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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Membership. We are particularly pleased to welcome all the following new members since our June Bulletin :

(273) Garvin F. Lohman, 1541 Sacramento St, Apt 2, San Francisco,
CA 94109, U.S.A.

(Mr Lohman's particular interests are Ireland and Guatemala)

(274) Richard Stambaugh, 63 Chelsea Ave, Apt 3, Long Branch, NJ 07740.

(275) John Bryden, 10 Craigenbay Road, Lenzie, Glasgow, G66 5JN

(276) Sherwin Podolsky, 16035 Tupper St, Sepulveda, CA 91343, U.S.A.

(Mr Podolsky's particular interests are in Olympic Games material from the earliest times to 1956 and meters, registered covers and postally used postcards after that, he is interested in exchange)

(277) David Crotty 41 Eason, Highland Park, MI 48203, U.S.A.

an old friend who has rejoined us .

(43) W. J. Pieterse, Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH 03031, U.S.A.

and some changes of address :

David Pollard is now at PO Box 1423, Palo Alto, CA 94301, U.S.A.

O. M. Richards is now at "Cartrefle", 4 St. Simon's Drive, Cherry Willingham,
Lincoln, LN3 4LN

and last but not least one whose address has changed without moving,

George Stelfox 4 Mornington, BELFAST, BT7 3JS

The Bulletin. The next issue is planned for March 1979, hopefully it will not be delayed by all the circumstances that have affected the last two. This gives us a chance to thank those who wrote to ask if they could help in any way.

Subscriptions. Suitable forms are enclosed for those whose subscriptions are due at the beginning of 1979.

ODD THOUGHTS FROM THE HON. EDITOR.

Actually, this is almost a device to fill up a space at the last moment, because, with some degree of horror, we find that we almost put an item in which was included in the September issue, at least it was noticed in time.

However, we wonder if the "mix" of material in the Bulletin suits the majority of our members. From the letters we have it seems to, but we rarely hear from some others. To cover the whole field of meters it would perhaps be best to have even a monthly bulletin but at the present neither our finances or the time available would stretch to it, even if the material would go that far - it probably would.

What we intend to carry on and do for the foreseeable future unless we hear very much to the contrary is to have for most issues one or two notes of general interest, a "major" article or part of one spread over several issues, and the usual notes from a miscellany of countries to keep us all up to date. We have just had a "major" article on Brazil from Ernst Muhr, we hope to be able to start this in March.

THAT REGISTERED MACHINE FROM THE EAST.

Our friends in Czechoslovakia (Dr Miroslav Bouska, Jodaslova 1069, 180 00 Praha 8, Czechoslovakia) have sent us copies of the magazine called "Filatelie" published in Prague, Nos 14 and 15 of 1977, each of which has fully illustrated articles on Czech meters.

All types are shown, including those used between 1938 and 1945 in Bohemia and Moravia and Slovakia, and among those illustrated is what looks to be the same "Registered" machine we have noted for Poland and Hungary.

Used from Praha 6/AUT C.001 on 15 -3 73 it has a box at left with R and number, DC townmark and a vertical rectangular frank with 1.60 and Kcs under the 60, the one being as tall as both of them, so presumably it is a fixed value.

We cannot unfortunately read the language but note that it is known as "Automat VUS".

CURRENCY CHANGE IN NEW HEBRIDES.

Members who are collectors of adhesives from far-away places will know that for some years now the Condominium Territory of New Hebrides has used an artificial "gold franc" currency for postage purposes.

We have had a couple of reports now of meters being introduced as long ago as 1974 but what may herald a small change is the introduction, on the 1st July 1977 of the New Hebrides franc (FNH) for postal purposes. It has circulated as one of the two normal currencies since 1940.

Perhaps members will keep an eye open for changes indicating the new currency.

DO YOU LOOK AT THE BACK AS WELL ?

Some little while ago Mr A. Spencer showed us an impression on the back of the cover as illustrated and wondered what the circumstances of its use were. We have been digging around our Canadian material and in this find the card we illustrate below.

GENERAL
OFFICE
(CORRESPONDENCE)



THE POSTAGE METER COMPANY
CANADIAN AGENCY
OTTAWA, CANADA, P.O. BOX 603



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OBTAINED FOR PRINTING
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, RECEIPTS,
ADVICES, ETC. AND FOR BACK
STAMPING INCOMING MAIL.

TO THE MAN WHO EXACTS MAXIMUM SERVICE:

**"Metered Mail" will advance your mailings; saving time
in your own mailing room and at the Post Office.**

As will be seen from this advertising print, the forerunners to what is now Pitney Bowes offered the facility for backstamping mail with the date of receipt etc, and it is obvious that this must have been one of them. Mr Spencer's example was on a window envelope so he does not know who the user was, but we have similar ones in red and purple (his is in green) on envelopes addressed to the T. Eaton Co. Ltd in Toronto in 1939, so they at least must have been one of the users.

Do You Look at the Back as Well (Contd)

Collectors of Great Britain will remember that some of the earlier users here used similar machines for impressing slogans, at first on the back of the envelope and later on the front at the bottom, before they were generally permitted as now. These early covers (The Great Western Railway and the Daily Mail are two users often seen) sometimes turn up in odd lots and Doug Barfoot recently wrote to say he had picked up a couple of GWR's for 2p each !

G. B. NOTES.

Hasler F.1204. Mr W. H. Bogue was the first to report an example from the new machine described in the September issue. This was HF 18514 (and thus presumably using the machine number as a licence number) from Glasgow on 6.X.78 with the value shown as 007

"Highest Numbers". Thanks are due to quite a number of members this time to give us the latest position as :-

Hasler HGB 1353 (2019) (3058) (4025) (5040) 6036 (7005)
HAS (1229)(2019) (3018) (4011) (5011) (6012) (7007) (8003)
HF 18514 (i)

Francotyp (AC.A 40) Singer Model 410/420 G.0822
Model 9010/9020 (G.1099)

Pitney Bowes PBL 1631 B PBR 766 A PBT 1645 U
(PBR 018 G)

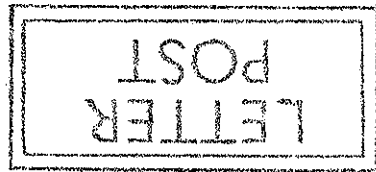
Roneo-Neopost J 718 M (W 93 C) TN 576
(N 693 M) (NX 996) (RR 11438)
2N 458 K (ii) (PX-40) (RR 23151)

Where there has been no change since our last report we have enclosed the last number in brackets.

(i) See the note above on this page.

(ii) Suffix J has not been reported, we do not expect suffix I

Would members have another look at their copies of the Francotyp (or as they are known, Acral, machines to see if we can establish whether the AC.A 40 we have recorded is in fact the highest. They do not seem to have moved for some time now and in fact we have not even seen them advertised lately. They were not on show in London recently.



There have been so many jokes in recent years which began "did you hear about the Irishman -----" that complaints have been made to the Race Relations Board or whatever it is called now.

However, we reproduce this impression, shown us by Michael Richards, without comment.

NOTES AND NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

----- with, as we have often said in the past but do not mind saying again, thanks to our tireless reporters.

NORWAY. A new Francotyp "Porto Betalt" machine with a five-figure number, from Mr Lapham.



RWANDA. Hal Hoyte shows us this Francotyp, not in the same design as the one we mentioned in MSB 122 (XV/34) Unlike others we have seen from this country it does not have a number underneath the frank.

SWITZERLAND. The annual report of the Swiss Post Office, quoted by Otto Hornung in his column in "Stamp Collecting" (London), reports that at the end of 1977 there were 17,040 franking machines in use, compared with a figure of 16,248 at the end of 1976.

In Bulletin 116 (XIV/55) we recorded the new Frama coin operated machines numbered A 1 to A 4 which were on trial. Heiner Durst now tells us that the trials were completely satisfactory and that during the next five years some 500 will be put in service to replace stamp vending machines. The dies of these new machines will not have a distinguishing number at the bottom and it is being removed from the four original ones as well.

Notes and News from Other Countries (Contd)

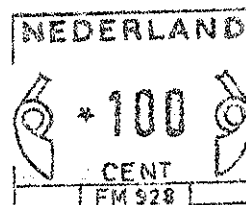
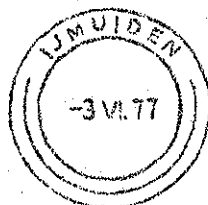
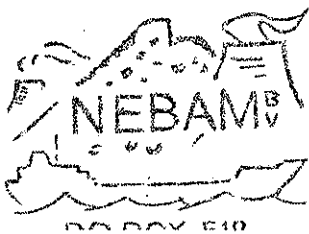
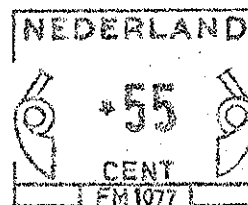
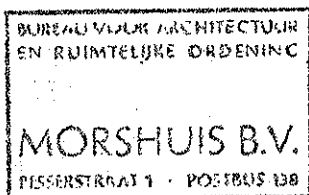
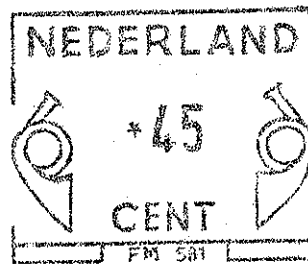
NETHERLANDS. In Bulletin 116 (XIV/53) we listed many varieties of town-mark on the Roneo-Neopost machines. There was one gap in the 205's, type (k) and Ed Lapham now fills this gap, thus in its original design it has all 12 types :



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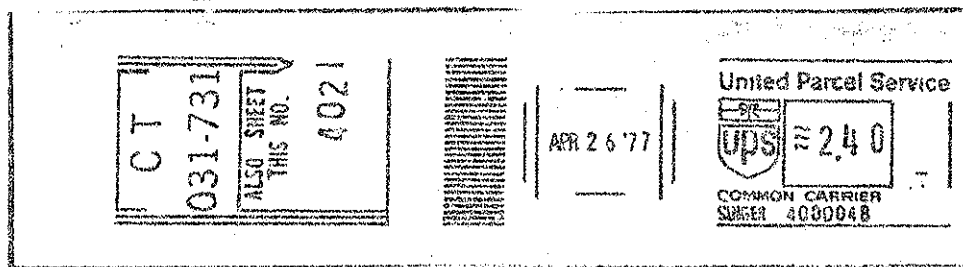
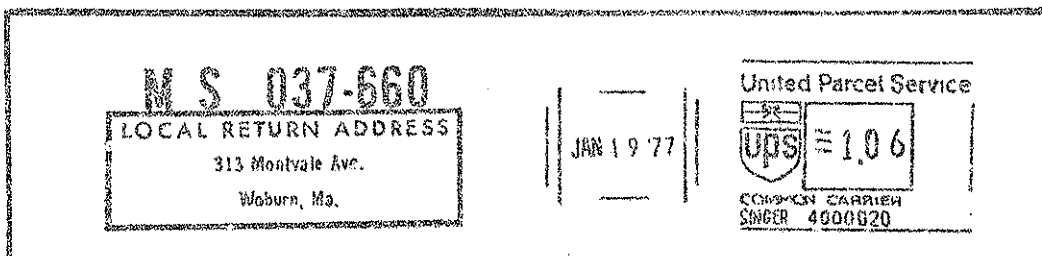
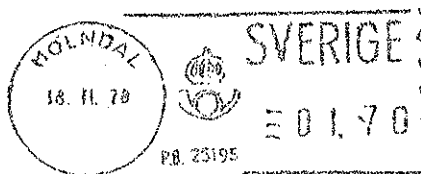
POSTBUS 6071



We have never apparently mentioned the Frama in the Bulletin, and as Mr Lapham reminds us, more recent machines have a much smaller frank, (32 x 26mm, instead of 40 x 33mm), we show two typical ones, each size comes in either 3 or 4-figures of value, $\times 01$ or $\times 001$. We also show one of the earlier, larger ones.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)

SWEDEN. This Pitney Bowes has a slight modification to the "Crown and Post-Horn" design with straight lines at top and bottom and "perforations" only at the right, and compared with other types the SVERIGE is larger and the Crown and Posthorn are smaller.



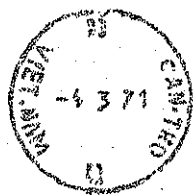
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. We have mentioned that United Parcel Services are using a new 4000000 series and these two come from Ed Lapham. Note that 4000048 has a slogan "Also Sheet This No" and a meter-printed number reading vertically similar to the Pitney Bowes UPS 70000 series.

The "Remote Meter Resetting System" (RMRS) which was test-marketed in Connecticut by Pitney Bowes has now been approved by the United States Postal Service and some 120 units are being offered to the users who first co-operated with the trials, it is expected to go national in 1979. It has also, incidentally, been demonstrated in other countries.

YUGOSLAVIA. In Bulletin 123 (XV/45) we illustrated an impression from machine 518 and queried the make. Heiner Durst says that he is convinced that it is a Hasler as well as the other one. The stop after the year is raised thus 75° and the five figure record number is similar to that found in Netherlands, Norway, Argentina and others.

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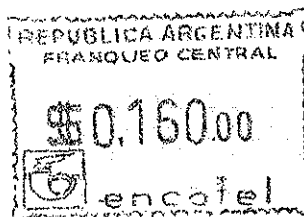
VIET NAM (SOUTH) An old one now, this design, but with a sideways townmark, from Mr Lapham.



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ARGENTINA. Another of the "Encotel" impressions we mentioned in our last report from this country, again this one from Ernst Muhr.

CZECKOSLOVAKIA. In recent articles in *Filatelie*, which we mention elsewhere, the following makes are illustrated, which we cannot remember mentioning before.

Hasler "model reko" - used for Registered Mail, raised DC townmark with a typical rounded corner R box with a 4-figure number and a lower case suffix, as 4456g. Value as 2001 and the one illustrated used from BRNO 2 on 17.XI.57

Pitney Bowes Series 5000 (actually described as 6802 but having the value lower than the date figures, "horizontal" frank, DC townmark. used on 31 12 75, value as w0.01

Adrema-Pitney Bowes, with "vertical" frank, SC townmark and value w0.01

"Lindaco-Krag", value as 0001 used -2.4.76 from 701 00 Ostrava 1.

Hasler F66 with an addition to the usual design "CSSR" in a box at the bottom of the frank.

Satas PO machine (time between townmark and frank) used at Praha 1 on -5 12 68

Automax (described as a "hybrid"!), value as =001 used with DC townmark on 24 XI 75 from Praha 1

Plus, of course, the "Automat VUS".