

THE KIWI

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NEXT MEETING

2.15 p.m. - SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY 1960

Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way. W.C.1.

This is to be a Members' Meeting and everyone attending should bring along one or two of their choicest pages for display and discussion. Please do not leave it to the other fellow!!

FUTURE MEETINGS.

SATURDAY	MARCH 26th	2.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	MAY 25th	6.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	JULY 27th	6.15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 28th	6.15 p.m.
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 26th	11.30 a.m.

1960 - EXHIBITION YEAR - 1960

After wishing you all, the 1960, that you would wish yourself, and I mean this most sincerely, also to all the members who thought of me over the Christmas, and sent me a card - many thanks. I would like to remind you of my little slogan -

'Keep the N.Z. STAR -- Shining Bright' '

We need your assistance - this question of articles for the KIWI. It is not necessary that they should always be of the study of stamps - an explanation of a design - the opinion on a particular item - again, I am sure that there are a few of you who do not know

all there is about N.Z. material, so what about a few questions (you never know, someone may know the answer and even reply).

Once again you have elected all the Officers, en bloc. and it is only fair of me to inform you that as far as I am concerned, I am having great difficulty in keeping even 4 packets on the circuit, could it be that the energy in raising one's hand, or writing a name on paper has exhausted most of you for the 12 months, that is until the next election. - I MUST have more booklets - More articles for the KIWI. - To all those awaiting a packet, especially new members, please be patient.

There are of course a certain few who keep us going, for instance:- Our oldest member, who supplied me with 27 booklets out of 58 last year, what a fellow - Yes! I said oldest - a grand chap of 92 years. So look out you youngsters of a mere 70 or so.

The Auction this year was a great success, bidding brisk and good, and produced many surprises, i.e., Lot 59 realised £5.10.0. Lot 60 - £7.7.0.

Lot 37 - Bouquet of Roses, Hand-made with loving care by a member and sold on behalf of the Society Funds, realised £1.1.0. also two lots presented by Mr. G.B. Erskine, for the same purpose, 10/- each. Very many postal bids were successful this year, approximately 15% - so those who are unable to attend these auctions should remember that their postal bid is as good as if they were bidding personally.

We offer our sincere congratulations to our Editor, Albert Hard, on his marriage in November and, wish him and his wife many years of happy married life together.

Their honeymoon was spent at Bournemouth in the week of the Society's A.G.M. which prevented him from attending. These Notes and Report on the A.G.M. have, therefore, been prepared by myself and Gerry Erskine.

We understand that now the Editor has been relieved of some of his household chores?? he may find more time for preparing a bumper "Kiwi".

We extend a sincere welcome to the following new members:-

H.A. Bingham,
35, Campbell Road,
Walmer,
Deal, Kent.

John A. Gregson,
22, Roman Road,
Frenchwood,
Preston, Lancs.

A.A. Orton,
4, Sim Street,
Dunedin, N.Z.

D. Burton,
192, Adelaide Road,
S. Hampstead. N.W.3.

M. Baker,
22, Rothesay Bay Road,
Barons Bay,
Auckland, N.Z.

F.W. Easton,
42, Brodrick Road,
Hampden Park,
Eastbourne.

W.D. Tonkinson,
100, West Grove,
Hersham,
Walton-on-Thames.

Also an official welcome to Mrs. Muriel Barker, 8, Mount Villas, West Norwood, S.E. 27. who joined us many moons ago with her husband. My apologies.

W. Hasler Young.
Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 28th NOVEMBER 1959

There was no change in the constitution of the officers and committee of the Society at the last A.G.M. Mrs. Margarete Erskine was re-elected President for a third year of office. There being no nominations and everyone being willing to serve for another year that part of the proceedings was dealt with very quickly.

It was the usual big day for the Society, with a very good attendance. There were plenty of fine stamps on show, also some eighty auction lots to be viewed. Trophies for the 1959 Competitions were presented. The "Stacey Hooker" Cup went to Dr. H.J. Selby, of Gloucester, his winning entry being a fine selection of the re-entries on the 1935 Pictorials. The "Kiwi Shield" went to Mr. H.F. Taylor of Thorpe Bay, his entry comprising some beautiful examples of the London Prints of the Chalon Heads.

After the formal business and presentations, two very fine films were shown by courtesy of New Zealand House.

The meeting concluded with the auction and on this occasion bidding was extremely good.

(The President's Report appears elsewhere in this issue).

It may interest members to know that during December four philatelic papers gave generous reports on this meeting; they were "Stamp Collecting", "Philatelic Magazine", "Gibbon's Stamp Monthly" and the "Strand Stamp Journal". To the publishers of each we say a big "Thank you".

A further item of interest evolving from this meeting was in connection with the "Stacey Hooker" Cup. The last holder, Mr. Harry Bartrop, not only found that it was of considerably more value than had been anticipated, but furthermore it dates back to 1836!

FINANCIAL REPORT from NOEL TURNER.

Before presenting the Accounts for the year ending 31st October, 1959, the Treasurer, Mr. Noel Turner, requested the President, Mrs. Margaret Erskine, to sign a cheque value £17.5.1. in favour of the London International Exhibition, 1960. This cheque represented subscriptions received from our Members in support of the Exhibition and with the five guineas previously subscribed from the Society's funds raised our subscription to £22.10.1. The cheque was passed to Miss Eileen J. Evans, the Organising Secretary of the Exhibition and was suitably acknowledged. Later the sum of £2.9.11. was collected from those present at the Meeting and a cheque has been forwarded for this amount so that the total subscription from our Society now stands at £25.0.0.

The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that this has been a year of unusually high income and heavier than normal expenditure. On the income side subscriptions reached the record figure of £72.16.3. and the balance of the Packet Account at £19.11.11. is also a record. The Members should realise that we cannot rely upon the maintenance of income at these levels in future years. On the expenditure side we have brought ourselves up-to-date in our subscriptions to the B.P.A. and also in respect of the expenses incurred by the Editor and the President. The President's expenses included such items as the cost of engraving the "Hooker Cup" and also the "Kiwi Shield", plus the provision of other essential items of a general nature.

The Treasurer observed that a careful analysis of the Accounts over the past few years has proved that we require an income of at least £100 per annum if we are to continue to provide and improve upon the facilities that we offer to our Members. The constant rise in the cost of the production and distribution of the "Kiwi", the hire of Rooms and for printing, stationery and postages can only be met if we can achieve an improvement in our Revenue. The obvious answer to this problem is to secure additional Members and it is suggested that at least once in every year every Member shall have a Membership Form sent to him with a "Kiwi" distribution and that each Member shall make a special effort to secure a new Member. During the year of the Exhibition 1960 this should not be too difficult and could well result in an extension of our activities to the benefit of all who are interested in the Stamps of New Zealand.

The Report and Accounts were adopted. A copy of the Accounts is enclosed with this issue of the "Kiwi".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1959

Once again it is my pleasure, as your President, to give a brief report on the past year. During 1959 we have had our usual six bi-monthly meetings, and reports on these have, of course, been very well dealt with in THE KIWI. Our last November meeting has been dealt with in the Minutes which have just been read to you.

In March of this year our Society was invited to visit Sidcup, and although it is difficult for many members to reach these outlying districts I was very proud to be able to count ten members present. At Sidcup we had a most successful evening and with the excellent material supplied by members, I feel that we gave the Sidcup Society something to talk about and, indeed, they were most appreciative.

For April we had two further invitations. One on 2nd April to visit Edinburgh. This was rather difficult in a way, being so far distant, but as we must keep the Kiwi flag flying and after several enquiries we found on the Committee a member who was prepared to travel to Scotland and take a display made up by members of our Society. I am referring to Mr. Farrow, and I feel sure I am expressing the feelings of you all when I say that he has our sincere thanks for carrying out this duty for us. I know that some of our Northern members were pleased to meet him and I feel that contacts of this kind are most useful for the continuance of Good Relations within our own Society.

Our next "away night" was on April 4th; this time at Blackpool. Here we found it impossible for anyone to attend and so a joint display from our members was sent along. This also was received with great appreciation by the Blackpool Society.

About four weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. Erskine and myself represented our Society at Peterborough. Here, I am told, we had a record audience. Around 50 of the Peterborough & District Philately Society turned out to see what we had to show. Between us we displayed 100 sheets and found a terrific interest. I believe ours was the first specialist society to display there, and because of its success we are to have a future date to pay a return visit. Incidentally, we usually manage to recruit one or more new members at these meetings, which helps our own Society.

During the year we have had some interesting displays at our own meetings. I will not take up time to go into them all, but I would like to make special mention of one display, given by Mrs. Willis of Tunbridge Wells. An unusual one insofar as she presented the various stamps having fern leaves and flowers of N.Z. in their design and alongside each was mounted some of the actual foliage from New Zealand. This was a complete change from the usual type of display and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Moore and Messrs. Bartrop, Payne, Chasmer, Garnet and Young have each given displays during the year.

Mr. Erskine and myself attended the Annual Philatelic Congress held in Torquay this year. We met many old friends and among the new ones we found Mr. Allen Orton of New Zealand. Although not a member of our Society he became interested and on our return we invited him along to a meeting. He came twice. Many of you will have seen the material he showed and heard him speak about it. Having now returned to New Zealand I know he will look up many of our members out there and our Society once again will be discussed. Before he left I'm pleased to say that we added his name to our membership list.

Now a word about this year's competition. I, with your Committee, was delighted at the interest shown and the number of entries. It was a fine display of material and at a very high standard. If we can always have such a good response it would make all the work entailed in organising the competition so much more worth while.

As you all know, 1960 brings the London International Exhibition. The Committee have already been discussing what we can do, to interest our overseas visitors. We are hoping to hold a meeting during Exhibition week, if possible at the Royal Festival Hall, but this we shall not know definitely until early in the New Year. We are planning a special issue of THE KIWI to come out the month before the Exhibition which, we hope, will interest and encourage new members.

I, personally, have been in contact with the Publicity Officer and the Public Relations Officer at New Zealand House and have their promise of any co-operation they can give.

Before our Treasurer gives you his report may I just say that your Committee has met several times during the year and always the subject of "Funds" finds its way on to the Agenda. I expect Mr. Turner will tell you we must have more money. Some of you may have suggestions; if so, may we hear them.

Finally, may I thank all the Committee for their staunch support during the year and all members who have contributed to making this year of office such a pleasant one for me.

Margarete Erskine (Mrs).

My sincere thanks to the Officers and Members of the Society who have assisted me and contributed articles for the "Kiwi". We need a constant supply of material to produce a respectable "Kiwi" bi-monthly and, members who contribute New Zealand articles to the philatelic press could no doubt make arrangements for them to be reproduced in the "Kiwi", as not all members take the magazines concerned.

My apologies for running out of the facing sheet to this issue of the "Kiwi". I thought we had some in hand. I can only excuse myself by saying that consequent on my recent marriage this house has been in a state of turmoil with decorating and merging of two homes. My "den" has been the dumping place for articles unwanted at the moment and I am lucky to be able to squeeze into it - much less find anything.

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