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IRISH SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS OF 1963

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I. General Issues

SUPPORT THE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN was in use at the beginning of the year. During February it was replaced by PLEASE SHEW DISTRICT NUMBER IN DUBLIN ADDRESSES. The few towns holding the die put on JUNE FOR YOUR IRISH HOLIDAY during March. Then for April and May there was the annual (since 1954) reminder PREVENT FOREST FIRES. In June the campaign to MAKE THE ROAD SAFE was resumed, with a mixture of the new (1963) and old (1948) types.



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In August most machines had the new slogan A FULL ADDRESS SPEEDS DELIVERY with a peculiar pictorial representation of a letter dashing across chimneys. In mid-September came the reminder MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON THE VOTERS LISTS. CHECK NOW AT THE POST OFFICE.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO CLEAN THEIR TEETH was current in October, and in November most towns revived MAKE THE ROAD SAFE.

POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS had only a short run, about 10th to 20th December, and then the Road Safety campaign was resumed.

There were a number of exceptional uses, towns not holding a particular die using something else, particularly PLEASE SHEW DISTRICT NUMBER..

II. Local Slogans

Other exceptions to the general usage were occasioned by the use of their local advertisements at Killarney, Westport, etc. (I didn't see Letterkenny). These included two new items, VISIT WEXFORD AND THE SUNNY SOUTHEAST introduced 23 April, and JUNE HOLIDAYS COST LESS HERE at Sligo on 3 May.

Cork has its usual series, in March and April announcing its Choral Festival, in July the Kinsale Regatta and in August-September the Bandon Carnival. Tralee was heralding the Festival of Kerry as early as May; and in October Limerick announced its Grand Opera Festival again.

The slogan event of the year was that for the ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY SCIENCE EXHIBITION, the slogan being used only on items posted in the exhibition between 22 and 25 October.

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MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Aged 50, a Civil Servant, in charge of the Meteorological Office at Dublin Airport. Has written a few semi-learned papers and some "popular" articles on meteorology. Scientific leaning also apparent in papers read to the Old Dublin Society, the best being a history of Dunsink Observatory.

His hobbies comprise simply collecting. His first pocket money was spent on second-hand books and he now has a sizable library as well as portfolios of maps and prints, boxes and cabinets of coins, plus albums and files and envelopes of stamps and postmarks. Inevitably, some of the choicest things have been bought from the dealers or at auctions, but a remarkably high proportion are the result of lucky finds in markets and junk-stores.

Most of the postal history and philatelic material is adequately written-up and the information is summarised in various note-books, amplified from what has been seen in library archives and in other collections. Fresh information is usually circulated to friends in exchange for their findings, and this practice led to the now monthly "Random Notes" extracts from which appear regularly in The Revealer.

A member of philatelic societies

since helping to found a school one in 1924, and at present President of the Irish Philatelic Society. Displays regularly to this society and occasionally to others, usually a mixture of postage and revenue Irish stamps, with a considerable proportion of pre-adhesive matter. Won a Silver Medal at the Dublin Exhibition 1944 but has not entered at any other competitive exhibition.

Married, with one 12-year-old daughter. His wife Beatrice shares in the pleasures of the back street prowling, but her main collecting interests are brass candlesticks and Staffordshire pottery. She is prominent in the Girl Guide movement and other social works, but is happiest in the garden, cultivating prize dahlias and chrysanthemums. The daughter so far concentrates her collecting to costumed dolls

The Dixons live in a 110-year-old terrace house in a southern suburb of Dublin and welcome opportunities of entertaining there guests from overseas.

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III. Slogan to Left or Slogan to Right.
The change to applying the slogan left of the name-and-date Circle has not been popular and although various towns have made the experiment none has maintained it consistently.

New Issue



The special postage stamp in honour of Wolfe Tone, one of the leaders of the Irish insurrection of 1798, the bicentenary of whose birth occurred in 1963 was issued on 13th April, 1964.

The stamp which was designed by Peter Wildbur features a portrait of Wolfe Tone and is in two denominations 4d colour black (17,500,000) and 1s.3d. colour blue (1,250,000). Printing is by the recess process on paper water-marked "E". Perforations 15 x 15.

Definitives. Mr. Keenan adds another to the values known with watermark inverted, the 6d, wmk e. His example is a block of four used in 1961. This is a difficult stamp for watermark appraisal. The method I use is strong sidelighting of the back of the stamp.

An Chrois Dhearg. The wording on the stamps is in awkward Roman type instead of the graceful Gaelic. The multicolour experiment is a calamitous failure, the green being much too bright and the grey much too feeble. The merits of the basic design are quite lost in the violent colour contrasts and attention is distracted by the vast area of solid background. These will join the lamentably large number of Irish stamps to be shown to designers as examples of what not to do

Even the sheet make-up is objectionable, 20 rows of 6. This is oversize for even the largest standard albums, which can just take a pane of 60.

The first sheets of 4d that I saw had serial numbers in the right margin and "traffic lights" for colour registration at bottom left. The 1/3 appears to have neither. Later, I found that the 4d all have the serial number but it can be in either margin, opposite the 10th row. The perforations extend one hole into each margin. On the 1/3 the holes are larger and the perforations cross one margin but the other is completely imperf. I have seen a few stray spots of colour, but nothing that looks promising. A counter-clerk in Dublin G.P.O. though he had found a variety, but it was only the result of rubbing; the paper is what we were brought up to call "chalky-surfaced" (easily proved with a silver coin) and very easily damaged.

Red Cross Varieties. Our two clerics, Rev. J. Brennan and Rev. M. Noonan, have both reported a red line across stamps 4 and 5 of Row 12 in the 4d value and naturally we are watching for the appearance of copies from other areas.

Christmas Seals. The first on sale were from the Rehabilitation Association. They are reprints from last year's plates (or unsold remainders) differing only in the covers of the books, which

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show the price in red instead of blue, and bear the imprint "The Three Candles Ltd. Dublin. Last year there was no imprint.

Undated Parcel Post Stamps

Two years ago the Journal, then the I.P.S.G. Journal, had notes by Dr. de Burca on undated Parcel Post stamps. Illustrated here is a variant of his type A, rather larger than the usual and without enclosing circle. This, from Athy, is on a strip of Q.V. 1d purple. I have a partial strike of what seems to be the same sub-type from Roscrea.



De Burca "A"

Postage Due. J. Keenan reports the 1 1/2 d Postage Due with inverted watermark. This stamp is due for withdrawal, I think. He also has a complete pane of 6d in a very deep shade, possibly best described as mulberry.

1949 Republic 3d. The best evidence that a variety was present from the start of an issue is to have it on first day cover. It is only now I've acquired that evidence for the flaw at No. 1 of the sheet: a dot above and to the right of the left chimney-stack.

Postal Stationery. Again an issue has sneaked out without any advice to collectors. The long-awaited 4d Letter-Card in blue-green on pale cream, with the letter-press as before (except for value) I'll be interested to hear of early examples used, as I suspect that it may have appeared as long ago as the end of 1963.

The First Free State Overprint. I am at present sorting some fiscals, which are yielding impressive pieces like a block of nine £ 1 (Registration of Deeds ED. VII). The most interesting find is a cut-out 6d embossed Supreme Court of Judicature, die Z Shamrock, dated 14.12.21, and therefore possibly not used until after the setting up of the Provisional Government (16.1.22). This would explain its having been overprinted in black SOUTHERN IRELAND.

MORE ABOUT THE DEFINITIVE COILS

We are deeply grateful to our good friend and fellow-member, Malcolm G. O'Reilly for the following comments on the supplement about the Definitive Coil stamps:

(a) General

The Irish Provisional Government took custody of the Irish Post Office on January 19, 1922, when it was turned over to Mr. J.J. Walsh, the Postmaster General of the new government, and Ireland assumed control on April 1, 1922 when at the end of the British fiscal year, the Irish Post Office Department began to retain the total postal revenue. British coils did not become obsolete until 31 March 1922 and, officially no coil stamps were available again until mid-June 1922 when the first Rialtas appeared. (Source;- The Annual Review 1921-22, Ireland, Past and Present by Tom Ireland 1943, and Kohl, Handbuch by Dr. Munk.

(b) First Definitive Paste-Ups

Additional leader strips:

1/2d P 480 1/2d Stamps Delivery Left Side First. Price £ 1 0 4

P as above but right side of the stamp selvage attached to leader.

1 1/2d. N 480 1 1/2d Stamps Delivery Left Side First. Price £ 3 0 4

2d. T 480 2d Stamps Delivery Left Side First. Price £ 4 0 4

2d A trailer from the 2d identified as coming from a 960 DELIVERY TOP END FIRST.

N.B. The leaders and trailers - the last 3 items were on coated (with the proper color) paper.

(c) 1d Experimental Coil-April 1933

My first dated copy is a pair off cover with 4 Sept 1933 Dublin #18 (Baile Atha Cliath 18).

Despite what Kohl says I am convinced that this issue was done by Messrs Thomas De La Rue & Co. because of the similarity between it and the then current coil issue of the Union of South Africa. This coil is found with inverted watermark. The re-entry which Mr. Kane refers to can not, per se, be a reentry but must be from the forming (rounding) of the plate. It is constant and collectible but not a reentry. Out of alignment pairs are found and these differ only minutely in measurement but signi-

ficantly in appearance.

(d) Second 1d. Coil July 1934

The second 1d endless coil (circa July 1934) I have dated from August 1934 to December 1938. Here, too, out of alignment pairs can be found and they are much more dramatic than the previous issue.

(e) 1/2d and 2d Coils 1934

The 1/2d and 2d coils of 1934 (vertical, that is) can be found (1) with paste-up and (2) considerable variations in spacing which (to me) is indicative of the rotary plate for a continuous printing.

(f) 1d Coil of 1940

The first 1d endless coil, with watermark E, I can find dated only on 30 Dec. 1946 (on a cover to O.P. Kennedy) and the paucity of pairs available to me prevents my saying if out of alignment or out of spacing pairs exist.

(g) 2d Green Coil Stamp

I can add nothing to the 2d coil except that of the 5 genuine copies I have seen or studied (one of which was unused) there was no question but that they were O.K. as to size, color, paper, intensity of inking were identical and decidedly dissimilar from the runs of 2d's from sheets or booklets.

(h) 1d Coil of 1946

Out of alignments can be found too for the 1d perf 15 E watermark issued in 1946(?); most of my used dates are 1951.

I do not think that the "recurring flaws" listed for one roll of this stamp are significant, for after proper cleaning of the plate they may disappear. They are indicative of typographically printed stamps and while interesting, are only that.

(i) Paste-Up Coils Since

On the E watermark, from sheets, I can record leaders and trailers:

960 1d Stamps F Delivery Top End First. Price £ 4, and trailers from the same. These are in addition to those listed by Mr. Kane (page 62).



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