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IRISH POSTAGE STAMPS

Special Issue commemorating 50th Anniversary of 1916 Rising



A series of eight special stamps was issued on Tuesday, 12th April 1966 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Rising in Ireland of Easter Week, 1916, and the signatories of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic all of whom were executed after the Rising.

The stamps were in four denominations: 3d (20 million stamps) with two designs printed alternately on each sheet, one showing a portrait of James Connolly and the other of Thomas J. Clarke. 5d. (26 million stamps) with two designs printed alternately on each sheet, one showing a portrait of Patrick H. Pearse and the other a general design symbolizing the lives lost in the war of independence and the them of Ireland marching into an era of freedom. 7d. (1,250,000 stamps) with two designs printed alternately on each sheet, one showing a portrait of Eamonn Ceannt and the other of Sean MacDiarmada. 1s.5d. (1,500,000 stamps) with two designs printed alternately on each sheet, one showing a portrait of Joseph Plunkett and the other of Thomas MacDonagh.

All of the stamps were by multicolour photogravure on paper watermarked with the letter "e". Perforations 15 x 15. Souvenir folders containing an example of each stamp and descriptive material were also available for 6s. per copy, together with postage.

First Day covers were serviced by the Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin 1, and by the Postmasters of An Uaimh, Athlone, Ballina, Bantry, Birr, Carlow, Carrick-on Shannon, Cavan, Claremorris, Clonmel, Cork, Donegal, Drogheda, Dundalk, Dun Laoghaire, Ennis, Enniscorthy, Galway, Kilkenny, Kilkenny, Letterkenny, Limerick, Longford, Mallow, Monaghan, Mullingar, Naas, Port Laoise, Roscommon, Sligo, Thurles, Tralee, Wicklow, Westport, Waterford and Wexford.

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FOR 1966-1967

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Coins



ANNIVERSARY—Obverse (left) and reverse of the 10-shilling coin issued to mark 1916 Irish rebellion.

The 10-shilling (\$1.40) coin is legal tender. It is a fine (83 per cent) silver alloy, and is available from the Secretary of the Central Bank of Ireland, Dublin 2. The price of an ordinary uncirculated coin piece is 12/6 or \$ 1.80, which includes surface mail postage. A limited issue of 20,000 proof coins is being struck. The price of a proof, including a presentation case and sea-mail postage is 32/6 or \$4.60

INTERESTING LABELS

William Hickey



The above illustrations are from my own collection and are most interesting. The two White Cross labels are believed to have been issued by the Irish White Cross, which was founded in 1920 to aid wounded members of the I.R.A. and to relieve distress caused in Ireland by the Black & Tans during 1920-1921.

The third label is in tricolor, inscribed, "IRELAND A NATION". I saw a similar copy in the National Museum, Dublin in a case along with the overcoat Roger Casement was wearing at the time of his arrest on Good Friday 1916. It is claimed that this label was in his billfold and would date the label as 1916 or earlier.

Can anyone supply any information about these interesting labels?

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We hope to have a current index of the leading articles in the Revealer very soon after the close of the present year. A few copies of the old index are still available from Bill Hickey.

Irish Airmail Etiquettes

by Fred E. Dixon

No.	Date	Inscription	Colour	Form No.	Size (mm)	Sheet	Make-up	Perf
1	1922	POST-AER (framed) (BY AIR MAIL)	Black on dark blue	P 25	40x17 1/2	6 x 14		Imp.
2	1923	" " "	" "	"	39 x 17	6 x 14		11
3	1925	AER-PHOST (framed) (BY AIR MAIL)	" "	"	42 x 21	6 x 14		11
4	1928	PAR AVION (framed) AER-PHOST	" "	M.P.25	41 x 22	6 x 14		11 11 1/2
5	1935	" " "	" "	O.E.78	40 x 22	6 x 14		11
6	1939	" " "	" "	"	40 x 22	6 x 14		Roul.
7	1944	" " (no frame)	Dark blue on pale	" (§)	35 x 14	5 x 14		"
8	1954	" " " "	White on dark blue	None	35 x 15	5 x 14		"
9	1959	PAR AVION (no frame) AERPHOST	" "	"	35 x 15	5 x 14		"
10	1961	PAR AVION (no frame) AER-PHOST	" "	(*) O.E.78	35 x 15	5 x 14		"
11	1963	" " " "	" "	(¶) O.E.78	35 x 15	5 x 14		"
12	1965	" " " "	White on pale blue	(#) O.E.78	35 x 15	5 x 14		"

Notes: (§) On No. 7, the O.E. 78 appears only once on the sheet
 (*) On No.10, the O.E. 78 is 8 1/2 x 1 1/2 mm.
 (¶) On No.11, the O.E. 78 is 6 1/2 x 1 mm.
 (#) On No.12, the O.E. 78 is 8 x 1 mm.

PARCELS TYPES

P 1	?	PAR AVION (no frame) BY AIRMAIL	White on dark blue	None	65 x 37	?		11
P 2	?	" " " "	Black on pale blue	None	68 x 37	4 x 6		Roul.
P 3	1963	PAR AVION AERPHOST	White on blue	O.E. 7	66 x 35 1/2	4 x 6		Roul.

The Irish Cancelling Machines and Slogans in 1965

Summary by Fred E. Dixon

During 1965 five more offices installed cancelling machines, Carrick-on-Shannon, Fermoy, Shannon Airport, Wicklow and Youghal.

The only new slogans for general use were the pair with pictorial representations of the Dublin G.P.O. facade, and urging greater use of the Post Office's savings facilities, through the Savings Bank and Savings Certificates. They were distributed during February and March. (continued next page)

The P.O. Savings campaign included the revival in Limerick of the "Bank your Savings in the Savings Bank" introduced in 1944, but not used anywhere since 1950.

There were four new local slogans. In January Ballina began to publicise the MOY FESTIVAL to be held there in July. Sligo was less enterprising, the FESTIVAL OF SLIGO slogan not appearing until March. There were no more until October, when Galway had one advertising JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GALWAY & SALTHILL. At about the same time Cork started the slogan for its SCIENCE EXHIBITION, held early in November.

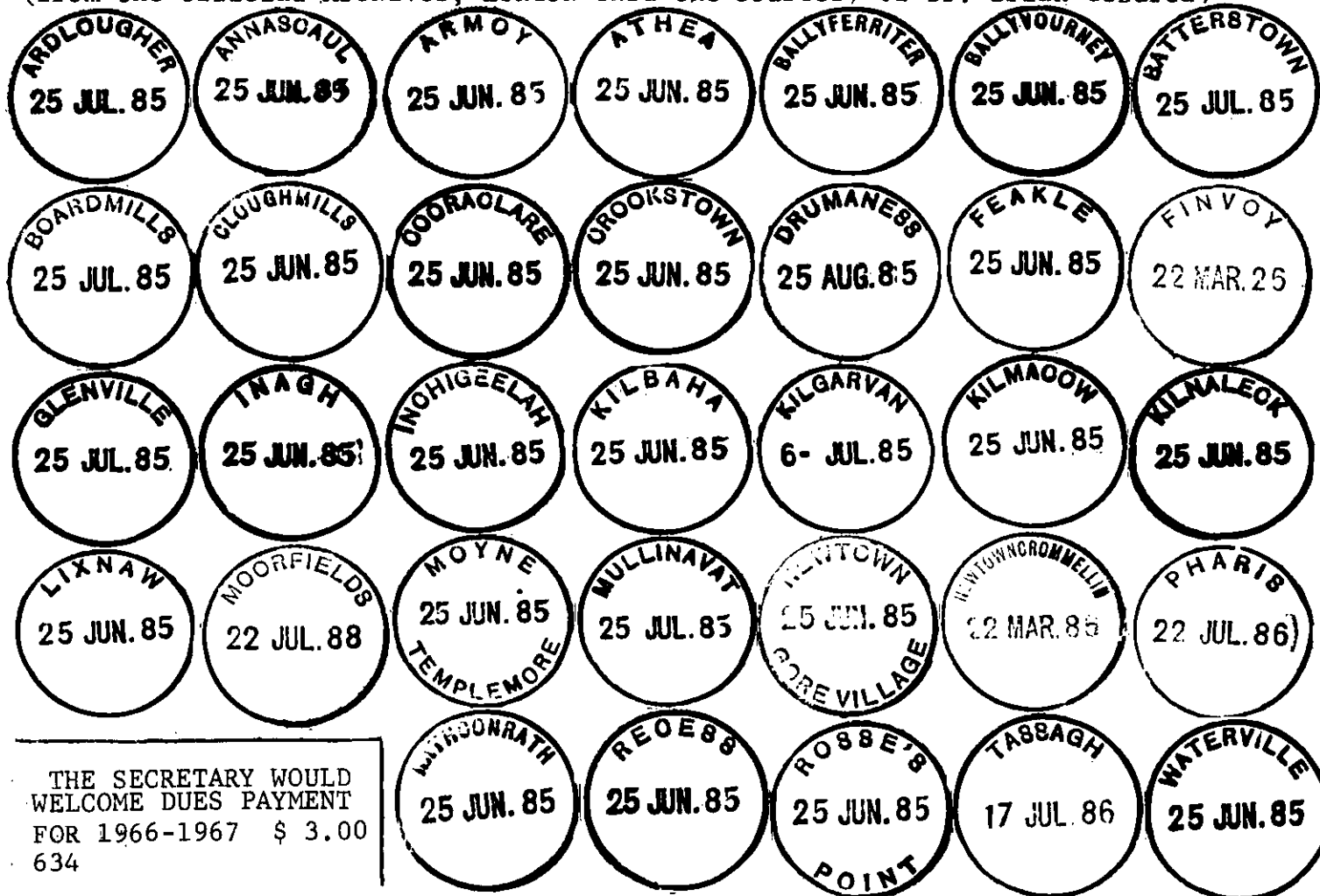
Local slogans revived during 1965 included the holiday appeals of Wexford and Bray, the Choral Festival at Cork, the Opera Festival at Limerick, the Festival of Kerry at Tralee and the usual pair on the Cork machine for the Kinsale Regatta followed by the Bandon Carnival.

Finally, there were the revivals of the various dies in general use, the commonest being that urging the use of District Numbers in Dublin Addresses, supplemented by the "Full Address Speeds Delivery". "Prevent Forest Fires" had its customary Spring use (for the 12th year) and from September onwards there were the two Voters Lists slogans, not systematically used, as the distribution of the Lists to Post Offices did not keep to schedule. "Teach your children to clean their Teeth" had a limited run in October and the Road Safety slogans came back in November and were only interrupted by the "Post Early for Christmas", which was inadvertently used at Monaghan on 31st December.

A peculiarity (but not unprecedented) was that Dundalk and Kilkenny started 1965 with the year line blank, until the new dies were ready. There were other abnormalities, mainly inversions of the name-and-date circle, or parts thereof.

IRISH RUBBER HANDSTAMPS 1885-1886 FURNISHED TO IRISH POST OFFICES

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