

Thieves sell Jags 3 times

CHEEKY thieves have netted £300,000 by stealing the same cars over and over again, it was revealed yesterday.

The gang nick Jags and BMWs in the Sheffield area and sell them on after swapping number plates and trim.

But they keep spare keys and steal the same car again.

After another number switch, it goes on sale in a different town. Some cars have been sold three times.

A detective said: "It's possible to get several rake-offs by making the car look slightly different each time."

180 FIRMS GO BUST EACH DAY

By PATRICK HENNESSY

ABOUT 180 firms are going bust each working day as economists predict the recession will continue well into next year.

Unemployment will hit 2.8million by next summer, say business experts.

Small firms employing fewer than 100 people are particularly at risk — but big names are

Jobless 'will hit 2.8m'

also in trouble. British Rail is expected to crash £20million into the red and British Steel could make a loss this year.

The figures blow a hole in Government claims that the economy will start to pick up in the autumn. A total of 23,161 businesses collapsed in the first half of this year, said business

information specialists Dun and Bradstreet.

That is 66 per cent up on the 13,898 in the same period in 1990. Worst-hit regions were the East Midlands and South West.

A London Business School survey predicts longer dole queues — with white-collar jobs being worst affected. About a million jobs will be lost in banking, insurance and other "service industries" in 1991 and 1992.

British Rail losses, to be announced on Wednesday, will compare with a surplus of £269.8million last year.

Frightened

British Steel is today expected to announce 1990 profits of £250million — down two thirds.

It could plunge into the red this year, with the threat of thousands of job losses.

June car sales are 30 per cent down on last year. Sales of barely 1.5million are predicted this year, the worst figure since 1977.

Experts say people frightened of losing their jobs are afraid to spend — so more businesses suffer.

Economist Gerald Lyons said: "We think the recession will last the whole of the year."

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A 16-TON truck driven by Steve Murty, of Hebden Bridge, Yorks, yesterday did a world record 547-metre wheelie on Blackpool prom, beating the old mark by 147 metres.

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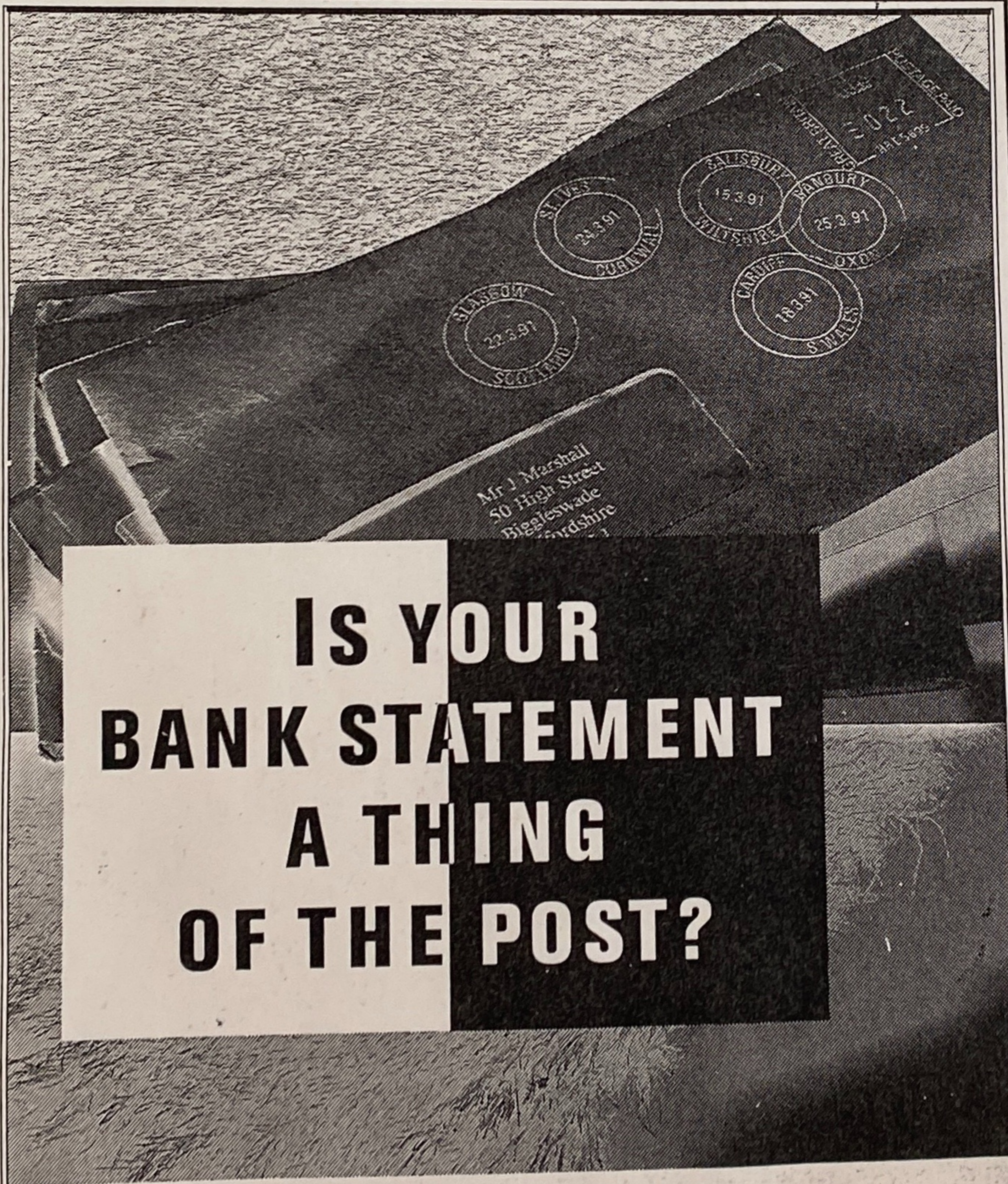
Hol chiefs want your dirty films

SUNSEEKERS are being asked to make Jeremy Beadle-style videos about their holiday horrors.

Travel agents Co-op Travelcare want trippers to film half-built hotels, dirty beaches and below-par entertainment.

The company also want customers to include good points.

The videos will be studied to ensure only the best resorts are in-



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