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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Membership. We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Group with this issue of the Bulletin, they are :

- (220) Mr D. C. Baker, 36 Watford Road, Croxley Green,
RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.
- (221) Mr D. M. V. Aspinwall, 128 Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, PETERBOROUGH.

and two changes of address :

Hon. Sec, John C. Mann, now has a postal code, see above, and
Mr R. T. Jacques is now at Hill House, Ramsey, Essex CO12 5LN

RECORDING G.B. MACHINES
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This work was completely dislocated by the postal strike and so far has not really picked up since. Draft lists are enclosed with this issue for all the members who have indicated an interest, spares are available for those who feel they can also help. We have so far lists of the Pitney Bowes Model H, "H" prefix, the first installment of the "U", U 1 to U 99 and "H", "M" and "U" machines from Eire. If you have any additions for the GB machines then let Mr Bogue have them and if you have any additions for the Eire lists then please fill them in on the sheet itself and return complete to Mr Bogue.

The list for the Pitney Bowes Model CV, prefix "P", "PA", etc is also well under way and we have produced a list of "missing" machines for which we seek details as follows :-

Reports wanted in any die. P 31, 50, 56, 65, 68, 77, 84, 88, 89, 91. PA 9, PA 21, 29, 30 31, 43, 44, 56, 64, 70, 79, 92, 94, 97, 100. PC 4, 12, 14, PC 29, 34, 44, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 56, 59, 68, 70, 74, 77, 82, 87, 88, 91, PC 94, 95, 102, 112, 113, 119, 122, 124, 130, 126, 139, 140, 146, 149, 150, PC 151, 155, 160, 162, 164, 169, 171, 178 and upwards.

Recording G.B. Machines (Contd.)

Reports wanted of GvR dies for P 11, 14, 19, 21 and upwards.

Reports wanted of E8R dies for P 21 and before, 24, 25, 27 and upwards.

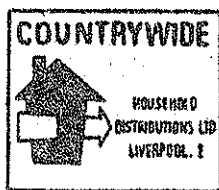
Reports wanted of G6R dies for P 30, 53, 60, 75, 83, 91, PA 2 and upwards.

Reports wanted of E2R dies for PC 18 and upwards.

Reports wanted of Emblems dies for all P except 57, all PA, PC 17 and before.

Now, have a look at your collection now and see if you can fill in any of the gaps, you may only have one to add but yours may be the only copy from a particular machine, dont forget your duplicates and spares if you do not try for one of every machine.

POSTAL DISPUTE IN GREAT BRITAIN
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When we wrote on this subject in the last MSB we wondered whether any of the many private posts which operated during the period of the dispute had used a meter to record the postage paid, none has been seen but we have something that goes half way.

Mr W. H. Bogue shows us a cover with an impression of a townmark and slogan only, as illustrated. This also has a handstamp reading "Fee Paid Merseyside Mail Service Countrywide Household Distribution Ltd", so the town mark is presumably only for dating purposes.

Now that we have had time to sort out material several members have been able to report machines that were used during the period of the strike. This does not purport to be a complete list, but those reported are :

JL 329	Peterborough	15 Feb
NO-623	Warrington	24 Feb
NR-288	Bournemouth-Poole	28 Jan 3 Feb 11 Feb
PBT 693 F	Ruislip	11 Feb

Postal Dispute in Great Britain (Contd.)

PBT 422 N	Crowborough	1 Feb
PBT 183 T	Crawley	18 Feb
PBT 645 W	Hemel Hempstead	9 Feb

Some of these are from parts of the country where a local service was in operation, covers addressed to other parts of the country were held until normal services were resumed in early March. Some of them, too, might have been deliberately franked at what was the current rate before decimalisation and the increases in rates that came into effect on the same day.

We also mentioned the booklet issued to firms called "The Business Guide to Decimal Currency in the Post Office" which explained firstly that machines in the old designs, and thus unconverted to "pence only" operation would not have their credit renewed once they became exhausted after the 15 Feb and at the same time explained that for converted machines any credit remaining in the machines at the date of the change over would from then on be regarded as being in units of "new pence", and that the Post Office would eventually send each user an account for the difference in value between the old pence units and the new, higher value, "new pence" units that took their place. Again because of the strike these booklets were not completely distributed and the accounts were delayed.

The procedure was obviously misunderstood by some users as we have seen a number of covers, dated after the change-over date and the resumption of services which have been franked at either "6" or "7", the appropriate rates in old currency for the new $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 rates. Whether the arrival of the Post Office booklet, the account or gradual realisation of what had happened came first we do not know, but such incorrect and overpaid covers soon ceased !!

We mentioned too one machine which had been used after the change-over in the old design, a number have now been reported and we list them, again we do not claim that this is a complete list but is included here for record purposes. We do not show the values except where they appear unusual. The dates are the latest if we have seen more than one.

(a) In G6R cipher design.

UD 149	Coventry	10 Mar
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(b) In E2R cipher design.

N 97	Bournemouth	23 Mar
N 77	Oxford	15 Mar
N 3	Westbury	25 Mar (4d + 3d)
SZ 312	Hanley	12 Mar
UF 144	Leeds	8 Mar

Postal Dispute in Great Britain (Contd.)

(c) In "Emblems" design.

AA 321	Belfast	23 Mar
AC 691	London, E.C.1.	8 Mar
AD 451	Sheffield	19 Mar
J 62	Bournemouth-Poole	16 Mar
J 908	Southampton	12 Mar
J 5905	Preston	9 Mar
J 880	Romford & Dagenham	9 Mar
N 2	Belfast	12 Mar
N 125	Belfast	11 Mar (3d + 4d)
N 69	Edinburgh	10 Mar
N 1	Wareham	9 Mar (5d + 2½d)
N 19	Weymouth	29 Mar (3½d + 3½d)
N 198 A	Petersfield	9 Mar
NA 848	Sheffield	18 Mar
J 2494	Manchester	10 Mar
NC 598	London, W.3.	10 Mar
NM 757	London, E.C.1.	10 Mar
NR-102	London, W.1.	17 Mar
SK 198	Glasgow	14 Mar
SU 23	Barmouth	18 Mar
UG 451	Belfast	10 Mar

Apart from the Hon. Sec. thanks are due to Messrs L. Molloy-Vickers, J. K. Costain, H. A. Cowgill, E. R. T. Parker, G. R. Stelfox and W. H. Bogue for these details.

Review - "HJMR Priced Guide to Philatelic Literature - second edition.
(HJMR Co, PO Box 308, North Miami, Fla 33161, USA, paperbound for \$5.00, clothbound for \$7.50, orders from overseas 30c extra)

This book, large not only in physical size, 509 pages, but in its actual content, lists over 50,000 books, articles and catalogues with a price for each one that the publishers can supply. It includes a complete index to the "Billig" handbooks, now owned and distributed by HJMR, and the section devoted

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to Great Britain and Colonies alone amounts to 185 pages. We have not found much devoted to meters - after all not that much exists - but this book will serve for many years as a guide to what is available. Included are also five coupons, valued at \$5.00 in credit towards purchases so active collectors may well end up with the book for nothing!

"Checklist of Canadian Official Stampless Covers since 1963" by William Pekonen, published by the author at PO Box 246, Cloverdale, B.C., Canada, \$2.00 including postage.

We have often in the past referred to the meters used in Canada for the franking of Official Mail, either with or without a value shown, and we have also recorded the fact that these machines were superseded at the beginning of 1964 by various "Paid" markings when the regulations changed.

Mr Pekonen has made a detailed study of these "Official Stampless Covers" since then and this booklet, 68 pages, is the result of this work. It covers the whole field and includes much background information on the regulations that affect such mail and the Departments that have used the facilities. There are four pages of illustrations of his basic types and a guide to values.

A fine study of a fascinating sideline covering material that is scorned by many but can often appeal to a meter collector, since it is all genuine postal material, not produced for the philatelist.

G. B. NOTES.

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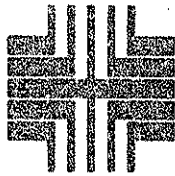
All we have for this issue, apart from the notes on decimalisation and the results of the postal dispute above are our usual "highest numbers", for which thanks are due to reports from Messrs W. H. Bogue, J. K. Costain, D. H. Fletcher, R. T. Jacques and G. R. Stelfox.

	(c) N 134 L	NX 133	TN 253
HGB	1093 *2005	3026 *4003 *5004 *6006	
	PBS 806 F	*PBA 369 F	PBT 722 R
	PBS 787 Q		PBT 667 S
			PBT 1815 A
			(a) PBT 1015 B
	PBR 008 A		PBC 135 A
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- (a) We are not sure what this "B" suffix after a four-digit number indicates but await further reports, the numbers seem to have gone to four digits with an "A" suffix after the gap closed between old converted and new machines.
- (b) Prefix JN was used.
- (c) N---K was used.

NO HYPHEN NOW!

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Pitney Bowes

A new corporate trademark and logotype designed to convey the diversified nature of Pitney Bowes' business activities was introduced on the cover of the company's 1970 Annual Report on the 24th March 1971.

An abstract design resembling a multi-barred plus sign, it is used in conjunction with an unhyphenated "Pitney Bowes" in a modified Helvetica type face and replaces the stylised postage meter trademark used by the company for 25 years.

For two-colour applications the new trademark will be printed in a rich blue, instead of red for the old mark.

One small item from the 1970 Annual Report tells us that Pitney Bowes now have 599,109 meters in service, nearly 25,000 more than the year before.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.

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Thanks are due this time to Messrs W. H. Bogue, J. H. Case, E. S. Lapham and others.

ARGENTINA. More machines with the addition of "Ley No 18.188" in the design to indicate the revalued currency. Universal MV 153 as Barfoot & Simon Type 12, angular figures of value as *001 has the legend reading upwards at the left of the frank. Pitney Bowes Model R No 75 has the legend reading downwards in small figures at the extreme right (538, which we described before as Model R should have been described as Series 5000) (WHB)

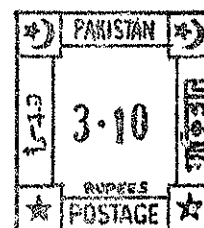
COLUMBIA. Pitney Bowes Desk Model, numbered PB 162 with PB at left of the townmark circle and 162 under central design, which is in the usual way a reduced version of the Model R. Value 1.30 and used from CARTAGENA/LC-300 AERO on the 22 IX'70 (WHB)

PAKISTAN. We noted in our description of the new C.A.M.P. machine a blank impressed "F" at the bottom centre and wondered if this was a code to show the operator.

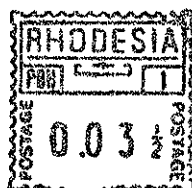
As Mr Lapham reminds us, these blank letters are in fact an anti-fraud device. Apparently someone discovered a method of obtaining meter impressions in duplicate by using red carbon paper between the two labels and this device was introduced.

It would remain blank on all top (and normal) impressions but on a carbon impression taken fraudently it would show up in colour.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd) - Pakistan.



Roneo-Neopost Model 305 "Frankmaster". A completely revised die with the name of the country in English at the top and what seems to be a third language at the right. (WHB and ESL)



RHODESIA. Mr John H. Case shows us this Pitney Bowes Series 5000. He also shows us a series of decimal values.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. NE 5 with RHODESIA at bottom of tablet and NE 44 with name placed centrally in tablet, values as $0\frac{1}{2}$

Roneo-Neopost Model 305. RN 569 with "Postage Paid" at top under the name, value as $0.03\frac{1}{2}$

Neopost LV. N 223 and N 352 in old design with Crown and Cipher removed and blank space over RHODESIA. Values seen : $\frac{1}{2}c$, $3c$, $3\frac{1}{2}c$.

Pitney Bowes "Simplex". S 14, 38, 48, blank tablet at the top and with RHODESIA at bottom. Values seen : $1c$, $2\frac{1}{2}c$, $3\frac{1}{2}c$.

Universal MV. U 4 and U 24 with blank tablet at the top and RHODESIA at the bottom and figures of value as $=.03\frac{1}{2}$ and U 19 in similar design but with figures of value as $0\frac{1}{2}$. We notice that U 24 still has "S.R." (for Southern Rhodesia) in the townmark!

Pitney Bowes "Automax" U 56 with figures of value as $=02\frac{1}{2}$

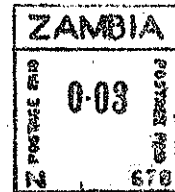
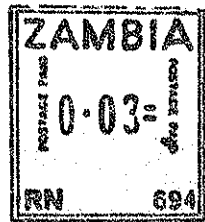
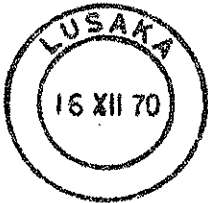
All these are used in Salisbury and all dated in 1970.

SPAIN. We showed Pitney Bowes number 5377 recently. Mr W. H. Bogue now shows us an impression from 5478, VALENCIA (on "Metered Mail" tape) which is similar in all respects except that the number reads downwards.

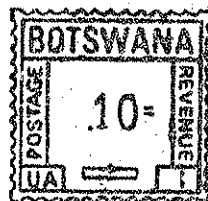
NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS (Contd) - Spain.



He also shows us this Pitney Bowes (?) British Series 5000 which has the accent over the N of ESPANA and a number which reads upwards.



ZAMBIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 105 in new design. Values seen on N 667, 678, 710 and 729, 0.02, 0.03, 0.10, with figures 4 mm high and on N 631 0.04 with figures only 2½ mm high. Roneo-Neopost Model 305 "Frankmaster" with the Eagle removed and with decimal figures of value. (all J. Case)



BOTSWANA (formerly BECHUANALAND) This Pitney Bowes is the first we have seen from this country, although we did report some years ago, before the change of name took place, that meters were to be introduced. (J. Case)

(We have a shorter than usual list of overseas items this time because we wanted to include another section of our East African list, which follows)

METER STAMPS OF THE EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA (Contd.)

(The note at the bottom of page 60 referring to the addition of Tanganyika should be deleted, it appears in the correct place below)

(Neopost L.V., continued)

As 1-2-1-1 above but with "N" at bottom left and solid block at right.

1-2-3-1 Figures of value with "c"
Values known : 10c, 20c.

As 1-2-1-1 above but with "CENTS" removed from below the box containing the value. Solid blocks at left and right.

1-2-4-1 Figures of value with "c"
Values known : 10c, 20c.

As 1-2-4-1 above but with "N" at bottom left and solid block at bottom right.

1-2-5-1 Figures of value with "c"
Values known : 5c, 15c, 20c, 40c, 50c, 1/-.

KENYA, UGANDA and TANGANYIKA.
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On the 1 May 1935 the former Mandated Territory of Tanganyika was added postally to Kenya and Uganda, the inscription being duly changed by adding TANGANYIKA, after 12 years !!

(2-2-3-1)



1947 Neopost L.V. Design generally as 1-2-1-1 but with TANGANYIKA added to name. Machine numbers not engraved but "N" at left and solid block at right.

2-2-1-1 Figures of value 6-6½ mm high.
Values known : 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 50c, 1.00c.

2-2-1-2 Figures of value 7 mm high.
Value known : 10c.

METER STAMPS OF THE EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA (Contd)

As 2-2-1-1 above but with "CENTS" removed from underneath the box containing the value.

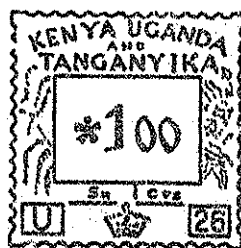
2-2-2-1 Values known : 10c, 20c.

As 2-2-1-1 above but with machine number engraved.

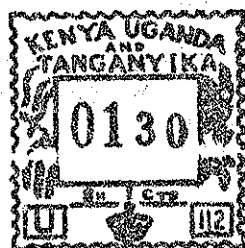
2-2-3-1 Values known : 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 50c, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 2.50.

The next machine to be introduced, the Universal Multi-Value, had the name shown differently, with an "AND" between the names of the second and third territories.

(3-3-2-2)



(3-3-2-3)



1948 Universal M.V. Design with "Sh" and "Cts" below the figures of value. Narrow frank, 26mm wide, machine number small.

3-3-1-1 Figures of value 3-bank, angular, as *oi

3-3-1-2 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as *oi

As 3-3-1-1 but with frank 31mm wide, machine number larger.

3-3-2-1 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as Ooi

3-3-2-2 Figures of value 4-bank, angular, as *Ooi

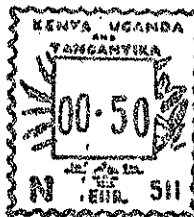
3-3-2-3 Figures of value 4-bank, oval, as *Ooi

3-3-2-4 Figures of value 4-bank, oval, as OOoi

A further variety exists of 3-3-2-4 in which the townmark is low in relation to the frank, the centre of the circle level with the bottom of the frame, and there is a four figure registration number above the townmark (U 78 Dar Es Salaam)

METER STAMPS OF THE EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA (Contd)

(3-4-1-2)



1961 Roneo-Neopost Model 305 "Frankmaster". Design generally as for the Universal but slightly smaller. Numbered with "N" prefix.

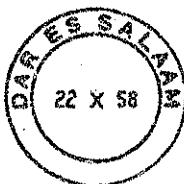
3-4-1-1 Figures of value 4-bank, as =0/01

3-4-1-2 Figures of value 4-bank, as 00.01

3-4-1-3 Figures of value 3-bank, as 0.01

The "AND" was replaced by "&", for one machine only.

(5-5-1-1)



1952 Pitney-Bowes "Simplex". Numbered with "S" prefix. Fitted with one of two ranges of values, either 5c to 125c in steps of 5c or with 10c to 250c in steps of 10c.

5-5-1-1 Values known used : 10c, 15c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 80c, 100c, 130c.

But before this both the "AND" and the "&" were omitted, thus showing that all the three territories were of equal status although the order in which they were shown was unchanged.

196? Neopost L.V. Design generally as for 2-2-1-1 etc above but with "&" omitted.

4-2-1-1 Values known used : ?

196? Roneo-Neopost Model 305 "Frankmaster" Design generally as for 3-4-1-1 etc. above but "and" omitted.

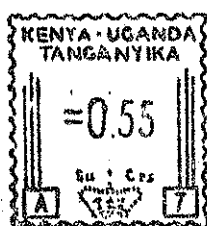
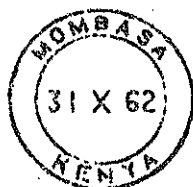
4-4-1-1 Figures of value 4-bank, as 00.01

METER STAMPS OF THE EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA (Contd)

196? Pitney-Bowes "Simplex". Design generally as for 5-5-1-1 above but Crown much larger and with a stop between "Kenya" and "Uganda" and "&" omitted. Prefix letter "S" and ranges of values as before.

4-5-1-1 Values known used : 50, 80.

(4-6-1-1)



1961 Pitney-Bowes "Automax". Numbered with "A" prefix.

4-6-1-1 Figures of value 4-bank, as =0.oi

ZANZIBAR.

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This island, a British Protectorate ruled by a Sultan, was completely independent postally from the mainland territories when meters were first introduced.

(6-5-1-1)



195? Pitney-Bowes "Simplex". Numbered with "S" prefix. Proof only on S 1 seen.

6-5-1-1 Values seen : 50

1958 Universal M.V. Design similar to Simplex but larger, and with "SH/CTS" below the figures of value.

6-3-1-1 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as 0.oi (with stop)

6-3-1-2 Figures of value 3-bank, oval, as 0oi (without stop)