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Members of the Squared Circle Study Group will be aware from the last issue of Annex that, as a result of some unfortunate circumstances associated with publication and advance sales of the Fourth Edition of Squared Circle Handbook, Glenn Hansen has felt it necessary to resign from the BNAPS (which also meant resigning as co-editor of Annex, since editors must be BNAPS members).

This turn of events, occurring so quickly after completion of our two-year collaboration in getting the Handbook ready for the printers, has been most distressing to me.

But it is necessary to pick up the pieces and continue. You will note from the masthead that another member of the Study Group has stepped forward to shoulder the burden carried so ably by Glenn for some years. Welcome as the new co-editor of Annex, <u>Gary Arnold</u> of Grand Ledge, Michigan, who all will know by name from prior contributions to Annex - particularly the pages of "enhanced" illustration of Squared Circle strikes from the Proof Book.

Gary will handle "cutting and pasting" - the makeup of master sheets for duplication from individual typewritten paragraphs and illustrations in order to efficiently utilize available space on the pages - as well as the duplication and mailing of Annex, maintenance of the membership roster, receiving membership subscriptions, and a variety of other chores which are necessary to keep Annex going, in addition to making his own contributions.

Members having information or illustrations suitable for Annex and which are in a form ready for direct pasting up onto the master sheets may send such material directly to Gary, or to me. Information requested through the pages of Annex should be sent to me for collation with similar responses from other readers. Information on new record dates, previously unreported years of use for certain Squared Circle hammers, new time mark information, finds of new copies of rare towns, typographical errors noted in the Handbook, or other matters of interest to the Study Group should be sent to me.

In most cases, a good clear Xerox copy of items of special interest will be suitable; please do not send scarce or valuable material through the mails to either of us. If necessary to make examination of the actual items, I will write you to discuss temporary loan for making illustrations.

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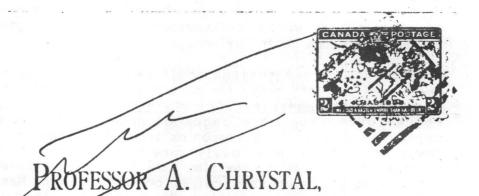
A FEW COMMENTS ON THE HANDBOOK.....

A fair amount of new material has been sent me since publication of the new Handbook. Much of it relates to errors or omissions in the Handbook; I could hardly believe so many could find their way into the Handbook after Glenn and I spent a non-stop twenty four hour period proof reading the gallies and noting errors which need to be corrected - several hundred of them. The errors had several origins; some in my original handwritten manuscript, some in the typed manuscript, but most were omissions or typographical errors in the printer's gallies.

I thought that all of them were to be taken care of and was quite perturbed to see how many survived to end up in the printed Handbook. The answer became clear when Glenn informed me that because of pressures to reduce costs, some judgements had to be as to which errors or omission were to be corrected, and which were to be let go.

I think he made the best possible decision among various alternatives — which was that since the Handbook was intended to be an updatable workbook in which new record dates and other information could be written in by the Handbook owners, then errors or omissions correctible in that way would be let go. For example is absence of an "X" in the bar chart for known years of use, corresponding to the year for the listed latest reported date. It is clear that this omission could be corrected by the Handbook owner placing an "X" in the appropriate box.

Undoubtedly, many errors and omissions remain to be found; if you discover such erros, please let me know and I will list them in Annex so that your Handbooks can be corrected or updated.



MARSHALL,

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MICHIGAN.

A previously unreported MAP cover bearing a strike of the NAPINKA & WINNIPEG NO. 2 RPO - the strike is dated JU 18/99. (From the Bill Allen collection)

Of more concern to me than errors or omissions in the text, which can be corrected by writing in the omission or changing a date, is that of errors in the illustrations. The galley proofs which Glenn and I went over with a fine-tooth comb did not carry pasted up illustrations. Again, Glenn informed me that because of costs, a number of illustrations which we planned to use to fill in some of the blank page area would have to be eliminated, and the final paste-up of illustrations would depend on exactly how many cuts we could use.

Not having seen the final paste-up of illustrations, I was not aware that the Handbook would to to press with illustrations in the wrong place. The first such error was called to me attention by Jim Hennok: the illustration for MONTREAL Barred Circle, Hammer V (page 9) is incorrect, and in fact is a duplication of the illustration for Hammer IV.

I am not at all sure of the best way to correct this error, and am open to suggestions. One possibility would be to provide a sharp, clear illustration of the correct hammer on a page of Annex, which could then be pasted over the erroneous illustration, but this would require cutting a hole out of an Annex page; a second possibility, not requiring cutting up Annex, would be to duplicate a whole page full of illustrations, cutting them apart and sending a single replacement illustration with each copy of Annex; still better would be to produce a similar page duplicated on a sheet of gummed paper and sending a single copy with each copy of Annex. I don't know if full sheets could be run through the Xerox machine. Someone out there may have a better idea; if so let me hear from you. Some means must be devised to cope with this situation which many only be the first reported example of a more extensive problem.

Starting with the next issue of Annex, I will begin reporting the errors and omissions I am aware of so that you can update your Handbook, and will report new record dates reported to me, newly reported years of use for certain hammers and other items of interest reported to me by readers. In addition, I will report on my findings regarding the Squared Circle Hammers at the Postal Museum, which I had opportunity to examine while at the BNAPS Convention, courtesy of Jim Kraemer.

THE DUES ARE DUE.....

In discussions with Glenn, he indicated that to date he had received only two members' dues for 1982 (R. Corless and T. E. Almond), and the "pot" is essentially empty. Consequently if you wish to continue receiving the ANNEX, please renew your membership as soon as possible. Please forward a check or money order to me (Gary Arnold) at the address on the front page. Until I get a handle on the reproduction and mailing costs, I have set the dues for 1982 at \$7.00 (U.S. funds).

The following pages are part of a checklist of Squared Circle towns on Special Stamp which I distributed to attendees of the Squared Circle Seminar at BNAPEX 81. The balance of the list will appear in the next issue of Annex. This list is designed to be duplicated and used as a trading list in corresponding with other collectors, as described on the first page of the listings. There is one addition which needs to be made, but I will defer this until next time since an addition also needs to be made to the counts in the Handbook - this is an extremely rare town, now known on 5 cent RLS, which I was shown at BNAPS.

Several comments with regard to the checklist are in order:

- Some people collect on other special stamps. The specific stamps listed are those for which sufficient useful information exists. Limitations of space preclude expanding the list to cover other special stamps, but the list could be used as a model to generate your own.
- As noted above, the list has been arranged so that it can be duplicated and used as trading list.
- 3. The information contained in the list was correct, according to my records, as of proof-reading date of the Handbook.
- 4. Inevitably, some conclusions based on presently known periods of use will prove to be wrong, as new information becomes available.
- 5. This list will tolerate a considerable amount of updating through simple changes. Any new information requiring updating will be passed along in Annex.
- 6. While the lists for Jubilee, Map, 5 cent RLS, Admiral, and E-1 are believed to be substantially correct, I think there must be many more towns on 15 cent LQ than shown in the list. Please report any additional towns on 15 cent LQ.
- 7. Please report any errors or omissions you are aware of, or argue against any conclusions you take issue with regarding the likelihood that certain towns may yet be found on any of these special stamps.
- 8. Please always report complete date and time mark, exactly as it appears in the strike or as much as is readable. Keep in mind that your report may not only be the first example of a given town on a particular stamp, but may also be a new early or late date, or contain a previously unreported time mark, or represent a previously unreported period to use. As an example, all copies of GLENCOE reported on MAP stamp (and on some Numeral issues) are nudes; find of a dated GLENCOE strike on Map stamp would represent a first.

NAME / ADDRESS CHECK LIST OF SQUARED CIRCLE STRIKES ON CERTAIN SPECIAL STAMPS. Key: Not possible on basis of presently reported dates. Reported in one or more examples. Not on 3¢ JUB., but reported on other denomination. Not reported, but possible on basis of present dates. Not reported, but a slim possibility either on basis of shift of early / late dates by 30 days or less, or late out-of-period use of the stamp. Lower case letters preceding town name refer to appended notes. 3¢ JUB. and 2¢ MAP separated into off-cover (0/C) and cover (CVR; may be card or envelope); all others not separated and may be O/C or CVR. Suggested code when this list is used for trading purposes: X: Have, but none available for trade. D: Duplicate available for suitable trade. T: Have only one, but will trade for other needed items. 2¢ MAP 3¢ JUBILEE 1880 SQUARED CIRCLE 0/0 E-1 CVR 0/0 CVR 15LQ 5RLS ADM. OTTAWA HALIFAX HAMILTON .

