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STRIKE BOUND

By the time this issue goes to press it appears that we shall still be in the middle of a postal strike and shall, therefore, be unable to put it into the nail. We will, however, mail the bulletins at the earliest possible date following the end of the strike

Should the strike continue for many weeks it will prevent us from gathering the necessary material for a further issue and may well mean a combined issue cowering two months. We shall make every endeavour to bet out a further issue as soon as possible after the end of the strike, but that may take three or four weeks, so please do not look for another one too soon.

NEW MEMBER

We have pleasure in reporting that another collector has joined our ranks.

Mr J. Clarkson 84, Ontario Avenue, Mildura 3500, Victoria,
Australia.

COMPETITION SUCCESS

In our last issue we carried a notice about one our members winning his local society competition with a perfin entry. We have now received brief details of Mr Clinch's exhibit and it is with pleasure that we print the appropriate parts of his letter.

"I have, entered perfins in competitions before, but have always been told by the judges that they should not have been entered. This particular display was only entered to make up the number.

So that as it may, the impossible has happened. The Display was made up of nine sheets as follows,

Sheet 1. Portion of a cancelled cheque perforated B.L.A.S.

14,7,12,12 (11mm.). As far as I can make out it is most likely the Bank of London & South America, as that is who the cheque is made out to.

Sheet 2. O.U.S. overprint.

Sheet 3. Copestake Moore & Crampton underprint.

Sheet 4. Civil Service Stores Association perfins, including three types of No. 714 and Nos. 722 and 723.

Sheet 5. Macmillan & Co., Ltd. Two types.

Sheet 6. Great Northern Railway.

Sheet 7. Bourne & Hollingsworth Ltd. Two types, one from their Berlin made 'Poko' machine - B/H 15/9 The bottom of the joins the top of the H and the overall height is 11mm.

Sheet 8. Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd. Includes both the "Barclay" machine stamps (1903-1959) and the Slopers 'Power Driven Perforating- Machine' No. 73461, (1959 to date).

Sheet 9. Barclays Bank Limited. This was made up of two types of No. 73.2 and two types of 74.2 "

It appears from the above that Mr Clinch has discovered some hitherto unknown, or at least unreported, facts about perforating machines. No doubt many other members also possess similar knowledge. Would someone care to take on the project of collecting all these facts and compiling them with a view to publication in the bulletin?

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

Mr Husband has provided the answers to the queries in our December issue as follows,
No. 656 CRISP Crisp & Co., Ltd., General drapers and complete house furnishers, cabinet makers, upholsterers and bedding manufacturers.

The firm's addresses are given in the 1910 Post Office London Directory as,

67-83, Seven Sisters Road, Holloway, N.
130-110, Devonshire Road, Holloway, N.
1& 1a, 2, 4, 6, 8,10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, Sussex Road, Holloway, N.

H&S Hill & Smith were iron fence makers and galvanised corrugated sheet iron manufacturers according to the Post Office London Guide of 1889.

Their address during the duration of the 1d lilac was 118, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.

The firm was started (or started to be included in the Guide) between 1846 and 1853, and was originally called Edward Hill & Company. Their address was 53, Watling Street, E.C.

The 1856 Guide, however, gives the name as Hill & Smith trading from the same address, and they moved to Queen Victoria Street between 1856 and 1877.

LAPSED MEMBERS

Normally, anyone who had not paid the annual subscription by the end of the previous year would not be receiving the January bulletin. In view of the postal strike disrupting communications there may be some late payments stuck in the post, and to ensure that no one is missed out, this issue will go to the complete membership. At the beginning of January however, there were 10 members who had not renewed. A cross at the right will signify that you are one of the ten and no more issues will be sent unless we hear from you.

RAILWAY PERFINs

Starting with this issue we are sending out Worksheets dealing with perfins used by railway companies in the United Kingdom. We would be grateful for the co-operation of all members who, by adding any details known to them and returning worksheets to the Editor, will greatly assist the final work being as complete as possible.

Please put your name on returned worksheets so that we shall know who to contact should any need further clarification.

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6.3. COSTA RICA

Stanley Gibbons has the following note in Part III, after the list of Official stamps of 1937:

"With the exception of a proportion of the printing reserved at face value for collectors, but not valid for postage the high values of these stamps were issued to Government officials with a hole punched through them.

The 10 col. value was also issued, but only a very limited quantity was available without a punch-hole and it was the object of local speculation".

Yvert notes that the 1937 series were perforated with a punch hole for official use, and indicates that a star perforation had a similar use on certain values.

The circular punch hole was also used on an earlier stamp for Mr. Carr has shown me a cover sent by the Banco Nacional de Costa Rica, San Jose, to a firm in Manchester. It has four of the 1936 5c. value stamps (S.G. 0.104) overprinted "Officials", each with the large punch hole in the centre.

The stamps are cancelled in pairs with purple ink (part of it goes right through the holes of the two stamps), the postmark is San Jose, Costa Rica, and the date is Mar 14 1937.

A curious feature is another postmark dated Mar 13th 1937, which was applied to the envelope: before the stamps were put on, part of it is under the stamps. This postmark reads Buzoners No.1, San Jose, C.R. Mr. Carr says that he has had mail sent to him which is double dated, the earlier before the stamp are applied as if some form of checking is done before the item is actually franked.

As will be noted from the lists on the following page, the star perfin would seem to be more common than the punch hole, as many more of those have been reported by members.

A) A single large punch hole (4mm)

<u>On stamps of 1936</u>		
S.G.	0104	5c. green *

<u>On stamps of 1937 (Coat of Arms)</u>		
S.G.	0106	2c. lilac
	0107	3c. bistre-brown
	0108	4c. carmine
	0109	5c. olive-green *
	0110	8c. sepia
	0111	10c. carmine
	0112	20c. indigo
	0113	40c. vermillion
	0114	55c. lilac
	0115	1 col. red-brown
	0116	2 col. grey-blue
	0117	5 col. orange

Also: 10 col. Air stamp.

B) A star composed of 30 holes

<u>On stamps of 1937 (Coat of Arms)</u>		
S.G.	0106	2c. lilac
	0107	3c. bistre-brown
	0108	4c. carmine
	0112	20c. indigo
	0113	40c. vermillion
	0115	1 col. red-brown
	0116	2 col. grey-blue
	0117	5 col. orange
		10 col. blue

* reported by Mr A.S. Bartleson and other members

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