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OUR NEXT MEETING

2.15 p.m. -- SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1959.

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FUTURE MEETINGS.

	MARCH	28th	at 2.30 p.m.	
Saturday ...	^{APRIL} MARCH	^{4TH} 28th	at 2.30 p.m.	
Wednesday ...	MAY	27th	at 6.30 p.m.	
Wednesday ...	JULY	29th	at 6.30 p.m.	
Wednesday ...	SEPTEMBER	30th	at 6.30 p.m.	
Saturday ...	NOVEMBER	28th	at 2.30 p.m.	A.G.M.

Starting the New Year with Resolutions is a tedious task, but I am hoping everybody will do just that. You may consider them as - salutary, unnecessary, faintly amusing, or just tiresome but that depends on whether or not you have made any.

Members should consider that their obligations to the Society are many, and not just the payment of an "Annual" subscription - (By the way - Due 1st January). One or two Booklets to the Packet Secretary - An article to the 'Kiwi' Editor - these are a MUST - and are within the scope of all.

To keep a Society, such as ours, in the forefront, members as a whole must realise that the officers they elect can only lead, and need the full backing and assistance of every member. Just think seriously for a moment, and ask yourself "What have I done", "What am I doing". If you are satisfied with your personal X-ray, I have nothing to add, on the other hand, if you are not, remember "the more one puts into a hobby, the more one is likely to get out of it". - Nothing IN, means Nothing OUT.

AN ARTICLE HERE, A BOOKLET THERE, KEEPS THE
"N.Z. STAR" - SHINING BRIGHT.

VISITS TO OTHER PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETINGS.

The Committee have accepted an invitation received from the "Edinburgh Philatelic Society", to visit them and display the Treasures of New Zealand, the date being -

THURSDAY - 2nd APRIL, 1959.

We have a very able member, Mr. A.B. Johnstone, who resides in Edinburgh, who will be attending on behalf of the N.Z. Society.

Mr. W. Farrow of London, will be travelling to Edinburgh to represent the committee, and asks that members will allow him to take one or two displays from Southern members. So those who permit the use of their material will know that their treasures will be well looked after. The Secretary of the E.P.S. has requested that 'Chalons' be well represented due to the fact that many members of the E.P.S. have not seen Early N.Z. in quantity and condition.

Will all Northern members please rally to, and inform me whether they are in a position to attend, also if they would be prepared to give a short display of their stamps, covers etc. Ten minutes for each member will be quite sufficient.

KEEP THE "N.Z. STAR" ---- --- --- BRIGHT

Members have been invited to visit the "Sidcup Philatelic Society" at 7.45 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1959 at the following address:-

United Services Club, Main Road, Sidcup, Kent.

Their Programme states:-

'Visit from the New Zealand Society of Great Britain'.

By the sound of this, I draw the conclusion that they are expecting 130 or more of us to attend at Main Road, on the above date. The Northern members are going to Edinburgh, so I expect the South to support our President on the 25th.

I require eight members to volunteer to display and explain their own material, keeping the time down to approximately five or ten minutes, each.

Please drop a line informing me what you can offer in this respect, and Please do not leave it to the usual FEW.

KEEP THE "N.Z. STAR" --- --- ---

These visits to other Societies, not only increases our knowledge, our circle of friends but advertises the Society. Lately the Philatelic Press gave us a write-up in their Editorial - to date I have received 21 replies requesting particulars of the Society. I also understand, on good authority, that we will be getting more write-ups, so unless we are active, we do not get these write-ups, without write-ups we are dead - So support the N.Z. Kiwi's in every sphere and make it worthwhile.

We extend a sincere welcome to the following new members and wish them many happy hours in the study of N.Z.

Joseph G. Stonehouse,
61, St. Johns Avenue,
Kidderminster,
Worcestershire.

G.H. Barker,
8, Mount Villas,
West Norwood,
London. S.E.27.

G.E.C. Pratt,
32a, The Ridgway,
Sutton, Surrey.

Michael Seton Burberry,
11, Woodlands Road,
Bickley, Kent.

Charles William Payne,
84, Kenilworth Road,
Coventry,
Warwickshire.

Richard Stanford,
38, Westwood Road,
Southampton.

Edward James Lunt,
194, Sale Lane,
Tyldesley,
Manchester.

Harry Clifford Delabere,
Southam,
North Poulner Road,
Ringwood, Hampshire.

W. Hasler Young,
Hon. Secretary.

EDITORIAL

It was encouraging to see such a good muster of members attending the Annual General Meeting at the Kingsley Hotel, London, on 29th November 1958.

The Programme as published in the November 'Kiwi' was carried out without a hitch, thanks to many willing helpers.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting was presented according to schedule under the competent Chairmanship of the President, Mrs. Margarete Erskine. The President's Report on her past year in office will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Included in the Report is a reference to a letter of congratulations sent by the President to the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand on their 70th Anniversary and the Chairman's reply is now published.

Mrs. Erskine was re-elected President and Mr. H. la Coste Bartrop, Vice-President, the remaining Officers and Committee were re-elected en bloc.

Under "Any other Business" a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand regarding the preparation of material for the publication of Vol. IV of the "Postage Stamps of New Zealand" was read and is reproduced elsewhere.

It was also agreed to send a subscription of five guineas from the Society towards the cost of running the London International Stamp Exhibition - 1960.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the Society for services rendered by Mr. A.L. Michael, the vote was received with acclamation by the members.

After the A.G.M., there was a break in the proceedings in order to re-arrange the seating and erect a projector screen to enable Mr. Wallace of H. & A. Wallace (Philatelists) Ltd., to give a talk and display on "Detection of Forgery".

Mr. Wallace is an expert on the "detection of forgery" having spent forty years in the study of this subject. His method involves the use of expensive photographic equipment to give fine definition and detail with high magnification and true colour values for projection on to a large screen.

He has one of the finest reference collections of Forgeries in the world representing over 50,000 stamps in forty volumes.

He is an adviser and consultant to the Legal Profession upon forgery and has been called as an expert to many important cases of attempted fraud.

It is no exaggeration to say that this was one of the finest technical and instructive shows ever presented to the Society and, the members showed their appreciation of Mr. Wallace's efforts with profound applause.

Following the break for tea the Bid Board was cleared and Noel Turner conducted the auction in his inimitable manner with the patience of Job. He tried all his powers of persuasion to obtain bids for the lots put up but without success, for quite a number of the lots carried high reserve values.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1958

As usual, Item No. 2 on our A.G.M. Agenda calls for a report on the past year from the President. This is the first time I have had the honour of presenting this.

Having very carefully perused the five numbers of the KIWI issued during 1958, I find that Mr. Albert Hard, the editor, with the assistance of Mr. Warrenne Young, our Secretary, has done such a fine job in reporting our activities during the year that there is very little left for me to report. However, perhaps, I should give just a short resume, but it will certainly not be in such flowery journalistic style as presented by the two gentlemen who I have named.

During the year we have had our usual six bi-monthly meetings. Our last November meeting has been dealt with in the Minutes which have just been read, but I would like to comment on the result of the auction of a year ago. It was most successful, 69 of the 71 lots being sold, one being withdrawn and only one not sold. Many of you here today will remember our January meeting, when our old friend Mr. Campbell Paterson, almost at the end of his visit to this country, gave us a particularly good show, much of his material dealing with the New Zealand overland mails of the early 1800's. Most of this was from the collection formed by our member, Dr. Kenneth Scott. I hope the fact that his collection has now gone into professional hands does not mean that Dr. Scott, who is a New Zealander, is losing his interest in the postal history and stamps of that country.

Our next meeting, March, emphasised the enthusiasm of one of our members, Mr. Peter Davy, who travelled from Truro to show us and talk about a selection from his collection of the early issues.

In May, we were privileged to see a fine show from another member, Mr. Robson Lowe. If I remember rightly Mr. Lowe described his display as his "Favourite Pin-Up Girl". It dealt exclusively with the Chalon portrait, which, of course, included the earliest adhesives of New Zealand and several other Empire countries which used copies of the same portrait for their basic stamp designs.

July was an unusual meeting, but a most successful one. A number of members each brought along a few sheets, and I was very pleased to see that this number included two comparatively new members. This was described as a "Members' Night" and I hope something similar can be arranged for the coming year.

I now come to September, our last meeting, and I hope I shall be forgiven for saying - although I feel I must - that this was most disappointing. It was our competition night for the two Trophies competed for annually, and while most of the material shown was excellent there was not nearly enough of it. These two competitions were judged by Mr. Wilfred Haworth,

and most of you will remember his remarks at the time, which were also published in the KIWI. I should like to underline one of his comments in particular. "There should be no difficulty in finding twelve pages from a specialised collection ... If it is just the 'I have nothing good enough' feeling then forget it". Nevertheless, with only six entries for the Cup competition, that is the early material, Mr. Haworth did not have an easy task at arriving at a winner. However, I am sure you will all agree with me that we were all happy that our old friend and Vice-President, Mr. Harry Bartrop, who has given enormous support to this Society since its inauguration was the Cup winner and Col. Burney, another keen supporter, took the Shield. Those who were at this particular meeting will remember that judging papers were passed around, and we ran a little judging competition. Mr. Haworth took those voting papers away with him, and a short time later told me that the one closest to his own official marking was submitted by Mr. Robert Chasmer, who, therefore, is entitled to receive the small prize offered in this competition. I, therefore, leave it to our Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner, to do something about it. Before I leave the competition, may I ask you all to note Mr. Haworth's remarks on this subject, so that we can do far better next year. In some past competitions we have had a record number of entries, and it is a pity to see them fall so low as they did in 1958.

During the year our Society has participated in two outside activities. First in March of this year, several of our members visited the Bromley and Beckenham Society and gave a joint display, which we believe, was much appreciated.

Last month Mr. Erskine and I were able to visit Birmingham for the B.P.A. Convention, and he displayed on behalf of the New Zealand Society 36 sheets. These included, with the permission of the owners, Mr. Bartrop's Cup winning entry, and Mr. Riddell's 12 sheets of Travelling Post Office Cancellations, which you saw here last month, and 12 sheets of Health Stamp varieties. It was at this meeting we met for the first time several members of the New Zealand Society who find Birmingham an easier centre than London.

It is not part of my job to talk about the Society's finances or the exchange packet. Reports on those are the next items on the Agenda, and you will no doubt receive from the two gentlemen responsible the usual plaintiff plea for a quicker payment of annual subscriptions and more material for the packet.

During the past year we have had, in addition to members' meetings, three meetings of the Committee which have helped the Society to run along smoothly, and I do thank the present officers and committee members for their support. Our membership remains more or less static at 126. There have been eight new memberships during the year but these being largely offset with regrettable resignations.

I cannot resume my seat without referring to one very sad incident during the year. The passing of Mrs. Hard, who has attended so many of our meetings with her husband. I know many of you have extended an expression of your sympathy to Mr. Hard, and I would like him to know that we miss her here today.

Finally, I would like to read you a letter which I received a short while ago. It comes from the Chairman of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand. Those of you who read the September issue of the KIWI may remember that the letter of congratulations I sent to the Royal Society of New Zealand on behalf of this Society on their 70th anniversary. Here is the Chairman's reply -

"Dear Mrs. Erskine,

We were very appreciative of the message of congratulations and good wishes from your Society on the 70th Anniversary of our Society. Your letter was read at our Dinner held to celebrate the occasion on 19th September 1958.

In our young country 70 years is quite an achievement of note and, when we remember that our first stamp issue was only just over 100 years ago, it represents quite a lot of stamp collecting. Part of our celebration was a non-competitive exhibition of stamps and other philatelic material. There was a willing response from our members and the success of the show was beyond our wildest hopes due to the high standard of the exhibits. Our hobby has reached healthy maturity in New Zealand.

Should any of your members come this way we trust that they will be sure to get into touch with us. They would be very welcome indeed at any of our meetings. For sure, a most important part of our hobby is the friends it brings us the world over.

We thank you for your greetings which we reciprocate.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Ivan J. Mackersey.

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The following is a letter received from the Secretary of the Royal Society of New Zealand - under the heading of "The Postage Stamps of New Zealand - Vol. IV.

" This Society is again preparing material for a further publication in our issued series on New Zealand stamps.

We wish to make the record as complete as possible, and are seeking any relevant information not previously published in our works. The new book will cover mainly the issues of New Zealand stamps since Vol. II was prepared, but will also include chapters on earlier issues and on postal history.

Would you kindly invite members, or others who might assist, to advise this Society of any items which they consider could be included in the forthcoming volume. There are many collections overseas of New Zealand stamps, and it is thought that some new information may be available as regards both stamps and other philatelic data from an appeal through kindred societies.

We are considering the inclusion of a list of N.Z. rarities, referring to the full face Queens only, and would need overseas assistance to compile such a list. If your Society would support this intention and help us to obtain the details of the owners and/or the stamps themselves, it would enable us to decide on whether it will be practicable to publish such a list.

Whilst appealing for information, we are also preparing a handbook on the N.Z. Island Dependencies, and would be very pleased to learn the source of any material which could be included in this latter book.

We will be most appreciative of any assistance given these requests. Any new information which our Editors may be able to publish will benefit the wide philatelic brotherhood, particularly those collecting "New Zealand".

Yours faithfully,

For the Council

(Signed)

R. Miller - Hon. Secretary. "

The following interesting letter has been received from Mr. Campbell Paterson in reply to queries put forward in the September "KIWI" -

"Dear Mr. Hard,

I notice you have been "taking my name in vain" on page 9 of the "Kiwi" for September. You wonder there what would be my classification of the stamp mentioned which is doubly perforated 11. As you make clear, this stamp is really no different from any mixed perf in that it has been re-perforated with the 11 machine, but unfortunately for whoever owns it, it cannot be classed as anything but a double perf for the

perforations simply are not mixed. This is one of those little anomalies which I see no way of getting over satisfactorily. The real fact is of course that such re-perforating of 11's with the 11 machine was a good deal more common than a re-perforating by the 11 of stamps perforated originally 14, and it is this difference in scarcity which really accounts for the wide difference in value.

Returning to the "Kiwi", one or two comments about stamps mentioned on page 8.

1. Mr. T.F. Hughes' Chalon head 4d. with possible faked postmark. While it cannot I think be stated that anything else is questionable, the fact remains that the majority of genuine used 4d. Chalon no wnk are cancelled with the Wellington 070 duplex.

2. Mr. Blease's 2/- and 3/- Admirals, imperf. These are almost certainly from some of the unauthorised, or should one say illegal, imperf sheets which reached the market in the 1920's. There are certainly no genuine imperf's known to me in the Admirals, though there are some in the Field Marshall 1d.

3. Mrs. Moore's strip of 1d. Universal Proofs. No doubt Mrs. Moore is aware that a strip similar to hers is depicted on page 574 of Vol. I of the Handbook. Information given appears to be rather scanty, but at least the list of the colours in which the proofs appear is available.

I think that covers everything for the moment. I would be delighted if you would insert in your next issue a message from me to the effect that I look back on those meetings which I attended with you all as amongst the happiest events in what was for me an exceedingly happy year. I am very busy collecting up the pennies to come again some day.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Campbell Paterson

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Albert A. Hard
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