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EDITORIAL

My sincere thanks to all those who have sent articles for publication in the Journal. We are in the happy position of having a reserve ready for the next issue.

The AGM in Liverpool seems to have been a great success and our thanks are due to the local members who made all the arrangements.

The next big event is STAMPA 76 which this year will be held at the Royal Dublin Society's International Exhibition Centre, Ballsbridge, Dublin, from 4 to 11 November.

Further details can be obtained from:- Ian Whyte, 3 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2.

Make a note in your diary.

O.M. Richards

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Letter from the President:-

Dear Member,

With pride I acknowledge your great honour in electing me as your president for 1976 - 77. Very sorry I could not attend my inaugural meeting but my wife and family assure me that the knowledge of this honour helped me in my recovery and we all are eternally grateful.

Like you all, I await the minutes of the AGM with interest for although your friend and mine, Bill Stevens, called at the hospital to see me and give me a first hand report, I am afraid I was unable to take it all in. I do know, however, that he did an excellent job in taking over the auction at 48 hours notice, conducting it at the meeting and then, on his return home, collating the successful postal bidders so that Mollie, my wife, was able to send out the lots. A very big thank you Bill.

As most of you know, I had already decided that I would be giving up the post of Hon Auctioneer and Private Treaty Secretary at the end of the present fiscal year. Auction No 58 I had hoped to have sent with this Journal but am afraid it will have to be delayed for a while. Auction No 59 is also almost complete and will be sent out in the Autumn. This leaves No 60 to our kind volunteer replacement, Paddy Smithers of Dublin, to prepare for early in 1977.

I have been a keen student of Postal History for over 40 years but only started to collect Irish on the formation of the IPC and have obtained most of my knowledge from the past presidents of our society.

I have joined many Societies and made many friends who have helped me with our auctions. This advantage Paddy will not have and I do not envy him his task. I will understand his difficulties and want you all to realise them.

An auction takes a good three months preparation and so, please, rally around from now and send to him those lots that you all keep meaning to send and never do.

Again many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

"Sedge"

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Sir,

I refer to the article 'Watermark Varieties' by Dr Dulin on pp 28 - 33 of the June 1975 number of 'Irish Philately'.

I have two amendments to suggest to the list of varieties on the overprint series. First, a single mint copy of the 6d with watermark reversed was listed in Cavendish Philatelic Auction 280 (Lot 621) on 28 February 1976. It was described as SG 39 (Thom/June) but upon examination of the item I inclined to the view that it was SG14 (Thom/Feb). The SG Specialised Catalogue (3rd Edition) lists only two controls for this value which have been noted with reversed watermark, neither of which are found with Irish overprint.

Second, an addition to Dr Dulin's list of possible varieties based on known combinations of controls and GB plates is the 6d (Thom/June) with inverted watermark (control U 22 GB Plate 6). I have not seen an example.

Yours sincerely,

P.H. Williams

Dear Sir,

You published a complete listing of First Flight Covers in the March 1976 issue of Irish Philately. There are two items in my collection which are not included in the list.

First is a cover carried on the first TWA flight (FAM 27) from Detroit to Shannon. The cover is postmarked 'Detroit 5pm June 18 1974' and backstamped 'Luimneach 7.45am 20 June 1974'. It is addressed 'c/o Station Manager, TWA Inc, Shannon Airport, Foynes Ireland'.

Second is a cover apparently carried on the 'delivery flight' of the first Irish International Airlines Boeing 720 Jet from the manufacturer. The cover is addressed to 'Air Liaison Ltd, 17 Philpot Lane, London EC3', bears the printed cachet 'First Flight - Irish International Airlines - Boeing Shamrock Jet' and is postmarked 'Seattle, Wash, Airport Mail Facility, 10.30pm Oct 14 1960'. The Manager, AMF Seattle Post Office has no record of the flight.

'All that is available is the memory of a few people that were present during that period. AMF Seattle is not, nor was it then authorised to make a dispatch to any flight such as this apparently was, however there were occasions whereby we did respond to a request by Boeing Company for such as this and it is my belief that this is what must have occurred'. The first commercial jet service by Irish International Airlines took place just over two months later on 19 December 1960.

Perhaps other members can provide further information.

Yours sincerely,

John Hearn

Dear Sir,

'NEWS' JOURNAL OR HISTORY BOOK

WHAT DOES THE BEGINNER or for that matter the established 'Loner' gain from being a member of our Society or other Philatelic association - one is, members do not often come into contact with fellow enthusiasts (time factors etc) but depend entirely on the printed word for all the happenings in their sphere of the philatelic world. They don't get it in the glossy (expensive) philatelic magazines - the latter being more global and full of uninteresting 'catch' ads.

Alas, back to the beginning again - - - if we are not collectors of 'history' how then do or can we benefit from our own IPC Journal? As one of the aforementioned persons what use is the following information:-

'THE DUBLIN SHOP. The present appearance of the Dublin philatelic shop is quite disgraceful. Stamps stolen from one display have not been replaced

One asks 'What is disgraceful' ? Surely more interesting would be the details of how the stamps were stolen and particulars of them in case we saw them on offer.

Or the item (I've got it Jack, one up for me):-

".....cancellation for was a good one. The cancellation for the Pharmaceutical Congress was not, the lettering being far too small".

Great stuff for whom ? Remember the aforementioned member, the loner, who is a keen collector of Special Postmarks and he now sees this 'NEWS' for the first time. In fact, he has never heard of it since either. Incidentally, he does (or so he thinks) get an odd notice from the GPO on Postmarks - but he has never seen that one and perhaps (he now thinks) many others. So was there really a special done for the Phar. Congress?

There are many many other instances of 'NEWS' meaning history being printed and talked of in journals and societies, not much use you must agree to the beginner or the loner.

Would it be of any use if members would declare their interests or advance information they would like to be informed of and circulated under Information Heading; Name; Interested In; Contact Address or Telephone Number.

Perhaps our members would like to think awhile on the abovementioned subject and write their (constructive) views to the Editor.

Yours sincerely,

M. MacCearra

THE CIRCULAR SORTING DATE STAMPS OF DUBLIN

1846 TO 1857

by B de Burca

Before describing these it is necessary to recall the story of earlier date stamps. The Mermaids (1796 - 1814) were the first general duty date stamps, with Paid, sorting, and Free types. These were followed by the circular type enclosed in a square or octagon (1813 - 1831) which were used for sorting only, and a square or octagon type with paid inserted. Apart from these, the diamond or rhomboid types were introduced in 1815 as sorting date stamps. In 1846 the last three types were replaced by a general duty circular type.

The circular type received a passing reference in the Encyclopaedia Part I, and in Alcock and Hollands "The Postmarks of Great Britain and Ireland" they are described briefly in two separate chapters under Paid and Unpaid stamps. This division is confusing as it does not describe their real function and is a contradiction to their known application. The confusion probably arose over the fact that some of the stamps had Paid inserted but this ceased in 1850, or at least I have not seen it after this date. In addition, in earlier periods Paid and Unpaid hand stamps were quite separate and old pioneers like Alcock and Holland probably thought that it was logical to continue this classification.

For the first four years of their use the Paid stamp was applied to letters prepaid in cash and the type described as Unpaid to any type of letter posted in or passing through Dublin. In FE Dixon's collection there is a most interesting cover with the Paid type applied, though the postage was paid with a penny label. The Paid was obliterated with a 186 Dublin diamond and the sorting type applied. On two unpaid letters which I have seen, the sans Paid type was, of course, applied. After 1850 only the sans Paid was used in the sorting office and they became sorting stamps exclusively.

A further classification of Alcock and Holland is to divide this type into those with large circles from 1846 and smaller circles in 1849. In fact, the reduction in size started in 1847 and I have seen a large type in use in 1857. One can generalise in stating that there was a tendency to smaller sizes as new stamps were introduced. In measuring 116 specimens found the following measurements in millimeters:-

23, 23.5, 24, 24.5, 25, 26, 27, 27.5, 28, 28.5, 29 and 30.

A total of 12 different sizes.

The stamps had a number (1 to 8 and X) inserted at the top and a letter below (A to H and K). In roughly one in ten of those examined either the number or letter was missing. The most interesting point about these letters and their

distribution. The numbers ran as follows:-

No 1	23	No 5	14
2	6	6	15
3	16	7	11
4	11	8	12

With no number 8

Looking at the above data I am reminded of Hendy's description of the seven sorting tables in London's chief office circa 1791 and the letters used to indicate these. Then the trial of the sorter Russell Farmer in 1794 for stealing letters, brought forward the importance of locating the sorter with more than one code.

So if the numbers indicated sorting tables, what of the letters? These tell a very different story. The 116 examined gave the following results:-

A	73	E	3
B	2	F	
C	4	G	7
D	2	H	5
		K	6

Without letters 11. With neither number or letter 2.

This, if applicable to sorting times, would indicate that more than half of the sorting took place at night, as one would expect, and that sorting throughout the day was more evenly distributed. This may explain the frequency with which we encounter the star for midnight in the diamonds as compared with the sun for mid-day.

There are further interesting features in this type. They had serified letters up to 1850 and during this year smaller circles with unserified letters were introduced. By this time many of the brass stamps must have required replacement. I have, however, seen a serified type in a 25mm circle for 1850.

The ink was always brown to red-brown up to 1850 in all the copies seen. In 1855 and 1856 green ink was normal. In 1856 and 1857 black ink was sometimes used and this was found on two letters on which the postage had not been prepaid.

Mr FE Dixon provided the following classification based on his own collection;-

- | | | |
|----|------|--|
| I | PAID | Serif. Diameter 28 - 29mm. May 1846 to 1850. Red.
Nos 1 to $\frac{3}{4}$ above the date.
Letters below the date A, E, F, G, H, K or blank. |
| II | PAID | Sans-serif. Diameter 24 - 25mm. May 1850 to 1857. Red.
Nos 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and X above the date.
1, 8, X with A below and others blank. |

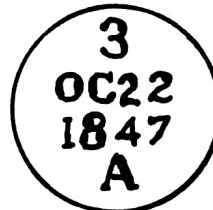
- III SANS-PAID Serif letters. Diameter 26 - 29mm. May 1846 to December 1849. Red.
Nos 1 to 8 above the date.
Letters A to H and K below the date or space blank.
- IV SANS-PAID Sans serif. Diameter 24 - 25mm. December 1849 to May 1855. Red, black, green.
Red normal to 1855 and green thereafter.
Nos 1 to 8 and X above the date or blank.
Letters below the date A, B, C, D, E, F, H or blank.
- V SANS-PAID Sans serif. Diameter 27 - 28mm.
March 1855 to September 1857. Red, green.



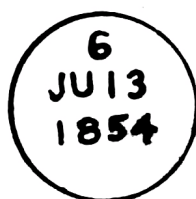
Type I



Type II



Type III



Type IV



Type V

AMERICAN BICENTENIAL COMMEMORATION STAMPS

The first error ever that appeared in the printing of Irish stamps was on 17 May 1976; this was the omission of the 'silver' printing on the 15p value, thus the word 'EIRE' and the inscription 'American Declaration of Independence 1776 Benjamin Franklin' were missing.

A sheet was discovered in a small Co Galway post office by a Canadian visitor who spotted the error and bought the whole sheet. This is being handled by Messrs D Feldman Ltd, the noted dealers in Irish stamps etc., and a report in the Irish Times of Monday 31 May 1976 stated that the sheet might be worth over £5000! Truly a profitable holiday for the lucky Canadian.

The error was displayed at 'INTERPHIL 76', the American Bicentennial Exhibition in Philadelphia early in June.

consist of a large number of similar strips!

While it is easy, given sufficient Harrison strips to identify a number of recurrent flaws, since they are not in blocks it is more difficult to be sure of their precise position within the stereo. To do this the same flaw must be found in both a horizontal and a vertical strip. If both strips contain a coil join, the stereo position can be found as shown in Fig 2. The complete stereo can be built up like a mosaic by finding similar flaws in other strips, Fig 3, which no longer need to have coil joins. Coil join pairs are often collected: vertical coil join pairs must be from horizontal rows 1 and 10, and horizontal coil join pairs from vertical rows 1 and 3. Vertical row 2, stamps 2 - 9, therefore, cannot be found in coil join pairs.

The position is a little complicated by the presence of some plate flaws. These occur only once on each horizontal strip between coil joins instead of four times as in the case of stereo flaws, Fig 4, and must be due to damage after the plate had been put together.

The complete stereo is shown in Fig 5. All the recurrent flaws which I have seen are consistent with this stereo, although one flaw (Horizontal Row 2, Stamp 3) does not always appear.

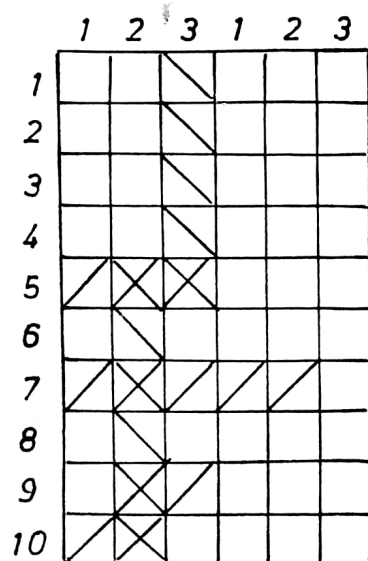


Fig 3

Plate Flaws	
Row 1 Stamp 1	
Row 9 Stamp 2	

Fig 4

Harrison 5 Line Stereo

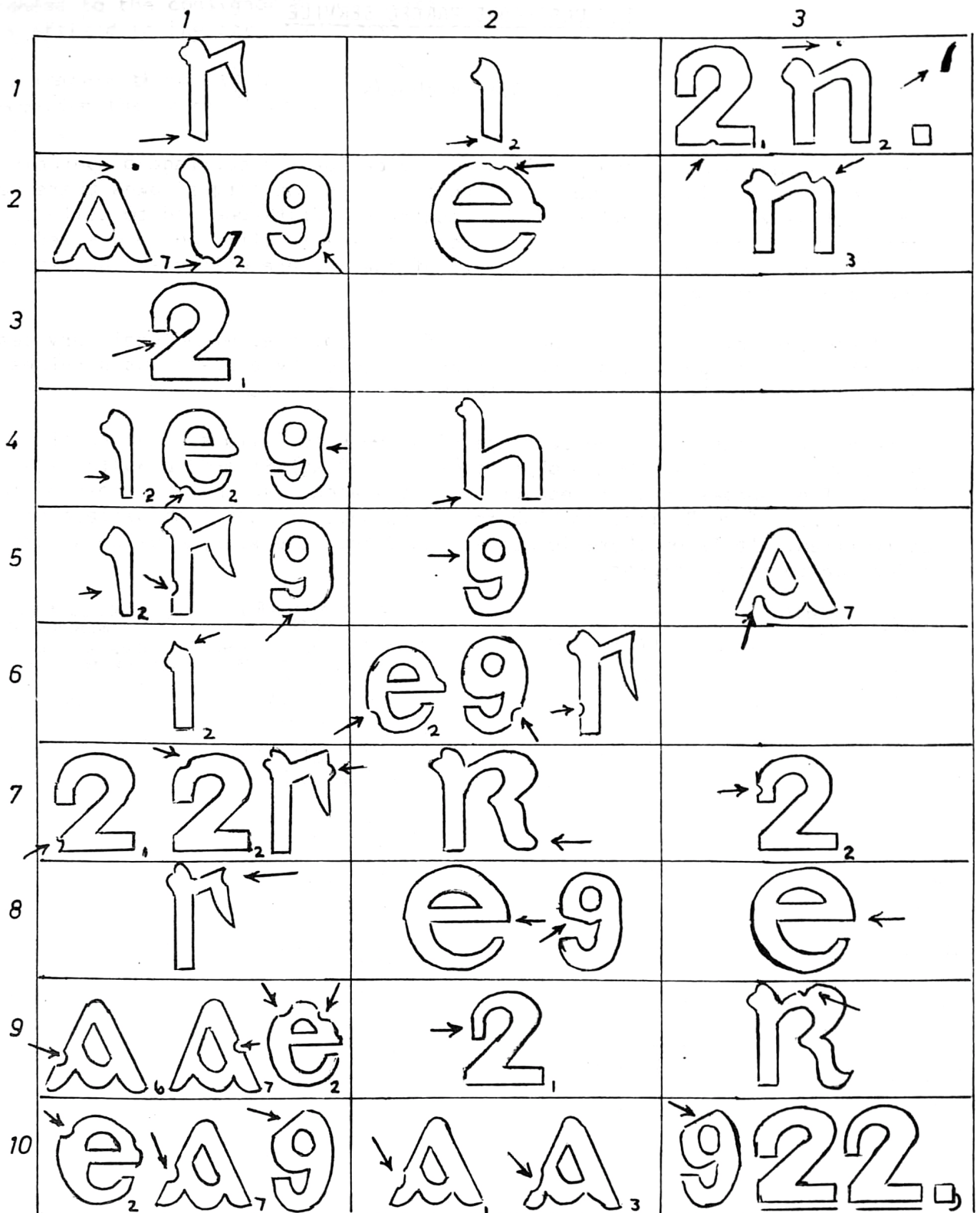


Fig 5

THE ULSTERBUS PARCEL SERVICE

by O.M. Richards

Omnibus Companies have long provided a service for the carriage of parcels and packets between points on their 'bus routes'. In the larger towns there was a local delivery service whilst in the country districts one had to collect parcels etc., from an agent. This parcel service is efficient and speedy, parcels handed in during the early part of the day are delivered the same day even to a distant point.

The Ulsterbus Company serves the whole of the Province, with local services radiating from larger towns, these being connected by express bus services to each other and to Belfast which is the hub of the system.

There are four rates for the carriage of parcels as follows:- up to 11 lbs (5 kg) 50p; to 22 lbs (10 kg) 60p; to 44 lbs (20 kg) £1 and to 56 lbs (25 kg) £1.25. The charges apply irrespective of distance, so that the cost of an 11 lbs parcel from Belfast to Lisburn is the same as that from Belfast to Enniskillen. It is on these longer journeys that the service becomes cost effective to the consignor.

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG
V.A.T. Regn. No. 252 - 1788 - 58 | Registered in N. Ireland
No. N.I. 6725

Receipt 50p

B 65401

This receipt is issued in respect of a parcel which is accepted subject to the Parcels Conditions. The charge includes V.A.T. at 8%

Depot Agent

Date
P.O. 79639

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG

Parcel Stamp 50p

B 65401

Depot Agent

Date

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG
V.A.T. Regn. No. 252 - 1788 - 58 | Registered in N. Ireland
No. N.I. 6725

Receipt 60p

B29251

This receipt is issued in respect of a parcel which is accepted subject to the Parcels Conditions. The charge includes V.A.T. at 10%.

Depot Agent

Date

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG

Parcel Stamp 60p

B 29251

Depot Agent

Date

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG
V.A.T. Regn. No. 252 - 1788 - 58 | Registered in N. Ireland
No. N.I. 6725

Receipt £1

A06101

This receipt is issued in respect of a parcel which is accepted subject to the Parcels Conditions. The charge includes V.A.T. at 8%

Depot Agent

Date
P.O. 79639

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG

Parcel Stamp £1

A 06101

Depot Agent

Date

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG
V.A.T. Regn. No. 252 - 1788 - 58 | Registered in N. Ireland
No. N.I. 6725

Receipt £1.25

A00651

This receipt is issued in respect of a parcel which is accepted subject to the Parcels Conditions. The charge includes V.A.T. at 8%

Depot Agent

Date
P.O. 79639

Ulsterbus Ltd., Milewater Rd.,
Belfast BT3 9BG

Parcel Stamp £1.25

A00651

Depot Agent

Date

Envelopes, letters or small items are not accepted unless they are packed with rigid dimensions of not less than 8 inches in length or girth. There are also limitations on the size of larger parcels, those with a greater girth and length combined of 5 feet, or a greater length than 4 feet, or of a bulky nature or awkward shape are not acceptable. Day old chicks can be carried but parcels of an offensive, inflammable or dangerous nature can only be carried by special arrangement. Parcel stamps are issued and examples of the four values at present in use - 50p, 60p, £1 and £1.25 are shown. Previous values in this

type were - 20p, 25p, 30p, 35p, 40p and 80p. The top part of the ticket is handed to the consignor as a receipt whilst the bottom half, which is gummed, is affixed to the parcel or packet.

My sincere thanks to Mr R Ludgate, the Ulsterbus Publicity Officer, who kindly provided the information and the examples of tickets on which this article is based.

IRELAND - AIRMAIL SPECIAL EVENT COVERS

by J.J. Brady

1. 1948 (April 7) First Day Cover of Irish 3d and 6d airmails.
2. 1949 (February 1) Dublin to London Reduced Air Mail Fee.
3. 1949 (April 4) First Day Cover of Irish 1d and 1/- airmails.
4. 1949 (September 24) Balloon Flight in Belfast.
5. 1954 (December 13) First Day Cover of Irish 8d and 1/3 airmails.
6. 1956 (May 23) Balloon Flight in Dublin.
7. 1959 (June 15) Derrygimla to Galway City Commemorative Flight.
8. 1965 (April 1) First Day Cover of Irish 1/5 airmail.
9. 1968 (May 29) Rocket Flight in Wexford by Rockets JFK I and II.
10. 1969 (June 14) Alcock and Brown Anniversary Cover.
11. 1972 (October 2 - 7) Balloon Championship of Ireland in New Castle.

This completes the listings referred to in the March 1976 issue of 'Irish Philately'.

TELEGRAPH CODE LETTERS OF IRELAND

We are grateful to FE Dixon for pointing out some errors which occurred in the listing of telegraph codes in the March 1976 issue of 'Irish Philately'.

BYH Ballynan should read BYH Ballineen.

BYV not BYW for Bantry.

DNC not DNL for Dunmanway.

MJR not MRJ for Monastereven.

Two errors of spelling were BYP Bannagher which should be Banagher and CWX Craghwell should be Craughwell.

An addition to the list is BXW Ballaghadreen.

RANDOM NOTES

by F.E. Dixon

AIRMAILS Looking in back issues of the "Aero Field" for something else I found mention of light aircraft flights of July and August 1953 between Croydon and Dublin and Croydon and Belfast. Covers were carried, only six on the Dublin route. Although of only minor interest, it would be interesting to know who has the covers now?

Another volume yielded statistics of the mails on the Imperial Airways first transatlantic flights of 1939:-

Southampton to Botwood 30 lbs, to Montreal 224 lbs, to New York 536 lbs, Foynes to Botwood 570 covers, to Montreal 1090 covers and to New York 3430 covers.
Montreal to New York 675 covers, to Botwood 6776 covers, to Foynes 7086 covers and Southampton 19,975 covers.
New York to Botwood $7\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, to Foynes $26\frac{1}{2}$ lbs and Southampton 284 lbs.

As a pound can comprise nearly 1000 letters it is obvious that the covers to look for are those of the Foynes - Botwood and Montreal - New York legs. Francis Field's initial price for the covers was 2 shillings to 4 shillings each.

REGISTRATION The 25p stamped envelope was issued in January 1975 with the
ENVELOPES wrong fee on the reverse. A new printing late in the year revised the wording so that no fee was mentioned. A further major change imitated the UK by using stout white paper, tinted blue inside, and omitting the scrim lining.

The 33p K envelope issued 5 February 1976 is identical (except for the stamp) with the late 1975 issue. The G size still has the scrim lining and the reverse text specifies the registration fee as 12p - only half what is stated on the stamp!

Although of similar design to the previous values the 33p stamp, embossed in brown, is of better execution. The oval is larger (30 x 22 mm) and the harp more elegant.

DOG BITES George Green, a postman in the Fairview District Office,
POSTMAN Dublin, had not been bitten in 19 years of deliveries - partly because he avoids the houses where aggressive dogs lurk, bringing the letters back to the office. However, on 6 February a terrier entered the office and sank its teeth into his leg!

THE MISSING On 3 February Bandon was using its cancelling machine with
YEARS the year space blank.

SINN FEIN We still do not know how many printing or issues of the Sinn
LABELS Fein labels were authentic. Another piece of evidence just discovered is in the programme for a St Patrick's Day Concert 1915. It advertises:-

"THE IRISH NATIONAL STAMP (New Issue) 9 A PENNY".

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 1975

by P. Smithers

NEW STAMPS

Eight new commemorative sets of stamps were issued comprising of 18 stamps with a face value of £1.52. Unless stated otherwise, all stamps were PHOTOGRAVURE printed at Stamping Branch, Dublin Castle, in sheets of 100 stamps (single pane 10 x 10) on unwatermarked paper.

Date of Issue	Description	Designer	Values	Cylinder Numbers	Perfs	Number Printed
24 Mar	International Women's Year	Alexandra Wejchert	8p 15p	1 1 1 1	14½ x 15	2 mil 2 mil
28 Apr	Europa	Adapted by R Kyne from painting by Robt Healy	7p 9p	1 1	15 x 14½	4 mil 2 mil
	Varieties:	7p R4/4 Arc shape in clouds R8/6 Ball in sky 9p R10/2 Whip (on 2nd rider from left) R10/4 Arm-band (on rider at right)				
26 Jun	European Amateur Golf Championship	Based on photographs of Killarney GC by J McManus	6p 9p	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	15 x 14½	2 mil 2 mil
	The top two rows of 6p value were guillotined before distribution to the post office.					
	Varieties:	6p R3/8 Line through EI of Eire R6/3 Red spot on head 9p R2/3 Accent on E of Eire (not constant on all sheets) R1/5 White mark on G				
28 Jul	Irish Art (Bird of Prey)	Oisin Kelly	15p	1	15 x 14½	2 mil
	Variety:	R9/4 Extra talon				
1 Sep	Presentation Order of Nuns	By Kilkenny Design Workshops from engraving by Chas Turner	5p 7p	1 1 1 1	14½ x 15	4 mil 4 mil

Varieties: 5p R9/1 Break in left frame line
 R10/6 Pendant on small girl
 7p R9/1 Break in left frame line
 R10/5 Pendant on tall girl

6 Oct	European	Patrick	5p	1A	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 mil
	Architectural	Scott	6p	1A1A1A1A	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 mil
	Heritage year		7p	1A	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 mil
			9p	1A1A1A1A	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 mil

Photogravure printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd in sheets of 100
 (Single pane 10 x 10)

Varieties: 5p R4/2 & 3 "Telegraph Cable" extending from church
 wall through tree to top left corner of
 next stamp.

7p R9/1 Faint line under Architectural

13 Oct	Saint Oliver	Imogen	7p	1 2 3 4	14	8 mil
	Plunkett	Stuart		5 6 7		
			15p	1 2 3 4		2 mil
				5 6 7		

Recess painted by Harrison & Sons Ltd in sheets of 100. (Two
 panes of 50 (10 x 5) with gutter between panes). Each pane of
 50 stamps is numbered from 1 to 7.

13 Nov	Christmas	Adapted by	5p	1 1 1 1	15	8 mil
		P Wildbeck	7p	1 1 1 1		8 mil
		from painting	10p	1 1 1 1		8 mil
		by Fra Filippo				
		Lippi				

Variety: 7p R10/3 Accent on E of Eire

The Post Office also issued five new stamps in the current definitive series.

17 June	New	Heinrich	6p	1	15	-
	Definitives	Gesl	7p	1		-
			8p	1 1		-
			15p	1 1 1 1		-
			£1	1 1 1 1		-

6p & 7p Dog; 8p Stag; 15p Ox; £1 Eagle.

Varieties: ✓ 6p R14/1 Accent on I of Eire
 ✓ 8p R20/4 Retouch in bottom left corner
 ✓ £1 R8/2 White mark at end of eagle's tail.

NEW SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

1. "Royal British Legion Ireland (Southern Area 1925 - 1975, 8 Feb 75
 Dun Laoghaire". (Illustrated Vol 1975 No 1 Page 17). Used at
 Offices of British Legion, 3 Crossthwaite Terrace, Dun Laoghaire.

2. "Cill Airne La A Chead Eisuina 26.6.1975". (Illustrated Vol 1975 No 3 Page 67). Used at Killarney on FDC's of European Golf Stamps.
3. "Dun Laoghaire 4.7.75". (Illustrated Vol 1975 No 3 Page 67). Used at Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, for the International Convention of National Associations of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland.
4. "35th International Congress of Pharmaceutical Sciences, FIP 75 Dublin, Baile Atha Cliath 31.VIII.1975". Used at Burlington Hotel, Dublin, 31 August to 5 September inclusive.
5. "6th LSMH Congress Dublin 14 SP 75". SC in black. "6th World Congress of the International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped Sept 14 - 19 1975". Rectangular cachet in purple. Used at Burlington Hotel, Dublin, 14 - 19 Sept excluding 16th.
6. "Mainistir na Croise Naofa 6.10.75". Design featured a church window. Used at Holy Cross, Co Tipperary on FDC's of European Architectural Heritage Year stamps.
7. "Cill Airne DRV 17 Oct 75". SC in black. "Killarney IRLAND 75 DRV - KONGRESS 13th - 19th October 1975. German Travel Agents Convention". Rectangular cachet in purple. Used at Great Southern Hotel, Killarney.
8. Four pictorial handstamps - one for each day of STAMPA '75 EXHIBITION - were used at the temporary post office in Exhibition Hall, Gresham Hotel, Dublin. The themes of the handstamps were:-
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 - a) 13th Nov Christmas
 - b) 14th Nov Holy Year 1975
 - c) 15th Nov Int. Women's Year 1975
 - d) 16th Nov Eur. Arch. Heritage Year 1975

An official STAMPA 75 envelope, showing the four designs of the handstamps, was available.

NB All FDC's emanating from the Philatelic Section, GPO, received a special cancellation. Exception - Christmas issue. Illustrations of some of these cancellations can be seen in OM Richards' "Postmark Miscellany".

POSTAL STATIONERY

- 16 Jan Two new Registered Envelopes (Sizes H and K) were issued embossed with 25p blue stamp. Cost 26p and 27p respectively. First day service not available.
- 19 Feb Size 'G' of above was issued. Cost 26p.
- Despite rumours that the PO was discontinuing the issue of postcards, a 5p (light green) postcard was issued circa October.

NEW SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

1. "NAVAN TRADE FAIR 19 - 23 FEB 1975". Used at Navan only. First used on 20 January.
2. "KILL Show (Co Kildare) WHIT MONDAY. See you there". Used at Naas only. First used on 14 April.

3. "May 18 - 25 Junior Chamber Community Week". Used at Dublin and Cork only. First used on 1st May.
4. "Conserve Energy". Used at Dublin, Cork, Waterford, Galway, Limerick, Donegal, Cavan and Dundalk. First used in September.
5. "Let your fingers do the walking - Use the Golden Pages". Used at Dublin, Dun Laoghaire, Waterford, Cork, Kilkenny, Limerick, Galway, Sligo and Dundalk. First used in November.

OLD SLOGANS RE-ISSUED (Hibernian catalogue numbers)

SP	68	POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS
SP	85	PREVENT FOREST FIRES
SP	97	KINSALE REGATTA
SP	105	CLEAN TEETH
SP	111	DUBLIN DISTRICT NUMBERS (TYPE I)
SP	123	FULL ADDRESS SPEEDS DELIVERY
SP	130	SAVINGS CERTIFICATES
SP	131	SAVE THE EASY WAY etc
SP	139	DUNDALK MAYTIME FESTIVAL
SP	142	CARRICK-ON-SHANNON BOATING AND FISHING
SP	147	BALLINASLOE SHOW AND FAIR
SP	150	DUBLIN DISTRICT NUMBERS (TYPE II)
SP	160	SHOP IN GOLDEN PAGES
SP	165	DUBLIN DISTRICT NUMBERS (TYPE III)
1973 No 4		DONEGAL FOR HOLIDAYS

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The 5p (Dog) Light Green issued in January 1974 appeared in July/August with the light green changed to yellow.

New type of International Reply Coupon issued by the International Bureau of UPU was released in January. Cost 16p.

The 1p and 3p Definitives on UNWATERMARKED PAPER were released in mid February.

Two new booklets of stamps were released on 27 January:-

- a) 40p (Red Cover)
 - 1 pane of 5 x 1p + label
 - 1 pane of 5 x 2p + label
 - 1 pane of 5 x 5p + label
- b) 70p (Grey Cover)
 - 2 panes of 5 x 2p + label
 - 2 panes of 5 x 5p + label

The following were withdrawn from sale in post offices on 30 April. Available in the Philatelic Bureau from that date.

Definitives:- 1½p, 2½p, 3½p and 7½p.

The new Philatelic Bureau was officially opened by the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien, on 28 July. Special presentation folders of stamps were presented to the guests.

Add to OLD SLOGANS RE-ISSUED IN 1974 (Page 43 Vol 1975 No 2)

SP 155 FESTIVAL OF WEST CORK? CLONAKILTY, JULY, THE FAMILY FESTIVAL

SP 120 MAKE THE ROAD SAFE - STOP

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POSTAL STATIONERY

A recent 'buy' was a mint registered envelope size 'G' of the first decimal issue in 1971 without the printed 'stamp'. It is illustrated below.

Don Dúille Chláraithe an taobh seo. This space is reserved for Official Registration Label	LITIR CHLÁRAITHE REGISTERED LETTER Caithfear an Litir seo a thabhairt d'Oifigeach Poist le clárú, agus Admháil a fháil uirthi. THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT. Caithfear an seoladh a scríobh ar an taobh seo. THE ADDRESS MUST BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
Táille Joetha FEE PAID	

It appears that a packet of 10 was issued to a sub post office in Cork, the postmaster was most irate at having the task of affixing stamps to the necessary 14p on them when a customer asked for one. The customer was quick witted enough to realise that here was something out of the ordinary and did not have much trouble in persuading the postmaster to sell them to him. This item is a must for the postal stationery enthusiast. OMR

ADDITIONS TO THE LISTING OF BUSINESS REPLY STATIONERY

DN 596 RANK XEROX (IRELAND) LIMITED (METER CARD)
DN 947 IRISH MERCHANTS (EQUIPMENT) LTD (CARD)
DN 1128 HIBERNIA - NATIONAL REVIEW LTD (SUB CARD)

MJ Kerr

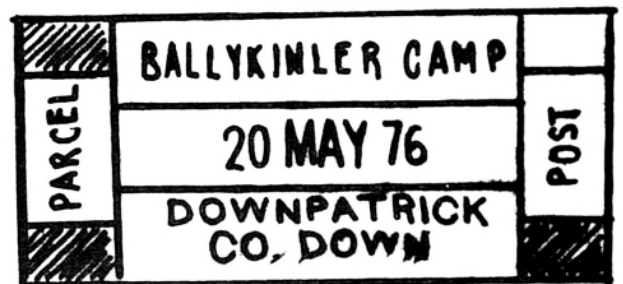
POSTMARK MISCELLANY

by O.M. Richards

Readers will remember my notes on the cancellations of Ballykinler Camp on Page 17 of the March issue of Irish Philately. I had occasion to visit that location a couple of weeks ago and, to my surprise, in the small cluster of houses outside the entrance was a supermarket, proudly proclaiming itself to be BALLYKINLER CAMP POST OFFICE.

I had always thought that this office had been in the camp area and had been superseded by the FPO.

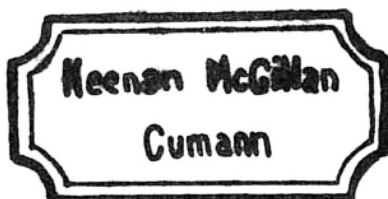
Whilst this office does not cancel ordinary mail it still has the double circle stamp, a single circle stamp and a parcel post stamp.



In the last issue of the 'NEWS' I asked for any information on the 'stamps' issued in Londonderry at Christmas by the Republican movement. Since then I have acquired a corner of an envelope with one of the 'stamps', 'cancelled' by an oval hand stamp. I have also acquired a set of five covers, philatelically prepared, showing five different cancellations. Whilst covers showing the proper use of these 'stamps' are an acceptable addition to one's collection of this material, the preparing of philatelic covers at inflated prices is to be deplored.

**J STARRS
CUMANN DERRY 1975**

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SINN FEIN CUMANN
DERRY CITY**



**Lynch Moyne
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