

ARABIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

FALL, 1983

Random Notes No. 25

1. The course of the stamp market is still interesting to me. For example, prices on British material, especially in Great Britain, continue a slow decline. Other prices are either up or down, depending on what you're looking at. Our own auction next month will probably tell us some things about Saudi prices. But, all in all, it would seem that now is still a poor time to sell stamps unless they are truly scarce, and a good time to accumulate the better material that you need to build your collections.

2. A recent article in Linn's Stamp News discussed the sad state of affairs for stamp clubs, saying that many had had declines of twenty to thirty percent in the number of members this year as compared to last year. I would speculate that many of the last year's members were so-called investors who got burned when prices dropped and have lost all further interest in stamps. There may also be those who got into collecting because it looked like a way of making an easy dollar, and those types will also be disappointed. On the other hand, plain old collectors like you and me will still be around.

3. I received a nice, long letter from David Graham, and I would like to repeat some things from it that I think are of interest. First, some news about the stamp album. The pages themselves, with the illustrations in full color, will be going to press in November, as the necessary approvals have been obtained from Mr. Kamal Safdar in Saudi Arabia. The layout of the album will be:

- o Introduction in Arabic and English. This will be about seventeen pages giving historical background and presenting some notes on philatelic terms.

- o A total of 115 full-color illustrated pages for all stamps from 1916 to 1983: Accession of King Fahd and Installation of Crown Prince Abdallah. Two pages have been set aside for the small-format definitives, and they will be published with a supplement after one or two years, depending on what is issued. The airmail, postage due, official, and postal tax stamps have been put at the end in accordance with the Scott system. No numbers have been given to the stamps.

Some sample pages were sent to me by David, and I have had them copied

and attached for you to look at. These are "copies of copies", and I'm sure the originals will look a lot better.

o Following the pages will be a reference section with illustrations of a number of covers, cancels, and sheets in color. Also included will be some error types.

o Finally, there are forty-five black and white illustrations of overprints, surcharges, handstamps, watermarks, and so forth. I have copied one of these and attached it for you.

Pages will be scored so that they will lie flat. They will be drilled with five holes placed so that they will fit Lighthouse binders as well as standard three-ring types, or the collector can use springback binders. The Saudi Arabian Philatelic Society is ordering special Lighthouse binders with the SAPS logo. Filatco will arrange to supply binders if a sufficient quantity is ordered. The paper used for all pages is 80-pound acid-free Natural Karma.

Retail price is to be \$120, not too bad in relationship to the price of black and white albums. However, Filatco, which is what Elias and David call themselves, will offer the albums to the Arabian Philatelic Association members at a price of \$75 plus shipping.

David says that the project was conceived back in 1978, and so has been five years in preparation. The introduction has not been approved yet, and current plans are to go ahead and issue the pages after the printing in November is finished. The introduction and special binders if any will then come later. David suggested an order form in the Random Notes, but I suggest that you simply write him at:

David Graham
Filatco
Box 1461
Appleton, Wisconsin 54913

4. David sent along photocopies of two recent auction lots: Scott 38B (Lot 1434 from the Superior Galleries sale of last February), and Scott P2 (Lot 1461 from the same sale). I attach these also. Very rare items.

5. Another attachment from David: pictures of some forgeries he found recently. The first purports to be a "black" Caliphate overprint, but the top line is slanted and has the dot on the wrong side of the "khaf". The second is another "black" that is much better done—examination under a glass shows thick, well-formed letters, unlike the normal printing, which you can see if you take a genuine copy of a Caliphate stamp and look through it at the light. The letters are poorly printed and look almost doubled. Also, the "tadh" characters are not quite right, and David says they really stand out as different if you have a number of them together.

Numbers three and four on the same page are new examples of forgeries that David hadn't seen before. The surcharge on Number 3 is especially poor, and the ink on Number 4 has run into the stamp a bit.

6. The last attachment is a shot of a cover prepared for the first show held by the Jeddah branch of the Saudi Arabian Philatelic Society May 18-25.

7. I see that the Auction Catalogue is out for our sale of November 17, 1983. This is the place to get genuinely overprinted items expertized by the APA's staff. There are some interesting items in this sale that I'd like to call your attention to:

Lot 10 The scarce El-Akaba cancel. These are possibly favor cancels, but then I haven't seen the item.

Lot 52-7 A set of these illegibles is tough to come by, as are the varieties.

Lot 58-66 These are also hard to find genuine.

Lots 137, 437 If you collect first flights, these are for you.

Lots 160-83 Some nice imperforates. If you don't get these now, you will kick yourself later on. See also Lot 203 and others just following.

Lot 316 What do you suppose these are?--fascinating!

Lots 335/51 More imperforates.

Lot 364 This 2pi is seldom offered.

Lot 398 The hard ones are the 4pi and 20pi.

Lot 425 This set is getting hard to find.

Nothing terribly rare, except Lot 364. Should be something for everyone.

8. I see that in Random Notes No. 24, Item 7, I goofed. Thanks to Dave Williams for spotting it. Mr. Jung's specimen is, of course, from Mekkah, not Medina. I hope this didn't cause anyone trouble.

9. Linn's Stamp News for October 10th, page 52, carried an article entitled "Saudi Arabia Reprints Items". I have permission of Linn's to quote it in full:

"The Government Security Printing Press, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, recently installed a new press and a new perforating machine.

"Current definitives released in May and June included: Kaaba 1 riyal (May 25) and Khafji 20 halalas (May 25), 65h (July 3), and 1ri (July 3).

"These four values were reprinted from new plates by the Government Security Printing Press in sheets of 105, perforation 12.

"The 20h stamp featuring the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, originally issued July 2, 1979, was redrawn and printed from new plates. It was issued July 31.

"The name of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Arabic, K.S.A., and the year 1399 in Arabic were removed and replaced by the Saudi emblem (two crossed swords and a palm tree).

"The stamp was printed in sheets of 54, perf 12.

"On Aug. 9, 20ha and 65ha values were issued to commemorate the 6th anniversary of the United Arab Shipping Co.

"The 20h was designed by Ashfaq Ghani and the 65h by Ibrahim Tahtawi. Both feature ships.

"The stamps were printed by offset in sheets of 50, perf 14. The printing total is 400,000 sets."

26 October 1983
Random Notes No. 25

مملكة البحرين السعدية

توشيح ازرق تخريم منشاري ١٣ مقلوب على "قرشان"
Blue Overprint Roulette 13 (Inverted on 2p.)



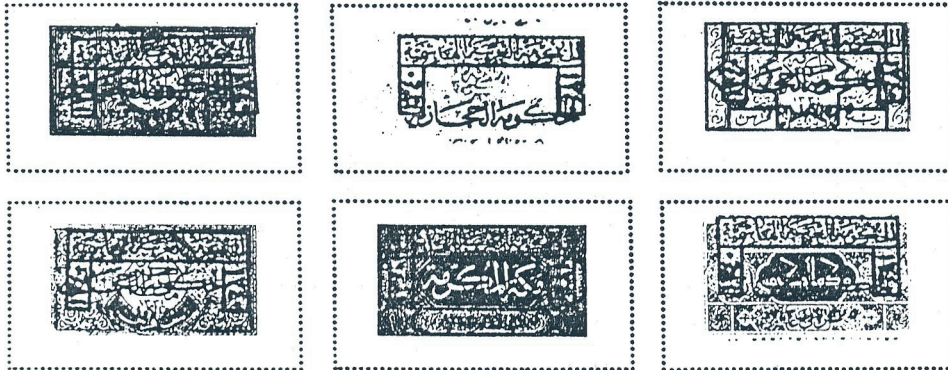
توشيح ذهبي تخريم منشاري ١٣
Gold Overprint Roulette 13



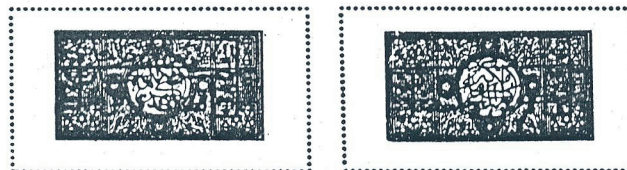
توشيح جدة الاول (رقم ٨) بالازرق اضافة الى توشيح (رقم ١)
2-line Blue on Unframed Overprint



توشيح جدة الاول (رقم ٨) بالازرق اضافة الى توشيح (رقم ٤)
2-line Blue on Framed Overprint

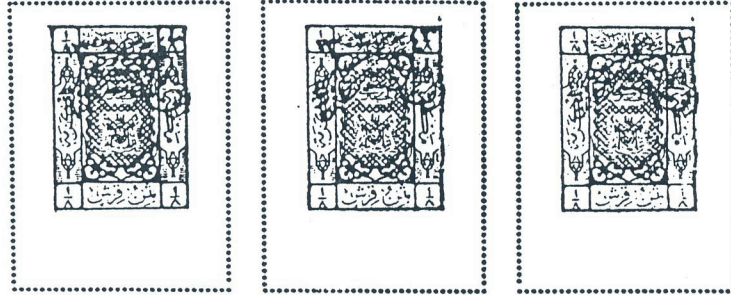


١٣٤١ توشيح اضافي "نصف قرش" و "قرش واحد" مع توشيح (رقم ٨ و ٤)
2-line Blue Overprint on 1922 1/2p. and 1p. Surcharges

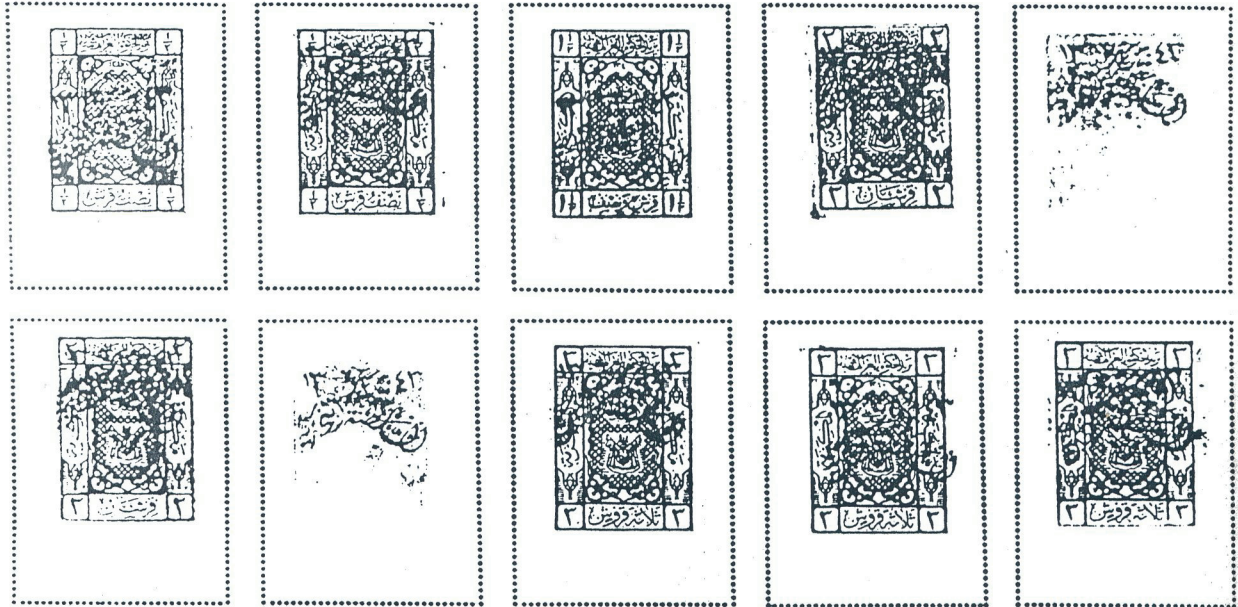


توزيع الملكة العرينة السنوية

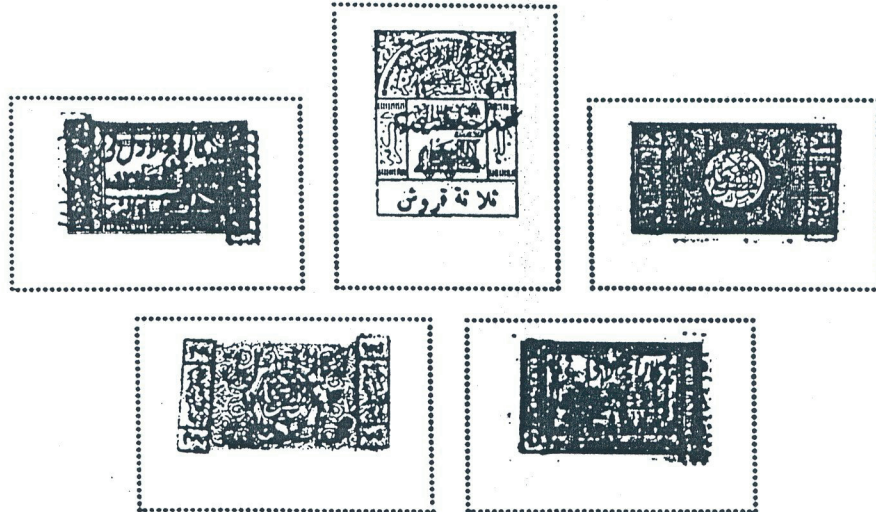
(رقم ٢٦) باللون الاحمر والاسود والبنفسجي على "اسلحة مكة المكرمة" ١/٨ قرش لون قرمزي
 (#26) in Red/Black/Violet on Mecca 'Arms'. 1/8p. carmine



(رقم ٢٦) باللون الاحمر والاسود وبنفسجي على "اسلحة مكة المكرمة"
 (#26) in Red/Black/Violet/Blue on Mecca 'Arms'

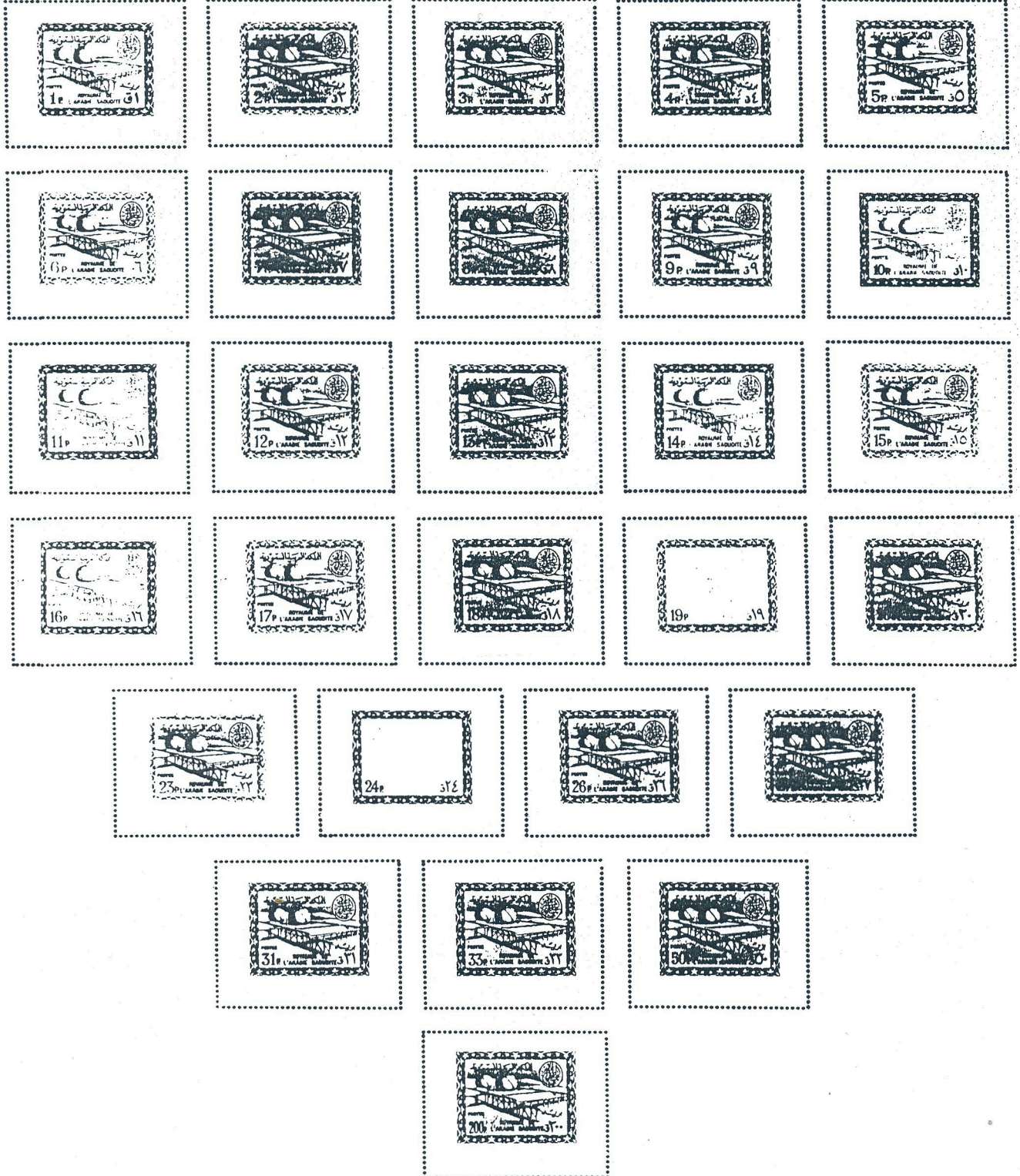


١٣٤٤ تذكار الحج الاول ختم بتسعيرة (رقم ٢٧)
 July 1925 'First Haj' Handstamp + Surcharge (#27)



طوبى للملكة العربية السعودية

شركة تنقية الغاز، سعود، دي لارو، بدون توشيح مائي
 1964-72 GOSP, Saud, De La Rue, Unwatermarked



توحيد المملكة العربية السعودية

١٤٠١ مرور خمسين عاما على توحيد المملكة العربية السعودية
September 1981 Unification of Kingdom 50th Anniversary

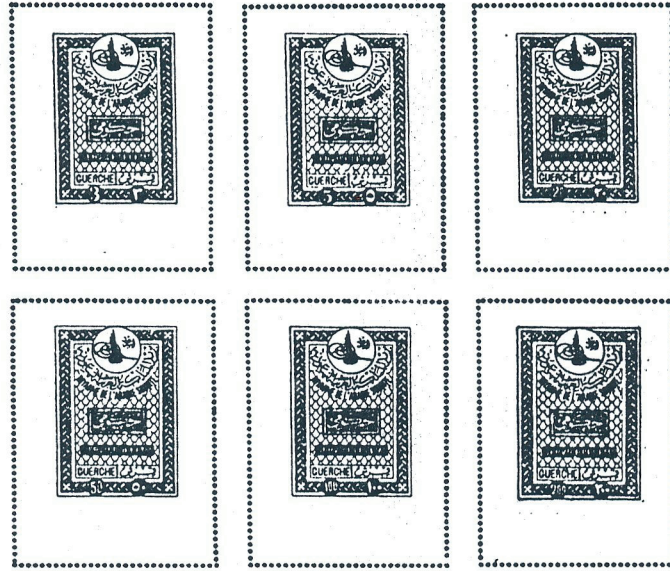


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طابعات المملكة العربية السعودية

طابع حكومية

١٣٥٨ طغرة تخريم ١١ - ١١ ١/٢
1939 Toughra Perf. 11/11½



١٣٨١ طباعة القاهرة، بدون توشيح
1961 Cairo Printing, Unwatermarked



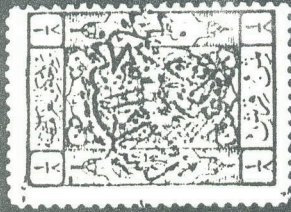
١٣٨٤-١٣٨٥ طباعة جدة، توشيح ١، تخريم ١٣ × ١٣
1964-65 Jeddah Printing, Watermark I, Perf. 13 x 13½



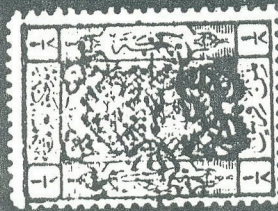
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- ١٠ قريش
 طابع جدة الرابع (١٠) ق. ختم يدوي على (١٠) ق.
 16. Fourth Jeddah 10q handstamp on 10q
- ١١ قريش
 طابع جدة الرابع (١) ق. ختم يدوي على (١) ق.
 15. Fourth Jeddah 1q handstamp on 1q
- ١٢ قريش
 طابع جدة الخامس - أربعة خطوط - (١/٤) ق.
 18. Fifth Jeddah (4-line) 1/4q
- ١٣ قريش
 طابع جدة الخامس - أربعة خطوط - (١) ق.
 20. Fifth Jeddah (4-line) 10q
- ١٤ قريش
 طابع جدة الخامس - أربعة خطوط - (١) ق.
 19. Fifth Jeddah (4-line) 1q
- ١٥ قريش
 طابع جدة الخامس - ثلاثة خطوط - (١/٨) ق.
 17. Fifth Jeddah (4-line) 1/8q
- ٢١ قيادة الملك علي
 21. King Ali Control
- ٢٢ طوابع مستحقة باطار
 22. Boxed Postage Due
- ٢٣ طوابع مستحقة باطار
 23. Boxed Postage Due handstamp
- ٢٤ طوابع مستحقة (غير مقروءة)
 24. 'Illegible' Postage Due
- ٢٥ طابع مستحق (غير مقروء) + ختم يدوي
 25. 'Illegible' Postage Due + handstamp
- ٢٦ الختم الأول للسلطنة النجدية
 26. First Nejdi Sultanate handstamp
- ٢٧ ختم الحج الأول + قيمة اضافية
 27. First Haj handstamp + surcharge
- ٢٨ الختم الثاني لسلطنة نجد
 28. Second Nejdi Sultanate handstamp

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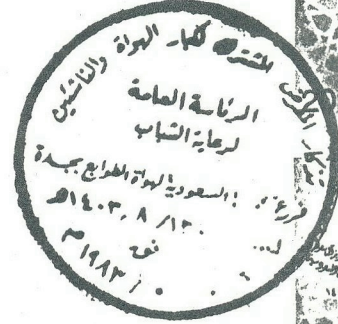


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المملكة العربية السعودية
الرئاسة العامة لرعاية الشباب
فرع الجمعية السعودية لهواة الطوابع بجدة
تذكار المعرض المشترك الأول لكبار الهواة والناشئين
الفترة ٦-١٣/٨/١٤٤٣هـ الموافق ١٨-٢٥/٥/١٩٨٣م



ARABIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION AUCTION RESULTS NOV. 1983

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