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NEW MEMBERS

As a result of recent lapses in membership we have been able to open up the roll, and we have pleasure in welcoming the following new members into the Society.

Mr J.R.M. Brunton Mr A.G.P. Ellis

Mr P.E. Gossage Mr M.A. Mayo

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Members seem to have been on the move recently and we have had the following new addresses reported,

Mrs P.A. Manthorpe Mr N.P. Beckwith

Mr G.N.W. Corrall

Mr L.R. Fisher

Mr R.R. Husband

Mr A. Mackie

LAPSED MEMBERSHIPS

At the time of going to press nothing has been heard from the following, and their memberships are, therefore, being treated as having lapsed:

> Messrs. Benjamin, Blakeborough, Bowen, Coles, Davies E.W., Dutting, East, Kenlin, Kent, Lampart, McAdam, Mason, Maynard, R.A.E. (Farnborough) P.S., Reid, Sudweeks, West & Whitehead M.J.

SHEFFIELD MEETING

The proposed meeting in Sheffield (see our last issue) is definitely on. May 8th is the date and we expect to have fuller details in the March/April number.

BRIAN BIRCH CORNER

THE ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF BRITISH PERFINS

It is almost ten years since Harvey Tilles first contacted the Society and requested that we publicise his illustrated catalogue of British perfins: "The Perfins of Great Britain" by Robert McKee and Basil Tomkins. At first the price was \$20 but obviously the pricing had not been checked carefully enough and it rose to \$50 in leaps and bounds. These constant price rises seemed to put people off buying the catalogue and very few were sold in the U.K. Harvey Tilles had, however, very generously donated a copy to the S.E.P.S. Library which is available for loan.

The Catalogue is quarto size (10" x 8"), consists of 1328 looseleaf pages, and illustrates roughly 13,000 different British perfins. Only one side of the page contains illustrations, the cataloguing details and users name (where known) are on the opposite side. It is therfore possible to use this catalogue as an album also if one only collects a single perfin of each pattern (Michael Rucklidge uses his copy in this way).

Harvey Tilles did indicate that a supplement of new patterns would be published but there seems to be little possibility of this happening now, even though some 2,000+ additional patterns have been logged by Basil Tomkins alone.

There also seems little hope of a new edition being published in the forseeable future, therefore I recommend that serious collectors of U.K. perfins should endeavour to get hold of a copy as soon as possible.

At the last A.G.M., Arthur Smith mentioned that Tilles' remaining supplies were purchased by Harris Publications Ltd of 42, Maiden Lane, London, WC2E 7LW. Having enquired of Harris I found that they had only four copies at £30 each plus postage (allow about £2.50 since it weighs 5-6 kg without packing). Possibly Vera Trinder or Harry Hayes may also have copies available, but the last price I saw from Harry Hayes was £45. Get your copy now!

HUNGARIAN 3 - HOLE OFFICIALS

In the Bulletins of July/August and September/October 1974, three pages on Hungarian official perfins were circulated under the title, "OFFICIALS : HUNGARY" By Brian Birch.

Recently, I have realised that certain items had been omitted from the list (the final page of the manuscript would appear to have gone astray). I have, therefore, re-prepared this missing page and placed it with the Library copy of the other three pages. Anyone requiring a copy of this page should write to Brian Birch enclosing the necessary return postage.

LIBRARY DONATION

Member Leif Bergman has just donated a copy of "SVENSKA SKYDDSPERFORERINGER" (Swedish Perfins) by Leif Bergman, Tord Lagerwall and Srellan Swenson. It is a small (170mm x 125mm) booklet of 70 pages in which are recorded and illustrated all known Swedish perfins. Any member with an interest in Swedish perfins must obtain a copy - I recommend it highly. Although the introduction is in Swedish it provides little barrier to the use of the Catalogue, and in any case, a translation is in hand and will be placed in the Library as soon as it is available.

The Catalogue is available from FILATEZISTFORBUNDETS FORLAGS 4B, VASAVAGEN 76, ltr, 18141 LIDINGO, SWEDEN, at a cost of 30 Sw. Kroner. Members of Samlarforeningen Baltespannarna may obtain copies from the same address at 17 Sw. Kroner.

Brian Birch December 1981

DETECTIVE WORK REQUIRED

A glance through our Identities Catalogue will show that in many cases there is a mismatch between the initials of the perfin die and those of the user identified.

In the current instalment on pages 7 & 9, for example, we have three mysteries.

Cat. No. B14 BACL reported as being used by Raybestos-Belaco Limited. The perfin initials would fit more appropriately to the BRITISH ALUMINIUM COMPANY LIMITED, so is or was Raybestos a subsidiary of this Company?

Cat. No. W593B W.P/&Co Constantine Pickering. So who was "W"? Was it Constantine's father?

Cat. No. W810.3 WW/JLd Pennsylvania Railroad of America. Who are WW/JLd? London agents?

There are many anomolies of this nature which could do with investigation. There are also many reasons why the initials do not always fit and the answers are sometimes very simple. One example comes to mind which was investigated by John Nelson many years ago. This turned out to be simply a case of a Company running out of postage stamps and borrowing from another company in the same building.

Is there anyone with a detective turn of mind who would like to have a go at clearing up some of these mysteries?

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A QUESTIONABLE IRISH UNDERPRINT

by

BRIAN BIRCH

Whenever I receive auction catalogues, I generally browse through them looking for perfins and other security endorsements. In the catalogue of the Hibernian Stamp Auctions Ltd. sale of August 18th, 1979, I noticed photographs of the underprint "OGILVIE & MOORE, CORK" on a block of 6 and two pairs of stamps. They formed lots 1552 and 1553 with the following descriptions:

- 1552(*) 1881-87 Q. Victoria 1d. lilac of G.B. (16 dots) and the silver jubilee ½d. orange - vermillion. Both issues in unused horizontal pairs with underprint "OGILVIE & MOORE, CORK". It is known that approximately forty organisations privately underprinted their stocks of stamps, the purpose being to defeat pilfering. The same purpose was later introduced by perforating the stamps with the company initials, and this practice still continues today, the PERFIN. These two pairs are believed to be the first of their kind discovered to date in Ireland and should provide a rare and attractive addition to any specialised collection of Irish perfins as a "FORERUNNER". (2 pairs) photo. Est. £30
- 1553(*) 1887 ½d. orange vermillion of the G.B. Jubilee issue. Similar to last lot in an unused block of six, with underprint, OGILVIE & MOORE, CORK. photo. Est. £25

Note that the astejrisk in brackets after the lot number indicates that the items are "unused without gum".

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It was rather surprising to find this underprint on late Victorian stamps and particularly suspicious that the stamps were unused and without gum, inferring that the original underprinting had been carried out prior to gumming.

The practice of overprinting and underprinting British stamps as security against pilfering dates from 1859 when the Oxford Union Society adopted the method. Prior to the introduction of perforated initials by Joseph Sloper, the Post Office co-operated with companies in permitting them to contract with Perkins Bacon to have stamps underprinted prior to their being gummed - these are the so-called official underprints. Full details of the numbers of stamps underprinted by Perkins Bacon and the respective customers are given by de Worms in "Perkins Bacon Records" (0273)*. Only five organisations took advantage of this service, all starting to use these security endorsements in the 1850's

* Note, the number in brackets is the Perfins Abstracts number of the reference.

and 1860's. The Oxford Union Society alone was still using underprints in 1882 when the privilege was withdrawn.

Stanley Gibbons' G.B. Specialised Catalogue -Volume 1 (0029) lists these official underprints and carries the following note about the so-called unofficial underprints:

"Apart from the official underprints made by the authorised bodies which we list, there were other firms which privately underprinted their stocks of stamps which we do not record. The unofficial and private emissions differ from the official underprints in being printed <u>over the gum."</u> (S.G. editor's emphasis)

Even though underprinting was disallowed in 1882, permission was reinstated in 1903 following representations from William Henry Everett & Son Ltd. However, their underprinting, which was performed using a rubber roller and endorsing ink, would still have been over the gum. In addition, since permission was only granted in 1903, it would be unlikely that Victorian 1d lilacs would be still available at this time. Mike Burrows has also pointed out in his article "Elusive Everetts" (0178) that it is not thought that Everetts ever sold any of their underprinting machines in any case.

In conclusion then, the underprints are on stamps from the wrong period and should have been printed over the gum rather than under it. Until their authenticity is established, I am very sceptical about them. Somebody must have some confidence in them however, as the lots sold for £40 each.

As the photographs in the auction catalogue are very poor, it is not possible to reproduce them for the Bulletin. However, anyone interested may borrow the auction catalogue from the library.

Additions to Railway Perfins

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

The following issues and denominations are added to those listed in the Catalogue,

Die 1 (Cat. No. 610.2) Page 11. 1½d (Mackie), 2½d, 6d (J. Brandt) King Edward V11 Die 2 (Cat. No. 610.3) Page 12. King George V 1912-22 1½d (J.Brandt) 1924-26 1½d (A.Mackie) 1½d (R.Powell) 1934 Die 3 (Cat. No. 610.1) Page 12. King Edward V111 1½d (R.Powell) King George Vl Dark Cols. 3d (J.Brandt) J.Brandt notes that he has this die with varing overall widths of, 12mm, 13mm, and 14mm. Die 4 (Cat. No. 611.1) Page 13. King George V1 Light Cols. 2½d (Provisional) (A.Mackie) п п 3d (Provisional) (J.Brandt) Pale red 2d (Normal) (A.Mackie) Die 5 (Cat. No. 612) Page 13 King Edward V11 1½d (J.Brandt) King George V 1934 ld (R.Powell), 2d (J.Brandt) 1935 Silver Jubilee ¹/₂d (R.Powell) King George Vl Dark Cols. 3d (A.Mackie) Light Cols. 2½d (J.Brandt) Queen Elizabeth 11 1966 4d British Technology.

CHESHIRE LINES COMMITTEE

Die 1 (Cat. No. 433) Page 17. Add KNUTSFORD and WARRINGTON to poatmarks. (R.Powell)

Die 2?(Cat, No. 432.2) Page 17.
A ld lilac with WARRINGTON postmark is known where the
letters match perfectly with those of Die 2 but which
has stops between letters as in Die 1.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.

	From Mr R.J. McKee.					
14	BACL	14,10,8,7	4½	Raybestos-Belaco Ltd, London SE 1.		
577.3	C.P	8,10	5½	Capper Pass & Son Ltd, Bristol.		
82	D./Co.	11/8,6	6	The Daimler Co. Coventry.		
607	JP/Co	7,10/8,4	4½	Jas. Pearsall & Co, London.		
337.1	NUI	11,8,4	4½	National Union for Insurance. London N1		
63.3	SB/Co	10,14/8,4	5/4½	Siemens Bros & Co Ltd, London SE.		
353	SH/GH	9,10/9,10	4½	St Helier Group Hospital		
	From Mr D.	W. Anderson				
527.1	JM/C	9,13/10	5½	Johnson Matthay & Co Ltd London EC 1.		
	From Mr_J.L. Purcell					
685.1	CSC	7,9,7	4	Corke Sons & Co Ltd, London EC 4.		
441.1b	MP	11,8	4½	Morison, Pollexfen & Blair		
448.1	MP/Co	11,8,/7,4	4½	Ltd, Manchester. Mardorf Peach & Co Ltd		
242.1	L&G	6,12,9	4½ Ia	London EC 3 Leslie & Godwin Ltd,		
				London.		
From Dr	R.W.Powell.	-				
775.3	CTS/&Co	8,7,10/14,8,4	5 I	C. Tennant Sons & Co Ltd London EC		
1.5	S	10	5	Sangers Ltd. London NW 3		
258.3	ELA	10,7,10	6½,6½,6	Essex County Asylum, Brentwood		
433	GR/S	13,14/11	5	G. Routledge & Sons, Ludgate Hill, London		
	CORRECTION					
1.16	G should be J.G. Graves not J.C. Graves					
	CONFIRMATIONS					
716 485.2	J/SMITH S&/McD	6/9,11,4,6,10	3½	John Smith's Stewart & McDonald,		
405.2				Glasgow.		

Delete \emptyset in the above.

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED.

From Dr R.W. Powell.					
265A	H.F/&Co.	12,10/12,6,6	4½ IIIa	Hamilton Fraser & Co, Liverpool.	
605	J&P/CLd	7,13,10/6,7,7	, 4½ Ia	J&P Coats Ltd, Paisley	
11.3	Ү.В	7,14	8½	Yeoward Bros (Fruit Merchants) Liverpool.	
From Mr	F. Summers.				
18B	CA/HA	7,13/10,8	4½	Cheshire Area Health Authority.	
126B	TDC	6,9,7	4½	Taunton Deane Borough Council.	
From Mr	H. Bowman.				
	B/B.C	14/14,8	5	Bermondsey Borough Coun:	
1.32B	В	10	13	Barrow in Furness Corp:	
From Mr	J. Rucklidg	ſe.			
676.1	CS	7,9	4½	Cooper-Stewart Engineer ing Co Ltd Letchworth.	
790.1	H.W.V/Ld.	12,16,9/7,7	5½	Hazell Watson & Viney Ltd London, Aylesbury Slough.	
465.2	C/Ltd	8/7/6,8	6½/5½	Clarnico Ltd. London E15	
419	B.L/B.	13,7/17	5½	Buttons Ltd, Aston, Birmingham.	
80.1	SB/L	9,11/6	4½	2. Symbol Biscuits Ltd.York	
630	SRD	9,10,9	4½	Sotherans, Strand, London	
608	SP/&T	11,10/12,7	4½	Steel Peach & Tozer Ltd Sheffield.	
From Mr	s M.R.Smith.				
201	RG/&Co	_ 12,10/16,8,14	5 TT	Robt Girvin Co.	
_ • _		,,,,_,_,	0	London EC.	
367.2	M/Ld	19/7,7	5	Martins, Picadilly, London Wl.	
1.11	С	9	8	Clibrans Ltd. Altringham	
279	AH/BLtd	10,12/13,7,5,	7 4½	A.H. Bull Ltd. Reading.	
1.1	Т	6	4½	The Orford Trading Co Ltd London EC2.	
838.5	CW/&Co	8,15/13,10,4	III	C. Walser & Co, London EC	
55.1	BB/&C	13,13/12,8	4½ IIIa	Booth Billing & Co, Bradford.	
130.2	B/C&Co	14/8,14,8,4	5 III	Barries Craig & Co	
92.1	I.F.O	7,11,10	5 Ø	Imperial Fire Office, London SW.	
81. 2	RC	12,8	5	County Borough of Rotherham	
48.3	WBC	14,14,8	5	West Bromwich Corp'n	

W Additions.

1.27B	W	15	8½	J.W.Wheeler & Son ltd,
40.0		14 14 0	_	Gloucester.
48.3	WBC	14,14,8	5	West Bromwich Corp'n
50. 1	WB/C	12,11/7	4½ 5	. Wolverhampton Borough
				Council.
57.3	WB/&Co	14,14/14,8,4	5 I	William Bros & Co,
				Hounslow
101.2	WC	12,7	4½	Wandsworth Borough
				Council.
105.1	WCA (Diag)	12,7,8	41⁄2	W.C.A. Ltd, Charroterie,
				Guernsey.
134.6	W/&Co	14/16,8,4	5 II	Wheimbacher, Finsbury
				Park. London.
139.1	W&Co/L	11,14,7,4/6	4½ I	W.H.Willcox & Co Ltd
				London SE
194.2	WDC	14,11,8	4½	Willesden District Coun:
255	WF/B	14,8/13	4½	W.F. Batho. Westminster,
200	, _	, 0, _0	-/2	London
343.2	WH/B	17,12/16	7½/8	W.H.Bailey & Co Ltd,
515.2	WII/ D	17,12/10	7727 0	Salford, Manchester.
358		15 11 10/15 8	Q /1/ TTT	Wilson Hawkesworth
200	W.Π.Ε/αCO	10,11,10/10,0	,0 4/2 111	Ellen & Co. Sheffield
261 1		15 10 10/15 0	6 41/ TTO	
364.1	WHH/&Co	15,12,12/15,9	,0 472 IIA	Walter H. Hindley
400 1	/-	11/6	21/	& Co. London.
493.1	W/L	11/6	3½	W.H. Willcox & Co Ltd,
			-1/	London SE 1.
516.5	MM	15,15	5½	Western Mail. Cardiff,
530A	WMf/&C°.	15,15,8/14,8,	6 5½ IIIa	Walter Macfarlane & Co, Glasgow.
593B	W.P/&Co	15,10/13,8,6	5½ III	Constanine Pickering,
				Middlesborough.
625	WR/B	17,12/13	6½	Wilkinson Riddell Ltd,
				Birmingham.
647	W.R.T	15,13,7	5½	Taylor & Neate, Medway,
				Wks, Rochester, Kent.
779	W.U	11,8	4½	Western Union Telegraph
-		, -		Cable System. London
810.3	WW/&Ld	13,13/6,6,7	4½	Pennsylvania Railroad of
	, 414	,, _, , , , , , ,	-/2	America. London.
810A	W.W/L	14,14/7	5	Watkinson & Warburton Ld
010A	VV • VV / LI	± ± ; ± ± / /	5	Leeds.

PERFINS ABSTRACTS

March, 1981

0770 A checklist of perfins on Scott 332 & 375, continued Owen, L. Perf. Bull., Oct. 1980, 33, (9), 5-6 The second instalment of the list of perfins on Scott 332 and 375 (Washington "TWO CENTS") covers the perfins beginning with the letters F to M. A brief biography of the author is also included. 0771 John A. Gooding -- JAG perfin* Gooding, J.A. Perf. Bull., Oct. 1980, 33, (9), 7 The Perfins Club secretary, John A. Gooding has now obtained his own personal perfin: JAG for use on U.S. stamps. 0772 HF/M perforator available* Stump, D.C. Perf. Bull., Oct. 1980, ,33, (9), 7 A Cummins Model 52 5-die commercial perforator is offered for sale. It perforates HF/M - identified in the perfins catalogue as H-76 owned by H.F. Mitchell Company of Philadelphia. 0773 Stamps perforated with initials for use in government departments. The encyclopaedia of British Empire postage stamps 1788-1952. Volume 4 - The Empire in Australasia. Robson Lowe, London, 1962, 74. Reprinted in: Billigs philatelic handbook, Volume, HJMR, North Miami, U.S.A., 74. In 1894, New South Wales discontinued the use of their GS/NSW perfin on official correspondence and substituted envelopes marked OHMS. After Federation in 1902, the use of perfins was revived with OS for Federal use and OS/NSW; GSB: GSB/NSW; GR & PW for State and Departmental use. 0774 Local overprints Cooper, J. A specialised priced catalogue of Indian stamps (1852-1968), Jal Cooper, Bombay, 1969, 84-85 Many Indian stamps of the Queen Victoria period can be found overprinted, usually with initials, as a means of preventing theft. Such overprinting was prohibited in 1905. A list of overprints known is given but most do not have the user identified. Who knows the answer 0775 Edwards, A. S.E.P.S. Bull., Jan./Feb. 1981, (191), 1 In answer to an earlier query (see 0805), it is pointed out that the perfin J.M. & S Ld was used by James Morrison & Sons, Ltd., twine makers. (Complete) 0776 Forgeries of Canadian OH/MS perfins Birch, B. J. S.E.P.S. Bull., Jan./Feb. 1981, (191), 3 In 1979, many thousands of forged Canadian OH/MS perfins were roduced and distributed by a Vancouver stamp dealer. At the moment 8 different types are known (four 5-hole and four 4-hole) but it is possible that other types were produced. 139 1 & 2/82/Page 10

0777 Railway perfins - additional information Powell, R. S.E.P.S. Bull., Jan./Feb. 1981, (191), 3 A postcard bearing a King George V 11/2d. stamp perfinned T and postmarked London, 1922, has the return address of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. As the letter is addressed to F. Tanqueray, a solicitor, it is possible that he wrote to the GTR and enclosed return postage to ensure a quick response. 0778 Help Rucklidge, J.M. S.E.P.S. Bull., Jan./Feb. 1981, (191), 4 Also: Copy of original correspondence pp.4 An unsigned letter with no return address received by the S.E.P.S. secretary is reproduced in full. It alludes to two perfins (1) an item which appears to be in braille and reads: "S.E.P.S T O B of MUS" and (2) D/HF. An appeal is made for further information about these two items. 0779 Cadbury's perfin Voller, L.P. S.E.P.S. Bull., Jan./Feb. 1981, (191), 5 When Cadbury Brothers took over the firm of Schweppes about 1975, they altered their perfin from CB/B to CB/S by the removal of' pins from the perforating machine. The result is a rather malformed S which could be mistaken for accidental damage to the pins of the CB/B perfin rather than the deliberate act it was. (Complete) 0780 Protective underprints Hyde, R.C. Rikki Hyde's catalogue of Great Britain numbers issued 1840-1910, Birmingham & Bristol Stamp Auctions, Bristol, 1975, 30. Between 1872 and 1877, Perkins, Bacon & Co, underprinted (under the gum) the then current $\frac{1}{2}d$, 1d, 1½d & 2d stamps of Great Britain for 5 firms. A list of the firms and the quantities of each stamp underprinted is given. 0781 Trieste revenues news Bush, J. & Bush, M. Joe & Mike Bush, Bonita, U.S.A., 1977, pp.1 Trieste revenue stamps are known perfinned LT by Lloyds Triestino, a shipping company. A list of those revenues found with this perfin is included. 0782 What is an "Official" perfin? Johnson, J. BNA Perf., June/July 1980, 1, (6), 1-2 What constitutes an official perfin varies from. collector to collector. The various types of official perfin found in Canada are fully discussed and categorised into:-Federal officials; Federal departmental officials; Provincial officials & Provincial departmental officials. Where was the C12c perforator? 0783 Hanes, A.D. BNA Perf., June/July 1980, 1, (6), 4 The Canadian Cl2c perfin of the International Harvester Company (CHI monogram) is listed in the catalogues as being 140

0783 continued used in Estevan, Saskatchewan. However, having checked various collections, it would appear that Uveyburn is the most common town with a few others from towns in the same area. (Complete) 0784 Canadian catalogue questionnaires - letter B BNA Perf. , June/July 1980, 1, (6), 5-12 The collated questionnaires \overline{f} or all perfins beginning with the letter B are published. They will form the basis of the next edition of the Canadian perfins catalogue. 0785 Simplified catalogue of the perfins of Great Britain Tomkins, B. S.E.P.S. 1960 - pp.65 (52 + 13 pages of additions) All recorded British perfins are listed in simplified alphabetical form by neglecting such differences as differing heights of letters and numbers of holes in the perfins. 0786 Register of Swedish perfins Bergman, L. Scandinavian International Philately, Rotterdam, 1972, pp. 12 (11 pages plus 1 page supplement) This is an illustrated catalogue of Swedish perfins, many of which are identified. Several Danish perfins which are known on iwaedish revenue stamps are also included. 0787 The 38 perfins Dedecker, R. Bull. Liaison, Oct. 1978, (9), 4 Translation: S.E.P.S. Trans. 34, pp. 1 The 40c orange printed in 1870 in Paris during the siege (Yvert 38) was available throughout the period of the introduction of perfins. Three perfins are listed as known on this stamp, one also has an underprint. Correction (Bulletin de Liaison, Nov. 1978, (10), 4) the date of the SEE perfin should have read "March 1877, Rue d' Enghien" . 0788 Perforated stamps from Alsace - Lorraine Tschaen, E. Bull. Liaison, Oct. 1978, (9), 4 Translation: S.E.P.S. Trans. 34, pp.1 A further instalment of the list of perfins used in Alsace - Lorrain-- covers the period 1876 - 1918 for the Moselle area. Nine perfins are listed and six are illustrated. The perfins of Hong Kong 0789 Tilles, H. G. Harvey Tilles, High Point, U.S.A., n.d., c. 1975, pp.8 All perfins found on the stamps of HonE Kong and the British Post Offices in China are listed and illustrated in this catalogue. A brief introduction to the use of security endorsement in the colony includes reference to rubber stamp and manuscript endorsement. 0790 Bavaria - official stamps Billig's philatelic handbook, Volume 5, HJMR, Hollywood, Florida, U.S.A., 134 Official stamps for the use of the Bavarian state railway were initially overprinted with the letter E(eisenbahn) from 1912 onward these were replaced with stamps perfinned with an E. All stamps known perfinned with an E are listed and priced. 141

0791 Additions to Ostergaard list - 3rd perf. Engelbrecht, P. Perfinist, Mar. 1980, (3), 1 - 3 Part 3 of the additions to Ostergaard Hansen's catalogue of Danish perfins includes illustrations of 10 new perfins and the cancellation of one from list I (which turned out to be a double perfin). Four more perfins reported in Hansen's list but unseen by him have now been confirmed with stamps and 12 more items are shown with a request for their confirmation. 0792 Semipostal stamps Engelbrecht, P. Perfinist, Mar. 1980, (3), 1 & 4 All Danish charity stamps which have been found bearing perfins are listed. Alongside each stamp is a list of the Ostergaard Hansen numbers of the perfins which are known on it. 0793 1923-1962 Fee stamps Engelbrecht, P, Perfinist, Mar. 1980, (3), 1 & 5 Only three perfins are known on Danish Special fee stamps. Each perfin is ill-astrated alongside the stamp on which it is known. 0794 Local stamps Engelbrecht, P. Perfinist, Mar. 1980, (3), 1 & 5 Only a single Danish local post stamp is known bearing a perfin and that is the 3 ore Kobenhavns Bypost (Copenhagen Local Post) with the Th.W/ & V. perfin. 0795 Entires Engelbrecht, P. Perfinist, Mar. 1980, (3), 6 A list of Danish postal stationery known perfinned is given. Alongside each item is the Ostergaard Hansen catalogue numbers of the perfins which are known on it. Tentative list of Pennsylvania precancelled perfins 0796 Anonymous pp-3 All perfins known on precancelled stamps from Pennsylvania are listed. The listing is in alphabetical order of the town or city of the precancel. 0797 France's 1.50 Frs. air mails of 1930-31 Goodkind , Aero Philat. Ann., Oct. 1954, 2, (2), 35-41 In 1930, France issued a 1.50 \overline{fr} . red air mail stamp. Later in that same year, at the request of the organisers of an air mail exhibition - "Exposition Internationale de Poste Aerienne 1930" the stamp was re-issued in blue. At first, this stamp was only sold, perforated E.I.P.A. 30, with an admission ticket to the exhibition. A full sheet of the perfinned stamp is shown to illustrate the manner in which they were folded for perforating. It is also indicated that the 1.50 fr. red is shown on card perforated E.I.P.A. 30 although this stamp is not mentioned in the literature.

BIRMINGHAM

The following dies have been recorded as being used by the City of Birmingham over the years. We are now attempting to establish the period of use for each die, and would ask members to append alongside the earliest and the latest date of use known to them.

Cat. No.	49.1	CB (monogram)	46	15mm.
	49.2	CB (monogram)	33	14mm
	* ?	CB (monogram)	27	
	46.1	СВ	7,11	4½mm
	46.10	СВ	10,15	5½,6mm.
	46.11	СВ	9,14	6,6.mm.
	46.12	СВ	10,14	6½mm
	72	C.B/F.C	8,13/10,8	
	77	C.B/GAS	8,15/10,10	10 5½,4½mm
	100.1	CB/WD	7,11/12,9	4½mm
	100.2	CB/WD	7,11/13,9	4½mm

* This is known on cover from the Borough Treasurer postmarked January 18th 1882. Thereare, presumably some missing pins for the 'B' appears as a perfectly rounded '8', however the 'C' and remaining pins of the 'B' show clearly that the die is different from the others.

BUCKLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cat. No. 622 BR/DC 11,10/9,7 4½mm

This appears to be a Sloper die and was similarly used by the Battle Rural District Council. Can anyone confirm its use by Bucklow?

Returns to Ron Bowman please.

Name