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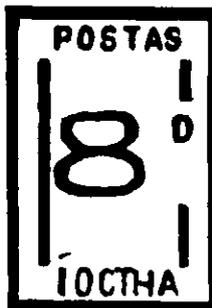
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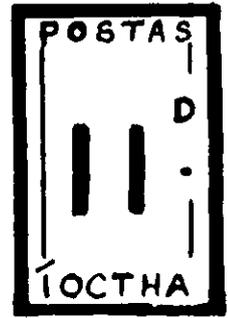
By F. E. Dixon



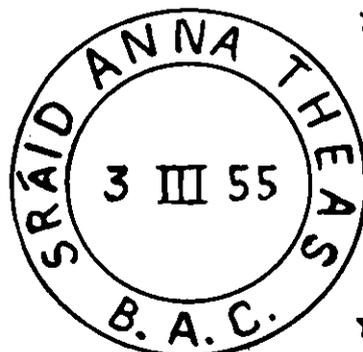
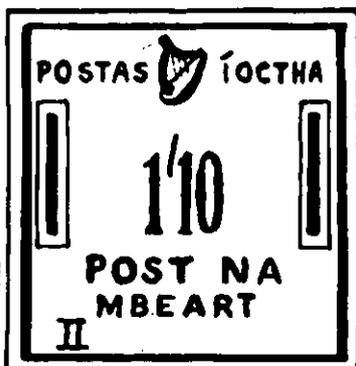
There are several advantages to the growing practice of using the 'bus-ticket' type of stamp which is printed while you wait. It is quicker to set the dial and turn the handle than to wade through the book looking for the necessary odd values of the normal postage stamp. It provides automatic accounting, and also eliminates the operation of cancelling.

The system was not immediately adopted in Ireland and it was not until 23rd August, 1948 that the G.P.O. Dublin brought the first design into use. The labels were printed on rolls 28-29 mm wide, and with a zigzag roulette of gauge 9 for separation and were of type (a).

The machine was withdrawn in December and no substitute appeared until the following December, when type (b) appeared. This was characterized by a taller harp in a narrower box and various changes in the proportions of the lettering. Paper and roulette were as before. Early in 1950 a similar machine was installed at College Green, Dublin, and soon afterwards others were sent to the principal provincial towns.



About the beginning of 1953 a new type was introduced, type (c), firstly at St. Andrew's Street, Dublin (successor to the College Green Office, and later elsewhere). The same rolls were used as before, but the rouletting was (and is) neater, sharper and with gauge 17. My illustration is from South Anne Street :



* note the "II" at lower left, indicating the second sub-office; St. Andrew's Street is "I".

It would be tedious to list all the possible values one could try to collect. In 1948 the minimum rate was 8d - it is now 1/3 and the last increase (28th March, 1960) caught the office unprepared. At the G.P.O., Dub- (please turn to page 530)

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Postal History

Dear Mrs. Walsh,

I read with great interest "The Political Labels of Ireland".

The first of these which I acquired was the female figure and harp and it was given to me by Miss Margaret Pearse in 1913 and she told me that she had it for some years. It has a rough roulette and not perf ll as you state. Likewise my first Celtic Cross has a rough roulette. I also have both with perf ll. My postmarked March 1908 copy of the female figure is perf ll. Proofs exist.

I cannot believe for a moment that a secret post office would be run from a private house as you state in the case of Tom Clarke. I do know that this is incorrect and that the office was at Tom Clark's Tobacco and Newsdealer Shop in O'Connell Street. When I met him there I could not take my eyes off that wonderful mustache of his. Parcels were also handed out and remember being handed a box of coronas and asked if I ever felt cigars so heavy. Certainly this kind of explosive mail could not have gone through the ordinary post. There were no handstamps on the parcels or even an address. The directions were verbal.

The mail carried must have been scanty-certainly nothing like the numbers carried in the post 1916 Republican Post.

I have a postcard reproduction of the Celtic Cross printed in 1916 with the caption "A photograph of the actual stamp of the Irish Republic to be. One of few specimens to escape the Dublin Post Office fire."

Yours, Sincerely,
 Brian de Burca
 10, Parchmore Road,
 Thornton Heath,
 Surrey, England.

25/9/61

We are deeply grateful to Dr. de Burca for his kind comments and information relative to our Supplement No.2

The Editor,

A Stamp Club was formed here last year - The Penn-Laurel Stamp Club. It held its first annual show and bourse Last October 7, at the White Swan Hotel.

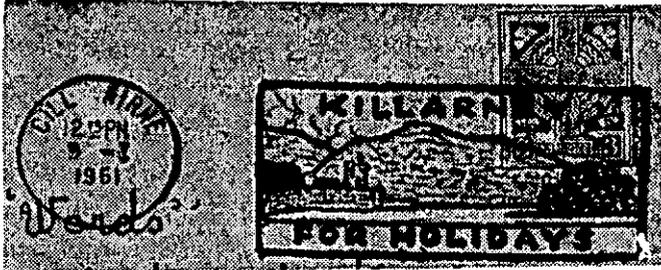
I exhibited three frames of Irish stamps and you will be pleased to hear that these received the First Award in the senior entries.

The frames consisted of the Irish Provisionals and the Air Mail issues.
 Gerald O'Reilly EPA 264

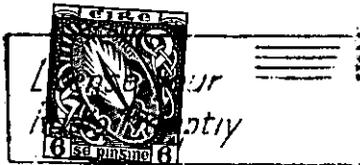
1961 SLOGAN POSTMARKS

By F. E. Dixon, E.P.A. # 312

The only slogan in use as the year began was the pioneer pictorial propaganda for KILLARNEY FOR HOLIDAYS, which was withdrawn after a few weeks and has not reappeared.



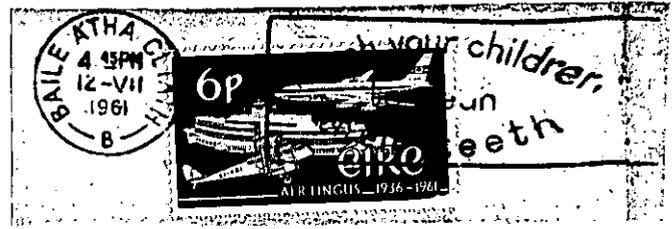
On 13th January Dublin introduced PLEASE SHEW DISTRICT NUMBER IN DUBLIN ADDRESSES and as further supplies arrived they were distributed to all 40 provincial machines, some of which continued to use this slogan in April and May. Most, however, had LICENSE YOUR RADIO PROMPTLY or FAIGH CEADUNAS DOD RADIO for the second half of March and PREVENT FOREST FIRES during April.



Westport produced an attractive coastal view, plus a fish, with the legend WESTPORT FOR SEA ANGLING, on 1st June, the slogan being to the left of the name-and-date circle. On 1st July Letterkenny joined in with a feeble imitation showing two fishes and MOVILLE FOR SEA ANGLING. Also poorly designed was COME TO THE FESTIVAL OF KERRY, SEPTEMBER, TRALEE with depictions of the lady "Rose of Tralee" and a rose flower to convey the message. Its first date was 24th July.



Meanwhile Cork had revived WHEN IT'S AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY IT'S KINSALE REGATTA, and after it BANDON CARNIVAL 3rd WEEK OF SEPT. the latter showing the current trend by being to left of the circle. Waterford did the same when reviving WATERFORD INTERNATIONAL LIGHT OPERA FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER on 1st August. The special cancellation for the International Surgery Congress in Dublin was applied only to parcels, but letters posted in the Congress Post Office received a handstruck cachet with portraits of Drs. Colles and Corrigan and, in Irish and French, SOCIETE INTERNATIONALE DE CHIRURGIE, DUBLIN 2-9 SEPT 1961.

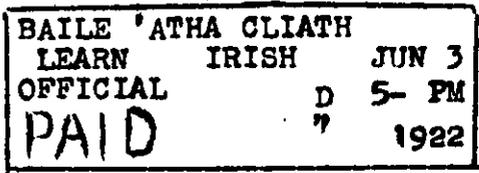


TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO CLEAN THEIR TEETH was used at Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Galway and Limerick in August and part of September, being followed by some confusion with the two slogans MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE NEW VOTERS LISTS and ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS LISTS? CHECK NOW AT THE POST OFFICE. It seems to be the intention to use the first as a preliminary reminder and the second only when the Lists are available, but only a few offices outside Dublin have both dies so far.

From mid-November to the end of the year PLEASE SHEW DISTRICT NUMBERS IN DUBLIN ADDRESSES reappeared, interrupted by the inevitable POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS. The surprise was that this came into use only on 11th December instead of the usual 1st.

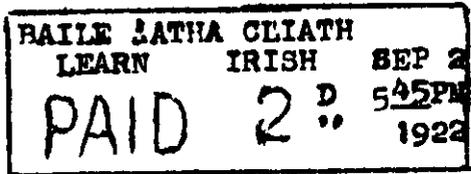
The number of new slogans is the same as in 1960, five, if one counts the cachet of the Surgery Congress. It was something new to Ireland- the commemorative cachet, in a different category from the earlier official cachets for First Flights or Day of Issue covers.





The sketch above shows a fairly well known slogan but it has long been a mystery why the "D" was left in an Official Paid stamp. The version below helps in the explanation, the slugs for OFFICIAL and (larger) PAID

were interchangeable. The machine which printed these postmarks was one acquired after the 1916 destruction and was itself destroyed in the fire of November 1922.



YET ANOTHER SLOGAN SENSATION

You will remember that from 1935 to 1937 there was a slogan "BUY AT SAORSTAT FAIR.."with appropriate dates. Then, from 1938 to 1940 it was replaced by "VISIT THE SPRING SHOW...." However I have found one example of "BUY AT SAORSTAT FAIR, BALLSBRIDGE DUBLIN May 2-6" used on Dublin B machine on 4 April 1939 ! The dates prove that it is not an old die reintroduced.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

At last Ireland has followed the general trend by introducing for 1961 a sheet of 48 different designs which make one coherent pattern - a Celtic cross on a mountain top being the central feature. The inscriptions, in gold, are Irish and English for alternate lines, the English being DISABLED PERSONS YEAR 7 IRELAND 7 CHRISTMAS 1961

Published by Rehabilitation Institution Ltd, 37 Pearse St. Dublin 2, price 2/- per sheet of 48.

BOOKLET

Issue 42-61 is now on sale, but I cannot say whether it was available earlier than mid-November. It shows no change from the last.

THE WEXFORD REGUMMING

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is that of the sheets of 1d Thom (S.G. 36) stolen but later recovered lying in the open and with gum washed off by rain. These were roughly regummed, many showing the gum on the face, and put on sale. Robson Lowe (Enc. Vol. I, p. 397) states that copies bearing the Wexford office cancellation are fraudulent. I think that is too dogmatic although I have a probably fraudulent example, the gum appearing to overlie the cancellation. What I think authentic is a piece cancelled on the DUBLIN & WEXFORD TPO 30 Jan. 1923 where the cancellation seems to be on top. Mr. Harradine recently presented me with a mint example. This, of course, cannot be authenticated. To add to the confusion of what really happened, and when, I have found a 1d, cancelled at Wexford 9 October 1922 with no gum on the face but looking as if it has been soaked.

PARCEL STAMPS (continued from 527)

lin, from then until the end of October, the new rates were made up with postage stamps supplementing the labels - which meant reintroducing the cancelling. Elsewhere rates were sometimes made up with two labels of lower values. The new dies came into use on 1st February, 1961, and at the same time a change of ink occurred, the colour now being orange instead of red.

Inevitably there have been slips in inserting the date slugs. My examples are all type (b) of Dublin G.P. 0. and are - 14 NO 61 (should be 51), 28 JU 65 (should be 29 JU 55) and 39 SE 60 (should be 19 SE 60).

Editorial Note- The above is reprinted from the June 1960 issue of the I.P.S.G. Journal. We are grateful for the opportunity to present this worthwhile article for our members.

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