

“FUN WITH METERS”

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#	DATE	TITLE OR SUBJECT	NOTES
1975			
1	6/23	Problem: what constitutes a proper cut?	
2	7/7	Machines produced in London	essays, Neopost
3	7/21	Rarity not determined by age	NPM & CC
4	8/4	Michigan post office uses private slogan	slogans
5	8/18	‘Rabbit out of the hat’ trick	revalued ovals
6	9/1	Slogans make excellent topical	slogans, early ovals
7	9/15	Permits masquerade as meters	permits
8	9/29	Timely, odd, unusual markings	officials, franks,
9	10/13	Evolution of the Flying Eagle	Flying Eagles
10	11/3	Pardon me, your slip is showing	EFOs
11	11/10	Collectors may specialize in many different types of slogans	
12	11/24	First designs on commercial mail used in the U.S.	
13	12/8	Unreported meter comes to light	HB experimental
14	12/22	Merry meter Christmas from Homer H. Hemenway	
1976			
15	1/5	Permits add spice to collection	permits
16	1/19	Eagle permit popular during ‘30s	permits
17	2/2	PO conducts test with computerized machines	experimental self-service meters
18	2/16	‘RRR’ indicates extremely rare variety	high-denomination ovals
19	3/1	Similarities in stamp, experimental design	essays
20	3/15	Pitney-Bowes tests machine in ATT offices	DA experimentals
21	3/29	Multidenominational meters in service in 1929	type D & flying eagles
22	4/12	Flying Eagles add spice to collection	Flying eagles
23	4/26	Report continues on Flying Eagles	Flying eagles
24	5/10	Slogans commemorate history	slogans
25	5/24	Attractive slogans commemorate Bicentennial	slogans
26	6/7	Harsh studies Flying Eagle designs	Flying eagles
27	6/21	Former presidents use private meters	free franks
28	7/5	Pitney Postal Machine uses shield-shaped design	preauthorization period
29	7/19	Reader discovers missing ‘Eagle’	Flying eagles
30	8/2	Famous postal character aids POD in processing	U.S. mail
31	8/16	Famous postal character aids POD in processing mail (part 2)	
32	8/30	Post Office Department approves meter designs	NCR (EA)
33	9/13	Reader finds Flying Eagle number	Flying eagles
34	9/27	Directives identify classes of mail	slogans, instructional
35	10/11	Pike prints type chart in pamphlet	review, outdated type chart
36	10/25	NCR booklet describes ‘stand-alone’ terminal	NCR
37	11/8	Postalia indicia design appears on horizon	Postalia
38	11/22	Flying Eagles list expands	Flying Eagles
39	12/6	Covers mark inaugural transatlantic flights	first flight covers
40	12/20	Friden designs, manufactures machine	Friden

1977		
41	1/3	'Imposters' list expands
42	1/17	Variations in designs of Friden prints
43	1/31	Die print appears from nonexistent city
44	2/14	'Detective' provides Flying Eagle update
45	2/28	Cacheted covers on first official flight
46	3/14	Fate of Crane's catalog unpredictable
47	3/28	Process of how slogans came into being
48	4/11	Defining what constitutes a proper cut
49	4/25	Slogans herald 'United Nations Week'
50	5/9	Reader reports Friden print from Seattle
51	5/23	Specimen town marks
52	6/6	Reader discovers 'Colorado' invert
53	6/20	Quality more important than quantity
54	7/4	Indicias from nonprofit organizations
55	7/18	POD approves Mack's postage machines
56	8/1	Designs wind up on cutting room floor
57	8/15	Readers report more inverted town marks
58	8/29	Least traveled path often most intriguing
59	9/12	Early imprints appear to be fancy permits
60	9/26	Ugly duckling an essay or specimen?
61	10/10	First metered mail celebrates birthday
62	10/24	Pitney-Bowes submits design proposals
63	11/7	First-class permit becomes commemorative
64	11/21	United Nations makes home in New York
65	12/19	Christmas slogans
1978		
66	1/2	Whitebough promotes philometry field
67	1/16	Whitebough releases philometer book
68	1/30	Little known about experimental prints
69	2/13	Permits in scarce-to-rare category
70	2/27	Experimentals among rarest
71	3/13	Strive for superb condition in collecting
72	3/27	Hemenway's Easter greetings
73	4/10	Indicia from 'Universal Midget' machine
74	4/24	Pictorial slogans pay tribute to parents
75	5/8	POD considers issue for postal centenary
76	5/22	Mail-O-Meter Company's first indicia
77	6/5	North German Lloyd's twin sister act
78	6/19	Rare Flying Eagle mystery half solved
79	7/3	Directive affects postograph evolution
80	7/17	Another rare Flying Eagle surfaces
81	7/31	POD outlines design requirements
82	8/14	FDC commemorates zeppelin
83	8/28	Origin of 'permit' remains a mystery
84	9/11	Slogans dress up topical collections
85	9/25	More faces on cutting room floor
86	10/9	Imprints offer field for specialists
87	10/23	Experimental bulk mail test on packages
88	11/6	Experiment uses IBM postage machine
89	11/20	Crane catalog fate still unpredictable
90	12/4	Different uses of Flying Eagle number
		permits
		Friden
		NCR
		Flying eagles
		first flight covers
		slogan essays
		slogans, U.N.
		Friden
		specimens, Friden
		EFOs
		slogans, meter basics
		slogans(permits/meter)
		Mack, ovals
		early essays
		EFOs, Flying eagles
		slogans, essays, U.N.
		permits
		FB eagle, early HAs
		P-B preauthorization
		essays, U.N.
		permits
		slogans, early U.N.
		slogans
		P-B shields
		ovals, NCR, experimentals
		permits
		P-B experimentals (HD)
		slogans
		slogans
		type DA
		slogans
		slogans, mailomats
		essays, Mail-O-Meter
		catapult cover
		Flying eagles
		BAs, ovals, Mail-O-Meters,
		Macks, essays
		Flying eagles
		permits
		oval, 'Akron' cover
		permits, history
		slogans
		1918 Bowes essays
		ovals, Mail-O-Meters
		1977 test
		IBM experimentals
		Flying eagles

91	12/25	Merry meter Christmas from H.H. Hemenway	slogans
	1979		
92	1/1	'Odd and unusual' add spice to album	ovals, permits, slogans
93	1/15	Uncataloged errors come to light	permits
94	1/29	Shield-shaped imprint scissors victim	P-B shields
95	2/12	Pike lists first-class mail permits	permits, ovals
96	2/26	Readers report two more Flying Eagles	Flying eagles
97	3/12	Pike classifies first-class permits	permits
98	3/26	Pike's book leaves 'footprints' legacy	BAs, ovals, earlies
99	4/9	'Olympic Village' born in Los Angeles	oval ad covers
100	4/23	Department stores use tape on parcels	1970s bulk rate test
101	5/7	New clues surface in Flying Eagle puzzle	Flying eagles
102	5/21	'First day wrapper' carries imprint	first English meter
103	6/4	Flea market yeilds rare Flying Eagle	Flying eagles
104	6/18	Yellow imprint meets postal rules	BA, 10¢ fdc
105	7/2	Whiteborough holds Flying Eagle contest	Flying eagles
106	7/16	Crane discovers more Flying Eagles	Flying eagles
107	7/30	Mailomat processes exhibition covers	Mailomat, 1940 stamp centenary, Flyingeagle
108	8/13	Permits have place in postal history	permits
109	8/27	Date mistakes do not constitute errors	EFOs
110	9/10	Swan, Coulthard form collectors group	slogans
111	9/24	Search yeilds new Flying Eagle usages	Flying eagles
112	10/8	Collectors neglect first-class permits	permits
113	10/22	McQueeney discovers four Large Eagles	FB eagles, Flying eagles
114	11/5	Specializing in town and type imprints	
115	11/19	New information on Flying Eagles	Flying eagles
116	12/3	Slogans publicize Olympic Games	slogans
117	12/24	Hemenway's Merry Christmas salute	slogans
118	12/31	Recent discovery may rewrite history	P-B Chicago shields
	1980		
119	1/14	Collectors rescue interesting permits	permits
120	1/28	Indiana Vietnam Eagle attractive	permits
121	2/11	More 'rabbit out of the hat' tricks	ovals
122	2/25	Research bears out Crane's claim	P-B Chicago shields
123	3/10	Multipost produces several machines	Multipost, ovals
124	3/24	Whimsical permits deserve mention	permits
125	4/7	Two more Flying Eagles join ranks	Flying eagles, slogans
126	4/21	Unusual rabbit out of the hat example	NPM, Flying eagles, slogans
127	5/5	More on Pitney Chicago shield item	Chicago & D.C. shields
128	5/19	Fortune sheds new light on device	D.C. shield
129	6/16	Cover mock-up cleans up 'loose ends'	1903 Pitney official meter demonstration
130	6/30	Listing offers chance for rare find	P-B Chicago shields
131	7/14	Five new 'Eagle' number surface	Flying eagles
132	7/28	Rate shifts create oval 'provisionals'	ovals, revalued
133	8/11	Hospital, church use 'praying hands'	slogans (permit/meter)
134	8/25	New finds forever around the corner	type DB
135	9/8	Costs rob collectors of Crane catalog	
136	9/22	Update on 'Caribou' first flight story	first flight cover
137	10/6	Rare Niagara item found	Flying eagles
138	10/20	Atomic tests produce possible rarity	

139	11/3	Scarce types, errors on five imprints	oval, essays, HAs
140	11/17	Rare 'raises' found on USPMC device	ovals, US Postage Meter Company
141	12/1	Dies and slugs change postage rates	type D revalued
142	12/15	Odd ball varieties hatched every day	official, recent eagles
143	12/29	Space buff finds Parcelmatic rarity	10-day experimental
1981			
144	1/12	Rare items surface after many years	ovals, Flying eagles, experimentals
	145	1/26 Luxury liner ends career as troopship	event cover
146	2/9	Conversation pieces attract interest	slogans, revalued, etc.
147	4/6	Mr. Zip puts 'Zest in Philately'	slogans
After his column was discontinued, Hemenway wrote occasional meter stamp articles for <i>Linn's</i> into 1982. His obituary appeared in the November 8, 1982 issue of <i>Linn's</i>			
1982			
	3/8	Accumulation unearths experimental shields	Washington DC shields
	3/29	UPS meters open new area of interest	
	4/19	Flying Eagle rare as bird of paradise	Flying eagles, slogans
	6/14	Cinderellas include package delivery items	UPS
	8/16	UPS meter tapes difficult to obtain	
	10/18	UPS meters become cinderella material	
	11/15	Unusual permits raise questions	permits
	date	unknown-New Flying Eagle meter towns found	Flying eagles
	date	unknown-Computer prints UPS parcel registers	

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1980

1	6/23	Printing press method produces EFOs
2	7/7	Column airs to reveal facts on types
3	7/21	'Imposter,' 'fainting eagle' designs
4	8/4	Junk box yeilds variety of treasures
5	8/18	'Montana' turns out to be British
6	9/1	Pittsburg not always Pittsburgh
7	9/15	Readers supply new illustrations
8	9/29	Study of small printers left to 'youth'
9	10/13	Possible road for philatelic 'pioneers'
10	10/27	Reworked machines create varieties
11	11/10	First day find almost beyond belief
12	11/24	Common indicia can still be novel
13	12/8	Indicia try to masquerade as meters
14	12/22	Readers revise dates on design changes

1981

15	1/5	New designs evolve on one printer
16	1/19	Old letter reveals printer's history
17	2/2	Oddball indicia from hither and yon
18	2/23	Columnist seeks to update Pike list
19	3/9	Readers shed light on Joe & Asbestos