

“METER STAMPS”

by Doug Kelsey, Linn’s Stamp News

#	DATE	TITLE OR SUBJECT	NOTES
1992			
1	10/19	Introduction to collecting meter stamps	
2	11/16	The first postage meters and their stamps	USPMSC Type BA
3	12/21	Essays, specimens and proofs of meters	
1993			
4	1/18	High-face-value meter stamps on airmail	High value ovals
5	2/15	Slogans and pictorials are fun to collect	
6	3/15	Meter stamp basics: catalog and society	MSS and USPMSC
7	4/19	Pre-1920 experimental meters	1903, 1912, 1913 tests
8	5/17	U.S. postage due meter experiment, 1941-53	
9	6/21	Post office tried to censor slogan in 1961	Republic slogan
10	7/19	International-rate meters date from 1922	BA & CA
11	8/16	U.S. Official meter stamps began in 1973	Officials
12	9/20	Meters show living persons, taboo subjects	pictorials and slogans
13	10/18	Reader response: meter basics, Moody Blues	
14	11/15	High-value meter stamps on registered mail	Part 1: Ovals
15	12/20	Changes in meter stamps on registered mail	Part 2: others
1994			
16	1/17	Computer-vended postage includes Mailomat	
17	2/21	Meter-stamp reply envelopes began in 1939	
18	3/21	New third-class rates affected 1920s meters	Rate surcharge slugs
19	4/18	New rate caused meter stamp provisionals	Rate surcharges, ovals
20	5/16	Identifying meter stamps, permit imprints	
21	6/20	Meters were rapidly adopted in the 1920s	Foreign meters
22	7/18	New rate book explains role of meter stamps	Beecher, meter rates
23	8/15	Meters first used in U.S. post offices in 1934	Post office meters
24	9/19	Post office meter stamps with slogans scarce	P.O. slogans
25	10/17	First days and earliest uses are a challenge	
26	11/21	New meter stamp catalog includes pricing	Book review: USPMSC
27	12/19	Streamlined Eagle is most used stamp of all	
1995			
28	1/16	Meter stamp’s 75th anniversary is in 1995	
29	2/20	Arthur Pitney: father of the postage meter	
30	3/20	Walter H. Bowes: pioneer of metered mail	
31	4/17	Events of 1920 gave birth to meter industry	
32	5/15	Meter stamps noted Penny Black centennial	slogans, Mailomat
33	6/19	After 75 years, a meter stamp perspective	
34	7/17	Stamp show slogans among rare event covers	
35	8/21	Postage meters adapted for revenue use	
36	9/18	State revenues began in Maryland in 1933	
37	10/16	More on post office meter stamps	
38	11/20	Information and discoveries from readers	Revenues, EKU, reply mail
39	12/18	Christmas seal FDCs with Mailomat meters	
1996			
40	1/15	Foreign public self-service meter machines	Self-service
41	2/19	U.S. public self-service postage machines	Self-service

42	3/18	Mailomats were in use for almost 50 years	Mailomat
43	4/15	Four Mailomat machines used in Canada	Mailomat
44	5/20	Canadian postage meters introduced in 1923	
45	6/17	Computer software produces new meters	Fox/PostPerfect
46	7/15	Two self-service meter machine experiments	Austin/NCR, Jacksonville/PPMF
47	8/19	Meter stamp primer: What is a meter stamp?	
48	9/16	Ways to collect meter stamps are unlimited	
49	10/21	Oval meters, the classics of meter stamps	
50	11/18	Book essential for metered mail collectors	Int'l rate book and covers to foreign destinations.
51	12/16	Suspended and interrupted mail with meters	
		1997	
52	1/20	Common sense guide to collecting meters	
53	2/17	Short-lived Autopost machine experiment	
54	3/17	Meters are the pioneers of new philately	
55	4/21	Postal directives found with meter stamps	
56	5/19	Neopost finds its way into U.S. meter market	
57	6/16	Insuring the accurate dating of metered mail	
58	7/21	Meter stamps missing from Pacific 97 show	
59	8/18	World's earliest metered cover from 1897	diBrazza cover
60	9/15	Meter stamp primer: collecting postal history	
61	10/20	NCR's omni-denomination meter stamps	
62	11/17	The coming revolution in stamp collecting	computer, electronic meter stamps
63	12/15	Meter stamps were used on U.S. Navy ships	
		1998	
64	1/19	The important dates in meter stamp history	
65	2/16	Auxiliary markings just for meter stamps	
66	3/16	How the term 'meter stamp' came about	
67	4/20	Pitney Bowes' flying eagle meter stamps	
68	5/18	Meter stamps and airmail week celebrations	
69	6/15	Designs of the Standing Eagle meter stamps	
70	7/20	Meter stamps franked some diplomatic mail	
71	8/17	Hotel meter-stamped mail as a guest service	
72	9/21	New postage technologies and discoveries	Computer postage
73	10/19	The world's earliest metered cover revisited	DiBrazza cover
74	11/16	Meter slogan celebrated parcel post jubilee	
75	12/21	Zeppelin airship flights carried metered mail	
		1999	
76	1/18	Early U.S. airmail and classic meter stamps	
77	2/15	Meters and International Priority Airmail	
78	3/15	Few examples exist of 1928-31 airmail meter	
79	3/29	Meter slogans portray a variety of topics	
80	4/19	WWII airmail operations and metered mail	
81	5/17	Catapult mail franked with meter stamps	
82	6/21	Provisional meters for 1960s rate changes	
82	7/19	Air France's transatlantic mail of the 1930s	
84	8/16	Zeppelins carried mail bearing meter stamps	
85	9/20	Hometown lobbies for Arthur Pitney stamp	
86	10/18	Meters show 1990s nonprofit-rate changes	
87	11/15	New U.S. rate book includes meter stamps	
88	12/20	Meter slogans celebrate the holiday season	

2000

- 89 1/17 Important dates in computer postage history
- 90 2/21 Mixed-franking meter covers are uncommon
- 91 3/20 Metered crash mail has interesting history
- 92 4/17 Metered mail from train wrecks hard to find
- 93 5/15 Great Britain chose Pitney for first meter
- 94 7/10 U.S. Official mail franked with meter stamps
- 95 7/24 Early registered metered mail hard to find
- 96 8/21 Meter stamps solve problem of odd bulk rates
- 97 9/18 Metered mail flown by SCADTA is rare
- 98 10/16 Much is better in meter stamp collecting
- 99 11/20 Mechanical frankers preceded modern meters
- 100 12/18 Holiday slogans from Mailomats are scarce

2001

- 101 1/15 Clinton likely to continue using meter stamps
- 102 2/19 The UPU distributed meter stamp specimens
- 103 3/19 U.S. metered 'Hindenburg' cover discovered.
- 104 4/16 Oval meter stamps scarce on international mail
- 105 5/21 China's meter stamps: some of world's greatest
- 106 6/18 Cartoon characters not new on meter stamps
- 107 7/16 Self-serve postage: catalog dilemma IBIP Florida test
- 108 8/20 Pitney Bowes not quite the only game in town PB competitors
- 109 9/17 U.S. meter stamp catalog update released
- 110 10/15 Meter stamps on forwarded mail hard to find
- 111 11/19 Metered mail can be sent at any post office
- 112 12/17 Desktop postage meter expanded marketDM model

2002

- 113 1/21 Three forerunners led to today's PVI labels
- 114 2/18 Postage validation imprints are inexpensive fun
- 115 3/18 Bulk discounts make fun, challenging collection
- 116 4/15 Short-lived self-service meter experiments
- 117 5/20 First U.S. printed-on-demand postal cards Postal Buddy
- 118 6/17 Meter stamps of 1929 looked like adhesives
- 119 7/15 1932 meter stamps continued faux perforations
- 120 8/19 Meter-stamp errors, varieties: a basic primer
- 121 9/30 Origins, predecessors of a meter-stamp collector
- 122 10/21 Pitney's first meter patented 100 years ago
- 123 11/18 Meter stamps paid for special postal services
- 124 12/16 Provisional meter stamps are scarce, undervalued

2003

- 125 1/20 Postage-due meter stamps led to end of adhesives
- 126 2/17 U.S. meter stamps show nonstandard penalties
- 127 3/17 Rare 7¢, 3 1/2¢ meter stamps paid catalog rates
- 128 4/21 Heavy catalogs used reduced rates starting in 1939
- 129 5/19 Mail-O-Meter lost out in survival of the fittest
- 130 6/16 Antitrust suit let Postalia into meter stamp market
- 131 7/21 National Postal Meter's distinctive meter stamps
- 132 8/18 Swiss company produced U.S. meter stamps
- 133 9/15 Torch design identifies Friden meter stamps
- 134 10/20 Meter stamps paid for business-reply-mail postage
- 135 11/17 Affordable, challenging Mexican meter stamps
- 136 12/15 Popular Pony Express meter stamp slogan

2004

- 137 1/19 Meters paid discounted rates for presorted mail
- 138 2/16 Are they meter stamps or permit imprints?
- 139 3/15 Will the Scott catalog list computer stamps?
- 140 4/19 Computer-generated postage on the increase
- 141 5/17 Stamps.com offers computer-generated postage
- 142 6/21 Meter stamps will never replace adhesive stamps
- 143 7/19 Stamps.com out to quash resale of NetStamps paper
- 144 8/16 Era of electronic mail began 30 years ago
- 145 9/20 New worldwide meter stamp catalog on the way
- 146 10/18 Meter stamps adapted and evolved over time
- 147 11/15 Look for and save sport-theme meter stamp slogans
- 148 12/20 Table updates earliest known uses of meter stamps

2005

- 149 1/17 1920: eventful year for U.S. postage meters
- 150 2/21 Uncommon first meter stamps avidly sought
- 151 3/21 Maturing hobby accepts meter stamp exhibits
- 152 4/25 New meter stamp catalog an invaluable tool
- 153 5/30 Meter stamps really are postage stamps too Final column

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8. *The National Cash Register Company Meter Stamps* 16-page publication of the Meter Stamp Society, Fall 1993.
9. "Time now for Scott to list U.S. meter stamps" Editorial, *Linn's Stamp News*, Dec. 13, 1993.
10. *Mexico Postage Meter Stamp Catalog*, Illustrated 24-page catalog published by MEPSI, November 1994.
11. "U.S. Meter Stamps and Postal History," "U.S. Streamlined Eagle Meter Stamps, 1940-1994" 380-page publication of DAK exhibits, December 1994.
12. *Mailed Via "Mailomat"* 64-page book published by MSS, March 1995.
13. *The Official Souvenir Event Covers of Pitney Bowes* Monograph for MSS COLOPEX 95 meeting, April 1995.
14. *United States Meter Stamps First Days and Earliest-Known Uses*, 32-page book published by AFDCS, September 1996.
15. "First U.S. commemorative meter honors Grand Central Station" *Linn's Stamp News*, November 2, 1998.
16. "Airmail and Meter Stamps" *Airpost Journal* Feb., Mar., Apr. 1999, Feb. 2000, Feb. 2002.
17. "FDCs of the New Computer Postage Stamps" *First Days*, July 15, 2000.

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Stamps —several titles including “Meter News and Notes,” “United States Meter News,” and “Philometric Notes” from June 29, 1940 to December 30, 1944. Informal column, “Meter Collecting Notes,” appeared irregularly in 1938 and 1939. More than fifty monthly columns published.

Special columns and articles:

- “Meter Slogans, The Streamlined Stamps,” *Stamps*, 4/9/38
- “The Permit Printer,” *Stamps*, 7/8/39
- “The National Postage Machine,” *Stamps*, 1/11/41
- “Type JW Meter Notes,” *Stamps*, 4/12/41
- “Collecting Metered Mail,” *Young People*, 8/3/41
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Stamps

Stamps, 1938-1975. Irregular column, “Foreign Meter News,” and special features about “Postage Meter Stamps of the World.”

Highlights include:

- “The Postage Meter Impressions of Canada,” 12/17/38
- “Forerunners of the Mailomat,” 4/6/40
- “The 20th Anniversary of Metered Mail,” 11/16/40
- “Czechoslovakia’s Meters,” 12/7/40
- “The Postage Meter Impressions of Switzerland,” 12/28/40
- “Netherlands Postage Meters,” 3/1/41
- “The Postage Meter Impressions of France,” 6/7/41
- “The ‘F’ Group of U.S. Postage Meters,” 10/11/41
- “The Omni-Denominational Meters of Argentine Republic,” 12/27/41
- “Postage Meter Impressions of Poland,” 2/28/42
- “The Postage Meters of Malaya,” 5/22/43
- “The National Cash Register Postage Machines of Canada,” 3/11/44
- “25th Anniversary of First Class Mail Permits,” 5/5/45
- “Israel Meters,” with S.N. Shure, 6/2/51
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“FUN WITH METERS”

by Homer H. Hemenway, Linn’s Stamp News

#	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

“METERED MAIL NOTES”

by Ernest J. Roscoe, Stamp Collector

#	DATE	TITLE OR SUBJECT
	1973	
1	3/24	General instructions for collectors/meter stamp history
2	4/28	General instructions for collectors/meter stamp history
3	5/19	General instructions for collectors/meter stamp history
4	7/7	Mechanics of the postage meter
5	8/4	Friden meter stamp
6	9/1	Permit printers
7	9/8	ZIP code meter stamps, permit printers
8	10/20	Metered mail notes
9	11/24	Christmas slogans
10	12/22	Postal rate changes in the 1920s
	1974	
11	1/15	Metered mail notes
12	1/26	Postal rate changes in the 1930s
13	2/16	Postal rate changes in the 1940s and 1950s
14	3/16	Postal rate changes in the 1960s, part 1
15	4/5	Metered mail notes
16	4/27	Postal rate changes in the 1960s, part 2
17	5/25	Posthorns on metered mail
18	6/22	Scope of metered mail and meter stamp literature
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