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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Subscriptions. Unless already paid these become due, at the rate of £1 per year, on the 1st of January 1974.

Membership. We have one new member :

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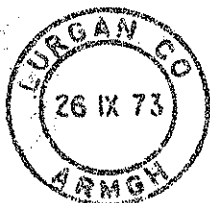
The Bulletin. This issue sees the beginning of yet another volume, we hope to be able to maintain our standard, or improve on it, but just as we are preparing this issue we are faced with a shortage of paper, working on three days only each week and reduced lighting just to help. We shall do our best and feel sure that members will as always let us have the news to print.

Publications. By the end of 1973 we will have sold all the first printing of our "Meter Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland" and this will result in an addition to the Group funds for the year. We are printing a further supply and will then be able to complete a few outstanding orders already in hand.

The supplement and additions are under way and will be distributed to all purchasers without any further action on their part, the cost was allowed for in the purchase price of the book.

Has anyone a suggestion (or a completed manuscript !!) for our next one?

A TOWNMARK ODDITY !



Michael Richards shows us this impression from a Roneo-Neopost Model 305. To have put the "Co" after Lurgan instead of before the name of the county is bad enough but to leave out the second "A" in Armagh !!

RONEO-NEOPOST MODEL 105-2

Mr J. A. Fowler and Mr W. H. Bogue were the first to report examples from this new machine and we have now seen an impression from W 174 A

The design used is the normal one and the frank itself is in the large size, approx 25 mm wide and 28 mm high including the lettering. On the one we have seen the value, "3", is placed to the left of the crown at the top so that values such as $3\frac{1}{2}$ will be central but any without the $\frac{1}{2}$, particularly values over 9, will be set well to the left.

Townmark double-circle and date as 9 XI 73

Has anyone seen used examples from the six trial machines which were numbered from N 101 P to N 106 P ??

G. B. NOTES.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205. Mr R. L. Woodward-Clarke shows us an impression used from Stafford on 26 XI 73 and quite clearly engraved with the number P 460 and no space between the P and the frame line at the left. At present we can only assume that this is an error for JP 460 but it might be worth mentioning that the series at present being used for these machines, J with a suffix and then number has reached JZ so must soon be exhausted unless the numbers jump to four digits.

Roneo-Neopost Model 505 The highest recorded number for these machines was at about RN 8666 but they seem to have run through the 9000's as we now have RM 1 reported by George Pearson and RM 49 reported by Mr Woodward-Clarke. Presumably RM was chosen instead of RO to avoid confusion with numbers and we might one day have RL, RK, etc.

G. B. Notes (Contd)

Pitney Bowes Model CV An additional value, 5, for our Type 91 is shown us by Mr E. S. Lapham.

Pitney Bowes Model RT. We speculated that the numbers of these machines in their new form started at PBR 100 A and this is confirmed by Mr W. H. Bogue with an impression from this machine, used at Haywards Heath.

The date also comes in two forms. The usual style is 21.5.73 (with the month figure slightly larger and asns-serif) but on PBR 112 A and PBR 156 A the date is shown "American" fashion, i.e. -6 VI'73

"Highest Numbers". With particular thanks to Messrs G. Stelfox, W. H. Bogue, R L. Woodward-Clarke and J. Fowler who, among others, have given us reports. The latest position is as follows :

<u>Hasler</u>	HGB	1153	*2012	*3042	4010	*5030	*6014		
	HAS	*1002						*7003	*8001

<u>Francotyp</u>		*AC.A 40		<u>Friden</u>		*G.0717	
<u>Pitney Bowes</u>		*PBA 556 F		PBL 083 J (ii)		*PBC 045 A	
		*PBR 029 A		*PBS 249 H		*PBT 1891 F	
		PBR 225 A (iv)		*PBS 228 P			
<u>Roneo-Neopost</u>		JZ 467 (i)		*N 782 L		*NX 529	
		W 358 A		RM 49 (iii)		*TN 307	

As always, we have indicated with an asterisk those series which as far as we know have shown no advance since last time.

- (i) The prefix JW has been seen but not JV, JX or JY
- (ii) The suffix H has been seen but not G or I, the latter was probably not used.
- (iii) This prefix seems to be a continuation of the RN series, see the note on the previous page.
- (iv) We are still showing the two groups of numbers, the higher one started at PBR 100 A, the lower group has probably been superseded.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS.
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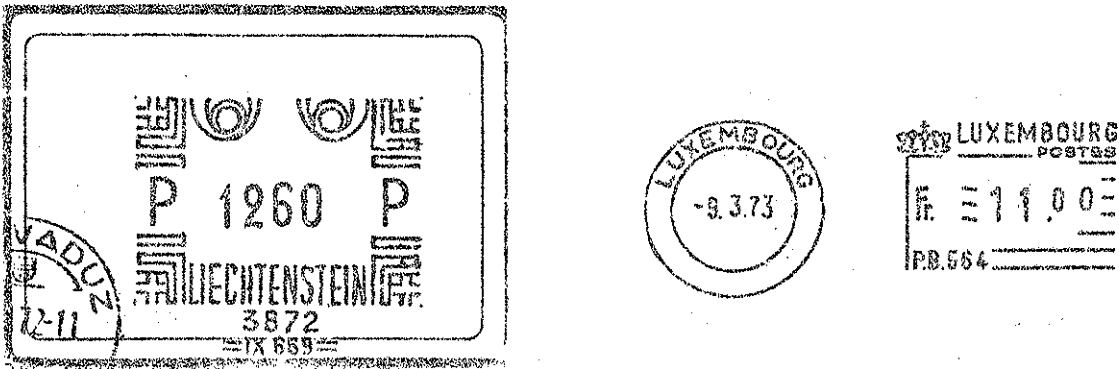
We start off this time roughly where we left off, again as usual we have to thank the many members who have sent us news. Where necessary they have been identified by their initials.

Notes and News from Overseas



LEBANON. We illustrate the Satas (MdeW)

LIECHTENSTEIN. Another machine to add to our list is this one from Mr Lapham, printed on a small "label" so we have not seen the townmark.

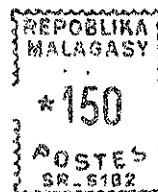


LUXEMBOURG. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 (ESL)

MALAGASY REPUBLIC. CAMP machine with "PR" at bottom left and a solid un-engraved bar at the bottom right. Hour between townmark and frank, value as *001 Name of the country at top shown as REPUBLIQUE MALGACHE but in the townmark and the separate registered label this is still shown as MADAGASCAR. Used from Tananarive on 28 XI 72

Satas with unusual "unframed" townmark. (ESL)

B.N.C.I.
(Ocean Indien)
au service de
l'économie Malgache



MALAWI. Roneo-Neopost LV in design similar to the Model 205 already shown. Values 3d, 6d and 1/- used as long ago as May 1970 (J. A. Fowler)

MONACO. Satas SR 2097, used as long ago as 29 11 67 (ESL)

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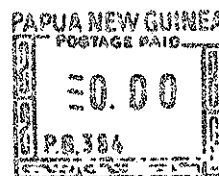
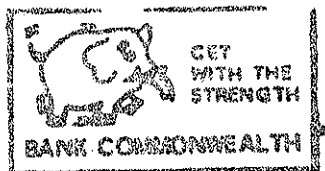
MALAYSIA Roneo-Neopost Model 205 and Model 305 (with NR prefix - we have already recorded the RN prefix) with currency shown as "Sen" (WHB)

Satas, not reported before with MALAYSIA. "Perforated Frame" design, SEN at left and right (we wonder if it also exists with CENTS) and number shown as S 135 Value as *01 and double-circle townmark. Used on 27 14 73 from Petaling Jaya, Selangor. (MdeW)

MALTA. Automax P.B.27 with decimal figures of value, as =001 The lettering of the townmark of this machine has SLIEMA at the top and MALTA at the bottom set to the left, extending from about 8 o'clock to 6 o'clock. We wonder if at some time in the past this might have had "G.C." (for George Cross, which was awarded to the island during the 1939-45 war) following the name, the slogan we illustrated some time ago certainly had this as part of the address.

NETHERLANDS. Mr E. S. Lapham suggests that the Hasler machines numbered in the 2000 series are in fact the model F 66. The figures of value are more rounded than those on the F 88. He has shown us HR 2039 which also has the two lines underneath the "townmark".

The Pitney Bowes machine number PB 1841 we illustrated in MSB 103 is a Model 6300 (the date and the value figures are level, on the Series 5000 the date is higher.)



PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA. Pitney Bowes Model 6300. Note that apart from the new design the name does not now include "&" after Papua and the "T" (for the Territory of) has been omitted from the initials at the bottom of the townmark. (Richard Peck)

PHILIPPINES. We have listed the Automax with "Hope", "Justice" or "Charity" at the bottom left. We now have one with "Peace".

The Automax has also turned up in a new design with the value as =00.01 and this has 4 stars at left and right, POSTAGE under the P.B. number all surrounded by an imitation perforation frame.

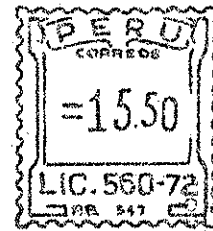
Postalia, Post Office machine with value 4-bank, as 0001 (all WS)

PORTUGAL. Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 number PB 0002 has had the "Correios" in the die corrected to "Correio", impression seen thus dated -9.12.72 (ESL)

TOGO. Satas SJ-9451 with "Republique / Du Togo", value as 001 and townmark with "Lome" at top and "R.P." at bottom. (WHB)

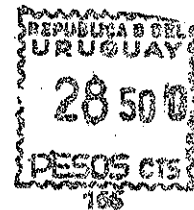
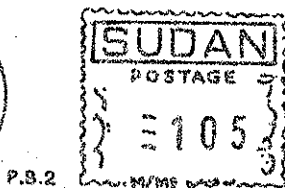
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

PERU. Automax in new design, similar to some from Brazil (ESL) and another earlier Automax with "LIC----" at the bottom of the frank. (GRP)



This Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 has a wider box around the value which has now had an extra digit added so that it becomes w00.io with a fixed zero at the right.

SUDAN. Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000. (GRP and J. Fowler)



URUGUAY. Satas with fixed zero at the right. (WHB)

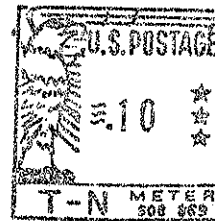
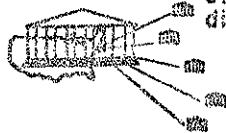
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The United States Air Force started a special 90-day trial use of meters at three air force bases, MacDill, Tyndall and Kelly, last June. During the trials meters were to be used to postmark, evidence postage payment and precisely record all postage so that a true comparison can be made against the cost of the "Postage and Fees Paid" mail system used by many Government Agencies, under which their postage costs are assessed on the basis of audits at selected locations.

Machines from Pitney Bowes, Friden and Postalia were to be used, presumably one type at each base. Has any member seen any ?

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd) - U.S.A.

This machine may never have seen the USA, as it was manufactured and is used in Germany : (ESL)

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U.S.S.R. This impression from Ernst Muhr looks similar to Barfoot Simon Type 17 but the NOYTA and СССР at the bottom are in rather a strange style of lettering with thick horizontal bars.

VENEZUELA. Francotyp, similar to one already recorded in MSB 93 but now 3-bank, as O.01 and with 'FRANCOTYP CC / SERIAL 002' underneath the townmark. (J. A. Fowler)

ZAMBIA. New values for the Simplex in decimal currency, .15 shown us by Mr J. Fowler on S 38 from Ndola.

Another new value, also from Mr Fowler, is on the Roneo-Neopost Model 105 with Postage Paid at the sides, this is 0.15 (2½ mm high) on N 679

A non-member, Mr Hal Hoyte, tells us that Francotyp F 18 (Ndola) seems to have had the month of the date stuck at "V" for some time. He has registered covers with date in the townmark as 27.V.72 and 01.V.72 which have GPO handstamps of 28 Sep 72 and 30 Oct 72. By the latter date, also, the "F" was missing and he has several like this, October being the earliest.

Roneo-Neopost Model 105 N 441 still had a townmark reading "KITWE / NORTHERN RHODESIA" on 14 XII 66 despite having been fitted with a Zambia (Eagle design) die.

AUSTRALIA. We showed a new design recently and described this as a Series 5000, it should have been noted as the more recent Model 6300. Please amend your copy of MSB 103.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

AUSTRIA. Some years ago we mentioned (MSB 83) that Postal Zone numbers were being included in townmarks. In fact the inclusion of such numbers started in 1965 but in October of that same year it was decided that the zone number would only be shown in Post Office machines. The very few "private" meters which had already had them included retained them until a repair became necessary and they would seem to be very scarce. The Post Office machines with zone numbers can be identified easily because all have one or two small letters below the town name and private machines do not have these.

Some machines used on trial basis have been :

- (a) A French CAMP machine used for a few months in 1959 at Wien 1 for use on Registered mail, as with French machines it printed a label, had the date and hour in the townmark circle and printed a matching R label on yellow paper.
- (b) Again at Wien 1, in 1962 this time, a German Francotyp was used for Registered mail which printed a combination R label with value, frank, registration number, date and town all on the same yellow label. Used for about three months.
- (c) 1165 Wien used a Neopost 205 during 1965, impression not seen.

From earlier years, a new value for the Hasler, B/S Type 1, is the 500 Kronen and for the Postage Due machine Type P.D.4 a 43 groschen value.

A new type Postage Due, Postalia, has the town name (preceded by zone number) at the top, date at left and value as S00001 (now in Schillings) at the right with "NACHGEBUHR" at the bottom.

(all WS)

CANADA. We have mentioned colours of meters in Canada before, comparing them with those in the United States, as both countries allow impressions in blue, green, etc. What we have not seen before is a bi-coloured impression but Mr E. S. Lapham tells us that Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number RN 750847 used at Brantford, Ontario, has the townmark and frank in red and the slogan dark blue.

Mr Lapham also writes to us again on the numbers of Pitney Bowes Model R machines, we mentioned them in MSB 99 and incorrectly described one as 153838 when it should be, as illustrated, 155888. The numbers 149000-149999 (like 141000-142999) were not used for ordinary postage meters but we know of 149995 and 149201 (which later had its number changed to 149991) as Postage Due machines. A British Columbia revenue machine now has the number 149201.

As far as ordinary postage machines are concerned he notes the following;

- Up to 155739 - narrow box around value *01
(except former Newfoundland meters w01 and
a few printing 1/2¢ values *1: and *01:)
- 155756-155997 - narrow box w01
(except 155944 *01 and 155953 001)
- 156001-156181 - wide box round value *01:
- 156194-156284 - wide box w01:
- 156304 up - narrow box w01

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EAST AFRICAN POSTAL AREA. Mr K. B. Millar gives us an earlier date for our Type 7-4-1-1 Ronee Neopost Model 305, with "Kenya" only at the top, this is N 598 from Nairobi on 3 VIII 62 used by the American Consulate.

An additional value for Neopost Type 11-2-1-2 is the 1.25 (ESL)

FRENCH POLYNESIA. Satas SF-181, value as *001 (WHB)

GRENADA. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number N 6 used from St. George's on 2 X 72 Design with GRENADA (Crown over EiiR) WEST INDIES curved at the top, / and / at the bottom. Value as 0.50 (WHB)

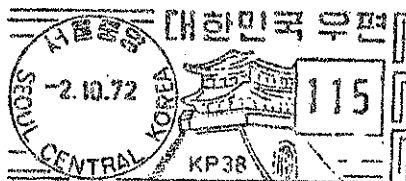
INDONESIA. Mr E. S. Lapham shows us a "private" version of the "POS & GIRO" design, frank and townmark unchanged but in this case no time shown and a slogan at the left. Figures of value x01 instead of x001 There is no trace of a machine number, earlier machines from this country had a number in the townmark.

Automax, similar design to the Francotyp but no "Rp" at the bottom right in the frame but at the left of the value, shown as ==140 Numbered P.B.5 at the bottom of the townmark.

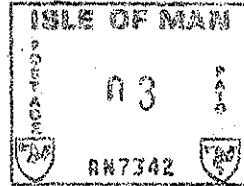
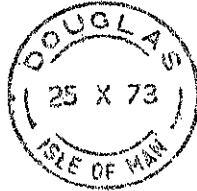
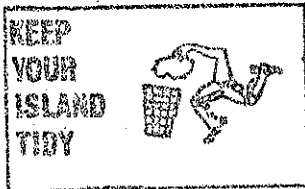
IRAN. In a recent bulletin we showed a Hasler machine used with a slogan but with an unengraved bar at the bottom. Closer examination shows that in fact this machine has a crude reversed 4 stamped on the bar giving the effect of a white figure on a solid background. Mr Lapham has also shown us others with "38", a reversed "51" ? and two numbers, one of which is a "0". A further look at the one we illustrated as long ago as MSB 55 shows that this too has traces of a number which could be "88" with the numbers lying sideways but this is a tracing and may have lost some detail during reproduction. One further machine shown us by Mr Lapham seems to be really unengraved.

Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000. Horizontal design with townmark at the left set into curved left edge of frank frame. Crown at top left, number, P.B.T. No 0005 at bottom left. Figures of value as w00.oi and as far as we know for the first time the value is not shown in Persian figures as well.

JAPAN. Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000, P.B.1744A in the design we showed in MSB 87 but now with three vertical lines added at the right. (ESL)



KOREA (SOUTH) Postalia in the "Pagoda" design. (ESL)



ISLE OF MAN. We have still not seen many impressions from this "new country" but George Pearson now shows us a second type, Roneo-Neopost Model 505, and it will be seen from the number that this series, as well as the Model 105, is numbered in the same group as those on the mainland. We rather like the modified "legs of Man" in the slogan.

A METERED RAILWAY LETTER - BY BUS
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Collectors of what has been called "sideline" material from Great Britain will know that for many years letters have been carried by train under certain conditions designed so that the Post Office monopoly on the letter post is not breached. Briefly, normal postage has to be paid in addition to the railway charges even if the letter is not handled by the post office. The advantages of the service are either that a letter can be sent directly and then collected at the destination station or it can be sent for part of the journey and then posted (so that it could for instance catch a much later collection in a large town and thus arrive earlier).

When the service started there were many independent railway Companies in Great Britain, including of course at that time what is now the southern part of Ireland, Eire. Many of these Companies issued adhesive stamps to pay for the service but with first the grouping of the railways and the introduction in many cases of meters to indicate payment of charges their use has virtually ceased except for one or two small lines run by preservation societies.

One of the original Companies was the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company which ran between what is now Co. Donegal in Eire and the city of Londonderry itself, now in Northern Ireland. For some years now the Company, which still retains its original name, has in fact only run buses so it was a surprise to us when we found recently that they still handled Railway Letters, carried by bus, if necessary over the border and using an insert type ticket with the value printed by a meter.

We have now seen one of these used on a letter handed in in Eire and transferred to the Post Office in Londonderry. Generally it is similar to the one shown in MSB 89 used by Western SMT and we will illustrate it in a future bulletin.

The latest news we have though is that the Post Office have now decided that the Company can no longer carry Railway Letters so these labels will only be used on parcels.