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December meeting. Attending at the home of Hans Kremer were: Franklin Ennik, Hans Kremer, Stuart Leven, Burt Miller, Albert Muller, Paul Swierstra, George Vandenberg and Fred Van der Heyden.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

40th Anniversary Yearbook. Various authors have submitted articles and titles for this, our eighth, Yearbook. All NPofC members are encouraged to participate and submit an illustrated article about Netherlands & Colonies philately on a subject you feel passionate or knowledgeable about. Philatelic materials have an interesting story to tell and you can tell it. **Color illustrations with captions should be digitally transferred (with a high pixel configuration) onto a CD or directly into the typed document or as an attachment and sent to me via e-mail. Text should be typed using Microsoft Word in New Times Roman font size 11.** So, let us hear from you.....Others can benefit from your knowledge. Thank you.

Authors who have submitted papers or committed titles:

Mardjohan Hardjasudarma.....	Hari Ibu – Indonesia’s Mother’s Day stamp.
Hans Kremer.....	The PanAm Clippers and the most southerly airmailflight route of 1941.
Franklin Ennik.....	The 1948 “Letters Abroad Program” of theUnited Nations Council of Philadelphia.
Mardjohan Hardjasudarma.....	The Roesli Cover.
Max Lerk.....	The first 40 cent stamp issued by the Netherlands.
Franklin Ennik.....	Secret writing and chemical censoring of the mailsby the German Postal Authority during WW II.
Hans Kremer.....	The first (and only) 40 cent airmail postagestamp issued by the Netherlands in 1928.
Stuart Leven.....	Some insights on identifying town cancels of the DutchEast Indies.
Kees Adema.....	Means of European mail transport to 1600.
George Vandenberg.....	Airmail Use of the 1934 Queen Emma Charity Stamps.
Burton Miller.....	The International Postal Exhibition Veth Issue of 1924.
HansPaul Hager.....	The Post Office Collected Taxes?
Stuart Leven.....	The Japanese 2 nd Imperial Guards Division in Sumatra.
Hans Kremer.....	De Vier Heemskinderen (The Four Sons of Aymon).

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE JANUARY 2010 MEETING.

The **January 23rd meeting** will be held at the home of John Heimans, 1808 Monte Carlo Way, San Jose, CA 95125 starting at 1:00pm. John’s telephone number: 408-264-5752.
The **February 20th meeting** will be held at the home of Franklin Ennik, 3168 Tice Creek Drive # 3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595 starting at 1:00pm. Frank’s telephone number: 925-952-9424.

With thanks to **John Heimans**, arrangements were made to hold our **Annual January holiday dinner** on January 9, 2010 at the Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA. 95125 starting at 5:00pm. Their telephone number: 408-269-3133. Spouses and significant others are welcome.

Elected NPofC Officers for 2010 are as follows; Albert Muller, **President**; Burt Miller, **Vice President**; George Vandenberg/Stuart Leven, **Treasurer** and Franklin Ennik, **Secretary**.

2010 Membership dues: Due to a generous donation by an anonymous benefactor, membership dues for 2010 will be waved. We are trying to do our part with our own economic stimulus plan during the current economic downturn.

AROUND the TABLE

Fred Van der Heyden passed around a huge selection of vintage occasional yearend holiday greeting cards and envelopes, mostly all originating in Belgium and some from Netherlands, with many interesting cancels.

George Vandenberg showed us a picture postcard sent from the 1937, 5th World Jamboree of Boy Scouts held in Bloemendaal, Netherlands. Since John Heimans attended that event as a representative of the US, we were wondering if he could be any one of the figures on the card.

Hans Kremer passed around an envelope with a recent Oldenzaal (Ov.) Business Point cancel and several Dutch and British envelopes with *delayed Bestellen* markers, indicating that these envelopes did not enter the mail stream in time to be delivered on a certain day. Hans also showed a cover sent in 1946 from the Dutch East Indies Red Cross to the Netherlands. When Hans opened the cover it contained a DEI postcard with a Dai Nippon overprinted, imprinted 3½ cent stamp. The date on the postcard cancel was 11-11-03, which under the Japanese occupation refers to the year 2603, the equivalent of 1943 in our western system.

The postcard was sent from a mother to her interned son in Bandoeng. The son had been moved to another camp (Tjimahi) and the card was forwarded. We don't know if the man ever got the card, but it ended up with the Red Cross which tracked him down in the Netherlands in 1946. The man and his family had made it back to the Netherlands during the first week of 1946.

Franklin Ennik passed around a copy of a hand written list of post offices, post-and telegraph offices, and telegraph offices in the Netherlands. It was attached to a letter from the *Minister van Waterstaat, Handel en Nijverheid* dated November 24, 1902. Frank also showed a stamp-less envelope sent 22 July 1868 from Assen to Maastricht with red cancels; a cover commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the KLM *Dag van de Aerofilatelie, 1934-1984*; a subscription package of 2009 Kinderzegels; examples of a very



poor attempt at producing faked overprints on three fur-collar issues; a reply postcard with a KLM 1st flight cancel May 21, 1946 to New York and a post card with a special commemorative cancel of the 5 May-19 August 1950 “Mijlpaal 1950” Exhibition held in the Arnhem, Zijpendaal and Sonsbeek area.



The purpose of this national *Mijlpaal 1950* or “milestone 1950” Exhibit was a straight forward demonstration of what the Netherlands and in particular the province of Gelderland had accomplished in the five years since liberation in the areas of reconstruction, art, industry, science, economics, defense, farming, Marshall Aid, and, there was a “pavilion 1945” describing the liberation.

All facets of life and operations were displayed and discussed which gave the Dutch population satisfaction and courage. As the advertising poster of the event on the left illustrates, the exhibit shows the “first five year step” of the Dutch nation away from the tyranny and trauma of war and occupation toward a brighter and more secure future.

The picture side of the postcard shows the PTT post office building constructed in the Mijlpaal 1950 exhibit with its classic (rietdak) thatched reed roof. The card is canceled with a shortbar rader Arnhem cancel dated 23 May 1950 and the special Mijlpaal 1950 Exhibit cancel.

Reference: with thanks to Hans Kremer

<http://soundfountain.info/time/timeline4mijlpaal.html>



Paul Swierstra for some months has been in contact with the two authors of separate, extant English translations of O.M. Vellinga's *De Poststempels van Nederland 1676-1915* done some years ago. Neither of these translations was ever completed. One of the authors agreed to complete the remaining pages and Paul was pleased to relate that he had received a copy of these pages. The author of the translation has given Paul *carte blanche* permission to re-assemble his work into a new English translation. There is much work to be done in combining the separate translations into one readable, 'correct' copy, adding the newly translated pages and reinserting the tables and illustrations in their proper place in the text. For some students of Dutch philately, an English translation of this work would be most welcomed.

CANCEL OF THE MONTH



The December winner is **Hans Kremer** with a Dutch East Indies numeral cancel number 18 of Rembang, Java (north east coast).

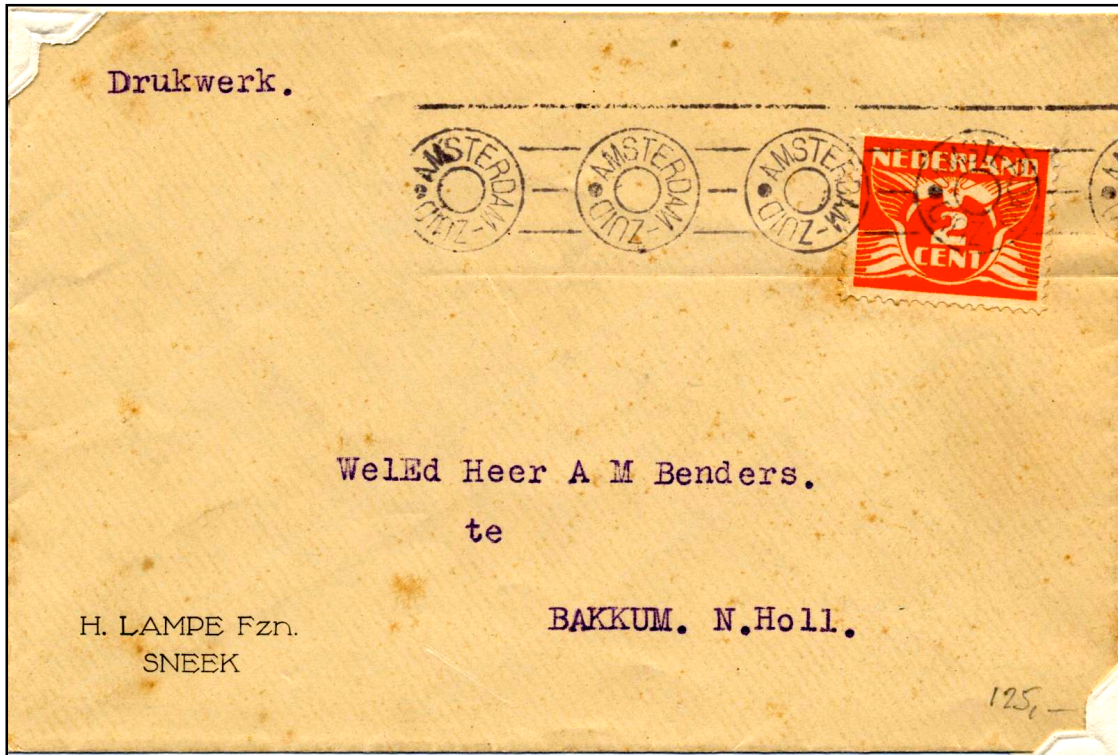
Following the lead of the Netherlands, the Dutch East Indies in 1873 decided to introduce numeral cancels as well. The announcement was made in *Circular nr. 50 of 1873*, through an ordinance of the Director of Public Works. This circular also contained the names of the DEI post offices which would receive numeral cancels 1 through 65.

The numeral cancel law took effect on January 1, 1874 and meant that the Dutch East Indies' post offices now had a real obliteration cancel. The main purpose, of course, was to avoid the fraudulent re-use of stamps. The indentations left by the cancel in the postage stamp were still visible, even after removing the ink of the cancel. Number 18 was issued to the Rembang, Java post office. Shown here is DEI NVPH nr. 9, the 10 cent version of the Willem III issue of 1870-1888, which was valid for postage until December 31 1900.

Reference: <http://www.puntstempels.nl/indexenglish.htm>

COVER of the MONTH

The December winner is **Hans Kremer** with a roller cancel of **Amsterdam-Zuid** on a drukwerk envelope.



Roller cancels were first used in 1912. The official announcement was as follows:

In canceling postage stamps on wrappers which are already addressed and brought in for canceling, and for newspapers for inland delivery, the post office can, if a written request is made, use the roller cancel. The roller cancel can also be used to cancel savings stamps.

Amsterdam Zuid was issued March 8, 1928 to cancel savings stamps, but by request it was also used to cancel stamped envelopes. These should be considered “maakwerk” (cancelled-to-order, or CTOs).

OTHER CATEGORY OF THE MONTH



The December winner is **Stuart Leven** with a squared circle cancel of Poewodadi, central Java. The cancel dated November 18, 1901 is on a horizontal strip of three Netherlands Indies NPH nr. 31. Since Indonesian independence, Poewodadi is now called Purwodadi and is located SE of Semarang, capital city of central Java.

Hans Kremer kindly provides additional information about these overprints extracted from the *Handboek der Postwaarden van Nederlandsch-Indië*:

*For a while already it had been decided to issue a new series of stamps. Since it would have taken until the end of 1900 or early 1901 to get this done the Dept. of Colonies in early 1899 decided to ask Johan Enschedé en Zonen to overprint the existing series of Dutch stamps (i.e. the 1899 fur collar issue) with the words **NED. INDIË** and with black overprinted denominations (Netherlands Indies NVPH nrs. 31-37). The denomination had to be placed in such a way that the Queen's portrait was untouched.*

The denominations were 10 on 10, 12 1/2 on 12 1/2, 15 on 15, 20 on 20, 25 on 25, 50 cent on 50 cent and 2 guilder 50 on 2 guilder 50. Although 30 cent was also a current rate in the DEI, a 30 cent Dutch fur collar stamp was not available (it eventually came out in 1917) for overprinting, so no 30 cent overprint was produced. Large quantities of these overprinted stamps were issued because the DEI PTT expected them to sell well, especially to collectors. Of the 10 cent denomination for example 21 million copies were printed over time. Of the 2 gld. 50 denomination a more modest 92,000 copies were printed.

Postal items legitimately franked with selvaige portions of a stamp issue

During the December 2009 meeting of the NPofC Franklin Ennik showed several examples of covers franked with selvaige portions of the 1979 Herdenkingsserie issue (NVPH nr. 1183, Scott no. 591). This is not the first time this has occurred. TNT Postal rules allow the use of these non-stamps if both Nederland and the value of the stamp are shown on the selvaige.

