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President's Message

Spring/87

Spring is here and mother nature is starting to place her colours throughout. The blossoms have blossomed, the leaves are coming out and the birds are heading north.

Philately starts its yearly wind down. The exhibitions are taking a break. Stamps are put aside for the enjoyment of summer and the long week-ends which they bring. The family is gathered together for their long awaited vacations.

By the time you read this, the big event in Canada, CAPEX, will have gone its way for another decade and I will be into the summer doldrums.

On that note, I would like to wish you all a pleasant summer, enjoy your holidays and we'll see you again in the fall.

Sincerely,
Gene Labiuk
President

CHAPTER REPORT

The Lone Star Chapter of Texas

by Jim Lavelle

The Texas LONE STAR Chapter is striving to develop an interest in philatelic exhibiting at the local level within Texas through articles in the monthly newsletter aimed at starting the novice exhibitor off on the right foot. The San Antonio Study Group will address this same subject during the June and July meetings. We will also emphasize the manufacture and production of money-making show cachets that although changing annually would be part of a continuing series that would still draw interest back to the first cachet even though it is several years old.

Individual members of the Austin area are being encouraged TO SET up a local study group within the Capital City with other LONE STAR members coming in on a monthly basis to speak about Irish philately and show different items or mini-collections of Irish material.

A copy of the monthly LONE STAR Newsletter is available for mailing upon request and a SASE. A yearly subscription to this newsletter which informs the reader of items of interest in Irish philately long before you read it in the REVEALER is available at \$5. The Newsletter is published 11 times during the year. Please send your request to Jim Lavelle, 522 Indigo Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF

by Jim Lavelle

Contrary to what the reader may think, I believe that the easiest part of the job of being 'the book keeper' is writing this column. My problem naturally will be KEEPING your attention once I've gained it. My only guide to success in this area will be when those readers who have philatelic books and magazine articles to donate, will donate them and those readers interested in gaining additional knowledge to build a successful philatelic exhibit or those collectors desiring to start a specialized collecting area and wanting to know all they can about the particular subject will order the library books available or will request reproductions of REVEALER articles or of other magazine articles.

No 'Warm Fuzzies' are given out in this issue although I have received several magazine articles, only the book donor will get the Fuzzy. However, there is a 'Clarion Call' (Listen for those trumpet sounds now.) for the following material:

- a. REVEALER Issue Vol 15, No. 3, Whole No. 83, Apr-Jun 1965 w/Supplement No. 20.
- b. REVEALER Issue Vol 15, No. 4, Whole No. 84, Jul-Sep 1965 w/Supplement No. 21.
- c. REVEALER Supplement No. 22 - page 99 ONLY.
- d. REVEALER Issue Vol 16, No. 1 Whole No. 85, Oct-Dec 1965, pages 609-610 ONLY.

Once the above items are on hand in the library, the REVEALER Issue collection will be complete down to the last advertisement page.

The following books have been purchased and are additions to the Book Index:
Mackay, James A. ENGLISH & WELSH POSTMARKS SINCE - 1840. 1980, 254 pp.

Mackay, James A. POSTAL HISTORY ANNUAL 1982. 56 pp.

Mackay, James A. As above, 1983, 69pp.

Mackay, James A. As above, 1985, 103pp.

Mackay, James A. As above, 1986, 104pp.

Please give me your thoughts, ideas, recommendations or complaints pertaining to the library or this column and if deemed possible or feasible will be acted on. If a personal answer is required, please don't forget the SASE.

General thoughts seem to be directed towards the Scott Publishing Co. which recently informed Linn's readers that in the Vol 1 of the SCOTT POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE due out in June, there will be 525 price changes in the Irish area and for the most part will reflect large increases in recent used material "due to a lack of availability". Most of us that communicate with Irish stamp dealers in Ireland already know, that what one Irish dealer called the "hibernation of American collectors", is due to the current exchange rate of US dollar and the Irish pound which is going even higher. Once inventories of Irish material held by American and Canadian dealers are depleted and those dealers

replenish their stocks from overseas, the cost of collecting Irish material will go even higher. Get yourself a copy of Scott's Vol. 1 and if your Irish collection is complete, sit back and chuckle, but if you are still collecting, wring your hands, get out your checkbook, take a deep sigh and write that check. Scott Publishing Co. also indicated that there has been improvement in assembly and RENUMBERING of those issues from Northern Ireland.

Don't forget the John Blessington Memorial Library when you get your copy of the 1988 Vol. 1 and before you discard that 1987 Scott Vol. 1. We can use that 'obsolete' volume.

Ta Me Ar Mhain na mhaice.

Book Review

Die Ganzsachen irlands
Postal Stationery of Ireland
- Katalog und Handbuch -
1987
by Otto Jung

This is Otto Jung's third catalogue on Irish postal stationery and he has accomplished what should be accomplished in a catalogue.

Myself, knowing nothing about postal stationery, received the 160 plus page catalogue and thought to myself "here I go again, trying to familiarize myself with a new edition". Upon opening the catalogue to the first section, "Envelopes", it then became clear that this was not a book to be taken very lightly. Right from the start he goes into the variations of the flaps and the sizes. Something extremely valuable to the old and the newer students of postal stationery.

The illustrations are excellent, self explanatory and easy-to-follow. The descriptions of the items are in English and German and are along side the illustrations. Otto has used his own numbering system and has shown the catalogue numbers of Michel, MacDonnell Whyte, and Higgins and Gage when known. Values are in Deutsche Marks. IR£ and U.S.\$ and are shown directly beneath the item.

As I went through the catalogue a learning process had taken place. The "Telegraph Forms" was superbly done. Illustrating the fronts and backs of these rarities was wonderful. The chances of owning these are very slim. Being able to see what they look like is exceptional. The "Registered Envelopes" have been gone into in great detail. And, again, knowledge was obtained and I was able to identify the items which I have. For something different, he has included a listing of the Irish postal rates from 1922-1987.

Otto has far outdone himself on this and deserves a great deal of thanks and appreciation from his fellow Irish collectors. Whether you collect postal stationery or not, this is a valuable reference piece and should be part of your library.

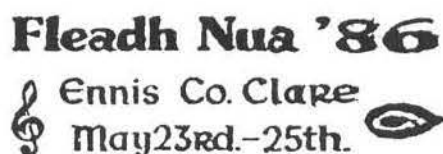
Gene Labiuk

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 1986 (Part II)

NEW SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

By Brian Warren

Nine new slogans were introduced during 1986. The numbering sequence continues from last year. None of the slogans were announced in advance.



268 - RTE RADIO 60 SERVING IRELAND SIXTY YEARS

Used during January and February Cork, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G) Donegal?, Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

269 - RADIO RTE 60 SEASCA BLIAIN AG FONAMH d'EIRINN

Used during January and February Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (5 dies - C D F G and H), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

270 - THE IRISH GIRL GUIDES 75th 1911-1986

Used during April at Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. The five slogan dies used in Dublin were slightly smaller than the dies used at the other locations.

271 - FLEADH NUA '86 ENNIS CO. CLARE MAY 23rd - 25th

Used during April and May at Limerick.

272 - WAWC 1986 FOCUS ON FAMILY

Used from 21 to 27 April at Killarney in connection with the holding of the World Association of Women's Clubs Conference held in the town.

273 - DUN LAOGHAIRE 40th YEAR BRIDGE CONGRESS

Used at Dun Laoghaire during September.

274 - SEPT 26th - OCT 4th CORK FILM FESTIVAL

Used during September at Cork in the second machine which is only used at 8 pm on larger envelopes. The slogan is therefore scarce.

275 - USE THE GOLDEN PAGES ITS FASTER & CHEAPER BY FAR

Used during October at Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G)

274 - SEPT 26th - OCT 4th CORK FILM FESTIVAL

Used during September at Cork in the second machine which is only used at 8 pm on larger envelopes. The slogan is therefore scarce.

275 - USE THE GOLDEN PAGES ITS FASTER & CHEAPER BY FAR

Used during October at Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G), Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

276 - 9th OCTOBER - WORLD POST DAY

Used on 9th October at Cavan, Cork, Donegal (?), Dublin (3 dies - C F and G), Galway, Limerick and Waterford (?). Note the change of wording from slogan 237 used on the same date during the period 1981-85 which read "9th October - UPU Day".

A question mark above indicates that positive proof by actual sight of an impression from this location required.

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS RE-USED IN 1986

- 82 Bank Your Savings in the Savings Bank - Galway.
- 101 Post Early For Christmas - Blackrock, Cavan, Dublin (6 dies - A C D F G and H), Dundalk, Galway, Letterkenny, Sligo, Tipperary and Waterford.
- 120 Prevent Forest Fires - Cavan, Cork, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick, Mallow and Waterford.
- 132 When It's August Bank Holiday It's Kinsale Regatta - Cork.
- 143 Make Sure You Are On The Voters Lists - Dundalk, Galway, Naas, Nenagh, Thurles and Tullamore.
- 144 Are You On The Voters Lists? Check Now At The Post Office - Athlone, Ballina, Bray, Cavan, Clonmel, Cork, Dun Laoghaire, Galway, Kilkenny, Letterkenny, Limerick, Roscommon and Waterford.
- 146 Please Shew District Numbers In Dublin Addresses - Monaghan and Tullamore.
- 147 Westport For Sea Angling - Westport
- 159 A Full Address Speeds Delivery - Ballinasloe, Blackrock, Bray, Dundalk, Ennis, Enniscorthy, Tipperary, Tralee and Tuam.
- 166 Build On Secure Foundations L1 Units Tax Free Savings Certificates - Cavan and Dublin (2 dies - C and F).
- 167 Save The Easy Way Easy Deposits Easy Withdrawals The Post Office Savings Bank - Carlow, Cork and Dublin (die A).
- 186 Ballinasloe Show and Fair 1st Week October - Ballinasloe.
- 198 Shop In The Golden Pages Classified Telephone Directory - Limerick.
- 205 Post Early For Christmas - Cork.
- 220 Conserve Energy - Cavan, Cork, Dublin (4 dies - A C F and G), Dundalk, Galway and Limerick.
- 221 Let Your Fingers Do The Walking - Use The Golden Pages - Limerick.
- 223 Giving For Living - Sligo.
- 226 Clonakilty Beach Centre West Cork - Clonakilty.
- 230 Collect Postage Stamps - Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (4 dies - A D F and G), Dundalk, Galway and Limerick.
- 233 You've Got To Get Saving National Savings Committee - Cavan and Dundalk.
- 234 Are You On The Draft Register Of Electors? Check Now At Your Post Office - Dublin (6 dies - A C D F G and H).
- 246 United Nations Disarmament Week 24-31 October - Cork, Donegal and Dublin (4 dies - A C F and G).
- 248 Post Early For Christmas - Donegal.
- 249 Post The Stamp Of The Future - Cavan (May 1st am).
- 251 Happy St Patrick's Day - Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.
- 253 Blood Donors Are Always Needed - Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (5 dies - A C D F and G) and Waterford.
- 254 Help UNICEF Give A Child A Chance To Survive Tel: 01-770843 -Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (4 dies - A C F and G), Limerick and Waterford.
- 255 Beautiful Bantry Bay For Holidays - Bantry.
- 263 Save Money - Be Wise Use The P.O.P. Size - Drogheda and Killarney.
- 266 Be A Kidney Donor Your Gift Could Save Lives - Cavan, Donegal, Dublin (3 dies - A F and G), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.
- 267 Are You On The Draft Register Of Electors? Check Now At Your Post Office - Dundalk (January) and Donegal (December).

IRISH EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS

8 MARCH - MID-WESTERN PHILATELIC SOCIETY 7th ANNUAL EXHIBITION & FAIR

In connection with this event the organisers produced a numbered edition of 400 booklets containing the se-tenant pair of 22p European Music Year Stamps issued in 1985. Cost IRL1.00. Postmark and Philatelic facilities available.

23 MARCH - THIRD COLLECTORS FESTIVAL

Held at the Ormond Hotel, Dublin a booklet was available from dealers at the show at an average price of IRL3.50. The 500 numbered booklets contained the two se-tenant pairs taken from the 1980 Wildlife Miniature Sheet mounted in Hawid strips. No postmark or philatelic facilities.

25 MAY - LOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Held at the Imperial Hotel, Dundalk. No postmark but philatelic facilities were available. Numbered edition of 175 booklets containing the three ordinary sheet stamps of the 1985 Christmas set in Hawid Strips.

The cover features a line drawing by C O'Neill of Kelly's Monument, Dundalk. Cost IRL1.50

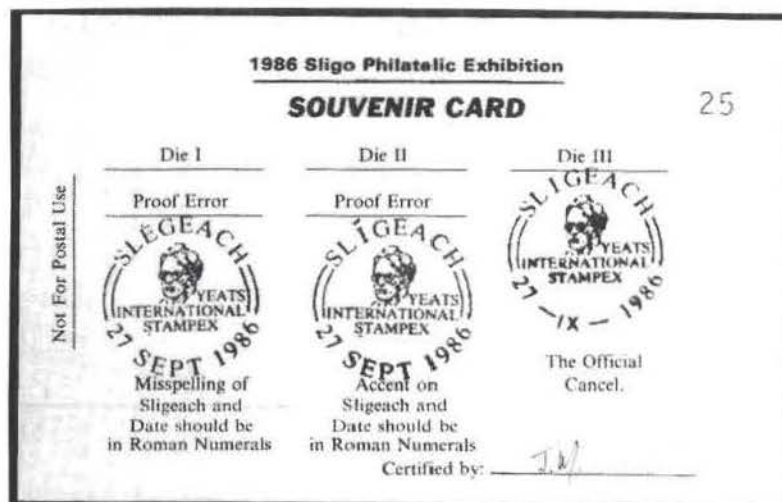
LOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY
EXHIBITION

25th May 1986

14 SEPTEMBER - FOURTH COLLECTORS FESTIVAL

Held at the Ormond Hotel, Dublin. No postmark or philatelic facilities were available. Numbered edition of 500 booklets containing either the ordinary 1985 Christmas set (2 x 22p plus 26p) or the European Music Year set of the same year (2 x 22p plus 26p) mounted in Hawid strips (250 of each). Again the booklet was sold through the dealers present. Average price of IRL3.50.

27 SEPTEMBER - YEATS INTERNATIONAL STAMPEX SLIGO



Held at the Silver Swan Hotel, Sligo. Postmark and philatelic facilities were available. Booklet containing 4 x 2p plus 6 x 1p definitives. The booklets were numbered but the total printing was not stated. I understand that the total number produced was 300. In addition, the organisers produced a two colour card reproducing the exhibition postmarks plus two earlier incorrect proofs. Again numbered but total printing not stated. I understand the total number produced was 300. The booklet cost IRL1.00 and the card 50p.

11 OCTOBER - CORK PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

The booklet, as postmark & cover, commemorated the bicentenary of the birth of William Mulready and contained 2 x 24p Mulready stamps and sold for IRL1.00. Numbered edition of 600 booklets. Postmark and philatelic facilities were available.

7 NOVEMBER - STAMPA '86

The 1986 souvenir was a set of three postcards issued by An Post and are therefore listed under Postal Stationery. Postmarks and philatelic facilities were available.

Members of Irish National Stamp Exhibition Limited (subscription IRL10.00) received two replicas to commemorate the birth bicentenary of William Mulready - one of an actual Mulready wrapper and the other one of the few caricatures of the Mulready with an Irish flavour showing Daniel O'Connell, the Pope, Lord Melbourne and the Duke of Wellington. Total production of 300 pairs. Both souvenirs were franked with the Mulready stamp and hand-stamped with the Ennis first day cancel.

22 NOVEMBER - GALWAY PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

Numbered edition of 300 booklets containing 2 x 24p B & I stamps and 2 x 39p Bianconi stamps. Cost IRL2.00. Postmarks and philatelic facilities available.

29 NOVEMBER - LIMERICK COIN, STAMP & POSTCARD FAIR

Produced by P. J. W. Promotions (Dublin). Booklet containing 3 x 28p Arthur Griffith stamps. 200 numbered booklets. Cost IRL1.50. No postmark or philatelic facilities available.

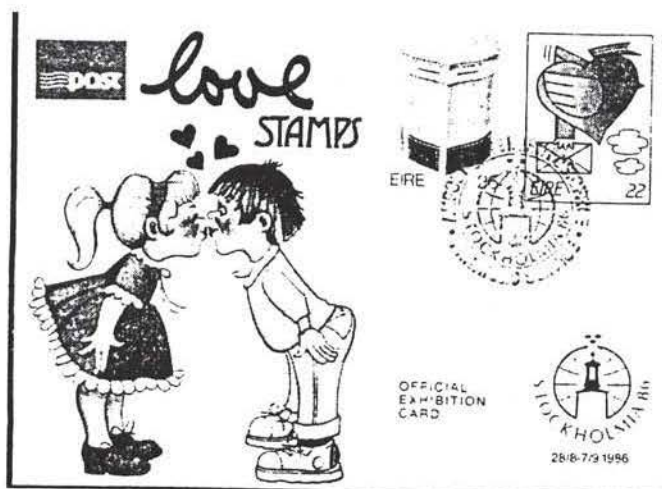
NOTE: The postmarks referred to above are included under special cancellations.

OVERSEAS EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS CACHETS

The Irish Post Office or their agents attended several overseas exhibitions during the year. Cachets and/or souvenirs were available at the following shows:

STAMPEX, LONDON - 4 to 9 MARCH

The usual cachet applied in green was available which reads "An Post The Irish Post Office Philatelic Service Post STAMPEX 4-9 Mar 1986 London".



ESSEN STAMP FAIR, WEST GERMANY - 10 to 13 APRIL

Oval cachet applied in black which reads "We love the Essen stamp fair 10-13 April 1986 Ireland". A numbered card (147mm x 210 mm) on the Love stamp theme was sold by the Post Office's German agent. The numbered card had a 22p 1986 Love stamp cancelled with the cachet on a light grey background featuring the Boy and Girl design as included in the cachet.

AMERIPEX, CHICAGO - 22 MAY to 1 JUNE

Circular cachet applied in black which reads "An Post The Irish Post Office Philatelic Service Post AMERIPEX '86 Chicago May 22 - June 1".

The Eire Philatelic Association issued three souvenirs in connection with the exhibition: -

1. Three colour card (140mm x 103mm) featuring the EPA emblem. Total of 390 numbered copies. Sold for \$1 to members and \$2 to non-members at their booth. Many members affixed Aer Lingus or Waterways sets to the cards (issued during the show on 27 May) and had them cancelled with the Dublin FDC cancel and/or the exhibition cachet referred to above. There was no special first day cancel.



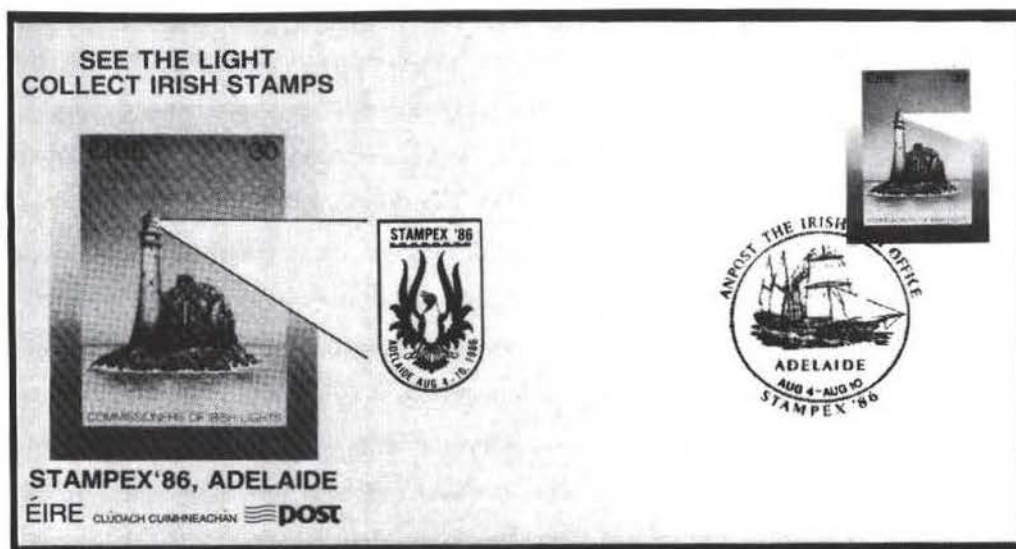
2. Similar size card in four colours featuring both the EPA and the AMERIPEX emblems. This was not sold at the show but distributed without charge to members. Additional copies available at \$1 plus postage.
3. The James Hoban chapter of the Association produced a numbered edition of 300 booklets containing 2 x 22p 1985 Love Stamps. Sold for \$2. The booklet cover also referred to STAMPSHOW '86 (21-24 August) and VAPEX '86 (21-23 November at Virginia Beach, Virginia). 150 booklets were on sale at AMERIPEX with the balance at the other two shows.

Three Irish stamp dealers also launched a booklet at AMERIPEX entitled "Prominent Contributors to Irish Philately" - Number 1 of a series; it contained details of three contributors to Irish philately together with blocks of 6 x ½d O'Cleary, 6 x ½p Gerl plus 6 x 1p Architecture. Note however, the booklet did not refer to the exhibition. Numbered edition of 1000 booklets. Announced for sale at \$1 but I have only seen it for sale through the relevant dealers at IRL4 to IRL5.

STOCKHOLMIA '86, STOCKHOLM - 28 AUGUST to 7 SEPTEMBER

Cachet available which reads "An Post The Irish Post Office Philatelic Service 28.8-7.9 1986 STOCKHOLMIA '86". A card was also sold which features the 1985 Love FDC design together with the two 1986 Love stamps cancelled with the aforementioned cachet. Price and number printed not known.

STAMPEX '86, ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA - 4 to 10 AUGUST



A special cover was sold which reproduced the 30p Irish Lights stamp with a clever slogan "See The Light Collect Irish Stamps". The cover has been seen with either the 30p Irish Lights stamp or the complete sets of both the Irish Lights and B & I issues cancelled with a pictorial circular cachet which reads "An Post The Irish Post Office STAMPEX '86 Adelaide Aug 4 - Aug 10". The cachet shows the "Severn" as per the 24p B & I stamp. Price and quantity printed unknown. Not numbered.

An Post's North American agent attended at ASDA New York (November) but no cachet was available this year. Overseas members may be able to add to the above list or amend the information contained therein. If so I would appreciate it if you would write to Brian Warren, 42 Lohunda Park, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, Ireland. The only two exhibitions attended by An Post's own staff from Dublin were AMERIPEX and STAMPEX London. In the case of the other agency-represented shows An Post is often unaware of any souvenir/cachet and certainly do not hold stocks. It is therefore difficult to obtain such items or even be aware of them for the purpose of recording same in this annual listing.

POSTAL STATIONERY

31 JANUARY - REDIRECTION POSTCARD

The cards are intended to be used by people wishing to advise their correspondents of a change in address. The cards bear an undenominated postage paid indicator. Cost 25p although normal sales to the public are via the redirection of post service which costs IRL12.50 per annum including 20 postcards. The charges did not increase on 3 March 1986.

26 FEBRUARY - ST PATRICK'S DAY POSTCARDS

The set of nine cards included six in standard size of 110mm x 155mm featuring (1) Peace Needlework (2) Blessings of Peace (3) Snake (4) Dove (5) Greetings and (6) St Patrick's quotation. Each card cost 30p (25p in 1985).



The legends on cards 1 and 2 were transposed in error. Card 2, Blessings of Peace features a pattern of doves and shamrocks and is described as "A St Patrick's Day needlework sampler". This legend should have been on Card 1, Peace Needlework which instead had the legend "Rich blessings of peace and prosperity on Saint Patrick's Day". The error was noted prior to distribution and the Blessings of Peace card was distributed with the legend obliterated by a row of overprinted shamrocks. However, some supplies of the unoverprinted card

were on sale through the GPO in Dublin, including the philatelic sales office, on 26 and 27 February before being withdrawn. The legend on the Peace Needlework card was retained as being sufficiently appropriate.

The standard cards were also used by An Post to send greetings and an advertising message to their business customers. The greetings etc were printed in blue on the message part of the card.

A further three cards of larger size (122mm x 186mm) costing 40p each were also included in the set. Strictly speaking they were not St Patrick's Day cards as the cards bore a short verse and featured springtime flora of meadowland, woodland and lakeshore flora with no mention of the feast day. The cards were not popular and due to their large size were easily damaged in the post. A special first day cancel applied in green was available in Dublin for both sets of cards.

18 MARCH - 40p AEROGRAMME

A new aerogramme with imprint 2-86 and a 40-p stamp was issued to take account of the new rates of 3 March. The design is the same as the previous 37p issue (I-85) which was withdrawn on 1 March 1986. The new aerogramme was printed by W & S Magowan (Ireland) Limited (as was the 37p) and was sold without additional charge for the stationery.

20 MARCH - 24p POSTCARD



Fig 1



Fig 2

The card was issued to cover the increased inland and EC postcard rate. The card is similar to the previous 22p issue showing the GPO Dublin but with the heading "Carta Poist" re-introduced. The stamp is of a different setting with the base of the words "An Post" beneath ÉIRE, below the top of the third Post logo (Fig. 1). On the previous issues of stationery with this stamp the base

of "An Post" is in line with the top of the third logo (Fig. 2). Cost 27p and printed by Task Print & Packaging Limited, Naas, Co Kildare.

8 JULY - 28p ENVELOPE

The 28p stamp is the revised setting as per the 24p postcard. Printed by Capital Spicers Limited. Cost 32p and not 33p as stated on the ten pack wrapper. Members may be interested to know that the exact same blank envelope is available in packs of 25 from Easons Limited Stores in Ireland.

SEPTEMBER - UNSTAMPED AEROGRAMME

A new printing of the unstamped airletter was first seen by collectors in September. The green map of Ireland design is now printed on a light blue paper compared to the grey of previous printings. The overall size is smaller 298mm x 219mm approx. as against the larger size of 315mm x 242mm approx. of the grey paper printing. The type is much bolder. I have noted two distinct shades of dark and pale green. The pale green version has slightly thinner lettering most noticeable in the word "Aerogramme". Printed Dafil Limited, Dublin.

7 NOVEMBER - STAMPA POSTCARDS

The centenary of the motor car was the theme of STAMPA '86 and An Post issued a set of three 24p postcards featuring vehicles - Austin 7, Model T Ford and a Benz Comfortable. The 24p stamp is the same as on the ordinary postcard issued in March 1986. The cards were designed by Charles RYCRAFT who was responsible for the train stamps of 1984. Printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited. Cost 40p each. Three pictorial cancels featuring Post Office vehicles were available - see under special cancellations.

19 DECEMBER - SIZE G REGISTERED ENVELOPE - IRL1.23

The new registered envelope was to meet the current minimum inland and EC rate of IRL1.23 (28p postage plus 95p registration). The envelope cost has increased by 1p to 11p giving a total of IRL1.34. The paper is of poor surface quality and is far rougher and more creamy in colour when compared to previous issues. The stamp element has been re-set; the figure of postage value (28) is smaller and more square in comparison to the 26 of the previous envelopes and the lettering of Éire is far thinner. The envelopes were printed by McCorquodale Envelopes Limited, England. As far as I am aware this is the first time McCorquodales have printed stationery for the Irish Post Office. Members will be aware that McCorquodales are responsible for printing stationery for the British Post Office and other overseas administrations.

UNISSUED ITEM

As part of a special "Keep in Touch" campaign discount packs of pre-paid postcards were to be issued on 15 July. There were to be three packs - 15 @ IRL3.50; 50 @ IRL11 and 100 @ IRL20. The cards were to be on sale for a three week period. No design details were given and a subsequent notice announced that due to production difficulties, the date of issue has been postponed.

FLIGHT COVERS**9 MAY - SHANNON to ATLANTA by DELTA AIRLINES**

Introduction of new service from Atlanta, USA via Shannon to West Germany. Plain Delta Air Lines Inc covers flown in the return flight cancelled with Shannon (town) CDS of 9 May. Approximately 350 covers flown; some bear an Atlanta, GA backstamp.

9 MAY - SHANNON to MUNICH by DELTA AIRLINES

As above similar covers carried to Munich. Some covers known with Munich Airport CDS backstamp of same date. Approximately 40 covers known to exist.

31 MAY - DUBLIN to DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN by AER LINGUS

Re-introduction of Aer Lingus Service to Isle of Man using Commuter aircraft. Covers cancelled with Dublin CDS (Philatelic Bureau) and backstamped with Ronaldsway Airport cachet.

1 JUNE - DUBLIN to GUERNSEY by AER LINGUS

Covers with stamp cancelled by Dublin CDS (Philatelic Bureau). Backstamped on arrival by Guernsey Post Office. First flight by Aer Lingus.

6 JUNE - TIPPERARY BALLOON FLIGHTS

In connection with special Pro Juventute charity covers, two flights with special postmarks took place from Tipperary on 6 June (see special cancellations). Two different covers were produced. The first balloon flight landed in Ballyporeen and covers bear the 44p balloon stamp of 1985 cancelled with the circular special postmark; the CDS of Ballyporeen post office was also applied to the front of the covers. The second flight landed in Cahir and the covers bear the same stamp cancelled with the rectangular special postmark; the Cahir post office CDS was applied to the front of the covers.

23 MAY - DUBLIN to LUTON by RYAN AIR

Introduction of new service by Ireland's newest airline. Ryan Air covers with stamp cancelled with Dublin CDS. No arrival backstamp applied by Post Office but the airline applied a "Ryan Air London" cachet. Covers also carried from Luton to Dublin.

5 JULY - DUBLIN to BRISTOL, AER LINGUS 50th ANNIVERSARY FLIGHT

Special covers produced. Aer Lingus stamps cancelled with Dublin first day cancel of 27 May. However, due to poor weather conditions the flight was postponed twice and did not take place until 5 July. Covers carried on same type of aircraft as original "Iolar" flight of 27 May 1936. Covers bear a "flight delayed" cachet.

8 OCTOBER - DUBLIN to NURNBERG by AER LINGUS

This was the first flight of a regular five nights a week service for private courier mail (TNT). The covers were postmarked Dublin CDS (Philatelic Bureau) the day before (7 October) as the flight left in the early hours of 8 October. The covers were backstamped by the German Post Office on arrival at Nurnberg Airport with a date of 9 October.

Ryan Air introduced a regular service between Knock and Luton during late 1986 but no mail was carried on the flight.

The Samaritans (a charitable telephone counselling group) organised a special mail flight by model aircraft across Dublin Bay on the weekend of 10/11 May 1986. The model aircraft flew from St Anne's Park, Clontarf on the north side of Dublin Bay to Dun Laoghaire harbour on the south. The covers bear the 44p balloon stamp of 1985 cancelled with a Dublin CDS (Philatelic Bureau). However, due to poor weather conditions the flight did not take place until 11 May. Covers were backstamped on arrival with a Dun Laoghaire CDS of 11 May. The covers were printed with the An Post logo thereon and were limited to 100 envelopes which were sold at IRL100 each with all funds donated to this charity.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

22 MARCH - FORSCHUNGS UND ARBEITSGEMEINSCHAFT IRLAND E.V.

The Irish Research and Study Group in West Germany held their annual general meeting on 22/23 March at Wunstorf near Hanover. 300 numbered booklets were produced containing a pane of 6 x 2p Architecture definitives, each stamp overprinted in two lines FAI 1986. One booklet was distributed to each member with the remainder (100 approx) sold at DM5 each. They also produced a dinner card which bears a West Berlin stamp cancelled with a Wunstorf postmark. Total of 40 produced.

IRISH PHILATELIC CIRCLE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was held in the Clarence Hotel, Dublin 2 on the weekend of 17/18 May. No souvenir was produced this year.

8 NOVEMBER - STAMPA '86 DINNER MENU

The awards banquet was held in the Powers Hotel, Dublin 2 on 8 November. Each diner received one of the 28p Bianconi maximum cards with the matching 28p stamp affixed to the reverse side and cancelled with the STAMPA postmark of 8 November. The menu and the venue are also printed on the reverse of the card. Total of 70 cards. Not numbered.

7 NOVEMBER - FAI STAMPA ENVELOPE

FAI posted specially prepared and printed envelopes to their members. The envelopes, printed in green with insert, referred to STAMPA and had an appropriate stamp affixed and postmarked with the show cancel of 7 November. No numbered. Total printing not known.

FOREIGN STAMPS WITH IRISH ASSOCIATIONS

USA A 4c stamp in the "Great Americans" series SG 2111 was issued on 14 July which features Father Edward J Flanagan who was born on 13 July 1886 at Ballymoe, Roscommon. He moved to the USA in 1904 and is best known as the founder of Boystown, Nebraska. I might also add that in 1959 Costa Rica issued a 5c Christmas obligatory tax stamp SG 576 which also features Father Flanagan.

WEST BERLIN A 60pf stamp was issued on 10 April to mark the 16th European Communities Day SG B720. The design features the flags of member countries including Ireland. Designed by F Ludtke. Litho printed.

AUSTRALIA Commemorative envelope for the 25th anniversary of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The 36c envelope (cost 43c) features the flags of the twenty-five current member countries including Ireland.

WORLD CUP MEXICO 1986 There was of course the usual crop of wallpaper for this event. I have identified the following stamps which in some way bear a connection with N Ireland who once again reached the finals.

Grenadines of St Vincent: Set of eight stamps plus two miniature sheets were issued on 7 May. A \$2 stamp from the singles set SG 473 features a Northern Ireland player.

Bequia, Grenadines of St Vincent: A \$3.50 stamp features a Northern Ireland player. Issue date and set details not known. Not listed by Stanley Gibbons.

Tuvalu: Set of eight stamps plus two miniatures sheets. The single set contains a \$2 value which features a Northern Ireland team photo (but only 10 players shown). One of the miniature sheets contains a single \$2.50 stamp with the same photo/design against a background of the design used for the Bequia stamp referred to above.

All of the above issues were part of several series of World Cup stamps printed by Format International.

El Salvador: A 70c stamp SG 1925 from a four stamp set issued on 6 June features the flags of participating countries.

Spain and Portugal: Spain and Portugal joined the European Community on 1 January 1986. Both countries issued sets of stamps to mark the event. A four stamp set from Spain (Pts 7 17 30 & 45) included the flags of member states within the design of the three values (Pts 17 30 & 45) including Ireland. All four values were combined together in se-tenant form within a booklet. Issue date 7 January. Portugal issued a two stamp set (Esc 20.00 & 57.50). The designs are the same as the PTA 45 & 17 Spanish stamps respectively and thus show the Irish flag. Also issued in miniature sheet form in a block of four ie two of each value se-tenant. I believe Spain also issued some postcards but as I have not seen them, I do not know if there is any Irish connection.

CONCLUSION

I wish to acknowledge the help of my many philatelic friends in once again answering my many queries in preparing this article including T Finn, E FitzGerald, F Holzmüller, O Jung, E Labiuk, Tony Quigley, I Whyte and Bill Zellers. Particular thanks to John Lennon who once again provided the slogan postmark listings. This time last year I asked members to give their views regarding this annual article. I only received two written responses and both requested that I should continue the article in the same style, layout etc., as heretofore. Not a great response - however, in the absence of any other replies I assume a 'Yes' vote. Happy collecting in 1987.

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 1984 POSTSCRIPT



Thanks to the generosity of Heinz Bunther Grunz, I can illustrate a cachet used by An Post's German agent at the Essen Stamp Fair, West Germany 26-31 May 1984.

The cachet reads "84 IRLAND ESSEN 1984" and was applied in blue-green.

My examples are applied to a set of the 1984 St Patrick's Day postcards.

1987 POSTAL STATIONARY ISSUED

by Pat Ryan

An Post has quietly and unostentatiously issued at least three new items of Postal Stationary in 1987 that I have seen. One H-size Registered Envelope and 2 postal cards.

The Registered Envelope in the medium H-size (202 x 127 mm) when compared to the G-size which came out last year has 2 very minor changes that can be mentioned for the bullet-hole collector: (1) in the Registration space, third line in the G the Irish word(s) 'Duill in' appears as one word, where on the H-size there is a distinct separation to indicate 2 words; and, (2) on the G, within the stamp itself there is a period after the '95' but on the H-size there is none. The minimum fee on the reverse remains the same at L20. I know that there was a need for this size envelope as I had tried to get an H-size used since January and was unsuccessful. This envelope arrived on the scene sometime in April 1987.

I have seen 2 new postal cards both illustrated. One has a mountainous lake scene in various shades of green with the words "discover Ireland in 87" while the message/address side has a 5 line Post pre-

printed stamp with a shamrock similar to the St Paddy's Day cards and a repeat of the "discover" theme over the message side, a single line border and the 'keep in touch' at the bottom and the copyright which reads 'An Post 87 Printed in Ireland'. I have seen three of these cards all posted on the 3rd of June. One card has a very nice red cancel indicating First day of issue. The other 2 posted in Cork has a fine slogan cancel "Prevent forest fires."

The other card is a 24p postal card with the 7 line Post stamp pre-printed and with the Mail coaches exactly like the one issued last year. The difference is that the 'Carta Poist' was omitted from the front of the card and a single line in green ink borders the entire backside with the theme 'Keep in Touch', also in green, printed at the bottom inside the border. I do not know the issue date.

For those of you out there who collect Irish Postal Stationary best start looking for these new items now. We all realize the expanded interest in this area of Irish philately.



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REGISTERED LETTER This letter must be given to an officer of the Post Office to be registered and a receipt obtained for it.		
LITIR CHLÁRAITHE Caithfeadh an Litir seo a thabhairt d'Onficeach Post le clárú, agus Admháil a fháil uirthi.		
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