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SECRETARY'S NOTES
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Members Wants and Offers. Ross W. Irwin, 14 Tamarack Place, Guelph, Ontario N1E 3Y6, Canada, is looking for copies of the Bulletin prior to No 96. Cash or trade can be arranged, please write direct.

SOUTH WEST AFRICA - WALVIS BAY
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In Bulletin 126 (XV/74) we asked members if they had any SWA dies used from Walvis Bay, which since August 1977 has reverted to administration as part of Cape Colony and the use of South African stamps.

George Pearson shows us three examples, all with SWA dies :

U 3 on 11 I 63

S 44 on 1 II 72

F 7 on 10.3.72

so we have part of the story, any since August 1977 with RSA dies ?

A CINDERELLA METER TO END ALL CINDERELLA'S
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Facsimiles of metered impressions are sometimes used for advertising purposes - we remember one on a pop group poster but could not get it off the wall and never succeeded in obtaining a copy - but Fred Neumann-Rogers shows us an interesting one from his local Sunday newspaper, the "Mannheim Morgen" of 7/8 Jul 1979.

In this Pitney Bowes are advertising for a technical constructor and have headed the advertisement (in red) with a meter type design showing the logo and name as a "slogan", a "townmark" with the telephone number and a stylised telephone receiver as the "frank die".

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG
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Not long ago we published in the Bulletin an extensive list and notes on the townmarks used in Hong Kong from our member there, Mr H. A. Rydings and we now have some additions.

Additions to the list of "migrant" machines :

PB 6186	Gillies Avenue	Hong Kong
U 161	Victoria	Gillies Avenue
U 378	Victoria	San Po Kong
U 441	Changsha St	Sha Tin

The most interesting of these is the first since this was the first time he had noted the use of "Hong Kong" instead of "Victoria". He has since found one other, PB 6797 (a new "highest number") dated 10.12.79, just one week earlier than his earliest PB 6186 with the changed townmark. As no one speaks now of the town as Victoria and the name has not been used on postal cancellations since, he thinks, 1946, it has become something of an anachronism anyway.

Variations on date on PB 31.

PB 31 is unusual for several reasons. Like 748 and 789 it is in a completely different design to the other PB series - all are used by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. It is also the only PB number below 300 - PB 305 and 306 are again an uncommon design and the next PB number is 707. The first form of date was -6.7.70 which persisted until at least 15.6.78 and the next in the form MAR 16'79 while more recently he now has -4 VIII 79. From the signs of wear he suspects that the townmark has been replaced twice and on each occasion the form of date has also been altered.

Additions to the list of Post Offices :

Mr Rydings recently acquired a specimen of U 469 dated -9 XI 77 which has the townmark Ham Tin Street. This is located in the satellite town of Tsuen Wan in the New Territories and started operations on the 6 March 1965.

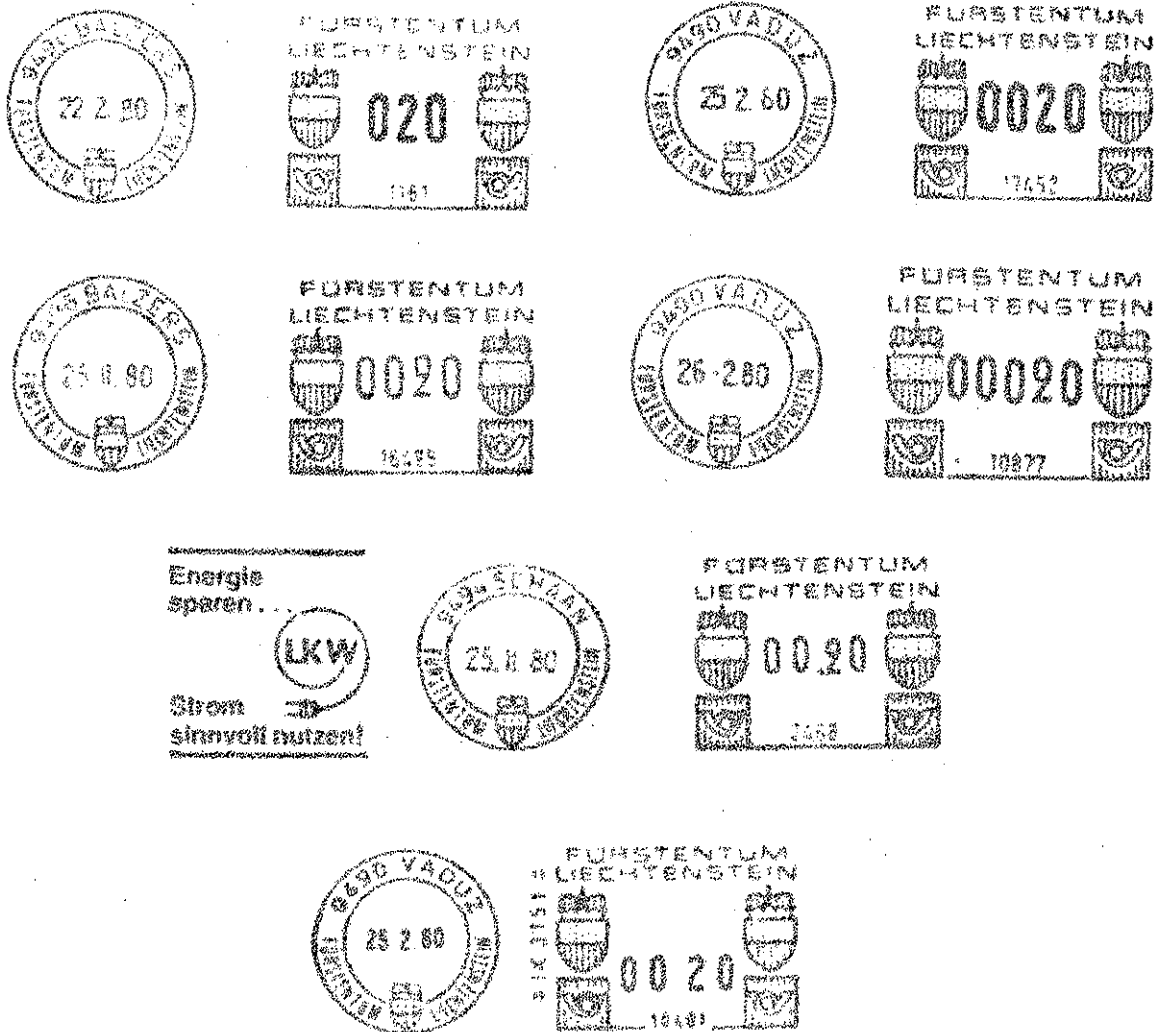
ALL CHANGE IN LIECHTENSTEIN
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A new design for meters was recently introduced and Heiner Durst tells us that all machines have been changed to this rather attractive and certainly distinctive form.

He shows us the 6 versions recorded so far and adds that Hasler and Frama have identical dies when 3- or 4- bank.

All Change in Liechtenstein (Contd)

Those we show are Frama (1161 and 17452), Hasler (16495, 10877 and 2468) and finally the Pitney Bowes (10481).



IRISH NOTES

Mr K. B. Millar shows us these two unusual items. J 197 has the name at the bottom of the townmark circle and PBL 220 E has been set at the wrong date, hand stamped with the correct one and the alteration confirmed by the "WRONG DATE" handstamp.

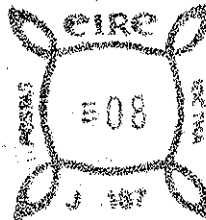
Two extensions of the "highest numbers" from George Stelfox are :

PBT 1277 V and J 192

Irish Notes (Contd)

IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE
RETURN TO:-

RATES DEPT.
16, CASTLE ST.,
DUBLIN 2



WRONG DATE



The Accountant,
Messrs. Cavanagh & Dowling Ltd.,
68 Harcourt St.,
Dublin 2.

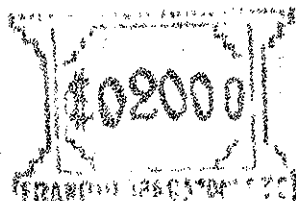
NOTES AND NEWS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

===== With, of course, many thanks to our members and correspondents who send us the news. We are in fact starting again at the beginning of the alphabet with this issue as we have several notes that we consider should not wait too long.

ARGENTINA. This Francotyp, Franqueo Pagado No 636, seems to have hit the jackpot, four zeros (the last one fixed) and all different.

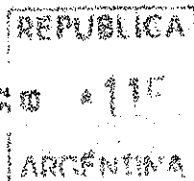
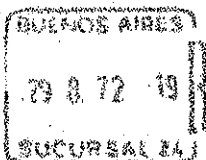
The TME with CERT EXPRESO, a new inscription. (ESL)

Notes and News from other countries - Argentina - Contd.



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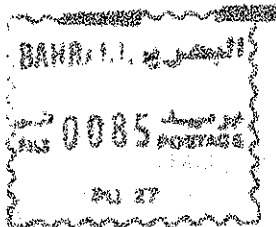
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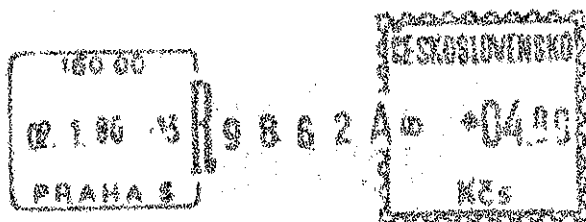
AUSTRALIA. A version of the NCR we have not shown before is this larger one, from Mr K. B. Millar. On plain white paper all the impression is in red and certainly has more wording than the original smaller one.

BAHRAIN. A new make for this country, the Postalia, with a PU prefix (we are not sure whether there is any significance in the U) from Michel de Wailly.



BRAZIL. Ernst Muhr shows us this impression from a no-value machine used to frank mail for a local delivery service in Sao Paulo, this is mainly used by banks. It is not really a meter but it does have a very attractive logo. We mentioned and illustrated a similar ECT-SEED machine in MSB 100 (XII/49) but this was more or less in the normal design.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)



CZECHOSLOVAKIA. The Francotyp TME machine used for Registered Post, shown us by Dr Bouska.

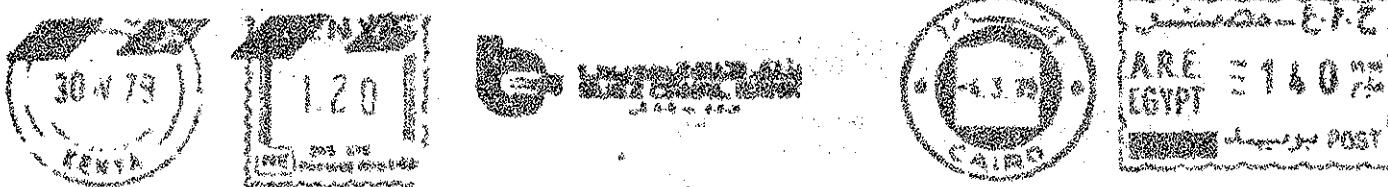
CANADA. We hear from Ross Irwin that Pitney Bowes are expecting to announce the introduction of their Remote Re-Setting machine in Canada some time in 1980 but so far have no more details.

He also tells us that there are at least two private parcel delivery organisations using meters. They are United Parcel Services (UPS) whom we know from the USA and PANPAR (Canadian Pacific Railways).

CEYLON. We have already illustrated the Roneo-Neopost Model 205 with the name as SRI LANKA - adopted on 22 May 1972 - used as long ago as July 1976 but Mr K. B. Millar shows us that not everything changes fast with a copy from Universal MV number 240 on the 31 VIII 78 which is still in the old CEYLON design.

EAST AFRICA. What may be one of the first effects of the dissolution of the East African Posts and Telecommunications is this Roneo-Neopost Model 205 number NE 148 with the name changed to KENYA only at the top. Note that this one has SHS CTS rather than SH CTS at the bottom.

Using the system of numbering we have adopted before for this group we have provisionally called this 7-8-1-1 (ESL)

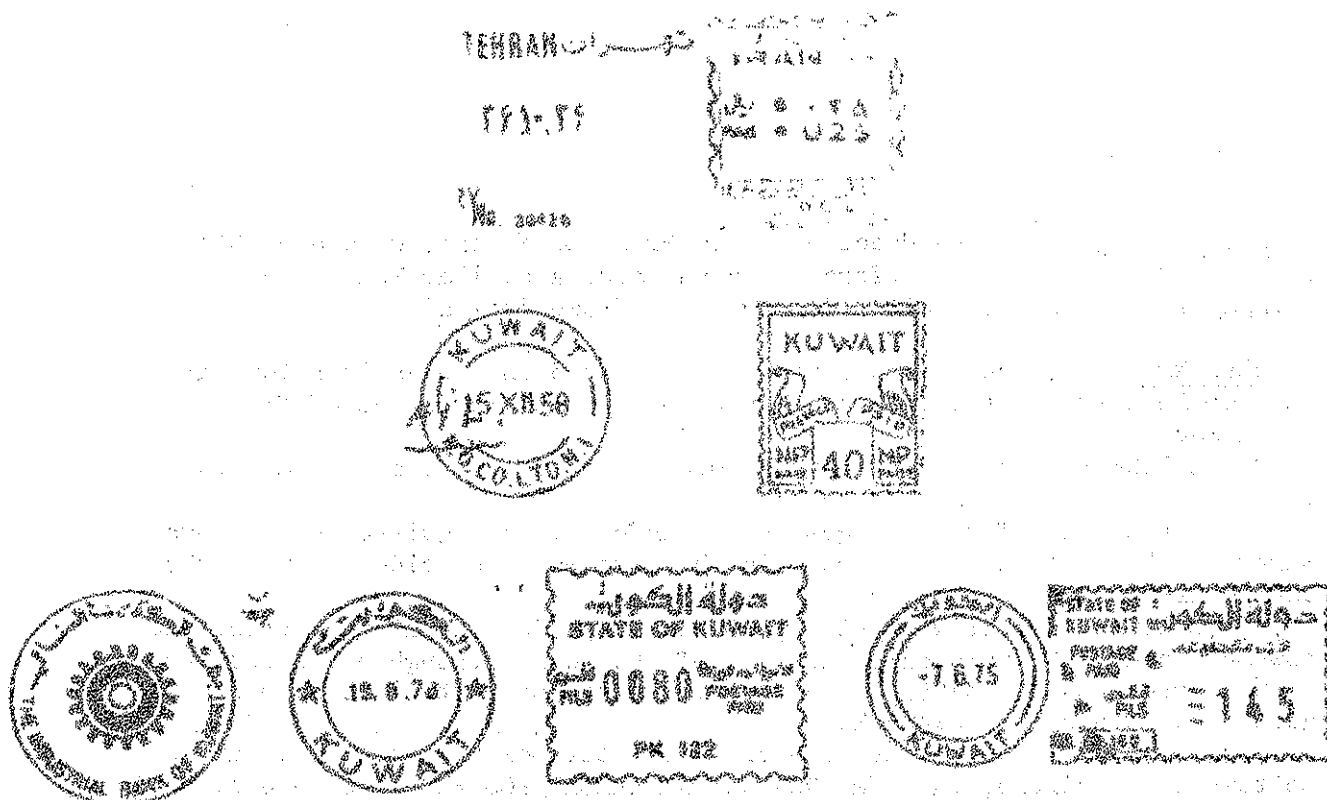


EGYPT. Pitney Bowes Model 6300 with an unengraved block instead of the initials and number (MdeW)

NEW ZEALAND. An additional value for the Mailmaster (Y prefix) is the 5, on Y 1733 shown us by Mr J. Fowler.

Notes and news from Other Countries (Contd)

IRAN. A variant on the Satas we showed in MSB 109 (XIII/67) has the date in one form only but additionally a 5-figure record number at the top left and a machine number below the date (K. B. Millar)



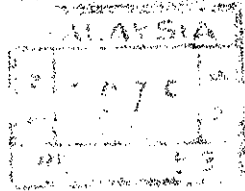
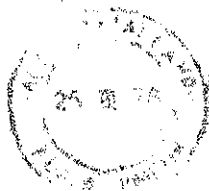
KUWAIT. We have mentioned the Neopost LV used with NAYA PAISE below the value from 1959 (MSB 75) but this seems to be from an earlier version used in 1958 (K. B. Millar)

The Postalia in a different form to the one we showed in MSB 109 (XII/68). This has only one set of value figures, the design is in a horizontal form and the licence number now has a PK prefix (we are not sure whether there is any significance in the K, could it be Kuwait?). This one from George Pearson.

We also now illustrate the Series 5000 reported some time ago, note how close the townmark is to the die and, in this case, the frame around the number (MdeW)

Going back to the Neopost LV. We originally showed N2 in MSB 86 with FILS under the value, which was 90. Ed Lapham shows us 10, 20, 30 and 40 in addition to this and also N3, obviously a "high value" machine with values of 200, 500, 600 and 900. He also shows us some examples where they are used together.

Notes and News from Overseas (Contd)



MALAYSIA. Roneo-Neopost Model 505 from Mr K. B. Millar, with a double lined frame instead of "perforations" and also a similar Model 205. (Singapore has used a similar double-lined frame design).

NETHERLANDS. In recent issues we have commented on the various townmarks used on Roneo-Neopost machines and also on the varying sizes of frank on Frama machines.

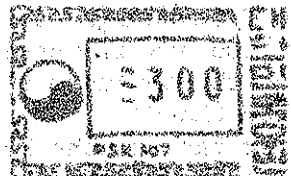
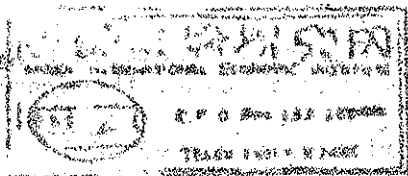
Jan Dekker writes to us with a note which in fact draws them both together.

The progress of the changes in the information required in the townmarks can be plotted on the Frama in the same way, coincidental with the change from large to small die.

His lowest number with the small die is FM 908 and at that point the townmark had to contain only the name of the town although of course, as we have shown on FM 581 (a large one) the Post Box number was sometimes added underneath the townmark.

By about FM 1200 the users address or post box number appears at the bottom of the circle, thus FM 1283 has AMSTERDAM/POSTBUS 8060, and by about FM 1348 (his lowest) the postal code appears after the address at the bottom, thus FM 1493 as IJMUIDEN/KENNEMERLAAN 143.1972EL (Note that Dutch postal codes have this two letter suffix after a four digit number)

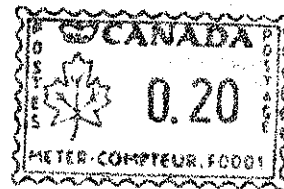
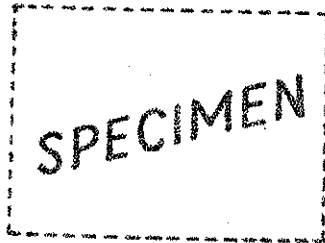
By 1605 or earlier the postal code had been moved to its technically correct place at the top before the town name, thus FM 1768 has the wording 2290AA WATERINGEN/-POSTBUS 42-



SOUTH KOREA. Yet another design, with the circular ornament at the left, on a Pitney Bowes, from Mr J. A. Fowler.

From what might be called "The Department of What Might Have Been" we show these Francotyp essays or proofs, thanks to George Pearson.

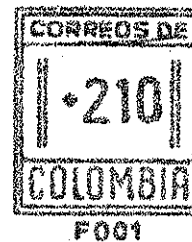
As far as we know none of them were used in this form although the one from Pakistan did appear later in decimal currency.



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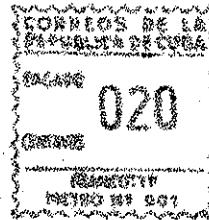
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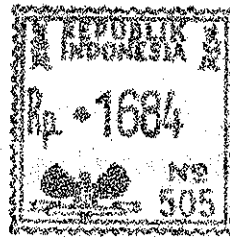
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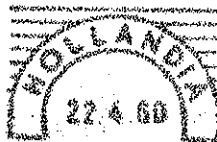
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(We have a few more of these to show and these will be included in our next issue, we shall also carry on with the notes from overseas and bring members up to date with matters GB)