



News letter of The International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors

Vice President's Report

The Philatelic activities for the summer have been at low ebb as usual. I have mailed out about five pounds of stamps since I have returned from my travels in May, however there were no new requests awaiting me when I returned last week. I visited with Roger Bergeson while in Minnesota and he has an excellent selection of sales books available to go out at any time. ~~Our sales circuit is an~~ excellent opportunity for you to add to your collection at very favorable prices and at the same time help your club. Remember, all profits from the sales circuit go into the ISWSC treasury with no personal enrichment to the manager except the personal satisfaction of knowing he is doing something for his fellow club members. That brings up another need. One of our swap circuit managers, Hal Clarke, has been forced to resign for medical reasons, so a volunteer is needed to replace him. Anyone interested please contact me or Tom Allison and fill us in on your experience, knowledge, and time available.

I was not able to contact many of you on my recent swing through the west and midwest because my schedule was not as leisurely as previous trips. We had our 16-year-old niece along, and so the unscheduled stops were at T-Shirt shops instead of at stamp collectors. (She is a non-collector. I have not been able to convert her yet.)

I have gotten a few inquiries and suggestions referring to sending stamps to VA hospitals and such groups that cater to the handicapped. I would like to have some input from the membership on your

ideas on this. Here's mine, our objective is to promote collecting among youth, so that would not include VA hospitals. Secondly, I have heard a number of stories concerning stamps sent to such places that infer that only picked-over remnants ever get to the patients. Third, I don't believe we could provide the quantities needed or the money involved to mail them. Let me hear your ideas on this and I'll pass them along to the membership in future columns. ~~If sufficient interest is~~ shown it will be discussed with the board of directors.

Our editor's husband is retiring and moving to North Carolina so there will be a change of address for Arlene by next newsletter. Good luck, Arlene and Norwood!

One last note before I sign off. Our president's wife, Ardis, has passed away since the last edition of the newsletter. As a personal acquaintance, her passing may mean more to me than to some, but I am sure that all of us will send up a prayer for Aubrey and his young daughter, Diedre.

Ken Jenkins #15



DATES FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF THE CIRCUIT

Deadline date for mailing to editor:	You should receive your copy about:
Nov. 1, 1987	Dec. 1, 1987
Jan. 1, 1988	Feb. 1, 1988
Mar. 1, 1988	Apr. 1, 1988
May 1, 1988	June 1, 1988

OUR OMNI EXCHANGE

I just can't say enough good things about the Omni Exchange. Any members who haven't tried it yet really must do so. The unique strength of Omni is that it is NOT a circuit---stamps go to and from the hard-working Manager and I have had complete turn-arounds in as little as one week. By contrast, I am also in the ABC exchange which was advertised to club members; it is a fine exchange in its own right, but one only gets a new selection once every few months.

Send \$4 or \$5 to Tom Allison (#42) to establish your postage fund and ask for a few blank books to get started. Choose either Pink or Blue books. The Blue books require stamps of no less than 50¢ in value. I joined both myself. When you get your blank books, mount \$300 or \$400 worth of duplicates and return them to Tom. Then you can enjoy receiving a nice range of stamp and keep what you need with the value deducted from your account.

A few tips I've picked up since getting in the Exchange are: Make sure to discount your duplicates below Scott if they are damaged, and avoid mounting too many cheap ones. Although the rules don't require it, you really MUST discount CTO material as books of those artificially high catalogue CTO's just burn up postage for everyone and the stamps don't move. (My personal rule is to take CTO's only if they are discounted to 30-40% of Scott. It is obvious that most other members feel the same way since they just don't move at full Scott.)

Lastly---Keep the stamps moving, as you will get another set of books very shortly after you return what you have.

Join now---and take the time to thank Hal and Tom for the very large contribution their efforts have made to the club without any direct compensation to them.

Dave Nelson #25

Public Relations Officer

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November 1, 1987

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International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors

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NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The newsletter has been delayed due to the necessity to add this bulletin at the last minute. As most of you know, our President Aubrey Dunn has been unable to attend to society duties due to the prolonged illness and recent demise of this wife. Thus nominations for the elections to be held in January-February 1988 were overlooked until the last minute.

The Board Members have indicated their desire for a full slate of nominees with more than one person running for each office, if possible. You may nominate another member or you may volunteer and nominate yourself. Don't be bashful!! There are many of you who are very talented and could handle any of the offices; volunteer please!! WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!

We need nominees for the following offices:

PRESIDENT: is responsible for seeing that all Board members & committee chairpersons carry out their duties & responsibilities. Conducts Board meetings with Board members by correspondence, phone, etc. Appoints committees as needed. *(Primarily, what is needed here is a good organizer and supervisor.)*

VICE PRESIDENT: is responsible for assuming the duties of the President when necessary; is ex-officio member of all committees. Is chairperson for the youth stamp collecting promotion programs. *(Another good organizer and supervisor ... but mostly on "stand-by.")*

SECRETARY-TREASURER: is responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings and maintaining records of all Board activities; conducts official correspondence; keeps By-Laws updated; receives & disburses all funds; provides semi-annual financial reports. *(This requires someone who is detail minded (most stamp collectors are!) and some ability to write friendly letters. Must be able to handle money!!)*

Other Positions We Need to Fill

Public Relations Officer &/or PR Assistant: Handles all nomination and election procedures. Promotes the ISWSC by getting as much free publicity for the club as possible in the national and international philatelic press. *(Need people who are promotion minded; have a facility to write PR articles and news releases for the philatelic press. Needs creativity, ingenuity, and artistic bent. No reason why we can't have several members serving on a PR committee)*

OMNI Exchange Co-Chairperson: Assist Co-Chairman with duties in handling the ISWSC Omni Exchange. These duties are handled on a strictly volunteer basis, with no payment of any kind. *(Need to be detail minded, well-organized and have enough sparetime to keep up with mailings, records, etc. If interested, but unsure, contact Tom Allison # 42 to learn more about what you'd be doing.)*

✂
Mail the following information to our Public Relations Officer :

Dave Nelson # 25
309 Kentucky St.
Petaluma, CA 94952

I nominate _____ Mbr # _____, for _____.

I feel this nominee would be a good candidate for this position because: *(list positions held or volunteer work done for organizations, memberships in philatelic organizations, business experience, references, etc. Anything that would demonstrate the candidates experience and ability to perform said duties.)*

Submitting

Member's Name _____ Mbr # _____

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Activities in this "department" have been in the summer doldrums. We have three new members and only a few inquiries. Elsewhere in this issue you will find these new roster additions as well as the four inadvertently omitted last issue. We now have 233 paid up members and a cash balance of \$611.34.

The following members are dropped for non-payment of dues: 154, 155, 156, 165 and 166.

Hal Clarke #47 has informed us that he must cease his duties as Co-chairman of "Omni Exchange" as of September 15. Effective immediately, then, any ISWSC members who wish to join "Omni Exchange" should contact Tom Allison #42, the other Co-chairman. Present members of "Omni Exchange" who are being served by Hal will be informed directly of their status. In the long run, to assist Tom, any member who would like to Co-chair "Omni" should contact Ken Jenkins #15.

The club is sorry that Hal will be medically incapacitated for several months and we all hope for his speedy recovery. Our heartfelt thanks for his founding and directing the "Omni Exchange" for the past four years in such an exemplary fashion. Hal, let us know how you are progressing!

The Bursteins #154 recently moved from South Africa to New Zealand. If any member has their NZ address, please inform the Secretary #31.

IMPORTANT --- It's renewal time for members 167-173. Please send your \$5.00 dues for one year renewal to Herb #31 and your 250 stamp donation to Ken #15. Don't forget! Do it now!

Herb Holland #31
Sec. Treas.

Many thanks from all of us to Hal Clarke for the many hours that he has donated to the Omni Exchange and to serving his fellow members ever since our inception. Your efforts have been appreciated and we all wish you well, Hal.

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DO YOU KNOW A HANDICAPPED PERSON?

I have been in touch with Glenn Mitchell of Santa Cruz. Glenn has the ambition to start a stamp group especially for handicapped persons of all ages. Glenn has just joined ISWSC and I have suggested that he make his first effort as an unofficial "chapter" of ISWSC, then if his group grows and finds that its needs are different, they can break off on their own. Glenn was disabled in WWII, I believe, and he tells me that he was really happy just doing art, designing All-Occasion cards, and stamp collecting at the nursing home.....Until someone asked him to be a classroom Grandparent for some slow learners. Despite his wheelchair, Glenn found this to be an easy chore and derived great pleasure from watching the kids learn new words and enjoy the beauty of his stamps which he, of course, shared with them too.

He has always been active in correspondence to Congress and the clergy to lobby for his favorite causes and now he wants to find a way to bring the joys of philately to more of those who are disabled. Can you help? Send him the name of some handicapped person you know, even if they aren't stamp collectors right now; or give his name to your acquaintance. Your ideas for what and how to get his venture off the ground will be appreciated too. Let's all take a few minutes to think how we might help Glenn in this worthy effort. His address is Glenn Mitchell, 2990 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

He also gives a very fair exchange if you want to trade stamps with him.

Dave Nelson #25
Public Relations

The Editor's Line

Years ago my father used to sing a song which included the words, "Oh, what a lovely bunch of coconuts." These days I'm singing, "Oh, what a lovely bunch of 'Whatzits' stamps"—and answers! It has been a joy to receive them and the other letters and articles. For each "Whatzit" I used the explanation which tells the most and added some other comments of members, especially if somewhat different. (I couldn't resist including those two comments about No. 3! Those are the only two answers that came for that question and they're worth a chuckle!)

The amount of material I've received, also, is more than encouraging. I could have used more pages for this issue than 12. Keep up the good work. I'm sure many of you have collecting ideas to share with us, and many other ideas.

Ed Svatik #177 has a Scott Czech Specialty Album with pages and Czech Specialty Album pages, both used but in good shape, which he will send to a child who is interested. If you know of a child interested in Czech, write to Ed and have him send it. (To page 5, please)

?? WHATZIT ??

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ISWSC Sales Circuit

Want to sell your duplicates?
Want to buy
someone else's duplicates?

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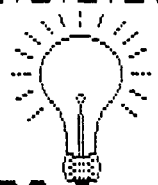
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COLLECTING IDEAS

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Worldwide campaigns are not limited to stamp design content (World Refugee Year, Royal Weddings, etc.). Sometime you can make a fun collection out of the wide travels of an individual, or in this case the globe-trotting of a product.

Shown are five examples of a geographically dispersed campaign to push a medical product. The printed messages (made to look like handwriting) are tied to the front of the post card. For

instance, the Hong Kong p.c. shows the harbor. The Mauritius shows the 1847 one penny rarity. The Ceylon p.c. is a native snake charmer at work.

It is of interest to note that the labels are all the same. The handwritings all differ on the message side of the cards—but all are signed "Abbott" (Abbott Laboratories, perhaps?)

So, another fun collection is born. Perhaps you can find something similar—or more Pentothal cards—as you zip through the cover box at your favorite dealer. Happy Hunting.

by John M. Hotchner #62

PRINTED MATTER

Dear Doctor:

The "Post Office Mauritius" is indeed one of the classic stamps of all time. Another "Classic" well-known to this tiny island is PENTOTHAL—a drug of choice the world over. More than 25 years of continuous and increasing use have made it nearly synonymous with intravenous anesthesia.

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(Other
illustrations
follow)

The Editor's Line _____ (Continued)

Len Bland #23 would like to exchange with anyone. He says, "Try me."

By the time you get this copy of "The Circuit" we expect to be residents of North Carolina. We will be moving down Sept. 30. Norwood is retiring at 62. I will miss my sisters who are in this area, but Norwood's mother is very confused with Alzheimer's and his Dad has heart problems which make it difficult for him to deal with her sometimes. We will try to help as we can. Pop is 83; Mom is 82. I also

expect my allergies to be better there. Do let us know if you are going to be in the Greenville area. We'd enjoy having you visit. We will be living in the farmhouse on my father-in-law's farm. They are in a retiral apartment complex.

Sympathy is extended to our President, Aubrey Dunne #1 and his daughter on the passing away of Ardis, Aubrey's wife. Aubrey, we can't tell you face-to-face, but we know you are hurting so we are hurting, too.

Arlene Futrell #2, Editor
R. D. #1 Box 65, Stokes, NC 27884 USA

Dear Doctor:

Famed for its coffee grown high up the precipitous mountainsides is El Salvador. And here, too, you'll find PENTOTHAL. Clinicians here like its many advantages. Among them: freedom from fire and explosion hazards, versatility of use and rapid, smooth induction.

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Ceylon: Snake Charmer with Cobra

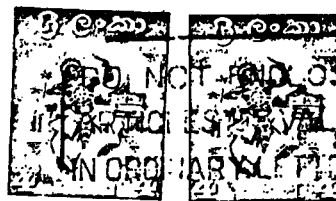
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Dear Doctor.

Ceylon, land of contrast, its remote areas lived the Veddas, a primitive folk probably direct descendants of an ancient civilization. But there is another Ceylon, of modern stores, fine hospitals. In them you'll find PENTOTHAL—agent of choice in intravenous anesthesia the world over.

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A sweet young thing came into a stamp shop and asked the dealer, "How do I remove watermarks from stamps?"

His response was, "Don't even try; they were put into the paper at the time they were manufactured."

"But," she responded, "these watermarks came from our flooded basement."

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Dear Doctor:

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in busy Hong Kong.
And here, as elsewhere,
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with a well-established
record of effectiveness
and safety. Of course,
they choose PENTOTHAL
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anesthetic used
around the world.

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Answers

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"This Italian stamp is a revenue. 'Tassa di Bollo' means stamp tax and 'Precambiali' means bill of exchange. Hence it is a revenue stamp placed on documents such as Bills of exchange, etc."

"Type of 1908 Italian revenue. Probably from a later issue as this value is not listed with the 1908 listing in Forbin."

COLLECTING IDEAS

Many collectors tend to accumulate large quantities of common material. One way to dispose of it is to give it away. Another is to find ways to make interesting or unusual collections. Here is one suggestion that can be very challenging. I call it the "Calendar Collection." Stamps of many countries (Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands...) are cancelled in such a way that the full date can be observed. It occurred to me that over the period of 100 years (from 1880 to 1980) there are approximately 36,500 days. Why not make a collection such that one has a stamp cancelled for each of these days?

To begin with, one needs to make an album. I bought several bundles of 8½ x 11 blank pages, and about twenty inexpensive folders. Sixty pages were placed in each folder, to cover periods of 5 years (12 months x 5). Next I made a pattern on a page so that there were 35 rectangles, in five rows of seven. This pattern was drawn in black ink, so that it shows through a single 8½ x 11 sheet. Using this pattern I then wrote the letters M T W T F S S at the top of the block of rectangles to indicate the days of the week. I also fill in the year and month on a page. Then, using a calendar, I place inside the individual rectangles the days of the month, making sure that the numbers and days of the week match for the particular year. (There are special calendars that show the correct day of week for any one day, month and year). A lot of this effort can be avoided by liberal usage of copying machines, but I have not done so.

Now the fun begins. Dipping into the large box of common stamps, I first sort out those that clearly show the date. Next, from the pile of dated stamps, I sort by decades. Some decades (for example, the 1880's) are not too common. I place each decade accumulation into a large envelope, and go back to regular stamp collecting. When the bundle for a decade becomes too large, I sort that bundle by year, and place all stamps cancelled in one year into a separate smaller envelope, and again store it. This process continues, until

an envelope of stamps cancelled in one year becomes full of stamps.

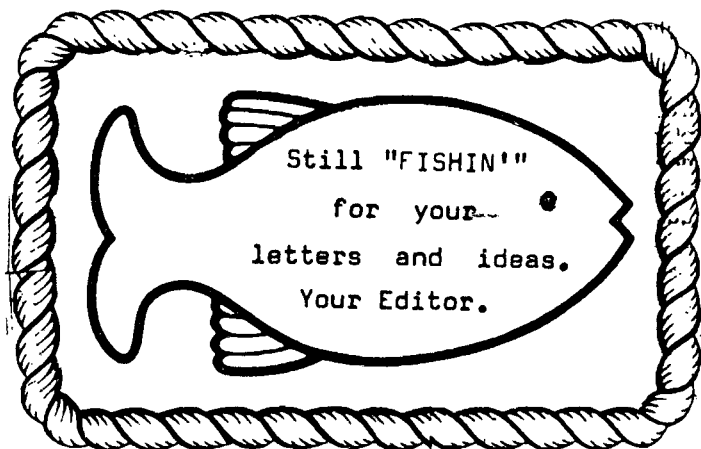
At that point a final sort into months is made, and I am ready to place these onto my prepared pages. There will be many duplicate dates, and it is a good idea to save those. You never know, someone else may be building a calendar collection, or you may want to send a friend a stamp dated on his or her birthday.

There are several benefits one can get from making such a collection. First, it quickly becomes obvious that stamps cancelled on Sundays are quite rare. Some months are more common than others. I would say that December is the most common month, while July and August are the least common. One also learns about changing features on some definitive stamps.

The common stamps of Netherlands, for example, were first printed on a very smooth paper. In later years the same stamps are printed on ordinary wove paper. As another example, the common French stamps at about the time of World War I were being printed on a cheap brownish paper. The type of cancellation can also change with time. The same stamps of Netherlands show a different type of cancellation after the turn of the century.

Another study that this type of collection makes possible is the duration of usage of certain long-lived definitives. It is also amazing to see the short time of usage of certain commemoratives in Ireland. There are lots of other interesting aspects of this type of collecting, but I will let you discover some of those by yourself.

Z. V. Jizba #193



?? WHATZIT ?? Answers

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Who has a foolproof method of telling the difference between a typographed and a lithographed stamp?

"I too would like to know the answer to this!"

"Good question. Let me know if you get an answer—especially one that applies to Argentina definitives of the last 50 years! All those red San Martins look alike to me."

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"These stamps with number in a circle were issued for the Dresden Postal Administration in East Saxony in the Soviet Zone of Occupation after World War II. This set was issued between June 24, 1945, and December 21, 1945. They were only sold in Saxony but were valid for postage in the entire Soviet Zone. There are two types of paper and have various types of glue. Due to conditions of a long, hard war, printing was poor and some had to be perforated by the postmasters. I don't think they are listed in Scott's, but are in the Minkus under Germany-Soviet Zone."

"Soviet Zone local for Saxony. Listed in Michel and Minkus. Several types depending on paper and perforations. Most of these catalog in pennies."

4

I have a copy of Austria #29a that is IMPERF, and the margins are big enough to preclude it from being trimmed....but no such listing occurs in Scott.

"I would suspect that this large-margined "imperforate stamp" is actually an envelope cut square. Many European countries, unlike the USA, reproduce their common definitive stamp designs on their postal stationery, and European envelope paper, again unlike that of the USA, is often very thin. This particular Austrian issue was crudely printed, with varying distances between the stamps, and the only really true test for an "imperforate" variety would be an unseparated multiple of two or more stamps."

"According to Billig's Philatelic Handbook #1 that particular stamp is from Austria (without Hungary). 5 Krose has four different types (Scott only 3) and 14 different perforations with one imperforate issue. Billig's gives only a mint value and no quotation for used. Check type III to be sure."

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"This stamp is Spain, Scott #290 and is one of a set. The 25¢ shows Sancho Panza being blanket tossed in a blanket. CV \$9.00 mint, \$1.75 used."

"This is Spain, Scott No. 290. (Or possible counterfeit thereof.)"

?? WHATZIT ?? Answers

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I have two copies of Spanish Morocco #56 that are used, but Scott lists it only as unused at \$210.00!

"Give me a rubber stamp and an inkpad and I can turn any mint stamp into a 'used' one. But I wouldn't try it on one cataloging \$210! This looks like a case for the Philatelic Foundation or other expertizing service."

"Spanish Morocco 56 is a Spain #300 overprinted. Note after Spanish 297-309 'Exists imperforate.' Probably not enough of Morocco 56 used to bring a market value or someone slipped up."

"According to the Minkus catalog, Spanish Morocco #56 was never issued. The Minkus catalog number is N59."

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Does anyone know anything about stamps from Republic Maluku Selatan? I have several sent me and can't find a country by that name.

"'Republik Maluku Selatan' was a would-be 'government' set up by persons in the South Molucca Islands, now a part of Indonesia, when that nation won its independence from the Netherlands in 1949. The Moluccans wanted to stay a Dutch colony, or, failing that, to be free of domination by Sukarno's Indonesia. They failed, and were ruthlessly persecuted by Sukarno; many of them went 'home' to the Mother Country, where they continued protesting the 'wrong' done them to this day. They were the ones who hijacked a Dutch train a few years ago and held the passengers and crew hostage. Their 'stamps' obviously can never have had any postal validity or use, but were printed by the millions and sold to gullible collectors who didn't know the difference, producing considerable revenue to finance their protest movement."

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"Turkey, probably a revenue."

"A real stumper: Inscribed in four languages (clockwise from top): Arabic, Ukrainian, Armenian and Turkish. But it's not a stamp!"

WANTED

A reliable member with a good working knowledge of stamps to manage one half of our swap circuit (Omni Exchange). Hal Clark is being medically retired by his doctor. Please contact Ken Jenkins or Tom Allison if you're interested and want to help.

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"Both Poland and Czechoslovakia gained independence in 1918 on the breakup of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire at the end of WWI. This obviously is a local issue (of which there were many in both countries at the time); the curious aspect is that the language is Polish but the currency is Czech. Possibly a Polish-speaking town (Rada Miejska) that found itself part of the Czechoslovakia when the new boundaries were established?"

"According to Billig's Dictionary HALERZY is a Polish form of HELLER, the Austrian money used in that portion of Poland formerly belonging to Austria."

"Poland Local, listed in Poland Local by Hall. #747 is perf 10, #751 perf 11; and proofs are imperforate."

Kids' Page

Wendy Brown
Salinas Ca 93905
5/15/87

Dear Sir,

Thank you for sending
our club some fantastick stamps.
I am glad you send us those
stamps because we are getting
started and we do not have
a lot of good stamps. Some
kids do not have a lot but
this is going to be a good
opportunity.

Sincerely,
Joni L.
Wendy Brown

PICK THE ONE

Ahead of time, choose several stamps and make a list of the clues for the stamps,
such as:

a pair of stamps	an airmail
a coil stamp	a stamp from Africa
a booklet stamp	a definitive
a commemorative	a booklet pair
etc.	

I use about 20 different stamps. Put the stamps on a table and spread them out. Children gather around where they can see the stamps. Usually individually, I asked different ones to point to the stamp or stamps that fit the description I read.

(I usually used this activity as an "extra" when I had stamps from which the kids could pick what they wanted to keep. It helped break the hour up.) Arlene Futrell

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"Pernau is a port city in Estonia occupied by the Russians in 1941. Hence the overprint on a Russian stamp. It is listed in Michel under Estonia."

"Russian stamp overprinted. The three Baltic nations of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia were occupied by Russian in 1940. They used Russian stamps with overprints. The next year, 1941, Germany took over these three Baltic states and used the Russian stamps there in the post offices, giving them a different overprint. After November 4, 1941, Germany used German stamps overprinted OSTLAND (Eastern Command). I think Scott's list them with just a little notice but doesn't consider them regular issues. They are listed in Minkus, however."