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Editorial

Already the middle of the year, and programme possibilities should be exercising the mind, as we shall have to decide at the next London Meeting on 9 June what the subjects are to be.

Abell Trophy rules are described in the Green Book, and it is none too early to rouse the thought of a postal entry, which are a rarity and we would like to see your material. It is likely to fall on the September Saturday afternoon meeting, so sort, sift and mount could be the appropriate watchwords.

Congratulations to R. Glanville-Jones of Glasgow for his article on the cover designer H.J. de Wet, which has won him the Wicks Award (the John H. Wicks medal) for 1991. Alec Page with various well presented articles and Morgan Farrell with the 1d typo were close supporters. Thoughts also went to the TAX band Duty strips, but the award is for members having an article published in *The Springbok*, in case readers feel we have missed a good item elsewhere.

It is proper for me as successor to RDA as a long-standing Editor, to offer the very grateful thanks of the Society to him for the dedicated, physically demanding task that he has met over so many years of sending out this publication. The setting up of the addressograph plates in the chilly church hall; the acquisition of bulk cost envelopes; the list is endless and was most selflessly done. All praise to Mrs Allen for her acceptance (?), certainly encouragement.

May I urge members in the Wessex area to please consider coming to SWINPEX 92 at Drove Road School, entrance off Southampton Street, Swindon, on 20 June 1992. We have a room for our use from 1445 to 1645 and I shall be there with something to show and welcome calls from any of our members whom I look forward to meeting in person.

DWP

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Meetings

- 9 June 1992 Members' displays and queries presented: postal stationery (NOT cards)
- 20 June 1992 SWINPEX 92 at Drove Road School, Swindon. Meet at 1445 in Room B.

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?
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Fred Clark

ITU CENTENARY 1965 - CARD OCI

THE RECENT ARTICLES CONCERNING THE ABOVE in *The Springbok* Vo. 39 No. 6 and Vol. 40 No. 1 by Jack Newman and R.D. Allen prompted me to examine the three copies of this card in my collection, and whilst I do not have a U.V. lamp capable of checking their paper and printing ink, the following observations may be of interest.

The report on p. 235 of the *South African Philatelist*, September 1974, makes it clear that 5000 cards with the three diamond design was the first printing and these had the 'I' of 'international' missing. A second printing was then made to cope with demand and this comprised 4000 cards delivered before the issue date, 17 May 1965. This second printing had a new setting wherein the inscriptions on the descriptive side were spaced more widely, the word 'international' was correctly printed and the ornament below the descriptive text had two diamonds only. This article also mentioned that the first printing had a whitish and an off-white paper and that there were 'depths of blue in the printing'.

A report by the S.A. Stamp Study Circle on p. 55 of the *S.A.P.*, February 1976, mentioned a third type of this card, now referred to as Official Cover No. 1, and states 'The missing L occurs on two types, the one card being 5mm higher than the other. The third type is the one with International spelt correctly'.

So far so good, but the first mentioned *S.A.P.* article also states that a number of cards without the 'I' had a neat 'I' added by hand (not by the Printing Works), but fails to say by whom.

Now regarding my three cards:

(a) Three diamond type:- a straightforward unaddressed example on whitish card as illustrated by R.D.A., size 164½ x 98½ mm, with first day ITU commemorative postmark 17-V-1965.

Die Internasionale Telekomunikasie-unie (ITU) wat deur die ondertekening van die eerste Internasionale Telegraafkonvensie in Parys in 1865 tot stand gebring is, vier vanjaar sy eeufees met die hou van 'n Gevolmagtigde Konferensie in Montreux.

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The ITU has developed into a large and important international organization with its own headquarters building at Geneva. In the light of advancement in the field of technology, it is destined to play a role of ever increasing importance in the world. South Africa has now been associated with the ITU since 1881 and shall continue to contribute her share towards the important work of this organization.

(b) Three diamond type:- off white card size 165 x 106 mm with single 2½¢ ITU Centenary stamp to Pretoria address with identical postmark as card (a) above, but the blue, particularly of the airmail label and ITU emblem is very much paler than the other two cards. It is thus 7½ and 7 mm higher than cards (a) and (c) respectively and may therefore be the same as the one giving concern to Jack Newman. It does however have the 'I' of 'international' as shown on the following photocopy. As may be seen, this 'I' is not correctly positioned, being at a slight angle and set low. It also has rounded ends instead of being square cut as on other examples of this letter on the card, is a good match of colour and shade and is I believe an example of the added 'I' as per the S.A.P. article mentioned above.

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(c) Two diamond type:- a straightforward unaddressed example size 165 x 98 mm as illustrated by R.D.A., with first day ITU commemorative postmark 17-V-1965.

Close examination of the information side of these cards shows the following features:

Three Diamond Cards - (a) and (b) above

1. Damaged 'e' in 'Montreux' in first Afrikaans paragraph. (a) and (b)
2. Damaged first 's' in 'munikasiewerks...' in second Afrikaans paragraph. (a) and (b)
3. The following word 'te' has the 'e' broken in the top loop. (a) and (b)
4. Circumflex correctly printed over first 'e' in 'wêreld' in third Afrikaans paragraph and this 'e' more heavily printed than the other 'e'. (a) and (b)
5. Damage to bottom loop of 'e' of first 'die' in last line of third Afrikaans paragraph. (a) and (b)
6. No dots after letters ITU in first English paragraph. (a) and (b)
7. Missing 'I' of 'international' in second English paragraph. (a) only
8. Handprinted ditto. (b) only
9. Broken loop to 'h' and thin bottom loop to 's' of 'has' in first line of third English paragraph. (a) and (b)

Two Diamond Card - (c) above

1. No damage to 'e' in 'Montreux'.
2. Undamaged first 's' in 'munikasiewerks...' in second Afrikaans paragraph but more heavily printed than the other 's' in this word.
3. Undamaged 'e' in following word 'te'.
4. Circumflex missing (incorrectly) from 'wêreld' in third Afrikaans paragraph.
5. Undamaged 'e' in 'die' in last line of third Afrikaans paragraph.
6. Dots after letters I.T.U. in first English paragraph, but not in third English paragraph.
7. Correctly printed 'I' of 'international'.
8. Not applicable.
9. Undamaged letters of 'has' in first line of third English paragraph.

When resetting for this second printing it would seem that certain errors and faults were corrected and one error and one inconsistency introduced.

My three cards (a), (b) and (c) are all letterpress printed with printing impressed into the card and I conclude that they are all genuine.

Please note that the size of the photocopies has been reduced, as was that of the reproductions in *The Springbok* Vol. 40 No. 1.

Jack Newman comments: "Have checked Fred Clark's details and they agree with my material. Only exception is my larger card does not have feature 2, damaged first 's' - maybe it had not developed. Also would not swear to letterpress printing except for one, but the others are similar. My larger card does not have the manuscript 'I' on the end of 'International' as does his type (b)." - DWP.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION PRETORIA 92



Pretoria '92
8-10 October
October 1992

Will be held at the Rautenbach Hall, University of Pretoria, from Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 October 1992. Open to the public from 1000 to 1800 (Thursday and Friday), 0900 to 1600 (Saturday).

Congress will be on Friday 9 October 1992 from 0800 to 1700 with the Mayor's Party at 1830.

(I will be pleased to have a report from any member attending - Ed.)

YOUR PRESIDENT REPORTS

LONDON MEETING - 7 APRIL 1992

The final arrangements for the 'mailing' of future copies of *The Springbok* were made. I sincerely thank all those who have given help over many years of aid to the 'mailing bloke'. It is hoped that there will be no teething troubles now that it is in the hands of Mr Gale, not forgetting his wife. There is one blessing in the hand-over, I can get down to mounting the accumulation of material in the album and also for the exchange packets. I must add my thanks to those concerned in making the arrangements and also to Mr Gale for his timely offer.

We are disappointed that we have no volunteer to undertake arrangements for the Weston super Mare meeting, and also due to matters beyond our control, the magazine was late in posting, but a thank you to the local post office, as I posted the magazine, including a trial posting for myself, on Monday 13 April 1992 at about 9.15am, and by the second post the same day I received my trial posting, not bad for a second class post.

SUBJECT FOR THE MEETING: Cape of Good Hope, Natal and S.W. Africa

Mr A. Murray (C.G.H.): 'Some of the Murray Correspondence', from 1848 to 1851, comprising letters to and from the Governor of the Cape; Major Walden, Capt. A.R. Murray; and those that came to the UK had various SHIP LETTER markings; the last one was an appeal for £15 to pay for passage back to the UK. The majority of the covers were from Mr Murray's family of that era.

Tony Chilton (Natal & South West Africa): An early booklet. Early SWA; stamps with VRI and ERI overprints, used from Bethany; Transvaal postcard used from SWAKOPMUND, a letter from WINDHOEK with altered spelling of WINDHUIK. The overprints on Union stamps, in their many forms, postage dues on covers; a normal postage stamp used as a postal due; OFFICIALS - in their different overprints; with and without stops; an explanation of the wrong setting of these overprints; the Bradbury Wilkinson printings in plate blocks.

David Painter (C.G.H.): Cover from about 1893, and a newspaper postal wrapper; several different covers of this era and the various different post office markings; an unusual postage due item with octagonal shape with 'T' over 5c therein. Field Post Office marks of World War I; some 'OPENED UNDER MARTIAL LAW' items and other interesting cancellations.

RDA

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The Springbok. Can offer Vols. 32-39 for sale; reduced rate, plus postage and packing, magazines @ £4.00 per volume. Only a few of Vol. 36 Issue 1. Firm orders to RDA and buyers will be invoiced.

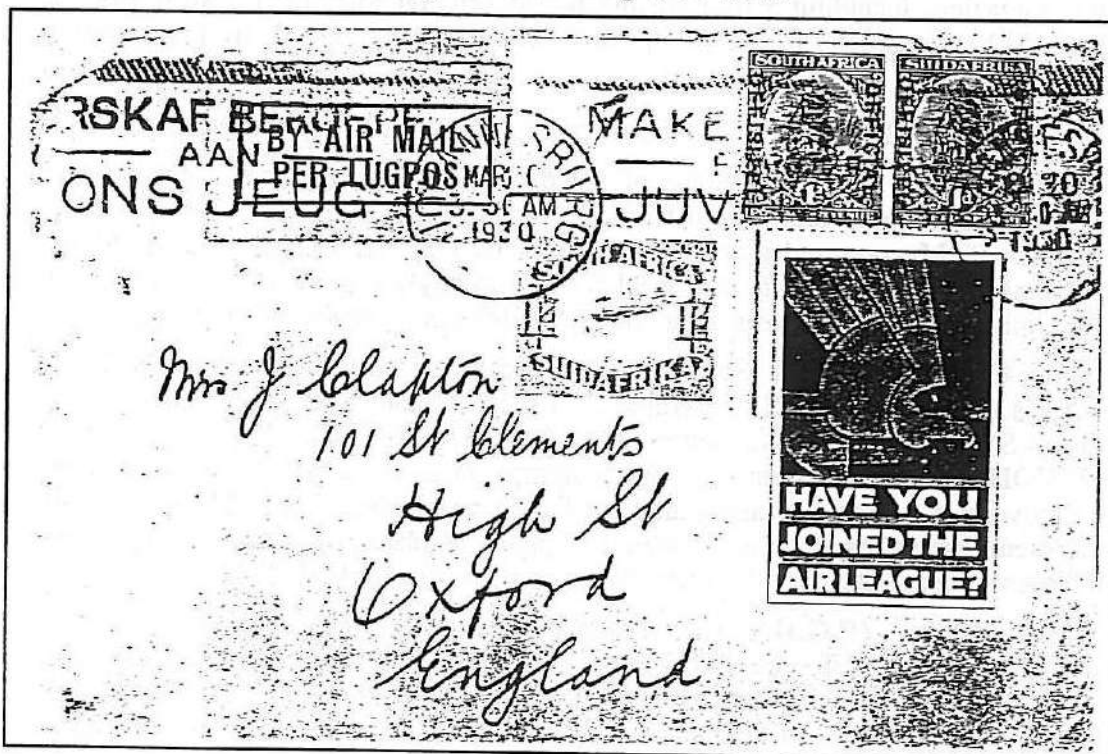
MEMBERS ENQUIRE...

FROM TIME TO TIME, query corner and 'puzzled' paragraphs have been proposed, waxed, waned and been revived in some form or other. Perhaps too frequently a query has been answered directly, sometimes put to members via these pages, with varying response, but much less often are question and answer published together. Let's try one.

In November 1991 Ken Lewis, yes he of the many 'labels', sent me this query:

I enclose a copy of a cover which came my way recently. The 'officials', the U- orange, the early airmail etiquette and the slogan cancellation all go to make it an interesting item. However, these are well documented, but what makes this cover particularly interesting to me is the Air League label since I know nothing about it!

It is tied by the Johannesburg postmark, so it was stuck on here, but I have found no reference to it in South Africa and wondered if any readers of *The Springbok* could tell me anything about this organisation. On the label the 'bird' is red and the background dark blue. Lettering and underlining is in white.



I was attracted to this item, and since a friend in the Aero field had not seen it, nor knew of the 'Air League', I found in a 1928 Whitaker that there was 'The Air League', and a more recent copy gave the present address. Their General Secretary was much intrigued, and it appears that among other then Commonwealth territories, South Africa did have such a League in 1920-1930. He could not give a formation date, nor be positive about the label, but did feel that it was one of such a type then current.

They were formed to encourage young people to train to fly and maintain their Licence, whilst overseas countries supported the provision of airfields near centres of potential aero activity. I have seen the membership card, and also albums of cards produced for members.

Variety, yes, philatelic but fringe some will say, but enjoyable certainly.

Your queries of whatever style will be welcome. Philatelic matters to Alec Page who is best placed to select a likely source of reasoned response; others to the Editor. It is all grist to the mill in giving members those interesting aspects of our absorbing hobby.

A.G.M. Batten

O.F.S. 'POSTAGE DUES' : PROGRESS REPORT

MY NOTES, WHICH APPEARED IN THE MARCH 1980 NUMBER of the *South African Philatelist*, generated considerable interest, and I am grateful to those readers who have taken the trouble to write to me. Really, the whole question of the seriffed 'T', with the number immediately below, contained in a 26mm circle, has been giving rise to much thought. At the time when the original notes were written, I had only ever seen three of these markings - those illustrated in *S.A.P.* bearing the numbers 25 - Kings Hill (1906); 29 - Vrede (1907) and 51 - Heilbron (1908). (Since then I have seen another example of No. 51.) Having collected and studied postal history material of the Orange River Colony for almost thirty years, this absence of sightings points to such items being by no means common - indeed many such markings could only have been made on covers or cards, and many appeared on postal items addressed overseas.

I am most grateful to David Allison of Rosebank, Cape, and to John Haigh of Grahamstown (the present Editor of the *Newsletter* of the South African Postmark and Postal History Society, now known as *The Post Office Stone*). David Allison sent me photocopies of the *Newsletter* dated March/April 1971, which expanded on an article written by Dr Harvey Pirie, which had appeared in the *S.A.P.* in August 1957. I was glad to have been able to add to the previous records No. 25 - identified on a postcard as having come from Kings Hill.

In order to produce a comprehensible story - and for this updated record - there follows a list, likewise updated, of the numbers of these markings and the names of the places at which they are recorded as having been used, together with the recorded dates of use. Those numbers not yet identified as to place of use are shown blank. Where, as in the case of No. 6, the place name is followed by ORC this designation accords with the list of postal offices recorded in the Cape Post Office list in January 1910 only a few months before the date of the Union is 1910.

The 'T' in each case is contained within a 26mm circle with a number from 1 to 58 below.

All the associated place names so far known are within the Orange River Colony (as it was from 1901-1910) although two such marks have further been recorded from Ficksburg and Zastron without numbers, and a similar mark has been recorded from Utrecht in Natal. It should be noted that Ficksburg has also been recorded as using No. 30 and has been so included in the list. The circumstances in which such a mark could have been used at Utrecht are obscure.

We have already referred to the infrequency with which these markings are seen and have been able, reasonably, to account for that. But another curious thing is to be found in the dates of use. Kings Hill (No. 25) is in my collection dated 1906; Vrede (No. 29) 1907 and Heilbron (No. 51) 1908. Now the mere fact that these are well separated numbers suggests that in all probability the whole series was issued in pre-Union days in the Orange River Colony. The frequency of recorded use in the 1960s is still, however, surprising. It may be observed that if, as seems more than likely, the whole series was issued to the respective postal offices not later than 1910 (the date of the Union) then No. 2 should, if we are right in thinking that the whole series was issued pre-1910, probably be shown

as Ventersburg Road, since that place name was not changed to Hennenman until after 1910.

From this list it will be seen that within the series numbered 1 to 58 (if indeed this represents the full series, as no doubt it does) there are nine numbers to which as yet no place name or date of use can be ascribed. It will be noted that, without exception, the places mentioned in the list are within the Orange River Colony. The numbers without place names attributed to them as yet are 5, 8, 20, 27, 33, 35, 53, 54 and 56, i.e. nine in all out of 58.

Now, where else, other than at the places already mentioned, is it likely that these markings were in use, and how best, in the absence of precise evidence, can some of the nine missing place names be arrived at? I puzzled for a long time over this problem, but think that I have now arrived at a solution which is, to my mind, almost certainly correct, or very nearly so.

One's first thoughts, of course, went to the series of numerical cancellers used for so many years in the Orange Free State - in fact some of them from as long ago as 1872 until after the South African War, when those few still in use were superseded by the definitive obliterations of the Orange River Colony. The numerical cancellers, generally used to obliterate the postage stamps in the Orange Free State for varying periods, were 60 in number (two more than the 58 numbers we are now considering). There were two series. One series was numbered from 1 to 19 and took the form of circles enclosed by 16-bar numerals; others were numbered from 20 to 60 and in those the circles were enclosed by 11 bars. However, it is not difficult to dissociate the 'postage due' numbers now under consideration from these historic cancellers. The following abbreviated table shows the numbers used within the barred numerals for ten of the sixty places of use and the corresponding numbers in the series under consideration. The dates of opening of the respective postal offices have been added, since from them it would appear that the numbers then used for these barred obliterations related, at any rate in a general sense, to the chronological order of the opening of the respective offices.

	16 bar canceller number	Postage due number	Opening date of the Offices
Bloemfontein	1	(-)	1850
Winburg	2	(6)	1850
Harrismith	3	(17)	1850
Fauresmith	4	(19)	1850
Smithfield	5	(39)	1850
Kroonstad	6	(46)	1859
Bethulie	7	(45)	1859
Boshof	8	(34)	1861
Jacobsdal O.R.C.	9	(14)	1867
Philippolis	10	(15)	1867

It is thus evident that there is no relationship between one series and the other. In case it is of interest it may be mentioned that of the postal offices allocated the numbers 1 to 5 in barred series, these were the original postal offices taken over by the Orange Free State from the Orange River Sovereignty in 1854. Bethulie (No. 7) had been named originally Boesmanskraal and was then renamed Caledon. It reverted to the name Bethulie to avoid confusion with Caledon in the Cape.

So what other line of enquiry might usefully be followed? It had occurred to me that these markings were likely only to have been issued to the larger postal offices. But then, I wondered, were such places as Kestell (32), Dealesville (48), Marquard (52), Westminster (55), Odendaalsrust (57) and Kopjes O.R.C. (58) large enough to deserve such treatment? In any case was there any common factor which might have accounted for the facility? I think that there was, since all the names shown on the list are described as M.T.O. - Offices of local consequence transacting all classes of Post Office business. A list of these M.T.O offices as at January 1910 to which numbers cannot be given is as follows:

Bloemfontein	Dewetsdorp
Viljoensdrift	Vorspoed
Senekal	Tempe
Schuttendraai	Zastron
Victor	Bloemfontein East
Kroonstad Station	

So far we have a list of possibles, eleven in number, and we only have nine places to fill on the list. Curiously Bloemfontein, important though it was, having as it did the main postal administration, has not been recorded as having used a mark of this series. In so far as it had the largest business of all the postal offices, it may no doubt reasonably be assumed, no strikes having been seen and recorded, that it had not been allocated a number. The writer has no evidence as to the postage due markings used at Bloemfontein as late as 1906, when, no doubt, the series we are discussing first came into use. Bloemfontein East is recorded in the Post Office list as of M.T.O. status, but as no more than a Branch Office, so that place may reasonably be counted out. No doubt one of the numbers was used at Zastron (even though as in the case of Ficksburg it had been seen without a number). If this be so the number of marks still to be accounted for is reduced to eight.

However, let us not be too hurried in coming to a final conclusion. Now, No. 25 was applied to Kings Hill, the military establishment formerly known as Harrismith Army. So one might expect a similar provision to have been made for the former Bloemfontein Army, also of M.T.O. status, which had at the same time been renamed Tempe, but no such mark is yet known for that place. Then there is Kroonstad Station, also an M.T.O. but so close to the main Kroonstad P.O. that the use of such markings may well have been confined to the main P.O. and no such marking allocated to the Station itself.

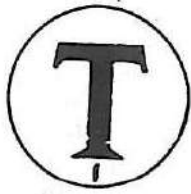
It is perhaps significant that almost all, if not all, postal items originating at Kroonstad Station bear a Kroonstad marking as well. On balance, however, it seems not unreasonable to think that the most likely candidates for the nine spaces (including that for Zastron) could well be:

Viljoensdrift	Dewetsdorp
Senekal	Vorspoed
Schuttendraai	Tempe
Victor	Zastron

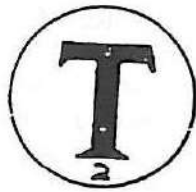
and still possibly Bloemfontein (with perhaps Kroonstad Station as an alternative). How interesting it would be to be able to complete this list.

Can you help? Please do look at your covers and cards and let us know. Quite apart from the numbers allocated to the places still uncertain, we do wish to know dates of use for all the 58 places represented by the numbers.

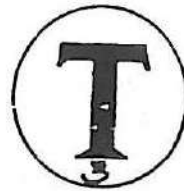
There may be an inclination to attach too much importance to the use of so many numbers in the 50s and 60s, so any information as to the use of any of them before 1910 especially is of importance.



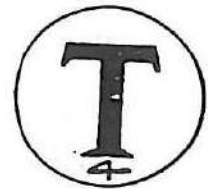
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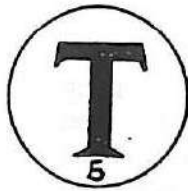
2. Ventersburg Road.
(Hennenman 1967)



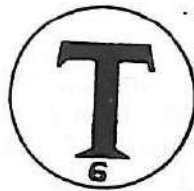
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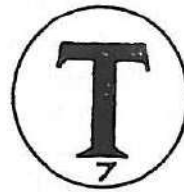
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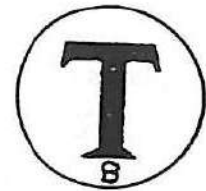
5. Bloemfontein,
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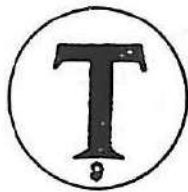
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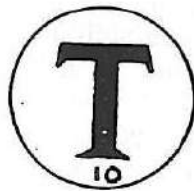
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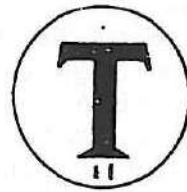
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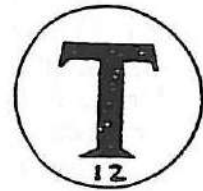
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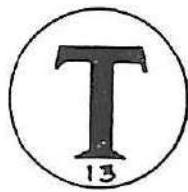
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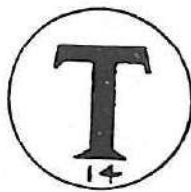
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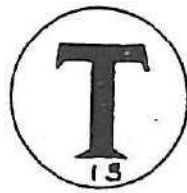
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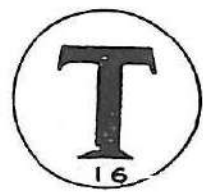
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14. Jacobsdal O.R.C. 1967.



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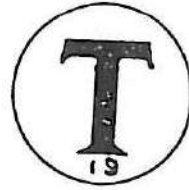
16. Thaba'Nchu 1967.



17. Harrismith 1956.



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19. Fauresmith 1968.



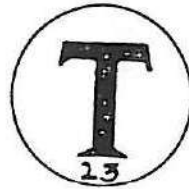
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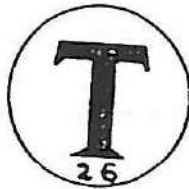
23. Clocolan 1967.



24. Bothaville 1962.



25. Kings Hill 1906.



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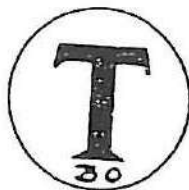
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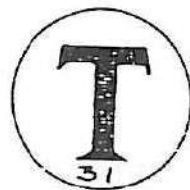
28. Villiers 1962.



29. Vrede 1907.



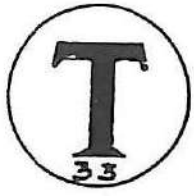
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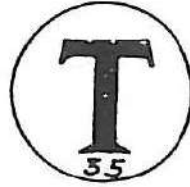
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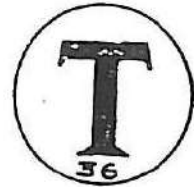
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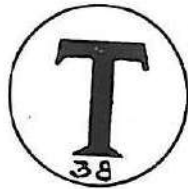
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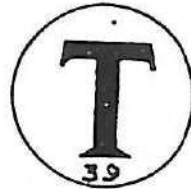
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37. Edenburg 1937.



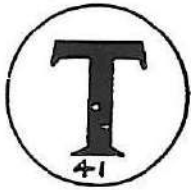
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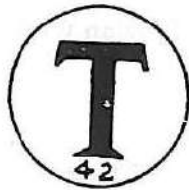
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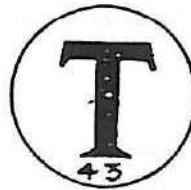
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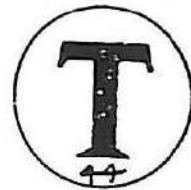
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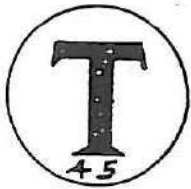
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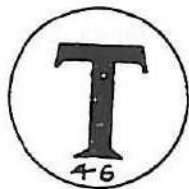
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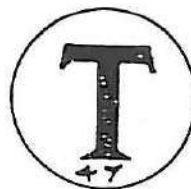
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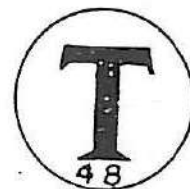
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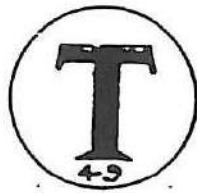
46. Kroonstad 1909



47. Luckhoff 1965.



48. Dealesville 1962.



49. Brandfort, 1911



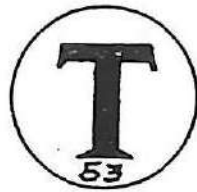
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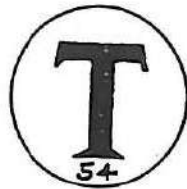
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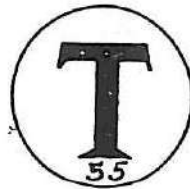
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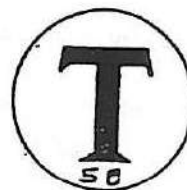
55. Westminster 1967.



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57. Odendaalsrust 1918.



58. Kopjes O.R.C. 1916.

(Please refer to The Springbok Volume 39 Issue 6 pages 110/111.
Following the publication of that item , Richard Stroud as Honoray
Secretary of the Orange Free State Study Circle kindly made available
this article which was first published in their Bulletin 102 in
September 1980 and is unlikely to have been seen by many of our members.
I am grateful for the opportunity to publish . DWP.)

STOP PRESS

Richard Stroud offers the chance to meet members at the BRISTOL
FEDERATION Convention and Exhibition - AUGUST 8th 1992 & 2pm

UNDERPAID MAIL



2½-PER-½OZ LETTER RATE TO THE USA - ORANGE RIVER COLONY PERIOD

This rate appears to have been introduced in 1900 concurrent with the Imperial 1d postage rate.

Basic-rate cover, underpaid by 1½d, from Vrede to Springfield, with 1 x 1d adhesive postmarked VREDE 28 MR 09. At Vrede, the cover was struck by a 'T code 29' to indicate underpayment of postage. On reverse, the arrival SPRINGFIELD APR 23 1901 MASS, where the postage deficient was calculated at 6 cents, and postage due adhesives (1 x 1c and 1 x 5c) precancelled SPRINGFIELD MASS affixed.

Editor: This item from Richard Stroud and the amendments to the article in The Springbok Vol. 39 No. 6 as shown below are most welcome, and we are indebted to him and the Orange Free State Study Circle, of which he is Honorary Secretary, for permission to publish the article by A.G.M. Batten, FRPSL, on pp. 49-55 above.

Add on p. 111:

- To No. 30 (the thin seriffed 4d) 'Natal';*
- To No. 41, 'T over IV', 'possibly ORC';*
- To No. 41 the 'T over 26' and the 'T over 50' both 'ORC';*
- To No. 42 the 'T over 10d' 'could be Natal';*
- To No. 43 add 'Natal';*
- To No. 45 add 'ZAR';*
- To No. 46 add 'OFS'.*

VARIATIONS ON A THEME...

A not wholly serious look at a classic South African design



THE BANTAM SHIP



THE SHIP



THE DECIMAL SHIP



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POSTAGE STAMPS INFORMATION AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1991

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<u>AIR LETTER</u>											
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<u>FIFTH DEFINITIVE SERIES SICCHAMITS</u>											
53719.88	100	2c	250 000	91/08/19	10 000		190 000		2263, 2264, 2265 and 2266	New	Printed by Litho
50032.37	100	25c	1 000 000	91/03/27	50 000	91/07/31	1 016 000	Unwatermarked	2218, 2219, 2220 and 2221	New	Printed by Litho
54117.82	100	25c	500 000	91/09/04	10 000		100 000	Harrisons Paper	2267, 2268, 2269 and 2270	New	Printed by Litho
53726.95	100	R1	250 000	91/08/19	10 000	91/09/09	242 000		2259, 2260, 2261 and 2262	New	Printed by Litho
<u>RSA POSTCARDS</u>											
50493.94	40	Postage Paid	2 200 000	91/04/29	12 000	91/08/27	2 205 000	Dukuza linen		New	Printed by Litho
53066.41	32	Postage Paid	2 000 000	91/09/25	12 000		144 000			New	Printed by Litho
<u>1991-1991 STATE REGISTRATION: NURSING: SPECIAL STAMPS</u>											
49787.94	25	60c	60 000	91/07/02	10 000	91/07/10	63 500	Unwatermarked Harrisons Paper	2238, 2239, 2240 and 2242	New	Printed by Litho
<u>S.A. POST OFFICE LIMITED/TELKOM S.A. LIMITED</u>											
54736.95	100	27c	1 800 000	91/09/16	10 000		250 000	Unwatermarked Harrisons Paper	2279, 2280, 2281 and 2283	New	Printed by Litho
<u>SOUTH AFRICAN SCIENTISTS</u>											
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GESETHPEEN KONKOR
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FIFTH DEFINITIVE SERIES SUCCESSIONS											
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1961 - 1991 THE ANTARCTIC TREATY SPECIAL STAMPS											
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S.A. POST OFFICE LIMITED/TELKO S.A. LIMITED											
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SOUTH AFRICAN SCIENTISTS											
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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

New Member

944 J. Gorman of Polegate, East Sussex (collects Union and Republic)

Non-Renewals

697	Bardonner	789	Buckle	816	Charnley
765	Eustace	863	Ewing	870	Fine
783	Hall, D.	899	Hattingh	928	Hakov
800	Jason	804	Kopriva	855	Lissauer
801	Moody	888	Palmer	909	Pillar
838	Rawlins	576	Reeve	805	Reeves
893	Rollinson	774	Thomas	811	Todd, M.
782	Toft	762	Wallace		

LIBRARY NOTES

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A MEMBER ASKS

Where are we going, I look round and ask myself. Is the S.A.C.S. going to last? I remember Alec Page asking this question several years ago.

We have an average attendance of 6-10 at London meetings, a good turnout at Weston-super-Mare, at Collectors Day in Scotland 3-4, and if there are any other area meetings we never hear about them.

I would put forward to the Committee that we start putting notices in all the philatelic magazines about our society. Members who are displaying must tell our editor so that he can put it into The Springbok. Any person displaying normally knows by July at the latest.

If we do not advertise we shall wither and die. Any potential members at present have to look around for knowledge of the S.A.C.S. and are working in the dark.

JG

(Hon. General Secretary tells me that most enquiries come from the listing on p. ix of the current Part 1 of Gibbons which has carried specialist society details for some years. Local society secretaries, if BPF affiliated, will have a copy of the BPF Year Book in which we are shown. More recently, notices of change of office holder have been sent to both national magazines; publication is awaited! I have, since assuming the post, sought from members their advance 'speaking' dates with some response, but then not everyone is a speaker or an exhibitor as the list of entries for the Abell Trophy bears witness. - DWP.)

AUCTION

Brian Cartwright of Phillips, 101 New Bond Street, London W1Y 0AS, confirms that the late P.A.C. Cattell's material will be listed in their June 1992 auction.