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Retrospect and prospect

1 With the first issue of Vol. 2, we look back on the twelve months of Vol. 1, and nearly 18 months of operation of the Bureau.

2 We have learned a lot in these months and although our service has been patchy, and certainly not such as to satisfy us, we are confident that the difficulties were teething troubles and the service will continue to improve.

New issues for 1965

3 Next year's stamp programme is now being considered but it will be some time yet before any information will be available. As soon as we have any definite information we will publish it but as, in some cases, final details may not be available until rather near the date of issue our overseas readers in particular might like to take advantage of our subscription account service and place standing orders for first day covers and mint stamps to avoid disappointment.

4 In general £2 or \$5 should be adequate to cover a year's issues of stamps and first day covers.

5 Experimental watermark The annual consumption of postage stamps in Great Britain is about 8,000 million and we are constantly on the watch for means of improving production and hence reducing costs.

6 The quality of the paper plays a large part in stamp production - stretch in particular is troublesome in multi-colour printing - and as part of an experiment undertaken by the printers, Messrs Harrison & Sons, a capital letter T was introduced into the watermark. It was placed at the edge of the web of paper and the letter MS turned on its side so that the head would be parallel to the length of the sheet of stamps and the leg of the T would point into the sheet. The paper is watermarked in the usual way with the crown all over watermark and where the T would impinge on a crown, the T is modified, by omission of part of the head or leg.

7 One paper was used for printing the permanent series 3d. and 48,000 sheets were produced. Some of these have been issued to offices as part of ordinary stock issues but a few thousand are available through the Bureau.

8 As the Papers is trimmed during use the T mark does not always appear in the same place and the number of appearances per sheet does not exceed 4 and may be less. We cannot therefore say to which part of the sheets the marks will appear and can therefore only sell the sheets as complete sheets at £3 each. Orders should be accompanied by the usual 2s.6d. handling charge.

As we cannot pick out the particular stamps with the watermark we shall be writing to all our standing order customers to ask them if they want the whole sheet.

Rolls of stamps

9 As our customers will know, we include in our Stock list details of all the rolls we sell. The large variety of rolls which we stock arises from the various core sizes in which the rolls are supplied and these date from the very early days of introduction of stamp affixing machines.

10 Our records of these early days are vague but roll with core sizes of $1\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " were introduced in 1912; the $1\frac{1}{4}$ " size for a machine of American origin and the $\frac{1}{2}$ " for a German machine. These machines were used by private firms but later on rolls with a $\frac{3}{4}$ " core were introduced for use in Post Office stamp selling machines, an early example of mechanisation in the Post Office. There are now over 24, 000 of these machines in use and they play a large part in improving our service to the public.

The machines are maintained by Post Office engineers and, to test them, the engineers use specially designed labels. These are very seldom seen by the public and we thought our readers would like to see the labels now in use. For interest we also include a specimen of a label produced specially to test some stamp affixing machines used in connection with the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree first day cover service. These labels are printed in red, to identify them, and are perforated as for special issues.

Grey
Stamp

Normal testing
stamp

Special testing
stamp

Red Stamp

Amendments

Scarborough	"Scarborough Queen of the Yorkshire Coast" will not now be used from 27th September, 1964 to 7th December, 1964 instead a new slogan will be in use as shown under the section 'New Slogans'.
Cleethorpes	"Ooh! Look Cleethorpes" terminated on 28th August, 1964 and not 31st August as previously stated.

Special Handstamps

<u>Where used</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Slogan</u>
Blackpool	31st Aug. 1964 - 3rd Sept. 1964	"19th International Motor Police Rally, Blackpool"
Henley-on-Thames	13th Sept. 1964	"20th Anniversary of the Warsaw Rising 1944 - Documentary Exhibition - Henley-on-Thames"

<u>Where used</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Slogan</u>
Jersey (cont.)	1st April, 1965 - 30th June, 1965	"Jersey for Sunny Autumn Holidays" (Transposed)
	1st July, 1965 - 30th Sept. 1965	"Jersey for Sunshine in the Winter" (Transposed)
	1st Oct. 1965 - 31st Oct. 1965	"Jersey for Happy Springtime Holidays" (Transposed)

Extension of Present Slogans

<u>Slogan</u>	<u>Extended to</u>
"Portsmouth and Sunny Southsea" (3 designs)	31st Aug. 1964
"Roker and Seaburn, Sunderlands Twin Resorts"	30th Sept. 1964
"It's Warmer at Ventnor, Isle of Wight, Almost Fairyland"	4th Oct. 1964
"Edinburgh Capital by the Sea, for festival and Holidays"	18th Oct. 1964

<u>Where used</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Slogan</u>
Pitlochry	1st Nov. 1964 - 28th Feb. 1965	"Pitlochry Centre for Skiing" (Transposed)
	1st-31st March, 1965	"Holiday in Pitlochry" (Transposed)
	1st-31st May, 1965	
	1st-31st July, 1965	
	1st-30th September, 1965	
	1st-30th April, 1965	"Pitlochry Your Tourist Centre" (Transposed)
	1st-30th June, 1965	
	1st-31st August, 1965	
	1st-31st October, 1965	
Mansfield	2nd Nov. 1964 - 1st Nov. 1965	"Visit Mansfield the Centre for Sherwood

<u>Where used</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Slogan</u>
Sunderland	1st Oct. 1964 - 31st March 1965	"New industry Thrives in Sunderland" (Transposed)
	1st April 1965 - 31st July 1965	"Roker and Seaburn, Sunderland's Twin Resorts" (Transposed)
Ventnor	5th Oct. 1964 31st August 1965	"Ventnor, Isle of Wight, for Leisure and-Pleasure" (Transposed)
Nottingham (4 Dies)	10th Oct. 1964 31st Oct. 1964	"Ulster Week in Nottingham October 26th-31st"
Various Offices including:- E.C.D.O.; Leicester; Bolton; Aberdeen	12th Oct. 1964 - 25th Oct. 1964	"Muscular Dystrophy Week 24-31 October"
Southend-on-Sea	18th Oct. 1964 - 5th August 1965	"Southend-on-Sea, Modern Centre for Business and Industry" (Transposed)

Postmark Slogans

<u>Where used</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Slogan</u>
Ryde	1st Sept. 1964 - 18th Oct. 1964	"Choose Ryde, Isle of Wight, For Happy Holidays" Design 1 (Transposed)
	19th Oct. 1964 - 23rd Aug. 1965	"Choose Ryde, Isle of Wight, For Happy Holidays" Design 2 (Transposed)
Portsmouth (2 Dies) and Cosham (1 Die)	1st Sept. 1964 - 11th Aug. 1965	"Portsmouth and Sunny Southsea" (1 design [Victory] 3 dies) (Transposed)
Bristol Sorting Office	10th Sept. 1964 - 19th Sept. 1964	"Someone, Somewhere wants a letter from you" (Transposed)
Certain offices including:- S.E.D.O.; Derby; Bury; Stroud; Rhyl	14th Sept. 1964 - 31st Oct. 1964	"Recorded Delivery - 6d. Cheap - Effective"

N.D.O. & 5 other London Offices	21st Sept. 1964 - 31st Dec. 1964	"London Symphony Orchestra, Diamond Jubilee, World Tour 1964" (4 Transposed: 2 standard)
Bury St. Edmunds	26th Sept. 1964 - 30th Nov. 1964	"Bury St. Edmunds, Gateway for Modern Industry" (Transposed)
Scarborough	27th Sept. 1964 - 7th Dec. 1964	"For Work and Play, Scarborough for sites and Industry" (Transposed)
Crawley	28th Sept. 1964 - 27th Sept. 1965	"Yes, Crawley New Town" (Transposed)
Buxton	28th Sept. 1964 - 29th Nov. 1964	"Buxton, Welcomes New Industries" (Transposed)
Cardiff	1st Oct. 1964 - 7th Nov. 1964	"Cardiff Shopping Festival Oct. 29th to Nov. 7th"
Sunderland	1st Oct. 1964 - 31st March 1965	"New Industry Thrives in Sunderland" (Transposed)

	1st Nov. 1964	L1va-Edinburgh Road Safety Campaign" (Transposed)
	2nd Nov. 1964 - 15th Nov. 1964	"Your Life's in your hands - Edinburgh Road Safety Campaign" (Transposed)
	16th Nov. 1964 - 29th Nov. 1964	"Live!!!And Let live-Edinburgh Road Safety Campaign" (Transposed)
	30th Nov. 1964 - 19th August 1965	"Edinburgh Capital by the Sea, for festival and Holiday" (Transposed)
Prestwick	26th Oct. 1964 - 16th Jan. 1965	Prestwick Indoor Bowls" (Transposed)
West Central D.O.	31st Oct, 1964 - 28th Nov. 1964	"London Students Carnival, November, 1964"
Bournemouth	1st Nov. 1964 - 7th July 1965	"Bournemouth the Resort for Sun, Sea, Sands and Glorious Gardens" (Transposed)

Various Offices Including:- Hull; Brighton; Crewe; Swindon; Oldham	15th Nov. 1964 - 28th Nov. 1964	"Freedom From Hunger Week 21st-28th November"
Various Offices throughout the Country	28th Nov 1964 - 8th Dec. 1964	"Are you on the New Voter's List, Check Now"
Great Yarmouth	1st Dec. 1964 - 30th Nov. 1965	"Great Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea, the Resorts that have Everything" (Transposed)
Skegness	1st Dec. 1964 - 10th August, 1965	"Skegness is so Bracing" (Transposed)
Porthcawl and Bridgend	7th Dec. 1964 - 31st Jan. 1965	"Its Bright, Its Right, a Holiday at Sunny Porthcawl" (1 Die each) (Transposed)
Jersey	1st Jan. 1965 - 31st March, 1965	"Jersey for Summer Holidays" (Transposed)

"Jersey for a Happy Springtime Holiday"	31st Dec. 1964
"Barnstaple, the Centre for Glorious North Devon"	1st March 1965
"Bishop Auckland for your New Factory"	31st March 1965
"From Folkestone Holiday Centre of the Sunny South East"	18th April 1965
"Fascinating Falmouth Gem of the Cornish Riviera"	7th July, 1965
"Europe's Finest Beaches, Newquay by Road, Rail and Air"	14th July, 1965
"50 miles from London - Sheppey for Holidays, Homes and Industry - Kent's own Sunny Island"	5th Aug. 1965
"The Pantiles, Royal Tunbridge Wells"	25th Aug. 1965
"Aberystwyth - Record Sunshine"	31st Aug. 1965
"Holiday at Dunoon"	30th Sept. 1965
"Ride to Banbury"	31st Oct. 1965

Stamp Clubs-Convention,
Kettering, Northants,
3rd October 1964"

Ceylon Tea Centre,
London S.W.I.
(under S.W.D.O.)

22nd Oct. 1964 - "Southern Stamp Fair
24th Oct. 1964 October 1964, Ceylon Tea
Centre, London, S.W.I."

West Norwood
London S.E.27

31st Oct. 1964 "Norwood Philatelic
Society, S.E.27
Surrey Convention
31st October 1964"

Renewal of Philatelic Bulletin subscription

Will those of our readers who have not yet paid their renewal kindly note that this issue of the Bulletin is the last we shall be sending - we cannot extend the period of grace further.

Back numbers of the Bulletin

We still have a small stock of back numbers and will continue to enrol subscribers back to Vol. 1 No. 1 September 1963 for as long as stocks last.

11 Postmark Slogans See separate sheet

12 First Day Cover Envelopes

We have a considerable stock of Geographical and Botanical envelopes available which we are prepared to offer at 35/- per 1,000 (minimum order 1,000). They were manufactured by John Dickinson Ltd on good quality paper measuring $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ " and have a gummed flap.

Corrections

Bulletin No. 7 Vol. 1. (May 1964)

In para 18, sub para 2, the date should read 1st January 1964

Bulletin No. 10 Vol. 1. (August 1964)

In para 12, the price should have read 3s 9d.

In para 17, the opening sentence should have read "This issue concludes Vol. 1, "etc".

Stock List

We enclose current copies of stock lists with this issue of the Bulletin.