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ASSISTANCE REQUIRED URGENTLY

Due to a promotion which necessitates a training period of several months away from home, Mr Carr will no longer be able to duplicate the News-Sheet. Mr Carr has our congratulations in achieving this promotion and we wish him well in his new appointment, however, this does leave us in a difficult situation.

We do not have as yet a machine of our own, and even if we did the work entailed in producing a monthly bulletin is too much for one person to handle. We require, therefore, assistance immediately in the form of someone who has access to a duplicator and who is willing to run-off and post some to 80 copies per month.

Later, when we have sufficient capital to purchase our own machine, one or more alternative forms of assistance will be needed,

- a. Someone to take over the post of Secretary.
- b. Someone to type 8 or 9 stencils per month.
- c. Someone to operate the duplicator and post the bulletin.

The only other alternative, if we are to keep the Group going is to have the News-Sheet duplicated commercially. That, however is fairly expensive and would probably mean reverting to a bi-monthly News-Sheet.

If anyone is prepared to help in any of the above ways would they ease contact the Secretary as soon as possible?

PERFIN FRANKS THIS ISSUE

Through the courtesy of a member of the staff of Messrs. Lepard & Smiths Ltd. we have been able to obtain a special lot of ½d QE II Multiple Crown watermark, perforated with L&S/Ld in blocks of four, showing the missing pins of L in Ld of the upper right hand die,

Only 100 blocks of 4 have been so perforated and should be the only QE II to exist since the machine was taken out of

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use in 1940.

The stamps perforated came from shoots 72184 and 72522
printed from cylinder 3 dot

PHOTOGRAPH OF PERFIN MACHINES

Mr D Muggleton has produced a photograph of the above
mentioned machine together with the one in use by LONGMORES both
of which were on view at the November meeting. The photograph
measuring 9¼" x 6¼", also shows reproductions of the punctures
and can be obtained from Mr Muggleton at 14, London Road,
Buntingford, Herts, for 5/6d post free.

THE AUCTION

All accounts have now been settled and a list of prices
realised is given below. Unfortunately several lots did not sell
and those that were donated to the Group will be amalgamated and
then broken down into convenient lots to be offered in a future
News-Sheet.

On the whole I think that the auction was a great success
and thanks are extended to all who supported it. Many lots were
in great demand and when two or more similar bids were received
for the same lot the date of posting decided which bid was to be
successful.

Chris Carr.

Lot 8 - 3/-	Lot 5 - 10/6	Lot 10 - 10/-	Lot 11 - 30/-
12 - 15/-	13 - 7/6	14 - 4/-	15 - 3/-
16 - 3/6	17 - 1/6	18 - 1/-	19 - 2/-
22 - 3/-	23 - 3/-	24 - 1/-	25 - 1/6
28 - 1/-	29 - 4/-	30 - 5/-	31 - £4
34 - 4/-	35 - 4/-	36 - 7/6	37 - 7/-
38 - 4/-	39 - 1/3	40 - 1/6	41 - 4/-
42 - 2/-	46 - 9/-	47 - 7/-	48 - 7/-
49 - 7/-	52 - 10/-	53 - 8/-	54 - 7/6
55 - 2/-	56 - 3/-	57 - 3/-	

Lots 1 to 7, 20, 21, 26, 27, 32, 33, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 58
were unsold.

Total receipts including sale of auction list came to just
under £14.0.0. The not profit after deduction of expenses came
to £2.10.7d. This included commission, sale of donated stamps,
and one half the proceeds from the sale of stamps entered by Mr
K Rymor Young. This amount has been added to the Duplicator
Fund.

DUPLICATOR FUND

During March £7.0.7d was added to the fund. This came
from sale of back catalogue Pages, profit from the exchange
packet, proceeds from auction, and a donation from Mr Marcuse.

The Fund now stands at £10.6.7d

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MORE ON 1d REDS

1. Mr Hodkinson writes; " Re your notes on 1d reds, I agree with your comments. Myself, I collect postmarks & perfins of Monmouthshire and in the course of time have waded through bulk lots etc., and very rarely have I found good copies. In fact, I got so disgusted with the material sent out that I ended up by burning some.

It is the same with 1d red covers. The same old postmarks. What was waste paper material is becoming more difficult to find today. Good condition in postmark or perfin is well worth your valuation, more so if the postmark is of a small town or village."

2. Mr Jennings ----- Pursuing the arguments regarding the relative values of line-engraved and surface printed perfins, I do not think we can in any way relate market values of these to Gibbons' prices for identical stamps without perfins.

In the case of 1d plates alone, I would like to point out that Plate Numbers lower than 96 are very much scarcer than those over 216 if they are to be found with perfins. I have handled many thousands of perforated 1d plates and have only come across one or two examples of the earlier plates but have seen many of Plate 225. By the time that the later plates had come into use the number of users had increased tremendously, and there is a greater chance of finding one of these with some perfin or other than there is of the earlier plates. This, of course, will not apply to all Perfins for whereas, some firms were using quite a lot of these stamps in the days of the earlier plates they had ceased to use them, or perhaps very rarely, on the later plates. Plate 144 I have found particularly scarce for some reason or other yet it is quite common without perfins. Obviously catalogue prices cannot possibly reflect any indication of value in the case of these stamps.

I have in my collection the only known example of the "O.P.-P.C" error with perfin (GLYN). One could attend several auctions a year and purchase copies of this stamp without perfin and quite a number of dealers would have one in their stocks, but what would be the value of an only known copy. To the ordinary collector, as a "defective" stamp it might fetch one-tenth of its £45 catalogue price. On the other hand a number of rich perfin collectors competing for this particular item, each keen to acquire it for his collection, who can say what price it would fetch. I think it would certainly be in excess of the price of a normal stamp. I paid only 35/- (\$5.00) for this item, from another dealer. He was glad to get rid of it because he had no demand. I know a number of collectors who would give me three times as much as "defective" but it would be interesting to know what it would be priced at if perfins became popular enough to merit a priced catalogue of their own.

The average perfin collector is of course, completely at sea regarding the worth of perfins unless he has sorted many thousands and knows with what frequency certain stamps and dies appear. For my own part I am guided by whatever I am lacking in

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my collection. Having acquired the greater part of all known dies on almost all values of all periods of Great Britain's stamps I know that if a stamp turns up which I do not have it must be scarce and I am willing to pay accordingly. For good sound copies of any stamp not in my collection, I would gladly pay full Gibbons' catalogue price in the case of Victorian high values and surface printed plates, and for 'absent' 1d plates (also ½d, 1½d and 2d Plates I would pay up to ten times Gibbons prices. Blocks, covers, strips etc., also command a premium, if I do not already have them. It would seem, therefore, that the value of perfins can only be assessed at the moment by the collector himself, based upon his experience, keenness, and pocket. Incidentally, what value does one put on a completely mint pane of 3d rose, Plate 18, irrespective of die, which cost me £5? It is catalogued as normals at over £50 and, as such, would probably nearly realise that in auction. How many exist with perfins?. When I was offered this item I considered myself extremely lucky to pick it up for a "fiver"

There are, of course, some dies on some stamps that are so common as to be worth very little, yet even these are scarcer than copies without perfin, and it is only the smaller demand for perfins which makes it possible to pick them up for a fraction of catalogue value. It must be extremely difficult for the ordinary perfin collector to know just what to pay for an individual stamp. It may be some guide in the case of unsorted lots of 1d red perfins if I state that I generally pay 50/- (\$7) per 100 and take my chance upon what I find, condition etc: Sometimes I am lucky but often, these days, I find very little.

Compiling a priced catalogue would be extremely difficult because each stamp would have to be priced in relation to every known die, and a volume the size of the London Telephone Directory would be required. Probably most collectors would be more happy with a catalogue giving some indication of comparative scarcity of dies rather than of the stamps bearing those dies, although this must also be borne in mind. Possibly someone will tackle this job one day.

EDITORIAL NOTE Since writing the above Mr Jennings has himself attempted a pricing of 1d red plate numbers with perfins. We shall be publishing this in our next issue.

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