12.10.1980 | (a) PH. with Pink back | (b) PH. with White back |
| | | 1042 - 1045 | 18. 5.1987 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1150 - 1153 | 5. 4.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1330 - 1333 | 29. 5.1989 | PH. with Pink back | |
| 362 | 5c | 406 - 409 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 770 - 773 | 11. 5.1984 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 862 - 865 | 11. 6.1985 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1202 - 1205 | 8. 8.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| 363 | 6c | 410 - 413 | 1.10.1980 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 594 - 611 | 10. 3.1982 | PH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1206 - 1209 | 8. 8.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1310 - 1313 | 28. 4.1989 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| 364 | 7c | 414 - 417 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 926 - 929 | 19. 3.1986 | | CH. with White back |
| | | 1134 - 1137 | 10. 2.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| 365 | 8c | 418 - 421 | 1.10.1980 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 866 - 869 | 11. 6.1985 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1046 - 1049 | 18. 5.1987 | PH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1370 - 1373 | 20. 7.1989 | PH. with Pink back | |
| 366 | 9c | 422 - 425 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 1138 - 1141 | 10. 2.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
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| | | 570 - 573 | 29. 9.1981 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 678 - 681 | 16. 3.1983 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 1378 - 1381 | 20. 7.1989 | PH. with Pink back | |
| 436 | 11c | 762 - 765 | 2. 4.1984 | | FL. with White back |
| 453 | 12c | 830 - 833 | 1. 4.1985 | | FL. with White back |
| 472 | 14c | 922 - 925 | 1. 4.1986 | CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| 368 | 15c | 430 - 433 | 1.10.1980 | (a) PH. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 730 - 733 | 14. 9.1983 | (a) PH. with Pink back | (b) PH. with White back |
| | | 1010 - 1013 | 23. 2.1987 | | CH. with White back |
| | | 1142 - 1145 | 10. 2.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1314 - 1317 | 28. 4.1989 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| 489 | 16c | 1018 - 1021 | 1. 4.1987 | | CH. with White back |
| | | 1154 - 1157 | 11. 4.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1306 - 1309 | 13. 1.1989 | | PH. with White back |
| | | 1334 - 1337 | 29. 5.1989 | | PH. with White back |
| 369 | 20c | 434 - 437 | 1.10.1980 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 628 - 631 | 20. 4.1982 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 682 - 685 | 21. 3.1983 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 870 - 873 | 11. 6.1985 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1102 - 1105 | 16. 9.1987 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1158 - 1161 | 14. 4.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1318 - 1321 | 28. 4.1989 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| 370 | 25c | 438 - 441 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 652 - 655 | 19.10.1982 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 874 - 877 | 11. 6.1985 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1106 - 1109 | 16. 9.1987 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1162 - 1165 | 18. 4.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1322 - 1325 | 28. 4.1989 | CH. with Pink back | |
| 371 | 30c | 442 - 445 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 686 - 689 | 23. 3.1983 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 950 - 953 | 4. 6.1986 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1110 - 1113 | 16. 9.1987 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1166 - 1169 | 20. 4.1988 | CH. with Pink back | |
| | | 1338 - 1341 | 29. 5.1989 | | PH. with White back |
| 372 | 50c | 446 - 449 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 656 - 659 | 20.10.1982 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 690 - 693 | 25. 3.1983 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 1014 - 1017 | 23. 2.1987 | | CH. with White back |
| | | 1170 - 1173 | 21. 4.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| 373 | R1 | 450 - 453 | 1.10.1980 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 694 - 697 | 29. 3.1983 | FL. with Pink back | |
| | | 954 - 957 | 4. 6.1986 | | CH. with White back |
| | | 1174 - 1177 | 25. 4.1988 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH. with White back |
| | | 1382 - 1385 | 20. 7.1989 | (a) PH. with Pink back | (b) PH. with White back |

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| 374 | R2 | 454 - 457 | 1.10.1980 | (a) FL. with Pink back | (b) FL. with White back |
| | | 1146 - 1149 | 10. 2.1988 | | CH. with White back |
| | | 1326 - 1329 | 28. 4.1989 | (a) CH. with Pink back | (b) CH with White back |

SWA Third Definitive Papers: - On receipt of Des Greenhalgh's study, I enquired of him as to the type of "lamp" used, as I am aware of the apparently conflicting results obtained when unspecified lamps have been used. Here is his description:

"My U/V lamp is a "PRINZ" (German) and all the details are:-

UV TESTLAMPE 4W/366nm Model No. FL-78 U.K. Patent No. D.R. No. 978107. It is a SHORT-WAVE lamp, box type, measuring 16cm x 8.75cm and 3cm deep. That is overall size, and in it there is a black (or dark navy blue) fluorescent tube, including metal ends, 13.5cm. The tube is \pm 1cm diameter and uses 5 x LR14 batteries."

DWP

See The SPRINGBOK Vol139/3 page60

THE POSTAL STONES OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Springbok, Vol. 22, pages 102 et seq. gave a detailed listing of the Postal Stones of South Africa with illustrations, reduced of course.

Another listing is from South African Museum, *Inscriptions left by early European navigators on their way to the east*, Guide leaflet no. 1, 3rd edition, September 1950 and its preface which states "further information would become known".

Focus on South Africa, June 1990, bears this statement out as on the front page there is an illustration of a newly found stone, and of it being examined. The newly discovered stone weighs 2 kilograms, and in comparison with the hands of the holder it would seem to be about 12" long and 4" wide. *Focus* states, An historic 16th century Portuguese post office stone is unearthed by a labourer at the Milnerton Watersports Club, Cape Town. Archaeologists at the S.A. Museum say it is the third-oldest inscribed post office stone to come to light. Archaeologist Bill van Rijse shows the stone, which reads:

Captain Cristovao de Mendonca came here in the [ship] Victoria on the 25th of May 1524. A coin is buried. All well. God be praised.

The stone will be given to the South African Cultural History Museum. Some historians believe Captain Mendonca discovered Australia.

RDA

FRAMA LABEL PAPER

Rudolf Laser, ERFT STR 33, 5000 Koln, Germany, seeks information on RSA Frama labels on watermarked paper. Any information on date(s) of introduction and details of type and origin please.

COMMERCIAL NOTICE

The Stamp Arcade at Nedbank Centre 88 Main St 88, Port Elizabeth 6001 and PO Box 1532 Port Elizabeth 600 tel 041 24018 inform us that they are setting up a listing for the Rhodesias, South and South West Africa and the three Protectorates. Mint, used and all the permutations will be available. Members' listings and all personal details will be kept confidential and only be used to send out their catalogues, it is stated.

ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

ANOTHER U.K. SIGNATORY

Your Hon. Membership Secretary and your Hon. General Secretary were privileged guests of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa at a reception and dinner at the East India Club, St. James's, London SW1Y 4LH, on 2 May for the signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists of Southern Africa by that doyen of postal history Mr Robson Lowe. The brief and informal ceremony amongst a small but distinguished gathering was introduced by Allan Drysdale (Rhodesia Study Circle), who summarised the citation before inviting Mr Lowe to add his signature to the many famous names already appearing. In his response, Mr Lowe recalled several anecdotes from his long-standing connections with South African philately.

The full citation, etc., together with a brief history of the Roll, appears in the January/February 1991 issue of the *South African philatelist*.

Through these columns we offer our congratulations to "Robbie" and at the same time acknowledge and thank him for his vast contribution to the philately and postal history of Southern Africa, in many fields and over many years.

W.A. Page FRPS,L

HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL PAIRS

John Davis, from Alicante in Spain, writes: What is the view of members of your society about horizontal and vertical pairs? Gibbons have a note that vertical pairs are worth about 50 per cent less but when I asked them for an explanation they replied that it is "something of a mystery" and thought it might have stemmed from "some long forgotten edict by a South African printed album publisher". To me it seems quite ridiculous to prefer a horizontal pair of a stamp with a horizontal format. This is demonstrated in particular by the 1935 Jubilee stamps. Surely it is better to go for the pair that produces the most compact shape - a horizontal pair of stamps with a vertical format and vertical pair for those with a horizontal format? It doesn't seem to me to matter that they are "worth" less though why on earth should they? Or is this sacrilegious? What do your members think?

BIBLIOGRAPHY PRE-UNION

Canadian member Jim Ryan writes: From the pages of *Forerunners* (P.S. for Greater Southern Africa), I have had glimpses of short bibliographies on pre-Union South Africa. I recalled my own difficulties in preparing (much less in having filled) my literature wants list. For the moment, I would like to know if SACS members agree with the proposition that a philatelic bibliography for Southern Africa is something needed and something worth supporting (by purchasing the end product). Please send any responses to me c/o your Hon. Editor or to me direct: Jim Ryan, 4419-17 Ave N.W., Calgary AB, Canada T3B 0N7. (Ed. - I will collate U.K. responses received at 1 December 1991 and forward to Jim Ryan.)

WORLD WAR II MARKINGS

RDA recalls seeing the "DN" mark queried in Vol. 38/5 page 115 of *The Springbok* at a London Meeting, 9 October 1990. The cover was posted in Durban and that "DN" was in the postmark. Can any member at that meeting please advise.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

New Member: C.H. Kuitenbrouwer (Southampton) 933 Collects Union period
Change of Address: J.M. Smart 794
from Cumbria to Harrington CA14 5QA
P. Vogenbeck 871
from RSA to Kalenborn-Scheuern Germany
Resignation: J. Mahon 925

STOP PRESS: Please see SAP May/June 1991 for a special article about customs duty handstamps by S.J. Hagger.