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NEWS

A letter has been received from Mr. Jennings saying that he has been surprised and gratified that so many members have written saying that in their opinion his being a dealer made no difference to their appreciation and recognition of his work. Mr. Jennings' reaction is that if it is the wish of the majority of the membership then he will withdraw his resignation and continue as our President for at least a further twelve months but he does, however, feel that he must refrain from attempting to evaluate market prices for perfins.

WILL YOU PLEASE REGISTER YOUR OPINION AT THE FOOT, OF THE COMMITTEE VOTING FORM INCLUDED AND MENTIONED LATER IN THIS ISSUE

Subscriptions are now due and in some cases overdue, if your bulletin is marked accordingly would you please contact the Secretary as soon as possible with the appropriate amount to keep the records and funds in order.

A voting slip is included in this bulletin to enable all Members to select their Committee and it is hoped that everyone will respond immediately so that this point can be, settled in the very near future.

The following two announcements are from Mr. Carr and require very Considerable thought from all members

AUCTION NOTES

THE SECOND AUCTION - OR WAS IT??

I expended a lot of energy to produce the second auction, but I am beginning to think that (1) members are not interested, (2) they don't buy perfins or (3) the time of year was wrong.

Only FOUR people sent in bids and as a result the following lots were sold:-

Lot 10 - 10/-	Lot 11 - 5/-	Lot 31 - 1/-
Lot 32 - 2/-	Lot 34 - 12/6	Lot 37 - 15/-

All remaining lots are, therefore, offered again with a closing date of 5th April 1963. Unless more support is forthcoming I do not think that it will be worth holding any more auctions. Remember your group will benefit by every successful bid.

Chris J.T. Carr
4 Mount Road, Dover

PROPOSED LONDON MEETING
WANTED - MEMBERS TO ATTEND

As the last meeting was so poorly attended I feel most reluctant to arrange another one. However, I will make the necessary arrangements if enough members write to me straight away, so that an announcement can be in the next issue of the news sheet.

Several members travel long distances but we see very few from those who live in and around London. Don't be put off if you are a new member or a beginner, you will be most welcome.

Why not come along and meet your fellow members.

Please write to me and say if you can come.

Chris J. T. Carr,
4 Mount Road,
Dover.

PERFIN PRICES

It may be of interest to note that according to a recent advertisement in "Stamp Collecting" 1st February 1963, the price of a Perfin is only half catalogue value as sold by Messrs. Chas. Nissen & Co. Ltd.:-_

" 1874 4d. Plate 16. Used copy of this outstanding rarity (only 4 or 5 believed to exist), perforated with firms initials and has 3 perfs. clipped - £300 "

This, presumably, refers to S.G.152 catalogued at £650 (1962) but the advert does not state what the perfin is.

The same advertisement also offered a couple of "Pears Soap" underprints on the 1881 1d. lilac and 1887 ½d. orange both at 27/6 each.

FROM THE EDITOR

My other interest beside perfins lies in football and I am a referee officiating in the local leagues of Coventry. I mention this because in the Referee's Bi-monthly magazine the editor Mr. Cyril Jackson has written an article on the publication of the same and he makes a point which I think expresses my own feelings as your editor and with thanks to him for permission to quote him, I reproduce it here below:-

From the Football Referee (official organ of the Referee's Association) January 1963.

"As you will appreciate, the collection of copy is the Editor's biggest headache for if it does not come along then he has to be prepared to write most, if not all, of the final content. The editor likes to have masses of copy - it is a very healthy sign when he does for he can be more selective if he has a good choice. As the articles and news is received it is scrutinised and, if considered to be of likely interest, typed on one side only of a sheet of paper. It is these sheets which constitute the first draft of the magazine.

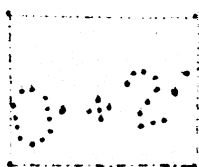
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Before proceeding further the Editor has to assess his total amount of copy. Is it too much ? It is too thin ? What main features are there ? Shall he cut an article drastically, leave it over to a forthcoming issue, or leave it out altogether ? These are just a few of the questions and problems that have to be considered and decided.

WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER ?

In a recent letter from Mr. G. Collison of Cambridge he asked if anyone could throw any light on a rather unusual Perfin that he came across recently:

The Perfin is in a copy of S.G.421

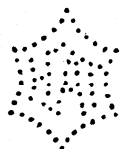


The numerals measure 7½mm in height and the two perforations immediately after the '0' and '2' are larger than the others. Any suggestions ?.

ANSWERS

Over the past few months I have been given quite a number of Perfins of a particular type which I couldn't make out at all and then one day one turned up complete with the users name and address. I sat down and wrote for information and a result I can now pass on to you the following notes:

Messrs. Jones & Attwood Ltd. Of Stourbridge are Hydraulic Engineers and Ironfounders and their Trade Mark and Telegram address is HEAT. This word is placed inside a six pointed star which has concave sides. The letters of the word are all connected with the H & E sharing one vertical stroke. Below the perfin is produced, actual size but I have not seen one yet that has had all its punctures complete, in fact only about 50% of the punctures are complete, the rest being impressions only:-



Full
Perfin



Line
Sketch



Usual
Punctures
Shown

The blank space overleaf could have been filled if more material had been forthcoming from members.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Given below are the names of those members who have agreed to stand for office on the Committee, and since they are not known personally to the majority of our members, a details are given.

We should also like to thanks those of our American friends who offered their services - this was appreciated very much - however, since a Committee is a new departure for our Group and many things will need thrashing out, we think that initially we should stick to an all British Committee. The distance separating us would probably make the initial discussions a long drawn out affair.

We hope, however, that this will not prevent our members overseas from voting. We want a vote from each member.

It is considered that a committee of three will suffice in the first instance, (this can be amended later by the Committee itself if considered necessary), and your votes are required for three of the members given below. Please put a cross in the boxes adjacent to the three names of your choice, detach the slip and post it to the Secretary.

- Mr. E. A. Mills (Membership No. 44) is an Engraver by trade and besides Perfins also collects Red Cross Stamps. He is a member of the UNIREX Society and Treasurer of the _Epsom and Ewell P.S.
- Mr. J. Nelson (Membership. No. 14) is a solicitors Probate Managing Clerk and collects the stamps of Jamaica up to its Independence. He is also one of the regular contributors to the Bulletin with articles and identifications etc.
- Mr. F.H.B. Smith (Membership No. 16) is in Insurance and besides Perfins collects Swiss stamps along with general collection. He is a member of the London & Provincial P.S. as well as the Helvetia P.S.
- Mr. V. A. Terry (Membership No. 60) works as a Cost Accounts Clerk for a large car manufacturer in Coventry and collects Perfins from all countries as well as specialised Air Mail Covers from the whole wrld. He is a member and a former Secretary of the Coventry P.S.
- Mr. B. Tomkins (Membership No. 17) is one of the backbone members of the group in his capacity of Catalogue Editor and whose work speaks for itself in the continuous of pages in each Bulletin,
- Mr. M. O. Welch (Membership No. 18) is a Research Chemist who collects wide world perfins but specialises in those of Eire. He is a member of the following Societies:-
British Postmarks Society, Irish Study Group, Great Britain P.S., King George VI Society and the Precancel Society.

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Selection of Committee continued

Rev. W. West (Membership No. 19) is a former Packet Supt, of the G.B. Perfin Study Group and collects, besides Perfins, Precancels, Coins, Registered Labels, Post Cards, Antiques and Victoriana. He also belongs to the Precancel Society and the Registration Society.

Mr. K. Rymer-Young (Membership No. 20) is a retired Civil Servant who is another regular contributor to the bulletin on various items. He is also a member of the Precancel Society.

DO IT NOW BEFORE YOU FORGET

The following further notes are additional to the list issued in News Sheet No. 36 of September 1962.

PERFINS ON POSTAL STATIONERY (Continued)

Earlier Dates

1	ENVELOPES	Q.V. 1 penny pink Ju 15 99 (A&N/C.S.L)
2	REGISTERED ENVELOPES	
3	POSTCARDS	
4	WRAPPERS	Q.V. ½ penny brown Ja 14 01 (B.F) K.E.VII ½ penny green 5 11 02 (AC/&Co)

Additional users:

Type III

AC/&Co	2H	10,8/14,8,4	5/5,5,2	K.E.VII	Wrapper
B.R	H	14,11	5	Q.V.	Wrapper
CR	H	8,13	4½	Q.V.	Wrapper
C.R	H	8,13	4½	Q.V.	Wrapper
C&S	S	9,13,11	5½	Q.V.	Wrapper

D&J/Co

Type IIIA

FR/&Co	2H	8,12/12,8,6	4½/5,4,2½	Q.V.	Wrapper
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Type III

GM/&G	2H	10,15/14,10	4½/4½	Q.V.	Wrapper
H.A.L	H	12,11,7	5	Q.V.	Wrapper
M/G	2H	15/10	4½/4½	K.E.VIII	Wrapper
PL/Ld	2H	9,7/7,7	4/4,3	Q.V.	Wrapper
R&S/H	2H	11,14,7/12	4½/4½	Q.V.	Wrapper

Many thanks to Messrs. Enschede, Nelson, Regnier and Summers for information on this subject.

If there is any further information which anyone can offer it will be published at a later date.

Miss M.E. Thornton

G. B. PROTECTIVE OVERPRINTS AND UNDERPRINTS

Following the notes on the O.U.S. over/underprints in the October News Sheet No. 37, Mr. Collison now continues with:-

The Underprint of Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co.

- 1) It appears that the underprint of Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co. was primarily an advertisement and not, as in the case of the other firms, a protective measure. This form of advertising being the idea of the enterprising George Moore, a partner of the firm. Mr. Moore having noticed during his business career how often was the need for a postage stamp.
- 1a) It is of interest to note that in 1876 (the year he died) Mr. Moore was on a Government Commission inquiring into the money order system used by the Post Office.
- 2) The underprint was in four lines printed in the colour of the stamp under the gum as follows:
COPESTAKE,/MOORE,/CRAMPTON, & CO.,/London
The firms name being in sans-serif letters and "London" in Gothic script. There are a number of printings including private ones over the gum. The firm applied to use the underprint in November 1867
- 3) The underprint is known on the Penny Red "plate Nos.", 1½d. Shield type and twopenny Blue of the Line-engraved issues. It is also on the ½d but printed in vermilion.
It exists on the Penny Venetian Red and other surface-printed issues in the colour of the stamp.
- 4) The name of the firm was changed in 1867 to Copestake, Hughes, Crampton & Co. A private printing exists. There is also an error reading "IRAMPTON" for CRAMPTON.
- 5) The following is a list of thee stamps bearing the underprint and from what plates these are found.

Penny Red Plate Nos.

74; 76; 78; 79; 80; 90; 92; 96; 97; 100 to 120; 122; 123; 125; 127; 129 to 150; 152; 154; 155; 157; 158; 160; 162; 163; 164; 167; 168; 169; 171; 172; 174 to 181; 183; 185 to 189; 191; 192; 194; 196 to 202; 204; 205; 206; 207; 211; 213; 214; 215; 219 and 224.

1½d. Shield Type

From plates "1" and 3.

2d. Blue

9; 12; 13; 14 and 15

½d. (in Vermilion)

3; 4; 5; 6; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12; 13; 14; 15 and 20.

Penny Venetian Red

Three-penny Rose

5; 8; 14; 18; 19; 20

Sixpence Violet

From plates 8; 9

Sixpence Grey

From plate 14

Shilling Green

From plates 4 and 12

Private printings

- a) Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co, in four lines VERTICALLY in black over the gum.
- b) Copestake, HUGHES, Crampton & Co. in four lines horizontally in black over the gum.
- c) "Copestake" only in vermilion on the face of the Penny Red Plate Nos.

THE UNDERPRINT OF J. & C. BOYD & CO.

- 1) In February 1867 Messrs. J. & C. Boyd and Co. requested permission to print their name on the backs of their postage stamps.
- 2) The underprint consisted of J. & C./Boyd & Co./7 Friday St. in three horizontal lines under the gum in red. It is found on the penny red "Plate Nos." and twopenny blues as follows:-
Penny Reds from plates:
73; 74; 78; 79; 85; 87; 90; 102; 103; 107; 108; 111; 112; 113; 115; 118; 119; 120; 121; 124; 127; 129; 130; 132; 133; 134; 139; 140; 143; 145; 146; 148; 150; 152; 154; 155; 159; 160; 162; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 170; 171; 172; 177; 179; 181; 183; 185; 192; 193; 194; 195; 198; 199; 205; 206; 207; 209; 213 and 224. Also said to exist from plates 72; 80; 81; 89; 91; 92; 93; 94; 131 and 187. Private printings over the gum were also made.

Twopenny Blue from plates

9 and 13

THE UNDERPRINT OF THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY

The underprint which dated from 1873 and was used by the Great Eastern Railway consisted of the letters G.E.R. printed horizontally in red under the gum on the Penny Red Plate Nos. from plates 95; 111; 124; 134; 149; 151; 155; 156; 157; 158; 163; 168; 171; 174; 175; 178; 181; 18.; 185 and 189. It is also said to exist on stamps from plate 173.