

NEPAL AND TIBET PHILATELIC STUDY CIRCLE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

This newsletter is a little later than usual, but it has taken me some time to catch up with a back-log of mail since returning home from my holiday and our Circle meeting in France. Once again I must thank Pierre for his hospitality and for being able to hold our meeting at his home even though the attendance was rather small. One of the main items discussed was to be able to get our library started and you will find enclosed with this newsletter a full list of articles and books on Nepal and Tibet, which we hope will be of benefit to you all. If any member has any articles not listed it would be appreciated if a photo-copy could be sent to Pierre and then made available to us all.

We now have to look forward to our next meeting in San Francisco in April 1979. I hear that Frank Vignola has recently been awarded "The Collector's Club Philatelist Medal" for the best article of 1977 in their magazine. The article was "The First Native Post Offices in Nepal" and on behalf of us all, congratulations Frank - a really great honour for you! Frank's display on the same subject, was also awarded a "Reserve Grand Award" at the Collector's Club of San Francisco Philatelic Exhibition held at the end of last year.

Incidentally, I must correct an error in the last Newsletter, Frank's article "A Tale of Three Cities" was published in "The Collectors' Club Philatelist" and not as I had stated "The American Philatelist". Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

NEW MEMBERS

J.M.Purkiss, 4, Lime Close, Guildford, Surrey, England.
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Re-joined : P. Haubner and Leo Diamond.

Corrected address:

Co. L.G.Shenoi, 109, Defence Colony, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560 038 India.

Membership of the following must be regarded as lapsed:

W. Drell, J. M. Leibowitz, L. Zelasko - U.S.A., R. Lodha - India
N.D.Shrestha, S.L. Shrestha, D.S. Shakya - Nepal

ADVERTISEMENT

I'm looking for letters sent by soldiers of the Nepalese U.N. Battalion in Egypt (1973-74) and Lebahon (1978). Please contact M.J.L. Emmenegger, P.O. Box 1318, 4001 Basle, Switzerland.

SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES:

U.S.A. : Mr. Frank Vignola, 105, 22nd Av., San Francisco, Cal. 94121
INDIA : Mr. C. Tulsiyan, P.O. Siswa Bazar, Distt. Gorakhpur U.P.
NEPAL : Mr. Dhruva Rudra, P.O. Box 303, Gana Bahal, Kathmandu.

A message from the President...

"After a long effort our dear Secretary was able to reach the main goal of two winter seasons - the book is there!! This is a first book, and we want to print some more on matters that we have already discussed, and which members are longing for; essays and proofs, a reference book of sheets of all possible settings from the first types, one on postal stationery and possibly one on the climbing expeditions of Nepal. If every second year one of them is printed, we will be proud of our common achievements. We will help many students to approach the difficult field of Nepal collecting and put their collections on the place they deserve, with the classics of the world.

Please help us. Write again and again. We want to help you as in a very close (and we hope great) family. Every letter compels Dr. Hellrigl, your Secretary and myself to make contact with our experts and finally we will write for the benefit of all of you, articles in our newsletter. Included with this newsletter is the list of books and articles that I have in my personal library. But please if anyone can add any items you believe to be of importance to it for the knowledge of our collecting fields - Nepal and Tibet - please let me have them. It took years to build it, but with your help all of us will have a first quality source of knowledge at the disposal of the circle.

If I may help, I am prepared to sustain any action to develop and brighten the collection of our two countries, and I remain at your disposal to help.

Your President, Pierre Couvreur

June 1978."

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED FROM NEWSLETTER NO. 9

1. The R 1.50 Aerogramme was issued in 1963 in anticipation that the postal rate would be increased to that amount, and was listed as such for mail to the U.S.A. South America and South Africa. This did not materialise and in fact did not become valid until 1976. It was however put on sale by the Postal Department - possibly for Philatelic purposes.
2. Telegrams and telephone messages were sent to the receiving person from a telegraph office.
3. Messages are normally delivered on official printed forms or on plain paper with the telegraph office hand-stamp.
4. Generally the telegraph office and the Post Office are two different entities.
- 5 & 6 The general procedure for sending telephone messages:- The message is written on an official form, which is handed to the counter clerk. He calculates the cost and after paying the required amount, stamps are placed on the back of the form and cancelled. The message is then relayed to its destination where it is once more entered on an official form and delivered (without stamps). The original form with stamps on is "RETAINED AND REMAINS IN THE FILES OF THE ORIGINATING OFFICE."
(My thanks to Dhruba Rudra for supplying the answers.)

REPORT FROM THE CLASSIC ISSUES STUDY GROUP

Since this Study Group was set up 10 previously unrecorded settings of the 1 anna have been discovered. It is now known that there is a second setting of the re-cut frame variety. Only a part sheet is known with cliches 51, 61 and 64 inverted.

New settings have also been found in the 2 anna and 4 anna issues. In all 75 distinct settings for the 4 classic values have now been recorded compared with the 56 listed by Harrison D.S. Haverbeck, in his book "The Postal Stamps of Nepal."

If any members have any sheets or part sheets with marginal inscriptions it would be appreciated by Dr. Hellrigl or Frank Wignola if you could send them a photocopy.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - 1st MAY 1978

Subscriptions

31 members @ £4	=	£124.00	Postage Stamps	£86.15
9 members @ £1.50	=	£13.50	4 reams paper	}
			1,500 envelopes	
			Cash book	.50
			Receipt book	.48
			Invoice book	.78
				<u>£108.73</u>
<u>Auctions</u>				
Commission from No. 1		£4.37		
Commission from No. 2		£3.16		
Postage stamps in hand		£18.78		
Cash in hand 1.7.77		<u>£28.90</u>	Cash at Bank	<u>£83.98</u>
		<u>£192.71</u>		<u>£192.71</u>

U.S.A. Account

Mr. F. Vignola is holding \$39.75 in respect of nine U.S.A. members' Subscriptions.

INDIA Account

Mr. C. Tulsian is holding £3. in respect of two India members' subscriptions.

NEPAL Account

No subscriptions have been paid to Mr. Dhruvra Rudra.

NOTE

The present stock of duplicating paper and envelopes will last for the next eight issues.

CORRELATION OF CATALOGUE NUMBERS 1898 - 1899 IMPERF.

	<u>George</u> <u>Alevisos</u>	<u>Michel</u>	<u>Stanley</u> <u>Gibbons</u>
1 anna dull blue	16	-	25
tete beche pair	16a	-	25a
1 anna dull greenish grey.	16b	10b/B	24
tete beche pair	16ba	10b/K/B	24a
1 anna ultramarine	-	10aB	-
tete beche pair	-	10a/K/B	-
2 anna deep violet	17	-	-
tete beche pair	17a	-	-
2 anna dull violet	17b	-	-
2 anna blue violet	-	11aB	-
tete beche pair	-	11a/K/B	-
2 anna grey violet	-	11b/B	-
tete beche pair	-	11b/K/B	-
4 anna Yellow green	18	12/B	-
tete beche pair	18a	12K/B	-

PIN PERFORATED

1 anna Dull blue	13	-	27
Tete beche pair	13a	-	27a
1 anna Dull Greenishgrey	13b	10b/A	26
tete beche pair	13ba	10b/K/A	26a
1 anna Ultramarine	-	10a/A	-
tete beche pair	-	10a/K/A	-
2 anna deep violet	14	-	-
tete beche pair	14a	-	-
2 anna Blue violet	-	11a/A	-
tete beche pair	-	11a/K/A	-
2 anna Grey Violet	-	11b/A	-
tete beche pair	-	11b/K/A	-
4 anna Yellow Green	15	12/A	-
tete beche pair	15a	12K/A	-

NOTE : THIS ISSUE IS NOT LISTED BY YVERT TELLIER OR SCOTTS.

Auction No. 4

All items this time are for the postal history collectors. Bids to reach me by 31st August 1978, usual rules apply.

<u>Lot No.</u>		<u>Estimate</u>
35.	6 used telegram forms (4 different) made from native paper. No stamps	£5.
36.	4 registered envelopes (1 England to Nepal, 3 India to Nepal) with Indian Embassy cancellations. 1957.	£6.
37.	One envelope, one postcard (stained) one letter sheet with Judha Shumsher Chandra Rana embossed emblems.	£2.
38.	2p, 4p, 8p, 25p Court Fee stamps used on part Court Fee document.	<u>Reserve</u> £10. £8.
39.	Early postcard (H.G. 4) mint	£8.
40.	Autographed cover of Nepal Police Climbing Expedition 1976.	£1. £2.
41.	Strip of three R.15 Court Fee stamps used on piece.	£2.
42.	Three used Indian Telegrams with postmark of Indian Embassy 1963.	£4.50
43.	One official stampless cover from Kutti (1901) to Kathmandu with transit postmarks.	£4.
44.	Four registered covers - two with British Legation postmarks 1945-48, two with Indian Embassy postmarks 1956.	£12. £7.
45.	Set of 10 different Aerogrammes (1959-1977) mint.	£7.
46.	Two stampless Official covers from Dhankutta (1908) and Trisuli (1903)	£4 £1.
47.	As lot 40.	£1.
48.	India First Day Cover cancelled at Indian Embassy 14th Jan. 1964	£1.
49.	Five official stampless covers from Chautara Bhaktapur Nuwakot, Pokhara, Goswara - allearly 1940's.	£3.
50.	Two F.D.C's cancelled Pokhara and Kathmandu of American Bicentennial issue December 1976	£1.

Realisation prices for Auction No. 3

These I will publish in the next Newsletter, when all auction lots are cleared.

RECENT ARTICLES PUBLISHED BY MEMBERS

Stamps, covers and cachets from the Nepal Himalayas by Colin Hepper.

Part 1 The Assault on Everest.

Part II Climbing the High Peaks.

Published in Stamp Collecting, 27th April 1978 and 4th May 1978. Both articles deal with cards and covers associated with climbing expeditions.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR COPY OF THE BOOK YET? WHICH BOOK? "THE NATIVE POSTMARKS OF NEPAL." OF COURSE!!!

Finally a quote from an article written by E.A. Smythies about his 50 years of collecting in 1936:

"There was a young man of Nepal
Went as "stamps" to a fancy dressed ball.
But the stamps were not gummy,
and slipped off his tummy,
The result was not decent at all! "