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Notes from the Secretary's Desk

You may be wondering why the format of this issue looks a little different from that of previous issues. The reason is that I have taken over the production of this issue to try and help Leo catch up with the backlog we have. Leo has been producing us some excellent magazines, but the workload of trying to produce Postal Himal and the Study Circle Auctions is really more than one individual can

cope with. Roger Skinner is another of our very busy members who not only organises the posting of both the magazine and auction lots, but also looks after the finances of both members subscriptions in North America and all auction payments. This is another very time consuming operation.

So we need some help. This Society is as you all know a postal run society and as such we often don't get to know many of our individual members. So this is an appeal to any of you who would like to take a more active part in running our Society. In particular there may be some of you who have the time to help with the production of the magazine with such things as collating together articles and getting them prepared and ready for printing. This is your Society and the only vehicle we have that is of real benefit to members is Postal Himal. Please write to me or Leo with your views and any offers of help with either the magazine or any other aspects of the Society.

The next appeal I have is for articles for the magazine, as we not only have a catch up situation for Postal Himal, but we need material to sustain it for future issues.

As you will have read in the last issue of Postal Himal, our President Dr Wolfgang Hellrigl was recently elected as the President of the International Association of Philatelic Experts (A.I.E.P.) and we offer him our congratulations on this appointment. It does however have a down side too, as, because of the extra workload this will give him, Wolfgang has asked to step down as President of our Society. ***So we are looking for a new President and I would appreciate it if I could have some nominations for this position.*** As Vice-President I can temporarily step into Wolfgang's place, but I don't want to be in a position of holding most of the Officers positions myself.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Colin Hepper.

Have you visited our website yet?

Rainer Fuchs maintains an excellent website for the Society at:

<http://fuchs-online.com/ntpsc/>

NEPAL, POSTAL SLOGANS

PART 1

By Colin Hepper

Introduction

Postal slogans first began to appear on Nepal's internal mail after 1959 when they were admitted into the U.P.U.

Although this may be one of the less interesting areas for the postal history collector, the recording of these can be very helpful when trying to determine the various markings on the modern letters. Many of these letters have had the handstamps applied, (particularly the official government mail) and it is of help to know if these are official department handstamps, or if they have any postal significance. Postal slogans in general were only used for short periods of time and so can be quite scarce to find and at the same time form a quite interesting sideline to a collection. *There are rare occasions when these are used to cancel the letters.*

The slogans consist of many general subjects, but there are some categories that have been repeated in one form or another over a long period of years. This shows the importance the Nepalese government places in these areas and is trying to educate the people.

The slogans can be divided into the following categories:- banking, Health, The Post Office, Tree Preservation, World Events and General Local Subjects.

Banking

It is difficult to assess if the banking slogans are in fact postal slogans or just the banks' own advertising handstamps that they applied to all their own mail, rather than being applied at a post office. The earliest one I have in my collection is from 1976:

GIVE US OPPORTUNITY TO
SERVE YOU - NEPAL BANK

This is the only slogan to be all in English

1978 saw two more banking slogans which were both associated with encouraging people to save money, with slogan 'A' saying simply 'The Bank is for Saving' and slogan 'B' saying 'Nepal Bank - Today is the day for saving money in the bank'

बचतका लागि बैंक

Slogan 'A'

माजैको दिन
बैंकमा बचत गर्ने विष
बचतका लागि बैंक

Slogan 'B'

In 1988 two further slogans came out encouraging people to save their money with the bank. Although worded differently they both have the same message, 'Banks are friends for saving money'.

दु.समा ठवे खाव दिने दुत्ताम नरुपर्दा लागी,
ठवाइकी खदने बचत जाटा हो ।

मेहुनत साथ बन्नाएको पैसा तथाकिये
बमीनाको मोल हो, फजुल बर्ष नगरी प्रति
पति सम्पत्ति बैंकबा बलठ पत्ति

'Banks are friends for saving money'

The final two I have in this banking section, I have been unable to date

बैंक खानाको क्या राम्रो काईदा
धनको सुरक्षा ब्याजका काईदा

'Bank for Wealth, Protection and
for Interest.'

● "नेपाल बैंक स्वर्ण जयन्ती वर्ष"

'Nepal Bank , Golden Jubilee Year'.

Tree Preservation

The erosion of the forrest in Nepal has become a major problem for them, as they had no re-planting programmes. With no fuel source other than wood, and with the trees being cut down, much of the fertile soil was being washed away with rain. So for the last 25 years a re-planting programme has been going with the help of outside aid. This is also reflected in the number of postal slogans on this subject.

देशको नात्रुव जुवारोरकमा
बाहारीपशवो सफलता जन सह भागक ए

1976: 'Country's future lies on planting trees. Success of planting trees depends on peoples participation.

1978

वृक्षारोपण गरौं
भविष्य सुधरौं

'Let us plant trees and
improve our luck'.

पूरारोपण मात्र होईन
संरक्षण पनि गरौं

We need not only to plant trees
but also to protect them'.

स्पष्ट वातावरणको साँ
वृक्षारोपण गरा

1981: 'Let us plant a tree for
clear, pure environment'.
This slogan is known as being
used to cancel letters.

ऊँच राखौं
वन जोगासौं

1983: 'Having planted a tree,
protect it'.
This was used only on inward
mail into Nepal.

सविबुद्धी भवामुद्धी तथा नू-अपलाह
वृक्षारोपणद्वारा समय भे रोको

1985: 'By timely afforestation prevent soil erosion'.

सुखता सभतिचो सविष्यको उज्ज्वल गानै
पूरारोपण गरौं

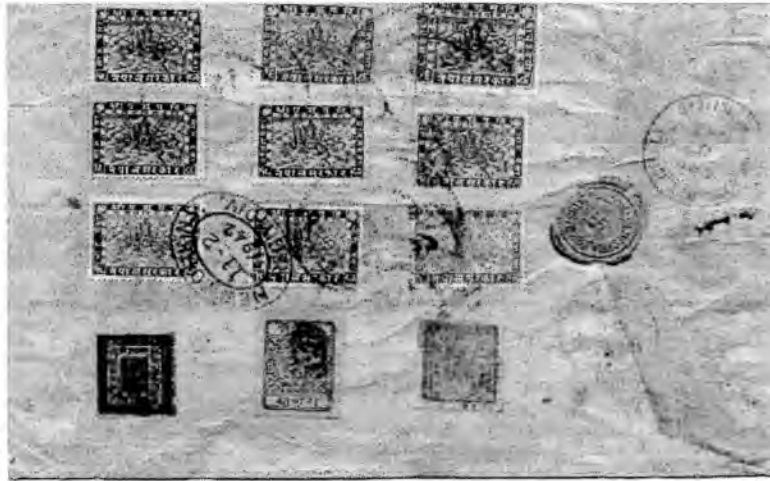
1985: 'To make the childrens future bright, let us plant trees'.

रुलका दिइवा रोली
सयुका वन जोगासौं

1991:
'Plant trees - Save woods'.

A COVER FROM NEPALGANJ by Colin Hepper

In the recent George Alevizos auction there was a lot on British Legation headed paper dated 1943 with all the stamps on sale at Kathmandu GPO at that time, affixed to it. This reminded me of a cover I had in my collection, sent from Nepalganj, by Meghanj Shumsher B.R. to a Mr Aaron Binder in New York.



The cover has a full set of 1935 issue Pashupati stamps plus the 16p, 1R and 5R stamps from 1930 which have been cancelled by a fancy bordered cancellation in blue but unfortunately is difficult to read. In addition to this there is a 1/2 anna, 1 anna and 4 anna classic stamp which are not tied to the envelope and had been cancelled previously. The cover is sealed with his personal seal in grey wax.



The letter was taken to Rupaidiha which was just over the border in India where the letter was registered and Indian stamps were applied dated 5 October 1942. The letter was passed by censor and received at the U.S. Customs, Port of New York on 3rd November 1942.

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