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SECRETARY'S NOTES.
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Membership. We are pleased to welcome a new member to the Group,
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The Bulletin. This issue sees the end of yet another volume of the Meter Stamp Bulletin. Looking back over the past few years we can feel that we have made a good job of recording the news for our particular field of postal history, as always, due to the tireless work of our members sending in notes and news. They must sometimes feel that the news they send in takes ages before it appears but we do try and collect the items from some countries together so that it appears in a more narrative form.

With this issue we are happy to report firstly a "new country", the Transkei, and a new machine, from New Zealand.

We look forward at the same time to many more volumes !'

The next issue will be in September, notes and "highest numbers" by about the middle of August please.

COL. WILLIAM V. HANNAY.
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We are sorry to record the death last October of Bill Hannay in the U.S.A. He started collecting meters in the twenties and soon after the Meter Slogan Associates was formed in the pre-war years he became an active member.

The was years as a soldier at least meant that he travelled a great deal even if collecting was almost dormant and he was able to visit other collectors, but afterwards, when the old society was reformed as the Meter Stamp Society he was elected Treasurer. He held this post until his death, some 30 years in all.

His meter collecting interests were mainly USA subjects but he was at the same time an active stamp collector and displayed to local societies.

He will be sadly missed.

SUFFICE FOR WHAT ?
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FOUR COLORS SUFFICE



Dr E. Lloyd was kind enough to show us this rather enigmatic slogan and to give us the story behind it, quoting from the "New York Times".

For many years mathematicians, both professional and amateur, have sought a solution to an apparently simple problem. Given a map of any kind, perhaps of the countries of the world, states of a nation, counties, etc. what is the minimum number of colours required so that no two adjacent regions are shown in the same colour. About 100 years ago it was proved that five colours would be enough but since then it has baffled generation after generation.

Now, two mathematicians at the University of Illinois, with the aid of some 1,200 hours of computer time, have produced the proof.

The slogan is used by the University.

NEWS FROM PITNEY BOWES =====

Mr Fred T. Allen, Chairman, made his usual address at the time of the Company's Annual Meeting and among other things reported the following of interest to us.

The Remote Meter Resetting System has now successfully completed a field test in co-operation with the U.S. Postal Service and this will now be followed by a field marketing test. If all goes to plan the meter will go into production in 1979. At the same time it has been demonstrated to postal officials outside the U.S.A. and it is hoped to eventually achieve world wide distribution.

(we have already mentioned this system of resetting by telephone linked to a computer, what is news is that it is an entirely new machine, existing models cannot at present be converted).

Growth in the use of meters continues. In 1976 the number of Pitney Bowes postage meters (and there are others of course) used in the USA went up 5.3% from 607,861 to 640,861, the largest increase in history. This total

News from Pitney Bowes (Contd)

includes 35,849 meters used by customers of United Parcel Services and this figure is interesting because these UPS meters outnumber Pitney Bowes models in any other country except the USA, Canada and Great Britain. The Company feel that they could eventually outnumber even the latter two.

PERMIT IMPRINT COLLECTORS SOCIETY
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In many ways the collection of "Permits" is similar to the collection of meters, and particularly in the U.S.A., many collect both. The system is used in many countries and we think members might like to know that a society has been formed to cater for these interests.

Details are available from Mr Fred Foldvary, 2200 Carleton Street, Berkeley, California 94704, U.S.A.

STAMPLESS LEBANON
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or

METERS TO THE RESCUE !!
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Under the first part of our title a report recently appeared in the magazine "Stamp Collecting" to the effect that the use of adhesive postage stamps to frank letters and packets had been forbidden in the Lebanon from the 13th February 1977. "All mail is handed to the various official post offices unfranked and upon payment of the requisite postage receives a meter stamp".

This rather extreme measure was taken to prevent the use of stamps stolen during the civil war from post offices all over the country, and especially the main post office in Beirut.

The wording "to the various official post offices" is interesting as we have seen reports that during the civil war there were several systems in operation for mail, we do not think that any of the "unofficial" ones used meters.

Mr K. B. Millar has shown us two covers used in March 1977. One is from Pitney Bowes PB 187 - number between townmark and frank, double-circle townmark with Arabic inscription at top and BEYROUTH at the bottom - and the other from Satas S.003 - single circle townmark, Arabic at the top and "RP/BEYROUTH" at the bottom.

The Satas was a Post Office machine but the other one looks like a private one either pressed into use as a temporary post office machine or still used in the normal way (after all the postage can be accounted for once the machine has been re-set and sealed whatever happened to it in the recent past).

G. B. NOTES.

Roneo-Neopost Model 205 Mr R. C. Peck shows us an extraordinary impression from an unidentifiable machine used some years ago. It has a slogan, from a user in London, a date, -8 XII 70 and a value, 42 and that is all, there is no trace whatsoever of the townmark circle or the frank die. It was used on an envelope to Australia containing a quotation and apparently went without any surcharge for an incomplete impression.

Universal N.Z. Dr R. A. McInroy recently showed us a "First Day Cover" - 1½d value - of the machine listed in our book as No 3 and Barfoot/Simon as No 8 - the frank is 25mm square and the townmark in black consists of five wavy lines.

There are two points worthy of note concerning this particular impression.

The only previously recorded use of the 1½d value was on wrappers for the "Stamp Collectors Monthly Journal" on 20th November 1922 (only the ½d and 1d were used in the October for the "Philatelic Magazine")

Secondly, the date on this cover, addressed incidentally to Douglas B. Armstrong, a well known philatelic figure at the time, has the date shown as 18 OCT 1922 with the year in full. Br Barfoot confirms that the original catalogue entry for No 8 should have been shown as "1922" and No 9 as "22".

"Highest Numbers" We are omitting our usual report this time as we have very little progress to note and want to save a bit of space.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

===== In our last issue we finished off in the middle of the letter "P". This time we are going back to include the news of a new machine from New Zealand and then continue on in order.

Our usual thanks to our tireless reporters.



NEW ZEALAND. A new machine appeared in March 1976, the "Postmaster", using a prefix letter "P". Small square design 19mm x 20mm consisting of a double lined frame with the name at the top and large figures in the centre. We understand that they are Limited Value models and so far have seen values of 6c and 7c. None of those we have seen has a townmark, but this is not unusual in New Zealand where all impressions seem to be postmarked anyway, but an interesting development is that the slogan can be printed in a separate colour.

There are reported to be 100 or so already, we have seen various numbers up to P 42. The maker is not known, it is made in New Zealand and has the look of a C. R. Hawkins product.

Domestic postage rates were increased from the 6th February 1976 as :-

Printed Papers	3c	to	7c
Inland/Domestic Letters	4c	to	8c
Inland/Domestic Airmail	5c	to	10c

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd) - New Zealand.

and this has resulted in a number of new values for Fixed Value and Limited Value models, double impressions and in some cases the use of adhesive stamps to make up the correct amount.

Rec still remains the mandatory colour for the impression proper but the occasional use of black still occurs.

(Based on notes and material sent to us by Mr R. M. Startup.)

NETHERLANDS. We have written before on the subject of townmarks and recently included some notes on the Roneo-Neopost types from Jan Dekker. He now tells us that Postal Order (regulation) 321 dated the 29th June 1976 (after he had sent us the notes) says that all new machines or second-hand ones sold to new owners must show any addresses or post box numbers under the townmark, so there will be many new types.

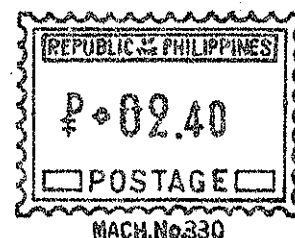
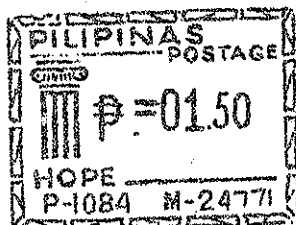
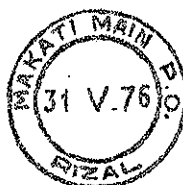
At the same time it might be worth mentioning that postal codes in the Netherlands are to be altered so that some of the addresses including codes on new townmarks may be short-lived.

PARAGUAY. Our only previous report, many years ago in MSB 75, was of the Postalia P2, this, ? Hasler, does not appear to have a number at all. (ESL)



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SUCURSAL ASUNCION - PARAGUAY



PHILIPPINES. Automax in a redesigned form (PILIPINAS now underlined and moved to the left, other small differences) still with "HOPE" and another one, P.0001N M-21379 (a rather lager number !) has "FAITH".

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd) - Philippines.

The Hasler has "MACH.NO" instead of "Nr" and also has Arabic month figures in date M,D,Y - we had previously seen Roman month figures in a date as M,D,Y.

What is probably the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 is a machine numbered as N 7383 used from Cebu City, double circle townmark, value 3-bank (WS & ESL)

PORTUGAL. Mr Lapham shows us a Satas from Santa Justa/Lisboa on the 19.5.64, a Post Office machine, circular frank, single circle townmark with time between and figures of value 4-bank as *0.01 This has, unusually for Portugal, an "S" prefix to the number S.08 apparently replacing the former (Roman) numerical prefix. Satas was at one time IV but this has more recently been used on a Roneo-Neopost Model 205.

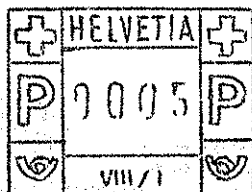
SWITZERLAND. Heiner Durst confirms that the Hasler in the simple square design and "PP" at the right is used on underfranked foreign mail, the one he shows us is inscribed "ZURICH 1 BRIEFVERS" at the top.

He also shows us this new Frama Parcel Post machine, used at Zurich. The "VIII" indicates the postal district. Impression in red on plain white label.

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ANNAHME



RUMTALI
RHODESIA 1

No 8768 \$00.00

RHODESIA. In MSB 110 (XIII/82) we included a note originally published in "Stamp Collecting" concerning the introduction on 25 March 1974 of what was described as "Automatic Registration".

Hal Hoyte shows us a number of the labels used, which come from N.C.R. machines and tells us he has them from

Bulawayo 1	(violet)
Bulawayo 2	(violet)
Gwelo 1	(violet)
Salisbury 3	(violet)
Salisbury 5	(black and violet)
Umtali 1	(black and violet)
Unionave 1	(black)

All have a similar appearance to the one we show above but Salisbury 5 has the name of the town in much smaller letters, the same size as Rhodesia.

A zero value is shown if the whole of the postage and registration fee has been paid by adhesives, otherwise the value is shown for the balance or the total, as necessary.

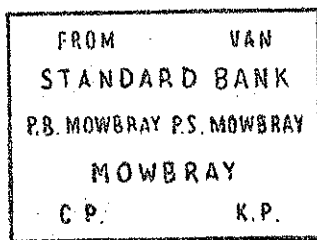
Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd).

SALVADOR. Satas SJ 0009 in a design more reminiscent of a PB machine, Cap of Liberty between value, 0.01 and double-circle townmark, CENTAVOS at bottom right. (WHB)

SOUTH AFRICA. In a report concerning Pitney Bowes machines in MSB 112 (XIV/8) we mentioned some "tapes" inscribed PITNEY BOWES/TR 290 L and a similar PITNEY BOWES/TR 123 L.

Werner Simon tells us that these numbers refer to the various types and sizes of the tape itself, because different models require different sizes.

An unusual twonmark on a Safag, from Mr Bogue.



SPAIN. The Pitney Bowes Model 6300, with number vertically between the frank and the townmark (ESL)

SWEDEN. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 in usual design and number 14276 - the 14000 series has been used by the Pitney Bowes Model R. (ESL)

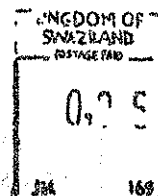
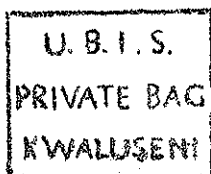
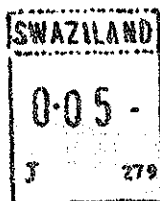
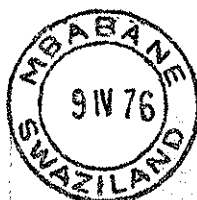
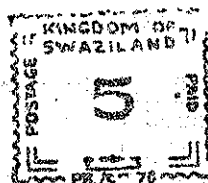
SWAZILAND. We illustrated a Pitney Bowes Model 6300 in Bulletin 110 (XIII/83) with a strangenumber PB/S/1 74

Werner Simon tells us that S was the prefix letter for Simplex but when new models came along the post office required the S to appear in the frank of these as well. The first number after the S is the identification number and the 74 stands for the year of licensing. We show a similarly numbered Simplex (in a new "Kingdom of" design; the number is not very clear but looks like 2), but the 75 for licensing must refer to some modification as we know of S 10 used in 1973.

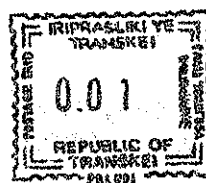
However, this system has now been abandoned and we have seen two more Model 6300's, PBL 1 and SG 092 (SG = Swaziland Government)

To round off we add the two former Roneo-Neopost Model 205 designs we mentioned in MSB 115 (XIV/49)

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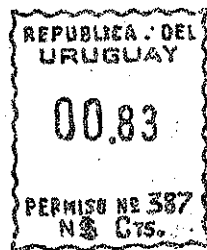
TRANSKEI. This is the first appearance of this part of South Africa, which became self-governing on the 26th October 1976. The Pitney Bowes Model 6300 was shown us by Werner Simon and we have also seen, from George Pearson, the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 used from Umtata numbered J 319, which suggests that some machines are numbered in the same series as South Africa or retained their original numbers when the frank die was changed.



TURKEY. Is this another type of Satas?, we have already noted one with large date figures. (WHB)

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URUGUAY. Hasler, with the new currency 'N\$' (from Mr Lapham)

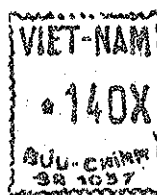


U.S.S.R. We now show the Pitney Bowes Series 5000, thanks to Michel de Wailly

UPPER VOLTA. Michel de Wailly reports the CAMP machine inscribed "Republique/ Haute Volta" with a blank space instead of the PR, both in red and black.

VENEZUELA. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 used from Caracas on 27.5.76 in a design with a horse at the left. LIC.266 P.B. at bottom and value as w0.01 (WHB)

Mr K. B. Millar shows us a copy of Hasler 117 with an unengraved solid block in the townmark circle (at about 8 o'clock) instead of a district number. Used from Caracas / (--) Distrito Federal on 28.4.71



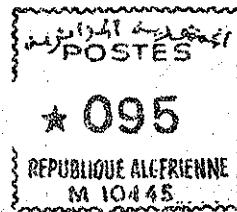
VIET NAM. Another machine with an "X" after the value and the name in the townmark altered from Saigon to Ho-Chi-Minh is this Satas (MdeW)

AFFARS & ISSAS. Mr Bogue shows us Satas SC 2054 inscribed TER.FRS/AFFARS et ISSAS and value as *001F used from Djibouti on 28 VII 76. This is an old style impression with a "one line" townmark underneath the slogan. The "F" after the value figures seems unusual these days.

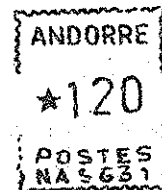
Members might like to be reminded that this French territory becomes independent on the 27th June 1977 and will then be known as Djibouti, this means the return of a name to philately after an absence of 75 years but it will be a new one for meters.

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ALGERIA. We now illustrate the M and MG machines in the earlier Republican design, already reported, which has the Arabic inscription curved. (SDB)



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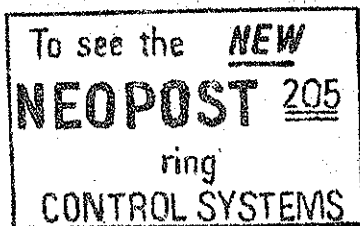
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ANDORRA. This machine, numbered as usual in the French series, has the name in very simple form without "Principality". (SDB)

AUSTRALIA. The "Meter Bulletin" reported in June 1976 that all Federal Members of Parliament and Senators had been issued with Pitney Bowes Model 6300 machines (presumably the Government pays the postage !!) and speculated on what would happen to machines issued to members who were defeated at the recent elections. One ex-Senator was still using his machine as late as January 1976 but again, presumably, a period would be allowed to settle old correspondence before such a privilege was withdrawn.

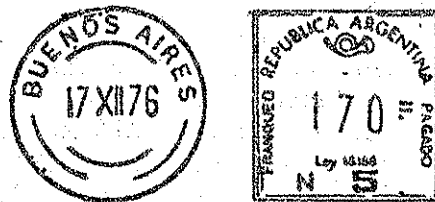
Most appeared to be located at the user's local constituency office, but some are in the capital.

This Roneo-Neopost Model 305 has the ram and the map in the design solid rather than the usual outline form. (WS)



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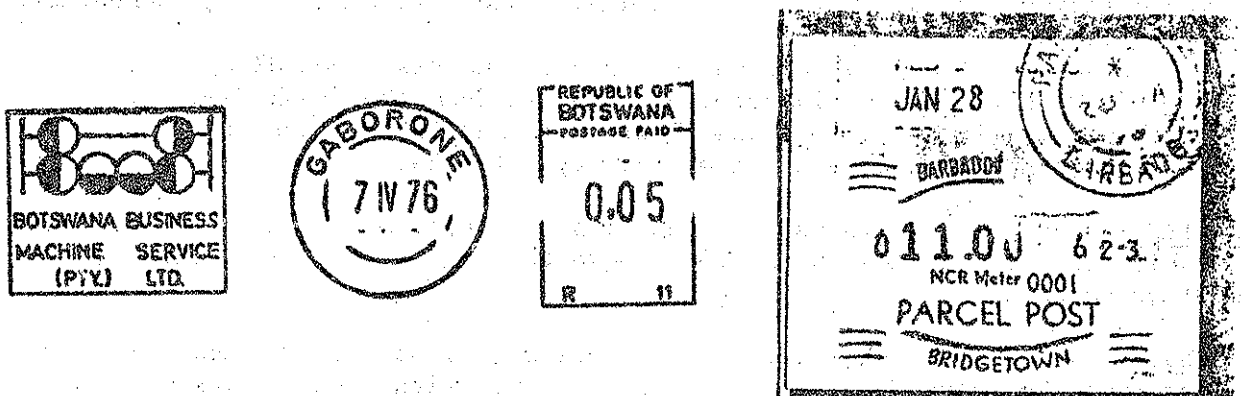
AUSTRIA. We cannot trace ever having recorded the Postalia with figures of value 5-bank, as 00001 (or 00010). Mr K. B. Millar shows us one with the usual GROSCHEN at the bottom of the die.



ARGENTINA. This Roneo-Neopost Model 205 differs somewhat from the one we showed in MSB 92 when discussing the introduction of new currency. To start this has the "Ley No" above the number instead of between the two components of the impression and "Franqueo" and "Pagado" are vertical. Unusually, there is a final = over a stop in the value figures. (WHB)

Mr Barfoot shows us an impression from Hasler 117 in the horizontal "Cap of Liberty" design used from Buenos Aires on 27.VI.68 and so before the introduction of the "Ley No" varieties. This has a very narrow setting (6mm) between the townmark and the frank die and also has the figures of value as 0000.oi

BOTSWANA. The Roneo-Neopost Model 205 (WS)



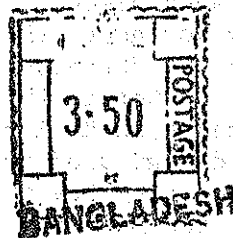
BARBADOS. Mr K. B. Millar shows us this impression from an NCR machine. Usual small label, in this case yellow, with the main imprint in purple

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd) - Barbados.

and the centre line in red. Looking at the design, it seems that the upper right hand part is missing, we wonder if something was removed, such as "B.W.I." (for British West Indies) ?

Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number NE 45 has the figures of value shown as 0.01 and Roman month figures in the date instead of *.01 and Arabic month figures on NE 4 which we illustrated some time ago.

BAHRAIN. Mr Barfoot shows us three impressions from Roneo-Neopost Model 305 N.1. (the number on this is in the townmark after the initials of the user, in the Indian style). The first, dated 30 IX 58 has value figures as 0.01 and a small "RUPEES" over the posthorn at the bottom. The second, dated on 13 I 63 has the Rupees removed and the third, dated (?) 30 I 72 is the one we have already reported as having value figures as 0.010 (i.e. fixed zero at the right). Mr K. B. Millar shows us another one dated 24.V.59 with the value as 0.01 thus closing the gap slightly between changes (? of currency)



BANGLADESH. This Roneo-Neopost Model 305 is rather a surprise as it has the "POSTAGE" at the right and we cannot recall seeing this model with the word so positioned as Pakistan, however, it could be that the frame was replaced after defacing upside down, which would have the same result. The handstamped name is in purple. (SDB)

Another Model 305, also from Mr Barfoot, was used from SYLHET H.O. on the 5 XII 75 with all the inscriptions removed from the frank die, leaving just the frame lines. This - the ultimate in mutilation short of only having the value figures - is also a new type for us.

BELIZE. Mr Barfoot tells us that the Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 machines, of which we have already shown P.B.5, have the figures of value either as w.01 or as w0.01

BERMUDA. We recently showed two Pitney Bowes (GB) Series 5000 machines and noted that the value figures were either w0.01 (with stop and space between 2nd and 3rd figures) or w001 (with no stop and figures evenly spaced). Mr S. D. Barfoot reports also w 001 (space between the 3 wavy lines represented by a w and the first figure) and w0 01 (no stop but space between 2nd and 3rd banks. Can members check please !

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