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SECRETARY'S NOTES.
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Membership. We are pleased to welcome with this issue two new members :

(265) Dr Allan Hauck, PO Box 176, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53141, U.S.A.
(his interests are meter slogans featuring important historical
or religious personages or events, reply coupons and postal
(money) orders of all countries).

(266) Mr W. M. McKinlay, 47 Iain Road, Bearsden, GLASGOW, G61 4PB

and also to note changes of address :

Mr R. Gibby, now 17 Cromwell Place, Cranleigh, Surrey, GU6 7LF

Mr H. A. Rydings, now Flat 4A, 2 University Drive, HONG KONG.

Annual Report and Accounts. Members will find these attached on a separate
page at the end of the Bulletin.

Wants and Offers.

Mr Kenichi Yamamoto, 423 Kamihama cho, Minami ku, Nagoya 457, Japan,
wants to exchange Japanese meters for Great Britain, Eire, British Commonwealth,
Europe, etc. Covers or tapes preferred. Please write direct.

Mrs E. Stritzl, 18 Addison Avenue, LONDON, W11 4QR, wants to acquire
meters with slogans connected with Air Lines and Shipping prior to 1950, if you
can help please write direct.

Mr W. H. Bogue, 15 Pendreich Terrace, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, EH19 2DT, has
a collection in two albums of GB GvR meters (and paid marks) collected between
1929-34, about 750 in all. Nothing scarce but a good variety of all types.
Price asked £8, please write direct.

METERS AT AUCTION.
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The Great Britain collection of a former member, Henry J. Howard, who
was not only one of the pioneer collectors but also connected with the Post
Office at the time of the introduction of meters into this country, was sold
recently at auction in London. After some spirited bidding it eventually
went to the National Postal Museum.

More news about this matter in our next issue.

SOUTH AFRICA

A listing of machines with values in Cents, prior to introduction of "REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA" dies - by Werner Simon and George R. Pearson.



1961. Universal Midget Fixed Value (3 or 5 values). Union of South Africa design (still with crown) but with value in cents. M prefix

Inscribed BETAALD at right

Values known: 1c, $2\frac{1}{2}$ c (probably two or three machines only)

Inscribed BETAAL at right

Values known: 1c (probably two or three machines only)



LAY'S
"LANOLINE & OLIVE
OIL CREAM"
For Softer Skin
P.O. BOX 11308 JHB.



1961. Universal Midget Fixed Value (3 or 5 values). Union of South Africa design with crown, "UNION OF" and "UNION VAN" removed. M prefix.

Gap at top - BETAALD at right

Values known: 1c, $2\frac{1}{2}$ c

Gap at top - BETAAL at right

Values known: $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c, $2\frac{1}{2}$ c (as $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, $\frac{21}{2}$ c or $2\frac{1}{2}$ c), 3c
as last but small ("Simplex" type) date

Values known: $\frac{21}{2}$ c, 3c, 5c, $7\frac{1}{2}$ c (machine M285)

Oval at top closed - BETAAL at right

Values known: $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c, $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, 3c, 5c, 10c

GLASS·TIMBER·PLYWOOD

THE PLATE GLASS
BEVELLING & SILVERING CO. LTD.



1961. Neopost Limited Value (probably 6 values). N prefix. Town-
mark variable.

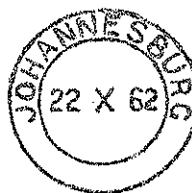
Sans-serif value figures:

Values known: 1c, 1½c, 2c, 2½c, 3c, 3½c, 4c, 5c, 12½

Variety: meter number without 'N' - machine 469 - 1c.

Seriffed value figures:

Values known: 2½c, 4c



1961. Universal Multi-value. U prefix

Without "R" in frank - month in Roman figures

3-bank, value as .00½

4-bank, value as =.00½

4-bank, value as 00.00 (U 802)

as last but small ("Simplex" type) date

4-bank, value as =.00½ (U 555)

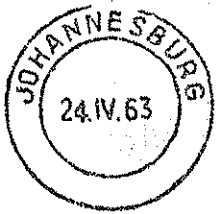
Without "R" in frank - month in letters

4-bank, value as =.00½

With "R" in frank - month in Roman figures

4-bank, value as R=.00½

?4-bank, value as RO,01= (UA 514, possibly others)



1961. Hasler Multi-value. H prefix

Inscribed SUIDAFRIKA (no hyphen) - highest seen H 56

4-bank, value as $0.00\frac{1}{2}$ (0.00^*)

Variety: number in box - H 13, H 16 seen

number also in townmark - H 54 seen

4-bank, value as $o/oo\frac{1}{2}$ (o/ooz) H 55 seen

5-bank, value as $*0.00\frac{1}{2}$ ($*0.00^*$ or $*0.00z$)

5-bank, value as $*o.00\frac{1}{2}$ ($*o.00^*$)

5-bank, value as $oo/oo\frac{1}{2}$ (oo/ooz)

Inscribed SUID-AFRIKA (with hyphen) H 1 and HA numbers

2-bank, value as oo

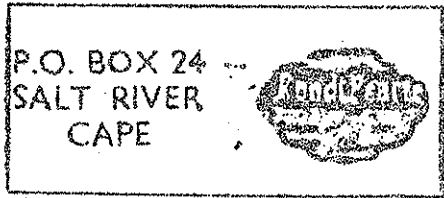
?4-bank, value as 0.00^* (H 1)

?3-bank, value as 0.00

?3-bank, value as $0,oo$

Note: " z " is used to indicate a diamond





1961. Neopost Limited Value (probably 6 values). Springbok design. Town-
mark in several variants. N, NA, NB prefix

Sans-serif figures of value (variable)

Values known: $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 1c, $1\frac{1}{2}$ c, 2c, (as 2c or 2), $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, 3c, $3\frac{1}{2}$ c,
4c, 5c, 10c, $12\frac{1}{2}$

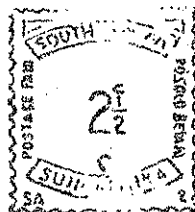
Provisionals: 2 c from $2\frac{1}{2}$ c by removal of " $\frac{1}{2}$ " (N959 seen)
3 c from $3\frac{1}{2}$ c by removal of " $\frac{1}{2}$ " (NA 274 seen)

Seriffed figures of value:

Values known: $\frac{1}{2}$ c (as $\frac{1}{2}$ c or $\frac{1}{2}^c$), 1c, 2c (as 2c or 2), $2\frac{1}{2}$ c,
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ c (as $3\frac{1}{2}$ c or $3\frac{1}{2}^c$), 4c, 5c, 10c, $12\frac{1}{2}$ c

Variety: as last but line & "perforation" below value

Values known: $2\frac{1}{2}^c$ (NA66 seen)



1961. Universal Simplex Limited Value. (25 - $\frac{1}{2}$ c to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c). S, SA prefix

Die I - name bands with right-angled ends, no hyphen between "SUID" and "AFRIKA". (Mostly lower numbers to about S455)

Die II - name bands less curved with acute lower corners, with hyphen between "SUID" and "AFRIKA". (About S460 to 965)

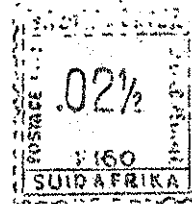
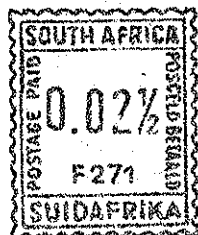
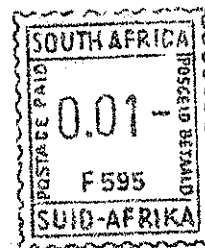
variety: additional "c" above value, fixed to frank (S677 seen)

Die III - lower name band higher, "POSTAGE PAID" etc. very small, hyphen between "SUID" and "AFRIKA". (Very few machines), in late S900's)

Die IV - smaller "triangles" at top, without hyphen between "SUID" and "AFRIKA". Mostly lower SA numbers)

variety: additional "c" below value, fixed to frank (SA8 seen)

Die V - as last but with hyphen between "SUID" and "AFRIKA" (only SA numbers from about SA98)



1961? Francotyp Multi-value. F prefix

Frank: $24\frac{1}{2}$ x 31 mm. - BETAALD at right - SUIDAFRIKA (no hyphen)

3-bank, value as $.00\frac{1}{2}$ or .01-

variety: line below SOUTH AFRICA missing - F618

4-bank, value as 0.01-

5-bank, value as $z0.00\frac{1}{2}$ (F743 seen)

Frank: $24\frac{1}{2}$ x 31 mm. - BETAALD at right - SUID-AFRIKA (with hyphen)

4-bank, value as 0.01- (F595 seen)

Frank: 24 x 30 mm. - BETAALD at right - SUIDAFRIKA (no hyphen)

4-bank, value as $0.00\frac{1}{2}$ (F271 seen) Thicker value figures etc.

(Francotyp contd.)

Frank: 24 x 26½ mm. - BETAALT at right - SUIDAFRIKA (no hyphen)
3-bank, value as .00½ (F160 seen)

Frank: 28½ x 32 mm. - BETAALD at right - SUIDAFRIKA (no hyphen)
5-bank, value as z0.01- (or z0.00½ ?)

SOUND CURRENCY
DEPENDS ON
Gold

P.O. BOX 4587, JOHANNESBURG



1961? Pitney-Bowes Automax Multi-value. UA prefix

Without "R" in frank, "c" below value - not illustrated
4-bank, value as =00½ (UA 3, 4 seen)

With "R" in frank

4-bank, value as R0.00½ (UA 3)

4-bank, value as R=.00½ (or R=.01=)



1961. Neopost Model 305 (Frankmaster) Multi-value. R, RA prefix.
Town-mark single or double circle, several variants.

4-bank, value as 0.00½ (or 0.00=)

The authors feel sure that additions could be made to this listing and welcome further information from members. It might be mentioned that the latest Hasler multi-value machines are in an upright straight-sided design inscribed SOUTH AFRICA / SUID-AFRIKA although introduced well after the inception of the Republic, but it is felt these are outside the scope of the listing here presented.

G. B. NOTES.

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Roneo-Neopost Model 105. An additional value for our Type 87 is the 6½ which, considering it is now the basic second-class rate, we should have noted before. (SDB)

Roneo-Neopost Model 505. We have now had more reports of machines with 5-digit numbers, e.g. 11247 and 11282, with an initial "1", and 20136, 20235 and 20261 with an initial "2". It could be that to show which type of base is fitted the initial letter is either 1 or 2 but until we have the remaining four digits repeated with both a 1 and a 2 and the same prefix (all these are RR) we will not know whether these are in a combined or two separate series. These would seem to follow on from the initial RR's either in a low group or in the 9000 group. For the moment we have recorded these two 5-digit groups in our "highest numbers" and left out the earlier RR and RM numbers.

"Tapes". We have mentioned before that Pitney Bowes adopted a new "Logo" and that this had appeared as part of the underprint on tapes. Until fairly recently the usual style was in pink on a white paper with straight edges, in the USA the paper is also slightly pink. Recently in Great Britain a new type has appeared, pale yellow paper with the underprint, Pitney Bowes and the Logo, in a brighter yellow. This also has large serrations - more or less a rounded zig-zag roulette - at top and bottom. Mr Topp shows one in use on a Model 6300. Another similar one used in Austria shown us by Heiner Durst is self-adhesive, presumably they all are.

"Highest Numbers". Plenty of advances in various series, thanks to reports received from Messrs C. Delahoy, W. Teasdale, D Fletcher, E. Lloyd, S. D. Barfoot, W. H. Bogue, E. S. Lapham, etc.
 (* = no advance since our last report)

<u>Hasler</u>	HGB	*1290	2019	*3057	4024	5037	6031		
	HAS	1182	*2009	*3005	*4008	5011	*6009	*7007	*8003
						(iii)			
<u>Francotyp</u>			*AC.A	76		<u>Singer</u>		*G.1097	
<u>Pitney Bowes</u>			PBL	201	W	*PBR	697	A	PBT 1691 Q
						*PBR	221	F	
<u>Roneo-Neopost</u>			*J	913	K	*W	36	C	*TN 475
			*N	689	M	NX	993	(ii)	RR 11282
			2N	856	A				RR 20554 (i)

(i) See note above.

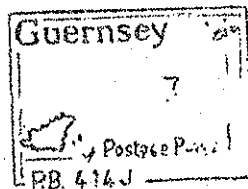
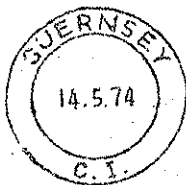
(ii) This is either a late report of the series or it has started up again.

(iii) First report of the "5000" group with HAS prefix.

G. B. Notes (Contd).

Guernsey. Roneo-Neopost Model 505. Design similar to the Model 205 but wider and with figures of value as 03 Machine number 54, used in 1974.

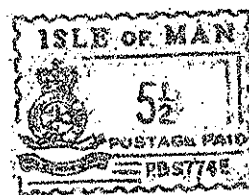
This Pitney Bowes Model 6300 in a slightly modified design (map now in outline instead of being solid and Postage Paid at bottom right to clear the value figures - which are rather faint in this example but are in line with the date figures) Note that whilst probably numbered in the GB series this does not have the usual "L" after the PB (SDB)



Jersey. Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number J 215 B has the name JERSEY in slightly smaller letters than the JA 865 we showed in MSB 89, most noticeable is the distance between the frame and the J and the Y.

At least one of the small group of these machines with a "P" prefix was used in Jersey, P 435 noted.

The Roneo-Neopost Model 505 exists with simple values as 02 1/2 as well as the 5 already reported. (SDB)



Isle of Man. We illustrate the Pitney Bowes Simplex, which we have not noted in a definitive design before, this one shown us by Mr Topp. As is usual, it is numbered in the same series as the GB machines

IRISH NOTES.

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Roneo-Neopost Model 605. J 104 (?) from CORCAIGH (shown at the bottom of the townmark circle with the top blank !) has figures of value as w07 (SDB)

Irish Notes (Contd.)

Neopost LV or Model 105. An additional value for our Type 36 is the 5 shown us by Mr Barfoot on N 1045 in black and again, this time in red, on N 1202. The latter has the shorter, squatter date figures usually found on the Model 505 townmarks.

Pitney Bowes Model RT. Mr J. M. Beard reports the Model RT, not previously noted from Eire. This is numbered P.B.R.170F (and thus in the Great Britain series of the latest group with an "F" suffix). Used from AERPHORT NA SIONAINNE (Shannon Airport) on 19.1.77 in our Design D and with value as 07. In the date the initial "1" has seriffs but none of the other figures have them and the central (month) figure is larger than the others.

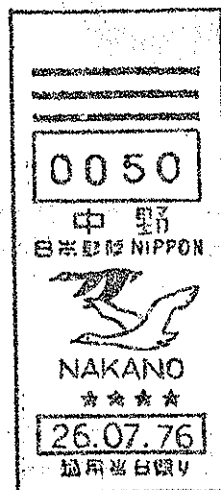
NEW JAPANESE COIN-OPERATED MACHINE.

In Bulletin 115 we illustrated an impression from a machine used at Shibuya and thanks to information received from Werner Simon, Kenichi Yamamoto and another correspondent in Japan we can now give more details.

This is one of three experimental machines developed jointly by the Matsushita Electric Co. and the laboratories of the Ministry of Postal Services. They are at Shibuya, first day of use 23 Jun 1975 and Nakano and Tokyo, first days 26 Jul 1976. Each forms part of a complete automatic mailing facility and we reproduce from one of the publicity leaflets the whole set-up as used at one of the latter.

It will be seen that this is in four sections (the one at Shibuya is in five) and these are 1, a coin-operated meter linked to 2, a registered mail serving system and 3, a parcel post weighing system. Once the machine has been set for the service required the amount of cash required is shown and the label is issued when the coins have been inserted.

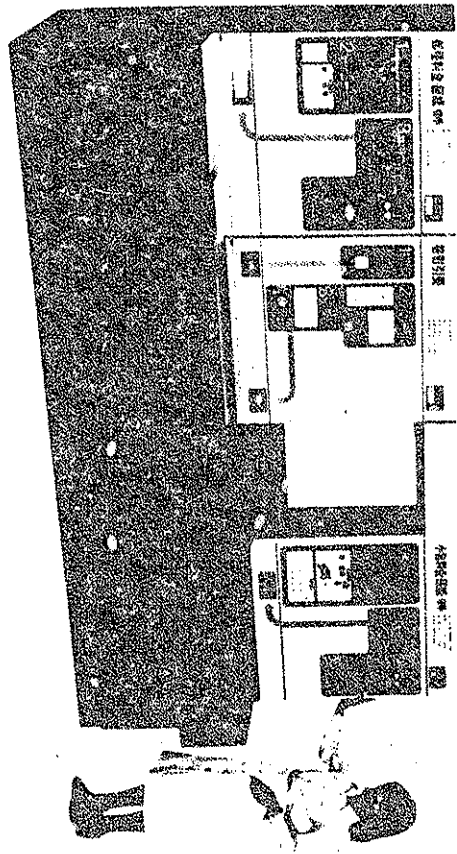
The particular services selected are indicated on the label by a series of letters (or stars to replace them) between the name of the town and the date. There are 12 combinations in all, thus E*** = Express, *R** = Registered, E*SN = Express Simplified Registered (our equivalent is Recorded Delivery) on large size envelope, etc. The choice of letters seems to vary only on the final one, which may be N or P (? Parcel) and of course for an ordinary piece of mail only 4 stars would appear. Minimum value obtainable is 50 yen but up to 24 Jan 1976 - on the Shibuya machine only - it was 20.



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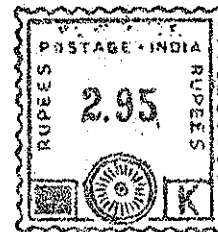
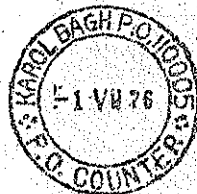
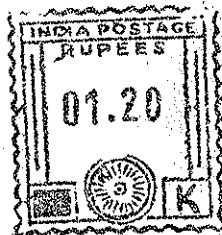
New Japanese Coin-Operated Machine (Contd)

Again at Shibuya only there is 4, a separate "normal" coin-operated meter with no provision for codes and a minimum value of 5 yen. Finally there is a machine to change a 100 yen note into 10 yen coins.

The inscription consisting of 6 characters at the bottom can be translated as "Good for One Day" and this is necessary to avoid re-use when mail bearing these impressions is not cancelled.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

===== Because we have taken up a little more space than usual with articles in this issue, we will not have quite as much for the smaller notes. However, we will carry on at "I" and see how far we can get. Thanks as always, to our contributors, who are identified in some cases by their initials.



INDIA. We have already recorded a "K" machine with 3-bank value, this one, in the same design, is 4-bank. We have also noted one with SERVICE/POSTAGE INDIA at the top for official mail. Mr Millar shows us this one which seems to have had part of the wording removed and used as a Post Office machine.

JAPAN. We have noted several times in the past that on some meters the name of the country is shown as JAPAN and on others as NIPPON. What now seems obvious has been pointed out to us, namely that NIPPON is used on Post Office machines. Mr Yamamoto tells us that JAPAN is used on all private machines, some early Post Office machines and a few which are used mainly for foreign mail. NIPPON is a Japanese word which means the same as JAPAN and both mean our nation.

Elsewhere, writing about the new coin-operated machine, we mention the inclusion of 6 characters meaning "Good for One Day" on Post Office machines. Since 1 Dec 1975 this has been included on all newly manufactured PO machines or replacements and it has replaced the PB and number on the Pitney Bowes machines. The characters above the line between the cherry-blossoms and the number are the name of the town, which also appears in the townmark in "European" lettering.

The Pitney Bowes Model 6300 is in use, using a Y prefix and a design similar to the Series 5000 but in two distinct parts. It is known locally as the "Super Pigeon" model.

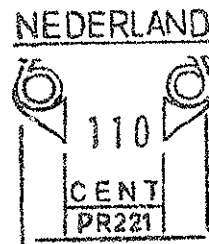
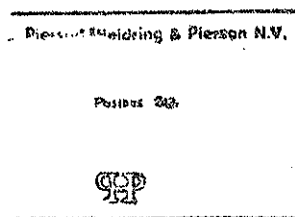
Notes and News from Overseas (Contd.)

MALAYSIA. We reported and illustrated Pitney Bowes Model 6300 P.B.501 in MSB 109 (XIII/70) and at the same time mentioned P.B.457. A closer, second look at the latter shows that there are significant differences between the two. The number of 457 is in a break in the frame at the bottom, SEN is both larger and more widely spaced and MALAYSIA at the top is also more widely spaced. (WHB)

Automax P.B.197 with value as =001 and "Sen" at sides but no Postage either above or below the number, used from Kuala Lumpur 24 XII 75 (K. B. Millar).

MALI. We do not seem to have reported from here since MSB 56 when we listed various machines inscribed Federation du Mali.

Michel de Wailly reports SR and SP with "Republique/de Mali", each with figures of value as *001



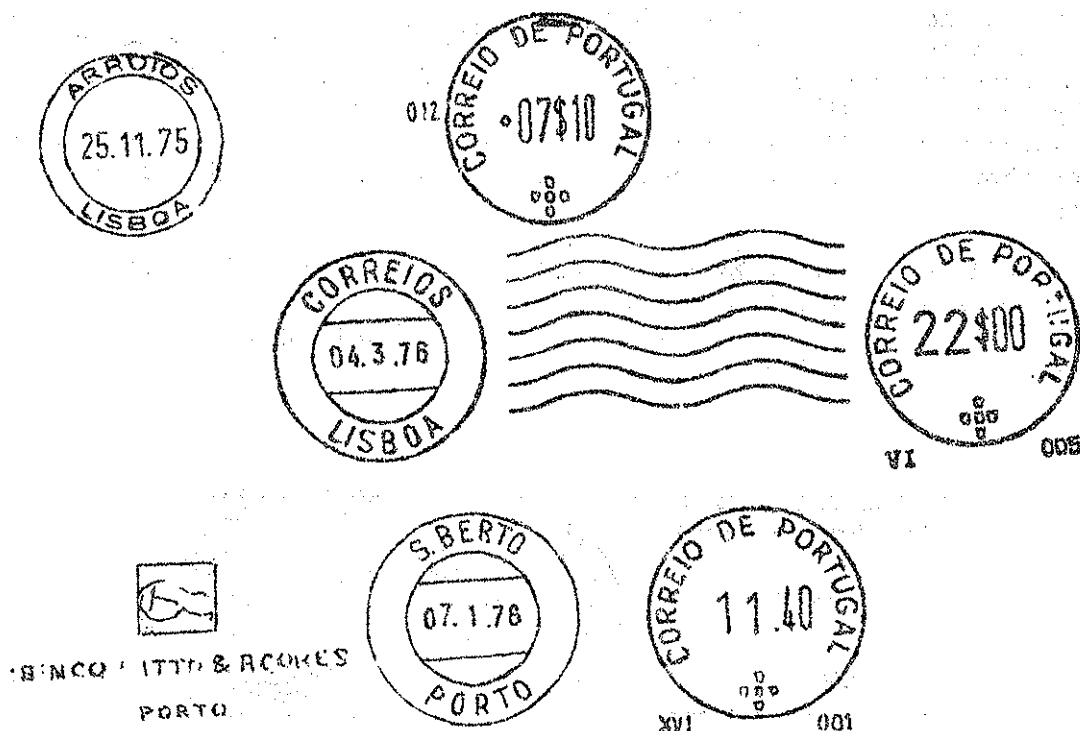
NETHERLANDS. Postalia with a Postbus No and the consequent $\frac{3}{4}$ townmark (ESL)

NORWAY. It was reported recently in "Stamp Collecting" (London) that a new series of definitive adhesives was to be issued during 1977 with the name of the country spelt as "NOREG" instead of "NORGE". Watch out for changes in the designs of meters along similar lines.

PAKISTAN. We do not seem to have listed the Roneo-Neopost Model 305, the "Frankmaster", as our Type 14 but with figures of value 4-bank, as 00.01 This one has rather simplified townmark lettering (K. B. Millar)



Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)



PORTUGAL. Francotyp 012 is presumably a Post Office machine, it looks as if it is one of the TME models with the "Registered" box etc. removed - we showed a complete one, 022, in MSB 88 (X/98), and similarly Francotyp VI 005, which has wavy lines instead of a users slogan is also a Post Office machine.

A new numerical prefix, on XVI 001 also looks like a Francotyp.

Postalia II/132 in the circular design has a decimal point instead of an Escudo sign (₸) between the third and fourth figures of value and a narrow setting between townmark and frank. (ESL and WS)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA. The Pitney Bowes Model 6300 exists with the townmark either single circle or double circle with arcs. We illustrated the latter on P.B.384 in MSB 105 (XIII/5) and Michel de Wailly now shows us P.B.391 used with a single circle townmark.

PERU. Hasler LIC 571-73, CP-188 has no inner frame, the figures of value are the larger ones seen on more recent machines but in this case are now 6-bank (or 5-bank with a fixed zero) as z000.oi so it may have been removed to make way for them. (ESL)

POLAND. One Francotyp - design with Eagle below value - has Kr 7 in the frank and KR 8 in the townmark, used from Krakow on 20 9 68 (ESL)

HON. SECRETARY & TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1976.

The accounts for the Group, printed overleaf, and presented in the usual way, speak largely for themselves.

It will be seen that the cost of the Bulletin roughly equals our income, and that the small deficit really arises from postage and other sundry items. As those members who had a subscription reminder will already know, we will have to increase our subscription to £1.50 for 1978, the additional income should then cover us for the rise in postage which took place half way through 1976 for overseas members and the further rise in postage rates expected later this year.

It should also cover us for the still slowly rising cost of the bulletin itself, that is the cost of illustrations, paper, etc.

One cost we are able to largely avoid is the actual cost of the duplicating, as it is done by George Pearson (with great patience for your Hon. Sec's mistakes and omissions in the draft) for virtually no charge at all. Apart from this great financial saving, there is also the added advantage of doing it under our own control. We have thanked him for this before, but I repeat, without this help life would be much more difficult and expensive.

Our membership shows a very slight increase it is worth noting too that our renewal rate is good and in this Jubilee year we have several members celebrating (!) their 25th year of membership of the Group.

We have had a good year for Bulletins - even though some were a little delayed - and the news is still flowing in. Particularly pleasing were the longer articles we have been able to include, but do not be discouraged if all you have is a one line note, they all add up.

Again this year we have not had a new publication, this reflects on our income somewhat, but there are several in progress.

Finally, my thanks to all members, and best wishes for the year ahead.

J. C. M.

I am taking advantage of the space available to add a few lines - without his knowledge! - to express thanks to John Mann for all the work he does for the Group. It is now ten years since he took over the job of Editor in addition to his tasks as Secretary and Treasurer and I know members will agree that he has continued to maintain the high standard set by the late Alfred Dewey. I should like, therefore, on behalf of members, to thank him for his untiring efforts and for a job well done.

G. R. P.

THE METER STAMP STUDY GROUP
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 1976

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
(1975)		
(33.00)	Subscriptions for the current year	56.50
(6.50)	Subscriptions from previous years.	6.92
(11.00)	Subscriptions received in advance.	12.32
		<u>75.74</u>
(50.50)		75.74
(1.50)	Donations.	3.00
(12.28½)	Sales of Publications	6.71
		<u>85.45</u>
(64.38½)		85.45
(11.00)	Deduct advance subscriptions.	12.32
		<u>73.13</u>
(53.38½)		73.13
(27.57)	Add subscriptions received last year.	11.00
		<u>84.13</u>
(80.95½)	Adjusted Income for the year.	84.13
		<u><u>84.13</u></u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
(74.37)	Production and Despatch of Bulletins.	83.32
(3.12)	Stationery	3.87
(11.99)	Postage, nett after stamps received.	11.05½
		<u>98.24½</u>
(89.48)		98.24½
		<u><u>98.24½</u></u>
(8.52½)	Excess of Expenditure over Income.	14.11½
		<u><u>14.11½</u></u>
<u>BALANCE IN HAND</u>		
	Balance in Hand at 1st January 1976.	59.92½
	Deduct advance subscriptions.	11.00
		<u>48.92½</u>
	Deduct excess of expenditure	14.11½
		<u>34.81</u>
	Add subscriptions received in advance.	12.32
		<u>47.13</u>
	Balance in Hand at 31st December 1976.	<u><u>47.13</u></u>