

JUNIOR STAMP CHAMPION

Prizewinners in the CN Competition

MANY good entries were received for the Stamp Quiz, and the 50 prizewinners (whose names are all given below) were then invited to send us their stamp collections. As a result the judges have decided that the CN JUNIOR STAMP CHAMPION of 1959 is

JOHN SWANBOROUGH of Pew Hill, Chippenham, Wilts.

The judges report that all the entries showed considerable promise and a number of them revealed that their owners were enthusiastic and would develop into first-class philatelists. The collection of John Swanborough is exceptional, the presentation and condition being outstandingly good. It also shows that he has gone a long way towards understanding the three countries in which he specialises.

John Swanborough, who is 14, has been invited to the opening of the National Stamp Exhibition at Central Hall, Westminster, on Friday, March 13, to be presented as CN Junior Stamp Champion of 1959, and also to receive a personal memento of the occasion.

The winners of the 50 Quiz Prizes are:

DAVID ADAMS, Ashton-under-Lyne; PETER BRUNDLE, Sunbury; QUENTIN BURRELL, Union Mills, L.O.M.; GRAHAM CAREY, Purley; MICHAEL CHILTON, Ilford; GRAHAM CLARKE, London, E.18; PETER DAVIDSON, Dundee; LESLIE DAVIES, Kidderminster; MICHAEL DRAKE, Finchley; JANET EASTES, Marshfield; GRAHAM ELKES, Newport; DAVID FLOOK, Hove; PHILIP GOOD, Chippenham; JOHN GREENER, Durham; LESLEY HAZLETON, Caversham; MALCOLM HOPKIN, Middlesbrough; ALAN JAMES, Hebburn; FRANCIS JONES, Eltham; DAVID LANDIN, Rhyd; THOMAS LOW, Bridge of Don; ROBERT MAGGIO, Leyton; JOANNA MAYCOCK, Loughton; JEANY McDONNELL, Stockport; SUSAN MORRISON, Bridport; DAVID NEWMAN, Southport; PETER OLDHAM, Newcastle; MARGARET OWENS, Worcester; JAMES PATERSON, Glasgow; ROBERT PINKERTON, Glasgow; BRYAN PURVES, Headington; MICHAEL QUICK, Exeter; MALCOLM ROBERTS, Ashton-under-Lyne; RONALD SCOTT, Glasgow; MARGARET SILK, Westcliff; JOHN SLY, Ashbourne; ROGER STANSFIELD, Woodley; JOHN SUTCLIFFE, Ashted; JOHN SWANBOROUGH, Chippenham; DAVID TAYLOR, Cambridge; LESLEY TOWN, Brighouse; JOHN TURNER, Luton; CHRISTOPHER VAN KAMPEN, Pinner; GWENDA WEBSTER, Reading; JAMES WELSH, Elgin; VIVIANNE WHITE, South Nutfield; HEATHER WILLIAMS, Gt. Missenden; JOHN WILLIAMS, Wrexham; COLIN WILLIAMSON, Worsley; INIGO WOLF, London, N.W.3; DEREK WRIGHT, Walthamstow.

DID YOU KNOW? Many of those who competed in our Stamp Quiz did know or find most of the answers, and we congratulate them on their stamp knowledge. Here are the complete answers:

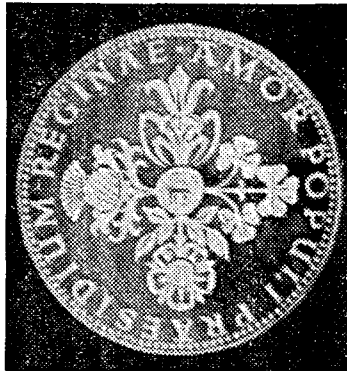
- Brazil was the second country to issue stamps—in 1843. (There were also stamps in Switzerland at this time, but only for the Canton of Zurich.)
- Five British monarchs have appeared on our stamps since Queen Victoria—Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII, George VI and, of course, our present Queen. Only four Edward VIII stamps were issued.
- The stamp showing the first Sputnik dog was issued by Rumania; the stamp was the 1 lei 20, 1957, and the dog's name Laika.
- Eton College is pictured on the Newfoundland 1933 4-cent issue.
- The stamp overprinted with a football score is the Hungary 2 forint, 1953.
- The Malta 2d. stamp we illustrated bears the Maltese and George Crosses.
- France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg, and West Germany (including the Saar), member countries of the

- European Common Market, all issue stamps bearing the design we showed.
- Buckingham Palace is shown on the New Zealand Coronation 2d. of 1953.
- Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, San Marino, Russia, and Rumania have all issued ice hockey stamps.
- The scene from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" is found on the Yugoslavia 1955 30-dinar Dubrovnik Festival Stamp.
- "Mauritius Post Offices" would only be a good business proposition if bought at well under market value—which is unlikely, as only 25 of them are known, and each is worth thousands of pounds. They are the famous "errors" of 1847 engraved with the words "Post Office" in mistake for "Post Paid."
- The three chief points in forming a stamp collection are: Writing-up and arrangement; Condition of stamps; and Philatelic knowledge.

Queen's head in gold



The Munich mint recently struck this gold medal showing the head of Queen Elizabeth II and on the other side (shown below) the emblems of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. With its attractive design, the medal finds a ready sale among West Germans who wish to invest their savings in gold. It is sold at West German banks and the metal is 98 per cent pure.



Jonathan may have met Napoleon

The oldest inhabitant of St. Helena, the tiny British island off the west coast of Africa, is a 200-year-old tortoise, named Jonathan. He is one of the principal tourist attractions; in fact he comes second only to Longwood, the house where Napoleon spent his last years in exile and where he died in 1821.

Jonathan lives in a paddock in the grounds of the Governor's house, where he feeds on grass and bananas.

Five feet long and weighing several hundredweight, Jonathan finds no difficulty in giving adults as well as children a ride on his back.

There is a legend that he and Napoleon were friends. But though certainly on the island during the Emperor's exile, Jonathan was then living in a different part of it and it is doubtful if the two ever met.

TRANS-ATLANTIC QUIZ

Every week Sunday school classes at Felixstowe (Suffolk) prepare for the Annual Bible Quiz. This event attracts over 1000 people to watch teams from schools all over the town competing for the coveted St. George's Challenge Cup. Now the idea has spread via the columns of a local newspaper, sent out by a reader to a relative in Canada, and children of Orillia, Ontario, are following their example.

News from Everywhere

Girls tend to do better than boys at the eleven-plus examination, according to the Great Yarmouth education committee.

CUT AND COME AGAIN

As part of an Australian trade drive at Cambridge, 50 students have been invited to share a giant meat pie on February 25.

The millionth cubic foot of concrete was recently poured into the main wall of the Kariba Dam, Rhodesia. A short ceremony was held to mark the occasion.

French Antarctic explorers have found at Cape Dennison a box containing the document in which Sir Douglas Mawson in 1931 proclaimed sovereignty over the area in the name of King George V.

400 DOCTORS AT SEA

The United States Navy hospital ship Consolation is to be fitted out as a floating medical school and sent to south-east Asian countries that lack medical facilities. The Consolation will carry 400 doctors and nurses.

Large quantities of pottery and coins have been found by local archaeologists on the site of a Roman settlement at Ash, East Kent.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery is to open the Montgomery Secondary Modern School at Blackpool next October.

WAY FOR THE FIRE ENGINE

Kent Fire Brigade is experimenting with a two-tone horn in place of the usual bell. It is hoped that traffic will take more notice of the new warning.

A device known as an electronic ear, developed for the National Coal Board for mine-rescue, can pick up sounds through half a mile of solid rock.

FOLDING UP THE FISH

A rare deep-sea fish called a deal was landed at Grimsby recently. It was seven feet long, and had to be folded four times to fit into a fish box.

A Grimm Museum is planned at Kassel, West Germany, where the Grimm brothers wrote most of their fairy tales.

40,000 million gallons of water are to be drained from Lough Neagh, Ulster, the biggest lake in the United Kingdom. This will reduce the level by less than two feet, but will reclaim about 26,000 acres of land.

OUR MISTAKE

We regret that in the CN dated February 7 it was stated that St. Paul's School was founded by the Mercers' Company. This school was in fact founded by John Colet, and the Mercers' Company became trustees of the foundation after his death in 1519.

Expert net-mender



Young Jeffrey Gillam, aged four-and-a-half, comes from a family of fishermen long established in Brighton, Sussex. He is a skilled mender of nets.

A starling ringed in the Kalinograd district of Russia nearly two years ago has been found on a lightship off the coast of Norfolk.

THEY SAY . . .

The first comprehensive schools are proving that there are many pupils whose ability at the age of eleven seemed quite ordinary, yet who later do extremely well.

Dr. Robin Pedley, of Leicester University

After many years of research I have come to the conclusion that human life can be prolonged to at least 100 years.

A Latvian scientist writing in Pravda



OUR HOMELAND

Winter sunshine in the Welsh Cathedral-city of St. Asaph