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The New Irish Commemoratives



The special Europa postage stamp sponsored by the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations will be issued by member countries, including Ireland, on September 17th, 1962.

The Irish stamp, which will be in two denominations 6d. colour pink (2,000,000) and 1s.3d. colour green (2,000,000) will be in sheets of 120. The basic design, created by the Luxembourg artist Lex Weyer, symbolises the collective work of the

organisation in the form of a young tree with 19 leaves representing the 19 member administrations. The stamp will include the word "Europa", the letters "CEPT", the denomination and the name of the State in the Irish language, "Éire". It will be recess printed on paper watermarked with the letter "E".

Conditions for servicing First Day covers and purchasing instructions are as follows:

(1) First Day covers, if received fully addressed and accompanied by a remittance to cover the value of the stamps required, will be serviced by the Controller, Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin 1 and by the Postmasters of Cork, Dun Laoghaire, Galway, Limerick, Waterford and Wexford provided they are received not later than 7th September, 1962. A special first day of issue mark will be impressed on first day covers posted at the offices mentioned.

(2) Official first day covers are not supplied.

(3) Stamps will be cancelled only when they are affixed to items for transmission through the post.

(4) Payment may be made by Bank Draft or Money Order; stamps or international reply coupons are not accepted in payment. The cost of postage and registration or insurance on packets of stamps will be deducted from the remittance received.

(5) Orders are not sent cash on delivery.

July, 1962

Department of Posts & Telegraphs, Dublin.

'Principality of Thomond' stamps

Raymond Moulten Sean O'Brien, 5 Charlemont street, Dublin, was fined £10 by District Justice O'Grady in Dublin yesterday for the unauthorised uttering and possession of stamps. The charges were brought by summons, which accused O'Brien of having on or about January 31st in his possession, at Charlemont street, 901 fictitious stamps contrary to the Post Office Act, 1908, uttering on November 9th last eight fictitious stamps, and having in his possession eight forged stamps, contrary to the Forgery Act, 1913. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Frank Connolly, solicitor to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, said that the Post Office authorities took a serious view of unauthorised stamps being put on letters, and the offense carried heavy penalties.

Mr. Connolly said that on November 9th last, eight postcards were

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 Director. The outstanding range of
 Field's rugs have become a household
 word, not only in Great Britain but in
 many parts of the world.

Unauthorised stamps
 used on letters

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in the sorting office bearing, beside
 the official stamp, fictitious stamps
 with the words "Principality of Thomond"
 and "Air Mail-Postage" printed on them.
 These stamps were not authorised by the
 Minister for Posts and Telegraphs and
 were forged and fictitious. As a result,
 investigations were made and 901 similar
 fictitious stamps were seized on January
 31st at O'Brien's house, in Charlemont
 street.

Replying to District Justice
 O'Grady, Mr. Connolly said that the post-
 cards all had the correct official stamps
 The objection to the stamps complained of
 was that they made letter-sorting dif-
 ficult.

Mr. John Draper of the Department of
 Posts and Telegraphs, said that the
 stamps could be sold as philatelic curi-
 osities if they bore an Irish Post Office
 cancellation.

Mr. Michael Moloney, investigations
 officer, Department of Posts and Tele-
 graphs, said that it was learned that
 firms had been asked by a Doctor Keesing
 of New York, if they would market stamps
 for him. O'Brien denied at first that he
 had got any from Dr. Keesing but later
 admitted that he had got some, and said
 that Dr. Keesing acted solely as his ob-
 server at the United Nations.

O'Brien in an unsworn statement said:
 "I have no evidence, this is all over my
 head. I know nothing about the American
 gyrations. The stamps were made in the
 U.S. and sent to me in a bundle through
 the post. I do not know who sent them."

O'Brien was also bound to the peace
 for three years.

THE IRISH TIMES
 June 28, 1962

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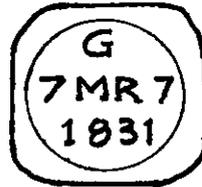
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OCTAGANOL TYPES

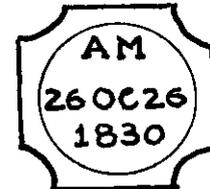
EX 1.



EX 2.



EX 3



EX 4.



EX 5.

The octagonal type date stamp superseded the "Mermaid" type. It was first issued in 1813 while the "Mermaid" was still in use and can be found in three distinct styles. Example 1 in common use from 1813 - 1815 : Then a modification was introduced, in which the sides were more unequal. The short ones being occasionally straight but generally slightly curved, see Example 2. From about 1822 we had the third variety, with the short sides concave.

The early types are found struck in a Yellowish Brown - Red, later a brighter Red ink was used. Copies have been found struck in Black. There is usually a letter, A to H, above the date, apparently identifying the section of the office, and agreeing with the letter of other marking, notably the Inspector's Crown, or "LATE MAIL", if any. From 1829 to 31 there were also datestamps (Ex. 3) with AM or PM.

From 1813 to 1821 there were varieties with "MID IN" or "MID OUT", see Example 4. They were used to distinguish letters arriving or leaving Dublin around midday, from those in the main mails which reached Dublin in the morning and left in the evening. Then, as now, the public tended to defer posting until as late as possible, hence the "MID IN" and "MID OUT" stamps are uncommon.

The octagonal "SUNDAY" was in use from 1815 to 1853. Generally struck in Red, but it is also recorded as struck in Black or Green. The octagonal and the succeeding Diamond type were in use simultaneously. The octagon was reserved for inland letters, and the Diamond type initially appeared only on mail coming from, or going, overseas.

So we come to the first Diamond type, (Ex. 6) "Date, Month, Date" in straight line, with the year underneath. This type of datestamp with many variations in size and format continued in use until 1846. (over)

DIAMOND TYPES

EX 6.



EX 7.



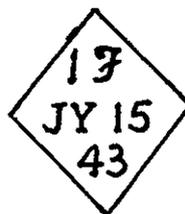
EX 8.



EX 9.



EX 10.



The Diamond with double outlines appeared in 1815, and persisted until 1841. Up to 1828 the space above the date was blank. Then AM or PM appeared there. From 1832 there was instead a number (1-8) and letter M for Morning, F for Forenoon, A for Afternoon or E for Evening. An alternative was an asterisk which probably indicated Noon.

The single line framed Diamond was used occasionally from 1828, and was normal from 1841 (Ex.8) with numbers 1 to 8, and letters A,C,D,E,F (script) H,K,M,*(star) or Blank. The Script F was probably to distinguish it more readily from the letter E.

In 1832 there was a modification in the type, the year being given in two figures only, and the day only after the month (Ex. 9). As I have already noted the Diamond mark varies in size and shape. I have found the following variations:- 23 mm. High to 37 mm. High and Width from 23 mm, to 37 mm. There was a change to the smaller sizes in 1832, and the larger stamps had disappeared by 1838.

While Red is the common colour of ink use, specimens can be found in Black and Blue-Black.

The Editor writes:-

We are planning to publish a very fine study of the Thom Saorstat Wide Date Overprint on the 2½ Shilling Value by Mr. Hans G. Zervas. This original study will contribute a great deal to the study of the overprints and we are most fortunate to be able to publish this study. It will appear in our next issue after we have been able to properly illustrate its examples.

In the matter of the supplements, we are endeavoring to vary them each issue as to subject matter so as not to over-emphasize one particular item. We hope you like this approach.

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