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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This being our 40th anniversary I decided to take a trip back in time through the pages of The Revealer during its infancy. I have mentioned this before and I will say it again, if you have the chance to buy a complete set do it, the knowledge you will gain will be well worth the cost involved. I am not sure

of the numbers of each issue that can be had from our back issues service but a card to Patrick McNally will give you all necessary information.

Vol. I - No. I, Jan.-Feb. 1951 set the ball in motion. Neil Stack member #2 was the editor. At that time Neil was also vice-president and treasurer and if that was not enough he also assisted in the advertising field. At this time William Hickey was president and member #1. From that time 40 years ago Neil and Bill have been involved in many different capacities in the association and even today their input is valued in my decision making in their capacity as Governor Emeritus. I noted on page six under new members the name of Malcolm G. O'Reilly. Malcolm died some months ago and our sympathy goes out to his beloved widow. During his years in the EPA Malcolm served in many positions including as our president from 1953-1957. Another new member on this same list was John J. Clark who became editor of the Revealer for 15 years after Neil Stack became president in 1957. This surely was a feat that will never be equaled.

Vol. I - No. II, Mar.-Apr. 1951 brought the sad news of the death of F.R.A. McCormick #3, a resident of Dublin he was the one who through his writings in Linn's gave birth to the EPA. Moving on to the next issue I find the name of Thomas E. Field in a list awaiting EPA membership. What great achievements in the field of Irish philately this name brings to mind. His memory will always be honored not only by EPA members but by all groups around the world involved in Irish philately. In the next issue we find the name Michael P. Giffney on the list awaiting membership. Has any member who has traveled to Dublin not walked across the half-penny bridge and visited with Mike and benefited from his knowledge of Irish philately and Irish humor. Mike has contributed in many a capacity both to the EPA and Irish philately in general and still does to this day. He is at present involved with the Irish national stamp show which will take place again this fall.

These are but a few of the many people who put the ball in motion and kept it rolling during our infancy. In future issues I will recall some of our other legendary members in those early years. Don't forget we also have all the back issues in our library so you can borrow them and browse for hours.

This year's AGM will be held in New York city at the ASDA show on Sat. 3rd. Nov. The time and location of the meeting will be posted at the show. I hope to see a lot of members there. If anybody has any item to be discussed at the meeting please drop me a line. By the way our dear friend David McDonnell will be hovering close by during the weekend. I am sure he will have a bag or two of interesting material and who knows what else! Until next time, good collecting.



Chapter Report James Hoban Chapter

James Hoban Chapter
Maryland, Virginia and District of Columbia

by Bob Moskowitz

We end our eighth year as an EPA chapter with a membership of thirty-seven. During this year we created a philatelic card, the first perhaps in a series of Irish writers, commemorating John Millington Synge. The card was issued at World Stamp Expo '89. The cards sold well and the chapter made a fair profit on them. The cards are still available to interested members.

In addition to the card JHC prepared a philatelic exhibit for WSE '89, which dealt with an introduction to Irish philately. The exhibit has been photocopied and will be placed on slides to be added to the slide show history of Irish philately which JHC produced in 1988. Copies of the slide show are available through EPA and APS.

At our meetings we continued our series of hands-on workshops: Workshops for the Non-Specialist. The first of these for 1990 will deal with the Gerl Definitives. At our last meeting (NAPEX) the theme was Ways of Storing Collections. Members brought albums to show what methods they used to collect various materials. This topic will be continued at the first meeting of our new season (we were founded in September). At BALPEX the method of storing topic will be continued. And we will also have presentations dealing with back-of-the-book materials and how they are stored.

Finally we wish to acknowledge the efforts of our President Doug McCurdy on behalf of JHC. He has found it necessary to resign as president for business reasons. His position will be filled by our Vice President Patricia Walker. Doug will continue as an active member of JHC. ❀

SOCAL Chapter Meeting

by Peg Zellers

The EPA SOCAL Chapter will meet at SESCAL 90 at the Hyatt Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, Century Blvd., on Sunday, October 14, 1990 at 1:00 pm. The program is not firm enough to announce at this time, but be assured it will be a fine one. Among items on the agenda will be a taped message from Peter Bugg, EPA president. A souvenir card is planned and will be on sale to the meeting and at the Chapter's table at the show. Members of the SOCAL Chapter attending the meeting will receive one free. After the show they will be available by mail for \$1.25 --Address: EPA, Box 1381, Riverside, CA 92502-1381. ❀

Vincent Linnell Award 1989-1990

by Bill Zellers

BILL KANE'S article "The Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare", has been chosen by the EPA Membership to receive the Association's 1989-1990 Vincent Linnell Award. Kane's article was selected as the best in Volume 39, Whole Numbers 175 - 178. A close second was Paul E. Wittreich's "Irish Mail in World War II, British Censor Labels" and third was George E.R. Ithell's "Meter Franking on Irish Mail."

Bill Kane will receive a desk pen set with EPA medal, suitably inscribed. Congratulations to all three authors and the twelve others who were nominated.

This award is selected by the membership. It is an indicator of the member's interests and appreciation of the authors.

It's not too early to begin evaluating the articles in this Revealer, and the previous one, to prepare to vote for the 1990-1991 Vincent Linnell Award.

The Vincent Linnell Award is named in honor of our first President from Canada (1969-71) who was an ardent Irish Collector and was responsible for the combined Irish Philatelic Circle and Eire Philatelic Association's Journal. He lived in Montreal, Canada but was a frequent visitor to Ireland. He died in 1982. The first Vincent Linnell Award was presented to Richard Swords, in 1983.

Thank you for the fine support in selecting this year's winner. ❀

Ireland's Leading Dealers Re-organise

(Editor's Note: Reprinted with Permission from the Irish Stamp News.)

Ireland's leading firm of dealers, MacDonnell Whyte Ltd of Dublin, have decided to re-organise their business. From February 10 two separate companies will run the various divisions.

MacDonnell Whyte Ltd will carry on the traditional business from the existing headquarters at 102 Leinster Road, Rathmines, from where the company will handle mainly earlier fine and rare stamps and postal history of Ireland, Malta, Gibraltar and Cyprus. The company's managing director, David Mac Donnell, has been a full time professional since 1970 when he joined David Feldman Ltd. In 1978 he purchased the Dublin company from David Feldman who by then had established his international auction house in Geneva; David MacDonnell still acts as agent and consultant for Habsburg Feldman. In 1981 he merged his business with that of Ian Whyte to form MacDonnell Whyte Ltd. David is secretary of the Irish Philatelic Traders Association which he founded in 1982, edits STAMPS OF IRELAND, the standard reference work on Irish philately, and is Ireland's leading professional expert.

MacDonnell Whyte Ltd will continue to hold public auctions in Dublin; the company is the only fully licensed and bonded firm of philatelic auctioneers in Ireland. MacDonnell Whyte Ltd will also continue to publish STAMPS OF

IRELAND the specialised catalogue of Irish Philately and other reference works on Irish stamps and postal history. The next edition of STAMPS OF IRELAND will be published in May of this year.

Ian Whyte (Ireland) Ltd will handle general business from newly acquired premises at 27 Mount Street Upper, Dublin 2, including mail order special promotions, albums and accessories, a retail showroom, and publication of IRISH STAMP NEWS, Ireland's national stamp magazine. The company's managing director, Ian Whyte, began dealing in the mid sixties. He was one of the founders of the Irish National Stamp Exhibition in 1972, established Ireland's first philatelic magazine in 1978, and is currently chairman of the Irish Philatelic Traders Association. The offices and showroom, located in Dublin's fashionable 'professional' district in the south city centre will open on March 27 following extensive refurbishment of the Georgian building it occupies.

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The First Observed

By Tom Polick

I was pleased to learn that Eire will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the world's first postage stamp, 'the Penny Black'. This first adhesive stamp was officially issued on May 6, 1840 in Great Britain and Ireland. Recently when I read that an auction house had sold a plate 1, "AA" Penny Black with a May 2, 1840 datestamp...four days prior to the official release date, I wondered if there were any premature Irish usages. I don't think anyone at that time would have thought of preparing a cover to keep as a souvenir so any first day usage would be an incredible stroke of good luck. (Are there any Irish Penny Black first day covers? If not what's the earliest Irish usage known?)

The Penny Black had a short career due to the popularly shared discovery that the adhesive stamps could be soaked off and reused. Part of the correction of this problem was to reissue the same design the following year, 1841 in red-brown. That is why relatively few exist and the prices are so expensive in the collectors' market.

I recall reading of a search in London for the home of a woman that advertised in an 1840 newspaper for Penny Blacks in quantity so she could paper a wall. She might have gotten a good response to her ad and hundreds or even thousands of Penny Blacks might be pasted to a wall under other layers of wall paper. I don't own a Penny Black and I'm hoping these detectives are able to track down this valuable hoard.

To the best of my knowledge there was no official date for the 'Penny Red'. The earliest in my modest collection is Maltese Cross cancelled on a folded letter from Roscrea to

Johnstown, Co. Tipperary on November 7, 1843. I have some stampless folded letters from this time period,...the latest being a Dublin to Baltimore, Maryland on May 10, 1849. Evidently the transition to adhesive postage stamps didn't occur overnight, but they were recognized as being fantastically successful.

The big benefit was the prepayment of postage to a heavily burdened and cash poor postal system. Some problems still existed with the nuisance of separating the stamps with a knife or scissors. The solution of perforating equipment was developed by a Dubliner named, Henry Archer. There had been attempts to roulette cut the stamps but the sheets fell apart. Archer's machine used sharp edged but blunt pins to cut small discs through the gutters between the stamps giving a perforation which was strong enough to hold the sheet together, but could be neatly and quickly torn apart.

These pins were set in a long row designed to perforate the tops of a row of stamps with short perpendicular branches one stamp width apart to perforate the sides. The bottom perforation was the next punch of the "comb", and this process worked by hand did a commendable job.

The printing and gumming processes required that the sheets be dampened and the resulting uneven paper shrinkage caused crooked perforations. This was vastly improved when recess printing was replaced with letterpress printing.

The conversion from the imperforated to the perforated took place in a relatively short time in mid-1854. My earliest postal history cover is a 212 numbered obliterator cancelled, (Enniscorthy) June 23, 1854. So many 1d embossed pink envelopes were used during this time, there might have been a shortage of adhesives due to the change.

An Post hasn't given a date for the Eire commemorative, but I'll bet it's May 6, 1990.



From the Desk of the Editor



Is Irish Philately dead or just dying a slow death? It seems to me, lately, there are so many negative things surrounding and impacting on Irish Philately. Back in 1984/85 the Irish Punt was trading at 1.10/\$1. Today, as I write this, 3 Sept 1990, it is 1.73/\$1. In 1988 we lost 213 members. In this issue 118 are gone for non-payment of dues. You have not seen any advertising in this publication for almost two years. I have been begging An Post for the past three years to try and publish their annual stamp program by July or August of the previous year. With as much information as I, as the editor, receive, I still miss items available for sale for sometime at the Philatelic Bureau. Back in June 90, after I closed out the Summer issue of THE REVEALER, I had 9 pages ready for publication in the Fall issue. Today, as I do the same for the Fall issue I have barely 4 left. I am told that some members are so discouraged, they are threatening to quit their EPA jobs.

If you buy all of this depressing news, then the answer to the posed question is a resounding 'YES'. What is left? What are we - the remaining 633 members doing? Well, it is time to close ranks! We, who are left, are here because we genuinely

(See 'Editorial' on page 39)

CENSORSHIP IN WORLD WAR II

(Third part in a continuing series)

HOW PHILATELY GETS IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR

by Charles J. G. Verge

This is the third in the series on WWII censorship in Ireland and I thought that you might wish a bit of levity this time around. It is nice to note that our colleague philatelists of 50 years ago were already on the trail of collectibles.

Below is a copy of an Undated and Unsigned Memorandum to the Chief Postal Censor from the Assistant Controller of Censorship (1) in which he relates, albeit succinctly, the history of the first (?) attempt at collecting the pink S.P.1. labels used to reseal the letters opened by the examiners at the Censorship Office on Exchequer Street in Dublin.

"Chief Postal Censor (2)

Mr. Boland of External Affairs has been informed by Mr. Antrobus of the U.K. Representative's Office that there is an American in Dublin at present offering 4d. a piece for uncut censorship labels. It is stated that the American Minister in Dublin is aware of the identity of this American and has been informed by him that he is collecting them purely for philatelic purposes (3).

It appears from this that censorship labels have a philatelic value and, also, it is an additional reason for tightening up the arrangements for the safe keeping of our censorship labels. There was also the recent prosecution which discovered that unused censorship labels were in the possession of the accused. We have asked the Chief State Solicitor to let us have the labels in question but they are not at hand as of yet.

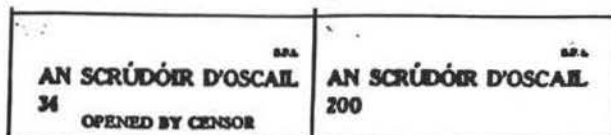
Perhaps when you have examined the position you will report as to any steps which you consider necessary to improve the present arrangements.

You might as well tell M.I. (4) about the alleged activities of the American with a view to having them check up on him.

Assistant Controller"

As we have seen, philatelic value was already being given to the labels. If only they knew the cost of some of these today.

The Assistant Controller of Censorship's memorandum muddies the waters as to the original state of the labels. It is



felt, by many, that these labels were printed individually. This memorandum implies the existence of 'uncut censorship labels'. Some students of these labels believe that, at one point at least, probably the printer's shop, labels were in full sheets (maybe 12 to a sheet) before being cut. Others, citing the fact that no full or part sheets have ever come to light, disagree. More research will have to be undertaken before the answer is found.

There are no other documents on this particular file, at the Cathal Brugha Barracks, related to this case and its philatelic nature. Therefore it is difficult to ascertain as to what measures were taken to prevent these labels from falling into philatelic hands in the future.

It would be interesting to follow up on the legal case mentioned in the memorandum. It could clarify many of the points still left to discover about the labels. It would be interesting to know if the 'accused' intended to use the labels to bypass the censorship process or to sell them to philatelists. What security measure was in place? How were the labels stored so that it was easy to pilfer some (how many were taken)? What happened to the unused labels? Unused labels resemble the ones found on envelopes. Used labels however, if they are steamed off the envelope, become brittle, wrinkled and the gum mottled. Therefore it would be difficult to re-use them. If removed from the envelope by soaking, they have a tell-tale fold in the middle (labels were usually applied to the left side of the envelope) and have no gum.

If anybody has any clues as to the legal case referred to above or can point me in the right direction to inquire, I would appreciate it. Please feel free to write to me with the information or with any comments, additions or sources concerning censorship in Ireland at P.O. Box 2788, Postal Station 'D', Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1P 5W8.

(1) Censorship Archives, Ministry of National Defence, Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin. File 3/2: Postal Censorship Instructions to Chief Postal Censor concerning Staff Matters.

(2) J. J. Purcell

(3) The bold text is by the author of this article.

(4) M. I. - Military Intelligence. Military Officers apparently visited the Postal Censorship Office at 11 Exchequer Street at least once or twice a day to pick up mail considered subversive or requiring additional testing.



111. 2 TYPE I (Type IAB): the first S.P.1. label used. Note the late usage of an English cancel (Glasslough, co. Monaghan, March 2, 1940.

111. 1 On the left, a TYPE VII S.P.1. label with bilingual text (Gaelic and English). On the right, a TYPE VIII with only Gaelic wording.

Postmarks and Poems

by Robert E. Moskowitz

For some time I have been collecting postmarks, not the rare and expensive kind, but the less expensive circular date stamp. I have found them readily available at shows and in antique/junktique shops ranging from 50¢ to \$25.00, depending on my purse at the time. I began by trying to find as many different kinds as I could: different cities, unusual names, various types, errors and oddities. My only guide was the appeal of the postmark before me, although I later began to put more emphasis on County Donegal (because I enjoyed my stay there more than anywhere else in Ireland-how's that for philatelic logic?)

Soon I became interested in the names of the cities, towns, etc. I got hold of a little handbook of place names, a small Irish-English/English/Irish dictionary, some other books, and picked the minds of my Gaelic speaking friends.

I mounted each example (a piece or a full cover) on an eight by five index card, wrote up a text including the type of postmark (using McKay's books), the name of the city or town in both Gaelic and English (those of you who collect postmarks know what a task it can be to identify some of those Gaelic names even with the help of the An Post publication-I got a lot of help from JHC members by listing puzzlers in THE SHEBEEN), and included an explanation-where possible- of the Gaelic and English name. For example, Baile Atha Fhirdia in Co. Louth: in English-Ardee. Baile, a town; Atha, a ford; Fhirdhia, after Ferdia, a chieftain slain by the legendary Cuchullin in the first century. Thus- "the town at Ferdia's ford;" in older Irish texts the place name was written as Ath-Fhirdia (pronounced Ahirdee); the Old English form was Atherdee.

In the meantime something new has come along. For thirty-two years I have been teaching English and during that time have, partly to teach and mainly for pleasure, read a lot of poetry. I discovered that some of the Gaelic, as well as English, place names appeared in poems. For example, Balla in Co. Mayo means a wall (a seventh century monk had a monastery called Ros-dairbh/the oak grove at this place and built a wall to enclose his wells. And here in a translation by Thomas Kinsella is a poem by the blind poet Antoine Raifteiri called "I Am Raifteiri" which ends:

"Look at me now, my face toward Balla playing
music to empty pockets."

A touching image; the blind poet, his face toward a wall, playing music for those who cannot afford to pay him for his efforts.

Another example is Baile Chaisleain Bhearra (Bantry, Co. Cork). The post office guide lists this as Castletown Bearhaven. Bhearra or Beara was a Spanish princess and the wife of Owen Moore, King of Munster. On his way to fight Conn of the Hundred Battles, Moore landed on the north side of Bantry Bay and named it after his wife. (The word bear also means a haven, or a barony.) here are some excerpts from an anonymous ninth century poem "The Hag of Beara," whose youth and lover and good fortune have fled:

"I am Bui, the hag of Beara.
I had new shifts once to wear
but am so cast down today
I haven't one cast-off shift.

The summer of my youth
And the autumn, too, are spent.
And the winter that ends it all
--its first days have touched me.

There is a wave at the flood
And another at the swift ebb
And what the flood wave gives
the ebb takes from your hands."

That is only a part of the poem but it gives the idea and makes an interesting companion to the little history of the Spanish princess Beara. Are they the same? Who knows?

Recently, I came across a postmark for Inis Mheadhoin/Inishmaan, the middle island of the three which make up the Aran Islands. And soon after finding the postmark, I found a poem which mentions this very place. It's a lovely poem full of allusions to Irish myths and legends and in praise of a very fine Irish writer...

But that's the topic of a longer article. And with luck I'll get around to writing it soon.



QUIZ 2 Back-of-the-Book Ireland

The following quiz, though a little difficult, will help you learn aspects of less common collectibles in Irish Philately.

1. What was the period in which the Stamp Tax for Newspapers was in effect?
2. When first imposed what was the tax rate per paper?
3. What was it at the end of the period?
4. During WWII, Ireland utilized many methods to indicate that a postal packet or letter had been censored. Handstamps and labels were the most common. Can you name another method?
5. What was the colour of the censor labels, commonly called S.P.I. labels, used to reseal opened letters?
6. In what year did the first adhesive Revenue Stamps appear?
7. The 'Inverted Q for O in Postage' and the 'Aspirate missing on P of PINGIN', are two of the most well known varieties in what type of Irish postage?
8. What languages are found on the Official Irish Airmail Etiquettes since their inception in 1922?
9. The 'Extra Feather' is a very prominent variety on what stamp?
10. The 1s. light blue definitive issued on June 15, 1923 was utilized to create a collectible air mail 'cinderella'. What is it?

(Answers on page 40)



THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS - 1989

by Brian Warren

1989 saw the introduction of two new products from An Post - the Prestige Booklet and the Year Book. The Prestige Booklet was overprinted for both Phillexfrance and World Stamp Expo. Both overprinted items were available by postal application from the philatelic bureau. Postal rates remained unchanged throughout the year but were increased on 1 January 1990.

SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

The 1989 programme comprising 29 stamps, 1 miniature sheet and 2 booklets was issued over 8 release dates at a cost of IR£17.36. Three of the twenty nine stamps were issued in sheetlet form - the three sheetlets have a total face value of IR£8.50. The 1988 totals were 28 stamps and 1 booklet at a cost of IR£11.02. Seven stamps were issued in sheetlet form. The 3 sheetlets had a total face value of IR£11.30.

Date of Issue	Description	Value	Plate Numbers
24 Jan	Love Stamps (5th Issue) - Grá - "The Sonnet"	24p 28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
11 Apr	Ireland Series (10th Issue) - Garinish Island - Glenveagh - Connemara National Park (Parks & Gardens) - St. Stephen's Green	24p 28p 32p 50p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
11 Apr	Transport (2nd Issue) Cars - Silver Stream - Benz Comfortable - The Thomond Car - The Chambers Car (see below) - Booklet IR£2.41	24p 28p 39p 46p Two panes	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
11 May	50th Anniversary of Irish Red Cross	24p	1A1A/1B1B
11 May	3rd Elections to European Parliament	28p	1A1A1A/1B1B1B
11 May	Europa (29th Issue) Childrens' Games	28p 39p	1A1A1A1A (Sheetlet) 1A1A1A1A (Sheetlet)
15 June	Franconian Apostles - Sheet stamp - Prestige Booklet IR£4.48	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B (4 panes of 4)
27 July	Statesmen of Ireland (4th Issue) - Sean T O'Kelly	24p	1A1A/1B1B
27 July	Bicentenary of the Mail Coach	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
27 July	150th Anniversary of Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
27 July	Centenary of Birth of Margaret Burke Sheridan	30p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
27 July	Centenary of Birth of Nehru	46p	1A1A/1B1B
31 Aug	Sail Ireland	28p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
5 Oct	Fauna & Flora (12th Issue) Game Birds - Red Grouse - Lapwing - Woodcock - Pheasant - Miniature Sheet IR£1.37	24p 28p 39p 46p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B
14 Nov	Christmas (19th Issue) - Annunciation - Nativity - Adoration of the Magi - Children preparing Crib IR£2.90	24p 28p 46p	1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B 1A1A1A1A/1B1B1B1B Sheetlet (14 x 21p + label)



All stamps were printed by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited on cream CCP3 paper. Except as indicated below, all full sized sheets of fifty stamps were in the usual 10 x 5 format with plate numbers at top left, colour checks at top right and imprint at bottom left. Perforation 14 x 14 3/4 (vertical format) and 14 3/4 x 14 (horizontal format).

Transport - Cars The booklet contains two panes of stamps. Pane 1 contains a block of four stamps (2 x 24p plus 2 x 28p) together with an illustrated stub to the left of the stamps. The text on the stub is in Irish. Pane 2, similar in format, with the equivalent English text, contains a complete set of the four stamps. The panes differ from the Dublin Millennium panes of 1988 in that there is no selvedge surrounding the stamps and as a result the stamps have either one or two sides imperforate; otherwise they are perforated 14 3/4 x 14. This gives a total of 6 different stamps viz. 24p top imperf, 24p bottom and right imperf, 28p top and right imperf, 28p bottom imperf, 39p bottom imperf and 46p bottom and right imperf.



39p Cars - Issued stamp showing Thomond car (left) and rejected design showing Ford Model T (right).

Initial colour advertisements in the British philatelic press during February/March 1989 featured a Ford Model T on the 39p value. However the issued stamp (and later advertisements) featured a Thomond car. The last minute change is thought to have been due to the insistence of the Government due presumably to the decision by Ford to close its assembly operations in Cork some years ago. Collectors might recall that the Ford Model T (and the Benz Comfortable featured on the 28p value) were illustrated on the Stamp '86 postcards commemorating the centenary of Irish motoring.

Europa Sheetlets The Europa stamps were printed in sheetlets of 10 stamps. The side panels of each sheetlet depict children

playing a variety of popular games. All sheetlets bear the plate numbers 1A1A1A1A. The sheetlets were popular with collectors of Europa stamps and sold out by September 1989.

28p Franconian Apostles This joint issue by An Post and Deutsche Bundespost commemorated the 1,300th anniversary of the martyrdom of the Irish Saints Kilian, Totnan and Colman, who had a major impact on German Christianity. The stamps 28p and DM1 are identical in design apart from the Irish and German inscriptions. The Irish stamp measures 44.45mm x 27.9mm, which is different from the usual size of 41mm x 30mm. Perf. 13.5 x 13.5. The German stamp measures 43mm x 25.5mm i.e. slightly smaller than the equivalent Irish stamp. This is a normal German commemorative size. Plate numbers 1 and 2 noted on German sheets (single number in black). An Post sold the German stamp for 38p. Both stamps were sold in sheets of 50 (10 rows of 5 stamps). The Irish sheets were divided into two panes of 25 by a horizontal gutter. The Irish stamp was also available in booklet form. This first Irish "Prestige Booklet" is similar in style to British Prestige Booklets. The theme of the booklet is "Ireland's Golden Age" and it contains four panes of stamps plus four panes of interleaving. The covers, panes and interleaving are illustrated and follow the development of Christianity in Ireland and the missionary tradition abroad. Each pane contains a block of four of the Irish stamp - each pane bears different text/illustrations. The panes and interleaving are stitched within the covers. Unfortunately there are no perforations or rouletting in the binding edge and as a result it is virtually impossible to extract complete panes without the use of a guillotine.

Fauna & Flora - Games Birds The four stamps were in a large square format (36mm x 36mm) and perforated 13.4 x 13.4. Sheets of fifty stamps (10 rows of 5 stamps) divided into two panes of twenty five by a horizontal gutter. The miniature sheet contains one of each stamp together with a central design featuring a curlew. The 46p value was voted the "Best Stamp Design" of 1989 in the annual poll run by An Post.

Christmas Sheetlet The Christmas sheetlet exists with two perforation types (similar to 1988). Type I has both left and right margins perforated whereas type II has only a perforated right margin. No plate numbers exist on the issued sheetlets.

FIRST DAY COVERS, CANCELLATIONS AND MAXIMUM CARDS

FDC's cost 17p (as in 1988). The general purpose FDC featuring the statue of Hibernia was used for the Red Cross, European Parliament and four of the five stamps issued on 27 July. The fifth stamp commemorating the Mail Coach bicentenary plus all other issues had separate pictorial covers. The Irish FDC for the Franconian Apostles issue was smaller in format (170mm x 90mm) and is similar to the usual continental size.

A separate pictorial cancel was available for the Mail Coach stamp. The pictorial cancel available for the remaining four stamps issued on 27 July (24p Sean T. O'Kelly, 28p Architects, 30p Margaret Burke Sheridan and 46p Nehru) was also available in Castlebar. Margaret Burke Sheridan was born in the town. Pictorial cancels are not usually available in Castlebar. In addition to the separate cancels, a combined



design cancel was available for the Red Cross and European Elections stamps.

A set of four maximum cards (16p each), in usual format, was available for the Parks and Gardens issue. A set of four cards (16p each) was also available for the Franconian issue. The cards did not in this case reproduce the stamp designs but featured instead different aspects of the Franconian tradition - (i) Early Irish Monastic Settlement; (ii) The Martyrdom, "Passionale aus Hirsau" (1125-1150 A.D.); (iii) Statue of St. Kilian, Wurzburg; and (iv) Wurzburg Cathedral, burial place of the Franconian Apostles. In the case of both FDC's and maximum cards for this issue serviced at the philatelic bureau in Dublin it was possible to affix either the Irish or German stamp and have them cancelled as follows - (i) Irish cancel on Irish stamp; (ii) German cancel on German stamp; (iii) Irish cancel on both stamps; or (iv) German cancel on both stamps. It was not possible to apply both cancels to any one item. The cancels were as applied at the respective philatelic bureaux in Dublin and Bonn. The Deutsche Bundespost also had a special cancel in use at Wurzburg but this was not available from the bureau in Dublin. The German Post Office also produced their usual first day sheet in the form of a very attractive folder. Each folder contained both stamps cancelled by the appropriate bureau first day postmark.

PRESENTATION PACKS

22 AUGUST: IRISH TRANSPORT (IR£2.50) The pack contains seven stamps on this theme issued during 1988/89 with a face value of IR£2.35 - 1989: Motor Cars (4), Mail Coach; 1988: Flying Boat and Sirius.

23 NOVEMBER: YEAR PACK (IR£9.30) The pack contains all the special and commemorative stamps issued during the year including the 21p Christmas stamp but excluding booklets and the Games Birds miniature sheet (face value: IR£9.10).

YEAR BOOK

27 October: The total edition of 7,500 (standard - IR£20) and 300 (leather bound R£100) copies was pre-sold. The 48 page hard bound book contains the usual background details for each issue with the stamps mounted in protective strips on the appropriate page throughout the book. The text is bi-lingual (English/Irish). All issues from June 1988 (Fauna & Flora - Endangered Vegetation) to June 1989 (Franconian Apostles) are included; a total of 29 stamps with a face value of IR£8.97. In addition the book contains a special black print of the Irish Franconian Apostles stamp. Each book and black print is numbered. The black print was produced by Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited. The book was printed by Criterion Press, Dublin.

DEFINITIVES

There were no new values issued during 1989. There were a number of new printings as set out below:-

Value	Plate Nos.	Perf. Type	Month of Release	Notes
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CCP1 (white paper) printing:

24p	5A/5B	G4	November	Previously CCP3
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CCP3 (cream paper) printings:

1p	3A/3B	G4	March	
3p	2A/2B	G4	March	
28p	6A/6B	G4	November	
32p	2A/2B	G4	September	

POSTAL STATIONERY18 FEBRUARY - ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARDS

The set of St. Patrick's Day cards was reduced to five from the usual six in 1989. The five designs are (1) The Doves of Peace; (2) Gathering Shamrock; (3) St. Patrick's Stained Glass Window in St. Mary's Church, Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo; (4) Smiling Shamrock; and (5) Springtime in Ireland. The usual green first day postmark was available in Dublin. Each card cost 30p. Usual postage paid imprint.

29 MARCH - SLOGADH NAISIUNTA '89 POSTCARD

The card is similar to the 1988 design with the 1987 Fleadh Nua 24p maximum card design. The 1989 card does not bear a postage paid imprint and was distributed as a free item.

Ennis Post Office, local sub-offices in Clare and the Philatelic Bureau received 3,000 cards and the remaining 19,000 cards were given to Gael-Linn for local distribution.

6 SEPTEMBER - IRISH EPISCOPAL COMMISSION FOR EMIGRANTS POSTCARDS

The two postcards (total printing 1 million) were part of a campaign to fund the maintenance and expansion of the services provided by the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants overseas. The cards were sponsored by Bank of Ireland but were sold by An Post complete with usual postage paid imprint. Cost 50p each including 25p contribution to the Commission. The two designs featured on the extra large cards (185mm x 120mm) are (1) Flying Swans and (2) Poul nabrone Dolmen, The Burren, Co. Clare at dusk.

27 OCTOBER - OIREACHTAS '89 POSTCARD

The 1989 Oireachtas Festival was held at Glencolumbkille, Co. Donegal. The cards designed by Caoimhghin O'Croidheain feature line drawings of the old and new aspects of Glencolumbkille, flanking a portrait of Dr. Sean O h-Eochaidh, President of Oireachtas '89. The cards do not bear a postage paid imprint and were distributed free of charge.

23 NOVEMBER - POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBITION CARDS (3RD SET)

An Post released the third set in this series at Stampa '89. The four postcards feature prints of Bianconi coaches by Michaelangelo Hayes to tie in with the bicentenary of the Irish Mail Coach stamp. The cards feature (1) Getting Ready, Hearn's Hotel, Clonmel; (2) Taking up a passenger; (3) Dropping a passenger; and (4) Arriving at the end of a stage. The designs of cards 1 and 4 were featured on two earlier stamps. The Hearn's Hotel design (in part) was featured on the 28p Bianconi bicentenary issue of 1986 and the final card design was reproduced on the 12p Europa stamp of 1979. The cards were undenominated and cost 16p each. There were four appropriate postmarks - see Exhibition Souvenirs and Postmarks - Republic of Ireland below.

Undenominated Items The undenominated items referred to above are not postal stationery items within the FIP definition of the term because they do not bear any stamp imprint but are included above given that they were distributed by An Post.

EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND CACHETS - NORTHERN IRELAND AND OVERSEAS

11/12 FEBRUARY - STAMPEX ULSTER, BELFAST

This annual event was held in the Europa Hotel, Belfast. Although souvenirs were produced in previous years, this was the first time that an item issued by An Post was the basis of the exhibition souvenir. The four Postal History cards featuring Dublin Post Office Buildings were overprinted "Stampex Ulster Belfast 11th & 12th February '89". A cachet was also available and it reads "Belfast Béal Feirste Stampex Ulster 11-12 February 1989". The cards were sold for 50p sterling each.

(Souvenirs are issued for other Northern Ireland shows/exhibitions but they do not include Irish stamps/stationery and are therefore excluded from this listing)



7 - 17 JULY - PHILEXFRANCE 89, PARIS

The Ireland's Golden Age Prestige Booklet was overprinted with the exhibition logo. It was available from the philatelic bureau in Dublin for IR£4.48. A cachet was also available at the exhibition with the wording "POST The Irish Post Office Paris PHILEXFRANCE 89 7 - 17 Juillet, 1989".

3 - 5 NOVEMBER - PHILATELIA '89, COLOGNE

A cachet was available from the German agent of An Post. The cachet reads "An Post The Irish Post Office Philatelia '89 Post 3-5 Nov 1989 Köln Messe".

17 - 20 NOVEMBER AND 24 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER - WORLD STAMP EXPO '89, WASHINGTON D.C.

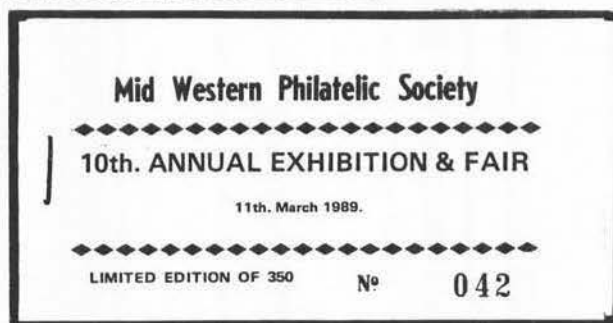
This exhibition was sponsored by the United States Postal Service in connection with the 20th Universal Postal Union Congress held in Washington D.C. The North American agent of An Post sold the Ireland's Golden Age Prestige Booklet with the exhibition logo etc. overprinted on the cover. The booklet was available from the philatelic bureau in Dublin for IR£4.48. A cachet was also available (rectangular in format) which reads "World Stamp Expo '89 17 Nov - 3 Dec Post Irish Post Office".



The local James Hoban Chapter of the Eire Philatelic Association produced a souvenir card which reproduced the 1971 John Millington Synge stamp design and two short extracts from this writer's works together with biographical details of this famous Irish playwright and poet. Total numbered printing of 300 cards. Printed on both sides. The card can be found with various stamps and cachets (An Post and U.S.) applied to both sides of the card.

EXHIBITION SOUVENIRS AND POSTMARKS - REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

11 MARCH - MID WESTERN PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION & FAIR, LIMERICK



The 10th annual exhibition and fair was held at Cruises Hotel, Limerick. There was a numbered edition of 350 booklets containing two of the 24p Sirius stamps. Cost IR£1. Philatelic facilities, special cover and usual postmark featuring Treaty Stone of Limerick design available.

15 JULY - DONEGAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION, STRANORLAR, CO. DONEGAL



The new Donegal Philatelic Society held the one day exhibition at Kees Hotel, Stranorlar. There was a numbered edition of 300 booklets containing 3 x 3p Architecture definitives. Cost 30p each. A special postmark featuring Errigal Mountain, Co Donegal was applied to mail posted at the show. The postmark reads "Donegal Philatelic Society Bealach Féich 15.VII.1989". Stranorlar adjoins its twin town of Balleybofey

which appears to be the post town and hence the postmark refers to Bealach Féich. Philatelic facilities available. No cover.

30 SEPTEMBER - SLIGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Held at the Silver Swan Hotel, Sligo. A booklet containing 3 x 15p Architecture definitive stamps was sold for 70p. Each booklet was numbered but total printing not stated. Philatelic facilities and special postmark available (no cover). The postmark is similar to previous years and features a drawing of W.B. Yeats - "Sligeach Yeats International Stampex 30.IX.1989".



7 OCTOBER - CORK PHILATELIC SOCIETY EXHIBITION

Held at the Imperial Hotel, Cork. Numbered edition of 500 booklets containing 2 x 24p Garinish Island (Co. Cork) stamps. Cost IR£1. Philatelic facilities, special cover and postmark available. The postmark reads "Corcaigh . Cork Stamp Exhibition . 7.X.1989". As usual the postmark was reproduced on the back of the booklet cover. The actual postmark is slightly smaller and differs in layout when compared to the reproduction on the booklet cover (see illustration above).

Actual postmark



As shown on back
cover of booklet

11 - 12 NOVEMBER - LIMERICK COIN, STAMP AND POSTCARD FAIR

Numbered edition of 125 booklets containing 2 x 24p Sean T. O'Kelly stamps. Cost IR£1.50. No postmark or philatelic facilities.

23 - 26 NOVEMBER - STAMPA '89, RIVERSIDE EXHIBITION CENTRE, DUBLIN 2

The annual national stamp exhibition transferred to a new venue at Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Members of the Stampa Society (subscription IR£10) received the Game Birds miniature sheet with a blue overprint which reads "STAMPA, 1989 NOVEMBER 23rd to 26th". Total of 276 numbered sheets. Total printing 350 with remainder used for postage or destroyed. The sheets were distributed to members on 9 November. There was no alternative printing sold at the exhibition this year.

As stated above four postcards featuring Bianconi coaches were issued by An Post. There were four postmarks available, one for each day of the exhibition - each featured a different postmark used in the 19th century in connection with the



Dublin - Cashel - Cork day mailcoach service. The day mailcoach service left Dublin at noon and arrived in Cork at about eight o'clock the following morning. The coach returned from Cork the same day, leaving at nine o'clock in the evening and arriving in Dublin at about two o'clock the following afternoon. Special handstamps were applied to letters travelling on this "day mail" to distinguish from those travelling on the "night mail". The handstamps were inscribed "MID IN", "MID OUT" or "MIDDAY MAIL". Four of the five known handstamps are featured on the Stampa postmarks including a "POSTAGE MAID" cancel which was applied to prepaid letters.

The four Bianconi postcards were overprinted by Stampa with the menu for the awards dinner at Stokers Restaurant, Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 on 25 November. Total printing of 20 sets (i.e. 80 cards in total). The cards bear the exhibition cancel of the same date. The venue of the dinner was not printed on the cards this year.

Full philatelic facilities were available at the An Post stand. Registration service was not initially available but after several requests, such a service was provided as from Sunday 25 November. DN100 philatelic bureau label used with "Stampa '89" added in manuscript. No skeleton datestamp available. As an alternative the usual Baile Átha Cliath single ring CDS as used in the philatelic bureau was also available.

A total of 47 of the Eire Philatelic Association's green promotional cards had the 28p Mail Coach stamp affixed and cancelled with the exhibition cancel of 23 November. Distributed to Irish members of the EPA by Anthony Finn (Vice-President, Europe) and Vincent Kelly (local Revealer distributor).

The German based FAI study group visited the show and usually produce a souvenir. As yet I have not seen any such souvenir.

OTHER SPECIAL POSTMARKS

I set out below details of the only special postmark noted

other than the exhibition items referred to above.

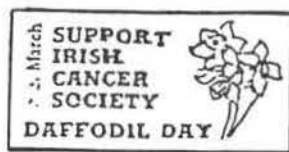
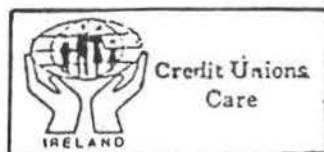
22 - 25 JUNE: CARROLLS IRISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, PORTMARNOCK, CO. DUBLIN.



The annual postmark is the same as the 1988 design and was applied in purple. The postmark reads "The Irish Open Golf Championship P.J. Carroll And Company Baile Átha Cliath 22/23/24/25-VI-1989".

MACHINE SLOGAN POSTMARKS

This section was kindly supplied by John Lennon of the Irish Philatelic Circle. In contrast to the previous year 1989 was a quiet one for slogans. Of the four new additions to the list, three are modifications of 1988 slogans and only one (294) is a completely new slogan. The reference numbers follow on from 1988 utilising the numbering sequence established by J. Mackay in his book "Irish Slogan Postmarks".



294 "Credit Unions Care Ireland". Used from end of January to early March and again in August in Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (Dies ABCDEFG), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick, Waterford, Sligo and Tralee.

295 "SUPPORT IRISH CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY March". This was slogan 280 of 1988 with the date (23) crudely removed. Daffodil Day was Friday 24 March. Used during March in Cork, Dublin (ACFG), Galway and Limerick.

296 "AMEV GENERAL FOR HOME INSURANCE". Similar to slogan 285 but "FOR HOME INSURANCE" in sans-serif letters, different frame on right and other small changes. Used from May in Cavan, Cork, Donegal, Dublin (Dies BDEFG), Dundalk, Galway, Limerick and Waterford.

297 "Kilkenny Arts Week Aug 27 - Sept 3". Used in Kilkenny from June to August.

FLIGHT COVERS

22 February	Dublin - East Midlands	Aer Lingus
22 February	Dublin - Liverpool	Aer Lingus
26 March	Dublin - Waterford	Aer Lingus
26 March	Waterford - Dublin	Aer Lingus
26 March	Dublin - Nice	Air France
10 April	Dublin - Connaught Regional Airport (Knock)	Aer Lingus
28 April	Dublin - London (Heathrow)	British Midland
22 May	Dublin - Kerry County (Farranfore)	Aer Lingus
22 May	Kerry County - Dublin	Aer Lingus
12 July	Seattle - Dublin (Delivery Flight)	Aer Lingus
19 October	Dublin - Derry (Eglinton Airport)	Aer Lingus
19 October	Derry - Dublin	Aer Lingus
30 October	Dublin - Brussels	Aer Lingus

The Aer Lingus flights on 22 February and 30 October were the first Fokker 50 aircraft flights on those routes as distinct from the inauguration of new routes. The Seattle cover was for a delivery flight. All datestamps bear the flight date unless otherwise stated. Further details of each cover were known are set out below. A / within a cachet description indicates the start of a new line whereas a | indicates a stroke within the wording of the cachet. There are three single ring circular date stamps (CDS) in use at Dublin Airport Post Office as follows:-



Type	Wording
1	Aerphort Ath Cliath (with arc)
2	Aerfort - Bhaile Átha Cliath 1
3	Aerfort - Bhaile Átha Cliath 2

22 FEBRUARY - DUBLIN TO EAST MIDLANDS (LEEDS/BRADFORD)

Dublin Airport CDS type 1. Four line boxed rectangular cachet in black on reverse "British Midland Airways/22 Feb 1989/L.B.A. Sales Office/I.A.T.A. 914 9 607". No return flight covers seen.

22 FEBRUARY - DUBLIN TO LIVERPOOL

Dublin Airport CDS type 1. Three line boxed rectangular on reverse "M.A.S./Liverpool/22 Feb 1989". M.A.S. are the initials of Midland Airport Services. No return flight covers seen.

26 MARCH - DUBLIN TO WATERFORD

First flight by Aer Lingus. Dublin Airport CDS type 1 of 23 March. 26 March was the Sunday of the Easter holiday weekend. Dublin Airport Post Office was closed from 24 to 27 March inclusive. Arrival Waterford CDS on front "Port Láirge I 28 III 89".

26 MARCH - WATERFORD TO DUBLIN

Return flight. Waterford CDS of 25 March. Waterford Post Office was closed on 26 and 27 March.

Aer Lingus gave up the rights to the above Dublin/Waterford/Dublin route in March 1990. The route will now be operated by Ryanair.

26 MARCH - DUBLIN TO NICE

First flight by Air France. This is a new route. Dublin Airport CDS type 1 of 23 March. Air France meter cancel on reverse. No inward flight covers seen.

10 APRIL - DUBLIN TO CONNAUGHT REGIONAL AIRPORT (KNOCK)

First flight by Aer Lingus. Dublin Airport CDS type 1. Oval cachet in black on front "Connaught Airport Development Co. Ltd. 10 Apr 1989". No backstamp. No return flight covers seen.

28 APRIL - DUBLIN TO LONDON (HEATHROW)

First flight by new carrier on this route. Dublin Airport CDS type 2 plus Heathrow arrival backstamp. No inward flight covers seen.

22 MAY - DUBLIN TO KERRY COUNTY (FARRANFORE)

First flight by Aer Lingus. Dublin Airport CDS type 2. Diamond shaped boxed cachet in black on front "Aer Lingus First Flight DNI Kerry Co. Airport/DN EI-BKA 22 May 89". Farranfore CDS backstamp on reverse "Fearann Fuar 22 V 89 Co Ciarraige".

22 MAY - KERRY COUNTY TO DUBLIN

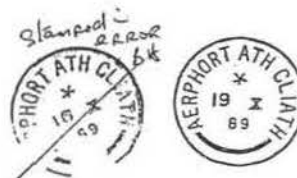
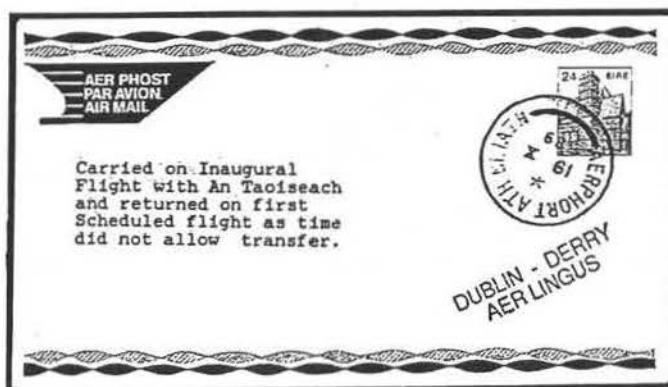
Return flight. Farranfore CDS "Fearann Fuar 22 V 89 Co Ciarraige". Diamond shaped cachet in green on front "Aer Lingus First Flight DNI Kerry Co. Airport/DN EI-BKA 22 May 89". Three lined boxed rectangular cachet in black on reverse "22 May 1989/Dublin/Station".

12 JULY - SEATTLE TO DUBLIN

This was a delivery flight for the first Boeing 737-400 series to be delivered to Aer Lingus. U.S. covers with CDS "Seattle, Wa Main Office Sta. USPS Jul 12 1989". Five line unboxed rectangular cachet in red on front "Delivery Flight 737-400/Boeing Field/Goose Bay - Dublin/Capt. Bagnall/EI-BXA". Arrival CDS on reverse Dublin Airport type 2 13 VII 89" plus three lines boxed rectangular cachet in black "13 Jul 1989/Dublin/Station". 30 covers known to be flown.

19 OCTOBER - DUBLIN TO DERRY (EGLINTON AIRPORT)

Dublin Airport CDS type 1. Five line printed unboxed cachet in black on front which reads "Carried on Inaugural/Flight with An Taoiseach/and returned on first scheduled flight as time/did not allow transfer". Two line unboxed cachet in red on front also applied "Dublin - Derry/Aer Lingus". Five line boxed square cachet in blue on reverse "Aer Lingus/35-4 9017 3/Oct 29 89/Derry/Airport".

19 OCTOBER - DERRY TO DUBLIN

Londonderry machine slogan cancel (10.15am) with arrival CDS on reverse of Dublin Airport type 1. Two lined unboxed cachet on front "Dublin - Derry/Aer Lingus". Dublin Airport type 1 CDS backstamp on reverse. Some (if not all) covers also bear same Dublin Airport type 1 CDS backstamp of 16 October which was crossed out in pen and the words "stamped in error" plus initials of postmaster added. 16 October was the date of the proving and pilot familiarisation flight.

30 OCTOBER - DUBLIN TO BRUSSELS AND RETURN

Dublin Airport CDS type 3 of 27 October. Monday 30 October was a public holiday. Three line cachet unboxed cachet in either black or green on front which reads "Aer Lingus/DNI/Brussels/DN/FIF/Nifty 50". Covers carried on the return flight bear the same Dublin Airport CDS of 27 October cancelling an Irish 24p definitive and in addition a Belgium postage stamp was attached to the front of the cover and cancelled with a four line square blue cachet "Aer Lingus/Oct 30 89/Brussels/Belgium". No return flight covers seen.

FOREIGN STAMPS AND POSTMARKS WITH IRISH ASSOCIATIONS

STAMPS

GRENADA A set of eight stamps plus two miniature sheets were released on 12 June promoting the 1990 World Cup Football Championship in Italy. The top value \$4 (SG 2013) features the Northern Ireland goalkeeper, Pat Jennings. The stamp was not repeated in either of the miniature sheets. This set was printed by B.D.T. International Security Printing Limited, the export sister company of Irish Security Stamp Printing Limited.

NETHERLANDS Both values of the two stamp Europa set (SG 1555/6) issued on 9 May include within the designs the names of all 26 full member CEPT countries. The 55c value lists the names in the language of each member country e.g. Eire. The 75c value lists the names in Dutch e.g. Ierland.

PORTUGAL A single 60E stamp (SG 2135) was issued on 8 March to mark the 3rd direct elections to the European Parliament. The design features the flags of the twelve member countries including Ireland within a ballot box.

SOUTH AFRICA A set of four stamps was issued on 22 June to mark the centenary of the South African Rugby Board. The top 50c value (SG 688) illustrates an 1896 match between South Africa and British Isles. No doubt there was an Irishman in the team. Can anybody confirm?

SPAIN A single 45p stamp (SG 3020) was issued on 12 June in connection with the third direct elections to the European Parliament. The design features the flags of member countries including Ireland forming a ballot box.

TONGA A set of fifteen stamps (SG 1040-54) was issued on 22 August to mark the Inauguration of the National Sports Stadium and the South Pacific Games. One of the five 32s values (SG 1043) depicts E. Crawford (Ireland Rugby Captain of 1926) and players on cigarette cards. The fifteen values were issued within these sheetlets; each sheetlet of ten contained two horizontal strips of five different stamps separated by a central inscribed gutter.

WEST GERMANY A single 100pf value (SG 2272) was released on 20 April also to mark the third direct elections to the European Parliament. The design features the flags of the twelve member states including Ireland.



POSTMARKS

GREAT BRITAIN A special postmark was available in connection with the 100th International Rugby Union match



between Scotland and Ireland at Murrayfield, Edinburgh on 4 March 1989. The postmark wording is "Scotland v Ireland 100th Match . Edingurgh . 4th March 1989". The Scottish Rugby Union produced a special cover. Scotland won the match. There was some argument as to whether the game was the 100th match between the two countries.

FRANCE



The French town of Etrepagny is twinned with Trim, Co. Meath. A slogan postmark dated August 1989 has been noted to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the twinning of the towns on 24 June 1969. The postmark reads "24 Juin 1969 Jumelage ETREPAGNY TRIM (Irlande) Etrepagny".

ITALY

A special postmark was used on 16 September 1989 to mark the twinning of Costa Masagna with Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. The postmark reads "22041 Costa Masagna (Co) Gemellaggio Italo Irlandese 16.9.1989 Costa Masagna . Clonmel".



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

18 FEBRUARY - FAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The FAI held their 1989 a.g.m. in Munich during Bavarica '89. They produced a numbered booklet which contained the 24p Love stamp of 1989 affixed to a page and cancelled with the Dublin first day postmark (24 Jan) plus a German 33pf stamp treated in a similar manner and cancelled with the exhibition postmark of 18 February. Total printing 500. One booklet distributed to each member without charge. Additional copies sold at DM4.



Members who attended the meeting also received a small gummed sheet of genuine 'e' watermarked paper (either upright or inverted) measuring 110mm x 70mm on which was printed (in three lines) the words "FAI - JAHRESTREFFEN 1989/FESTABEND MÜNCHEN/AM 18. FEBRUAR 1989". A 1p postage due label was affixed to the sheet and cancelled with the FAI cachet in green (as illustrated). Total printing of 35 copies distributed without charge.

DECEMBER - AN POST CHRISTMAS CARDS Three different types of Christmas cards were produced by An Post for their own use. A large multi-folded card was used solely by the Chief Executive, Gerard Harvey. One copy of each of the 29 special and commemorative stamps issued during the year was affixed to the pages of the card; the miniature sheet rather than the single stamps was stuck to the card in the case of the Fauna and Flora set. Other executive staff distributed an illustrated card which I have not seen but it may include a reproduction of one of the Christmas stamp designs or a design taken from the same source (Flemish Psalm Book - Chester Beatty Library). The card used by other staff featured a snow scene plus a robin and had no philatelic connection.

DECEMBER - SANTA CLAUS ENVELOPE

Children who sent letters to Santa Claus received a special message in an envelope bearing an illustration of Santa in his sleigh together with the usual postpaid imprint cancelled by a pre-printed North Pole postmark. The cover and printed postmark was the same as used in both 1988 and 1987, only the insert was altered. One of the 15p Christmas Kiddy cards was also included in the envelope this year.

CONCLUSION As usual I wish to thank my many philatelic friends for their help in producing this article. In particular I

would like to thank Jim Byrne, Tony Finn, Otto Jung, Eugene Labiuk, John Lennon, Jim O'Byrne, Tony Quigley, David Turner, Gunter Vogt, Ronny Vogt, Ian Whyte and Bill Zellers.



STAMP WORLD LONDON 90

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

(Editor's Note: Information on London '90 was provided by Bill Zellers and Hans Moxter)



Stamp World London '90 was staged in Alexandra Palace, London England, 3 - 13 May 1990 to mark the 150th anniversary of the introduction of the Uniform Penny Post and the

adhesive postage stamp in 1840.

The Irish collectors worldwide celebrated the event by submitting the following exhibits: **Ireland Provisional Overprinted Stamps** by Miss Jean MacDonald of the USA took a Silver Bronze medal; **Ireland Gerl Definitives - Booklets and Coils** by Brian Warren of Ireland won a silver Bronze award - both entered in the European Traditional Class. In the Postal Stationery Class Ireland's Barra O'Keeffe's exhibit entitled **Ireland Postal Stationery 1921 - 1945** captured a Vermeil award. In the Youth Class - Collectors' between 16-17 years of age, USA's Miss Christine Jolly took a large silver medal for her **Ireland Postal Markings**.

It was most unfortunate and very disappointing that due to a judges disagreement Sweden's Johan Rehnberg's exhibit entitled **Ireland From a British Postal Administration to an Irish**, was not judged and did not receive an award. The judges could not agree on whether the exhibit was a Postal History or Traditional European Class although it was entered in the later.

The Literature Class consisted of the following:

- Introduction to the Post Offices of Co Claire by J. Mackey & T. Cassidy, Ireland, Bronze
- Irish SPI Censor Labels by CJG Verge, Canada, Silver Bronze
- The Maltese Cross in Ireland by Hans Moxter, Germany, Silver Bronze
- Undated Namestamps of Ireland by William Kane, Ireland, Bronze
- Postal Stationery of Ireland, Otto Jung, Germany, Silver Bronze
- Irish Stamp News, by MacDonnell-Whyte Ltd, Ireland, Bronze

All participants both exhibitors and those who attended should be congratulated for actively supporting and expanding interest in Irish Philately.



POST NOTES

by Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.

(Editor's Note: This article is compiled from various news sources emanating from An Post.)

Kidney Postcard

In a special charity promotion the World Cup Kidney Scarf Committee printed 175,000 special postage paid postcards which could be purchased at Post Offices nationwide from 26th March to 5th April 1990. The Committee organised a special quiz in association with the Kenny Live T.V. programme and quiz entrants purchased a card for £1 to complete their entry. The card containing the quiz questions was pre-addressed and post-paid. Collectors who wish to purchase this can order them from the Philatelic Bureau while stocks last.

New Aerogramme

On 31st May 1990 a new aerogramme was issued by An Post. This prepaid pictorial is being sold in pre-packed units of 5 aerogrammes at a bonus price of £1.95. Existing aerogrammes will continue to be sold singly.

Year Book

The second Irish Stamp Year Book containing all the stamps issued by the Irish Post Office between July 1989 and June 1990 will be published in September. The high standards of design and production associated with last year's book are once again in evidence. Judging by the unprecedented demand for last year's book — demand far exceeded supply — and the universal compliments attributed to it, it is likely that this quality collectors item will again be in great demand with collectors all over the world.

The standard edition will be priced at £23 while the special edition half-leather bound will remain at £100.

To avoid disappointment you are now invited to place your order with the Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Dublin 1.

ATM Stamp Label Vending Machines

As part of An Post's plans to make postage stamps more readily available, a public trial of 3 types of stamp label vending machines will be undertaken. The three types of machine are:

Frama (Switzerland)

Klussendorf (Germany)

Amiel (France)

and subject to the results of the trial one of the machines will be subsequently introduced nationwide on a phased basis.

The Philatelic Service will provide full first day service for collectors who are interested in this collecting area. There will be 4 first day covers; a separate one for each machine and a composite one for labels from all three. The final details of this public trial will be announced in the next bulletin. Collectors who wish to obtain mint and cancelled labels, are, however, advised that they should order as early as possible.

Coin Letter

The Central Bank of Ireland will issue a new £1 coin on Wednesday 20th June 1990. The Philatelic Service will

recognise this new coin issue by producing a special coin envelope which will contain the £1 coin. A new £1 Heritage and Treasures definitive stamp will be affixed and the cover cancelled on the first day of issue of the coin. Orders for this item which will be sold at £3.50 should be sent to the Philatelic Bureau immediately.

New Zealand '90

The World Stamp Exhibition "New Zealand 1990" will be held in Auckland from 24th August to 2nd September to commemorate two major events (1) the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 and (2) the 150th Anniversary of the First Postage Stamp. The Irish Post Office will be represented at the show by our Max Stern & Co. Agency. A special souvenir overprint featuring a pane from the Prestige Booklet will be available at the show. Customers who are unable to attend and who wish to receive this item, cost £1.50 should place their orders through the Philatelic Bureau before the start of the show (i.e. 24th August 1990).

Letter Cards

A new "5 pack" of lettercards featuring a Frances Poskitt design, was issued on Tuesday 10th July 1990. The pack of five cards which will retail at £1.30 (representing a saving of 40p) are valid for posting within Ireland and to all E.C. member countries. Existing single lettercards will remain on sale.

Balloon Mail

On 29th July 1990, Pestalozzi Kinderdorf Wahlwies (Germany) and Pro Juventute (Austria) will hold their second Irish Balloon Mail in or about Ballon, Co. Carlow. Two special cancels sponsored by the above will be applied to mail carried on these flights. Collectors wishing to have covers cancelled should send them to the Philatelic Bureau to arrive before 24th July 1990. All covers must bear the appropriate postage applicable.

Withdrawal of Architecture Definitives

As announced in previous bulletins the following Architecture rates corresponding to the first and second phases of the Heritage and Treasures definitive series will be withdrawn from general sale on Wednesday 25th July, 1990; 1p, 2p, 4p, 10p, 24p, 26p, 30p, 34p, 39p, 46p, £1 and £2. They will, however, remain on sale at the Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Dublin 1 until 31st December 1990 or while stocks last within that period.

Irish Coins

Because of the huge demand for the £1 Coin Letter, arrangements have now been made with the Central Bank of Ireland to supply other new coins.

The first of these is the souvenir proof £1 coin, selling at £10, in an attractive presentation case. The others are the three ECU coins issued on 25th June to mark Ireland's Presidency of the EC. The coins are available as follows:

50 ECU (gold) IR£240

10 ECU (large silver) IR£20

5 ECU (small silver) IR£12

The coins are based on the design featured on the £1 coin and are limited to 5,000 gold and 20,000 of each of the silver. Presentation sets of all three are also available at £270 each.

All orders should be sent to the Philatelic Bureau, G.P.O., Dublin 1, (to include £2 for posting and packaging).

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Stamp Designer's Artwork

by Joseph E. Foley

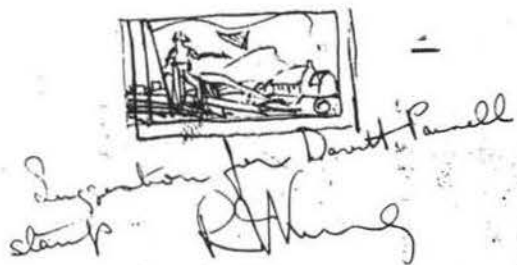
Shown here are three items signed by the stamp designer R. J. King that are in the Malcolm G. O'Reilly collection that is being sold.



Figure 1 is an ink drawing for the Michael O'Clery issue, Scott 128-9, approximately 5 1/4" x 4 1/4" showing a design very close to that used, but for a 2d value.



Figure 2 is also a pen and ink drawing, with the actual design measuring about 3 1/4" x 2" on very stiff paper. This was for the 100th anniversary of Davitt and Parnell and differs quite a bit from the final design.



On the reverse, figure 3, is a rough pencil sketch and a manuscript notation "Suggestion for Davitt Parnell stamp R. J. King."



The last, figure 4, is in pencil on translucent paper, measuring approximately 2 1/8" x 2 1/2". On the back is the notation "Suggestion for Young Ireland Stamp R. J. King."

Malcolm G. O'Reilly

by Joseph E. Foley

Philately in general and the EPA in particular lost a true friend and supporter when Mal O'Reilly passed away on May 27, 1989. Born on May 13, 1918, Mal served in the US Army in WW II as a Master Sergeant and later earned a degree in Chemical Engineering from Fordham University. He held a number of professional positions with Lever Brothers until he retired a few years ago. Mal's interest in stamps followed that of his father. His particular enthusiasm for Irish stamps and postal history led him to be a very early member of the EPA, having joined during the first year of the Association's existence as member #13 and became the fourth life member of the Association the following year. He served the EPA as a director in 1952, was elected president in 1953 and continued in that office until 1957. He was an interim editor of the *Revealer* briefly in 1957. He was a director of the Association from 1957-1959 and again from 1964 to 1968.

He was also a member of the prestigious Collectors Club in New York and served that group as a Governor from 1956 to 1969, secretary from 1957-8 and vice president from 1961 to 1962. He chaired the Club's Library Committee for several years.

At the Collectors Club, Mal and the late Hans Zervas formed an indefatigable pair in the pursuit of Irish philately. Mal presented a program in 1958 entitled "An Irish Stew" and received the "Collectors Club Medal" for having presented what was judged to have been the best exhibit and lecture for that year.

Always willing to share the results of his study, Mal authored many articles in the *Revealer*, particularly during its formative years, and even in recent times would bring portions of his outstanding collection to EPA regional meetings to share with his fellow members. Mal was a great raconteur and had a seemingly endless array of fascinating stories about Ireland and philately. We will miss him.

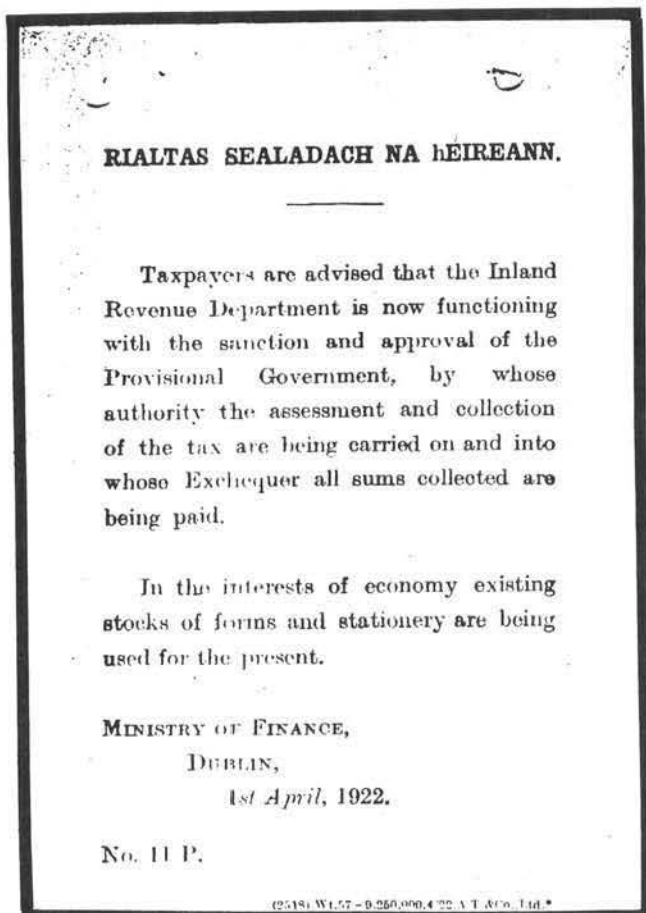
The major portions of his collection will be auctioned by Harmer's of New York around the end of the year and a further sale is planned for the Spring. Interested parties should contact the firm at 14 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016. In addition, a good deal of interesting material that would not warrant separate lotting in a major auction will be offered in the EPA's mail auction. The collection is particularly strong in the overprints and varieties. In addition to Ireland, Mal also had a very fine collection of Netherlands and colonies which will be included in Harmer's sales.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

11 July, 1990

Dear Sir:

I enclose a photocopy of an official Notice which may be of interest to collectors of OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.



I also enclose a copy cachet of the Ministry of Finance (Aireacht Airgid) together with copy cachet of the Department of Finance (Roinn Airgid). The latter cachet came into use in 1926/27.

With Best Wishes,

Declan O'Connor, EPA 1624

SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members

New members are accepted subject to no objections received within 45 days of publication.

- #2245 William F. Smith, Jr., 117 East 5th St., Bayonne, NJ 07002
- #2246 Joseph P. Robertson, 12 Lisa Court, Downsland Road, Basingstoke, Hants, England, RG21 1TU
- #2247 Robert O.J. McLoughlin, 6226 Kauffman Ave., Temple City, CA 91780
- #2248 John E. Southard, 527 Eastlake Ave. E., Apt 320, Seattle, WA 98109
- #2249 Brian McGinley, Perathdnerstrasse 23, D-8000, Munich 90, West Germany
- #2250 Tom Mulcahy, 278 Scripps Ct., Palo Alto, CA 94306
- #2251 Michael J. Cole, Pool House, Discoed, Presteigne, Powys, Wales, Great Britain, LD8 2NW.
- #2252 Mary E. Hanrahan, 302 Oak Ave., Easton, MD 21601

Reinstatement

- #0566 Michael J. Tuohy, 705 Edgewater Lane, Moses Lake, WA 98837

New Members Honor Roll

Joseph Foley, (2); Robert Jones, (1); John Madigan, (1); Michael Conway (5).

Resignations Received

- #1192 William F. Powers
- #1676 Fr. Marian Douglas, O.F.M.
- #1646 Jerome E. Murphy
- #1724 Sheila S. Thompson
- #1787 Max W. Harrow
- #1947 Merrill G. Culver, Jr.
- #2030 Caxton C. Foster
- #2220 Cornelius J. McKeon
- #1242 James Hamill
- #1628 Stuart E. Libby
- #1332 Gernot H. Reiners
- #2146 Lawrence Silverman

Deceased

- #1805 Donald P. Rogers
- #2235 Gloria Harrison
- Life member Malcolm G. O'Reilly

Membership Status

Membership as of May 15, 1990

710

New Members	8
Reinstatements	1
Resignations	(12)
Deceased	(3)
Dropped, Non-payment of dues	(118)
Adjustments*	47

Membership as of August 25, 1990

633

*Computation errors developed over several years. A new membership directory will be published in 1991.

Address changes as of August 21, 1990

- #2001 G. Lewis Baldwin, 14442 Howland Way, Tustin, CA 92680
- #2022 Paul W. Brichta, 21 Red Maple Court, Blackhawk, Danville, CA 94506
- #1803 John T. Bygott, 3522 Bleigh Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19136
- #2212 Dennis L. Calkins, 401 S. Morgan St., Moore, OK 73160
- #1369 James F. Carey, 930 Adare Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187



- #0517 John A. Clark, 2524 S. Mary Lane, Seven Hills, OH 44131
 #1997 Patrick J. Dillon, 700 Shore Drive, #707, Fall River, MA 02721
 #0557 James L. Hall, PhD, 1146 Meadow Court, Cincinnati, OH 45231
 #1996 Dr. Otto Hellwig, Nieir, 416 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill, 3068, Australia
 #2057 Patrick McCauley, 8514 E. Roma Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85251
 #1872 Frank J. McGuire, 1449 Wentworth Ave., Sacramento, CA 95822
 #2143 E.A. Nixon, 51 McBain Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4P 2S6

Members Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues

At the direction of the President, and due to the length of this list, only the membership number will appear. This list is arranged in alphabetical order consistent with the Membership Directory dated October 1988.

- A #2085, 2067, 2144, 1868, 1457
 B #1492, 2097, 565, 1986, 1498, 2006, 393, 1783, 1063, 1235
 C #1767, 2156, 2106, 1877, 1955, 1562, 1716, 1811
 D #894, 2135, 2083, 1905, 1075, 2124
 E #2116, 2099, 2142
 F #1981, 1806, 1873, 2129, 2035, 1853, 266, 1098
 G #1871, 623, 1845, 2075
 H #2162, 1753, 858, 511, 1983, 2108, 1794, 1652, 2168, 1773, 1281
 K #2188, 2053, 827, 1288, 2091, 871, 1415
 L #1708, 1108, 2069, 2178, 1799, 274, 1536, 2105
 M #1176, 2149, 1779, 1169, 1838, 2175, 1346, 794, 2170, 2007, 2062, 2183, 1583, 2018, 2127, 1936, 1600, 2158, 1472
 N #1658
 O #2195, 1839, 2145, 1884
 P #1625, 2076, 1533, 721, 1555
 R #2179, 2121
 S #281, 2210, 1844, 1894, 1297, 1371, 1852, 2172, 634, 2154, 1531
 T #2190
 W #2153, 736, 891, 1475
 Z #1979

Post Notes

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Irish Garden Flowers – Commemorative Booklet

An Post will issue a special Commemorative Stamp Booklet on the theme **Irish Garden Flowers** to accompany the four new garden flowers stamps being issued on 30th August in the thirteenth annual Fauna and Flora series. The booklet which contains eight stamps on two panes will cost £2.59. The first pane will have two setenants sets of 26p and 30p with text in Irish. The second pane will contain a strip of the 4 values in the issue with English text. The stamps and booklet were designed by Ian Loe.

Stamp Suggestions 1993-94

The Philatelic Service are currently researching subjects for inclusion in the 1993 and 1994 stamp programmes. Because of

the length of time needed to approve designs and print the stamps, we are required to plan 2/3 years in advance. We are now inviting you to send your ideas on possible subjects which might be suitable for inclusion in the 1993 and 1994 stamp programmes. Suggestions should be addressed to Secretary, Philatelic Advisory Committee, An Post, Room 2-230, G.P.O., Dublin 1 to arrive on or before 10th September 1990.

ATM Stamp Label Vending Machines

There have been some production delays in the development of the planned trial of the 3 stamp label vending machines. The trial will not now commence until 8th October 1990.

The machines will be located in the Head Post Offices in:-

- Dublin (Frama)
- Cork (Amiel/Pitney Bowes)
- Limerick (Klussendorf)

and the Philatelic Service have made arrangements to provide a full first day of issue service. The machines will produce a range of labels to cover the main rates (i.e. 26p, 30p, 34p, 41p and 50p). Both Frama and Amiel machines allow customers select and value label whereas the Klussendorf machines will have 5 pre set keys corresponding to those main rates. There will be 4 first day covers one for each machine and a combined cover. The Philatelic Service are recommending that the official first day covers would be produced as follows:-

- Frama cover with 26p label
- Klussendorf cover with 41p label
- Amiel cover with 30p label
- Combined cover with 41p Frama 26p Amiel and 30p Klussendorf labels.

This complete set of covers will cost £2.62.

Collectors who want mint sets and other requirements will be facilitated.

All interested collectors should place orders for their requirements as soon as possible.

Editorial

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love Irish Philately. We may very well differ on many other points, but on that one we all agree. I, for one, am convinced that this journal does serve a useful purpose and it will continue. Even if I have to write all of the articles myself and run the risk of making this a Pat Ryan journal, it will continue. During the past five years I have tried to make this publication a topnotch one. This has not been without some criticism from some quarters. When I took this job I did so with two provisos: (1) That I put THE REVEALER back on track of a quarterly journal and (2) That I keep the job for at least two years. I have accomplished both. During that time, I have enjoyed every minute of this job and have experienced the thrill and joy of corresponding with some of the truly greats of Irish Philately.

While I hope to retain this job for some time to come I want the membership to know that I am willing to relinquish it to anyone who thinks they can improve upon it at any time. Meanwhile, I think that Irish Philately may just be sleeping for awhile.

Deadline for the Winter issue is 1 December 1990. Happy Collecting - and may the exchange rate go down...

QUIZ 2: ANSWERS

1. 1774 to 1870
2. 1/2d. per paper. It was increased to 1d. in 1787 and again to 2d. in 1798.
3. In 1836 it was changed for the last time and reduced to 1d. with a discount of 25%, giving a net tax of 3/4d.
4. A red wax seal inscribed Roinn Cosanta with a number, so far recorded, of 1, 2 or 3.
5. The label comes in two shades of pink.
6. In 1858. Prior to this time, embossed die-stamped revenues were used.
7. These varieties can be found in both the First (DF PD1-PD4, Scott J1-4) and Second (DF PD5-PD14, Scott J5-14) issues of Irish Postage Dues.
8. For the etiquettes printed in 1922, 1923 and 1925, Irish (Post-Aer) and English (By Air Mail) were used. Starting in 1928, French (Par Avion) and Irish (Aer-Phost) are found on the blue labels.

9. This flaw appears as a strong line on the angel's left wing of the 1s.3d. airmail stamp of 1954. (DF A6, Scott C6)
10. The 1s. definitive (DF D12, Scott 76) was overprinted, unofficially, 'ATLANTIC AIR MAIL AUGUST 1932' and was used on the August 18, 1932 flight, piloted by J. A. Mollison between Dublin and New York.



E.P.A. SPECIAL OFFERS

The following items may be ordered from Richard J. McBride, 153 Orchid Road, Meriden, CT 06450 U.S.A. All prices include postage and handling. Overseas add 50¢ for air mail. Make all cheques and money orders payable to Richard J. McBride.

The Post Offices and Datestamps of the County of Leitrim — Original study of Dr. Brian de Burca, updated by James T. Howley. A very informative book showing 72 illustrations of handstamps, a map and descriptions of post office locations. A very useful item for postmark and postal history buffs. Published by EPA, 23 pages., Price \$6.00

The Maritime Postmarks of Ireland — by Bernt Dienelt. Published by FAI it is the first of three booklets on the subject. An excellent reference for collectors of Paquebot and Maritime Postmarks. Printed in German and English. Price \$4.50

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The Maltese Cross in Ireland — by Hans G. Moxter 1988 Edition. Published by FAI, text of the 80 page book is in both German and English. This is probably the most comprehensive review of this postmark to date. Price \$7.50.

Undated Namestamps of Ireland 1823-1860 — by William Kane. This booklet has been produced by FAI of West Germany. In English and German and records the colours, periods of usage on the various types of undated namestamps. Price \$3.75

A Listing of Irish Postmarks in Gaelic from 1922 — by James T. Howley. Produced by the E.P.A., Irish Postmarks are listed alphabetically in Gaelic with their English translations. It is a most comprehensive Guide to postmarks available. 82pps \$6.00.

Irish Overprint Identifier — A clear plastic overlay to help sort out your overprint issues. With it is a chart giving Scott and Gibbons numbers and an article on identifying the overprints. Price \$4.50

Catalog of the Postal Markings of Dublin c. 1840-1922 — Soft cover booklet by William Kane. A most informative and detailed publication for the collector of this phase of Irish philately. A must. Price \$3.00

Die Meilenstempel Der Irischen Post — (The Mileage Marks of Ireland) 1808-1839 by Hans G. Moxter, 1985 Edition. 64pp. Text in German and English. Published by FAI, the Irish Philatelic Group in Germany. Most informative and well illustrated. A complete listing of all known Irish mileage marks. Price \$3.50

Ireland - Catalogue of Perfins — compiled and edited by Richard L. Mewhinney. Published by The Perfins Club - 1984. 34 pp. punched for 3 ring binder. The catalogue is designed for use as an album as well as catalogue. Only observed Perfins are catalogued. Also, 2 pages of suspected or previously reported designs. Price \$6.50

An Introduction of Irish Mileage Marks — by W. E. Davey. Published by the EPA, 1989 Edition, 22 pages. An excellent book for the beginning collector of Irish Mileage Marks. Price \$5.00.

The Adhesive Revenue Stamps of Ireland: 1858-1925 — James J. Brady's detailed study of the Irish Revenue Stamps. All are in easy-to-follow catalog form with many details. A must for the Auction. Price \$2.25

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"Die Ganzsachen Irlands" — (The Postal Stationery of Ireland) by Otto Jung. 1990 Edition, Text in German & English. Published by FAI, the Irish Philatelic Group in Germany. This new edition is by far the most specialized and authoritative and gives a very complete listing of Irish postal stationery available. Well illustrated. Prices for mint and used in DM, IR£ & US\$. Price \$10.00