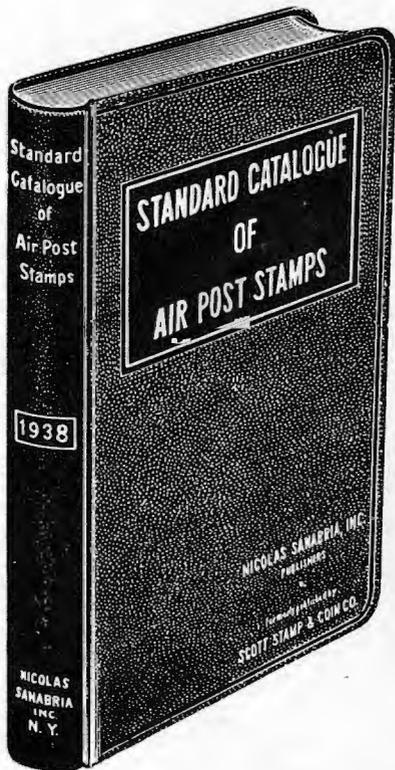


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An Editorial

ANY PUBLICATION devoted to the impartial dissemination of public information operates, of necessity, under a definite plan. If such publication aspires to do anything other than objectively record the passing show it must go further and set limits of and standards for its Editorial policy. Any well run Society, consciously or unconsciously, functions in much the same manner.

It is an ideal situation when the very type on its pages or the affirmative nature of its actions unmistakably reflect the policy of that publication or of that Society. We believe that the vast majority of the readers of THE AIRPOST JOURNAL and the greater number of members of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY not only understand but approve the traditional policy under which these agencies devoted to the good of our hobby are run. However it is often opportune and sometimes necessary for the purpose of emphasis to restate and reiterate the standards which have served so well.

The rapid growth in air mail collecting during the past decade has inevitably fostered certain abuses. The generally high monetary appreciation in air mail issues as compared with regular stamp issues has attracted a small percentage of devotees who are more investment conscious than hobby conscious. These speculators are and have been interested in the "profit angle" rather than in aero-philately for its intrinsic self—the pleasure and romance provided in the recording of air mail progress from the Philatelic side. This small minority we believe to be responsible for inspiring an increasing number of new issues, dumped literally in the lap of the collector, for which there can be no possible justification—postal or historical. Many of these issues bear the purely nominal mark of regularity in that they have been issued under some official decree or order—others are actually of doubtful or irregular origin. This is particularly true of many so-called errors and unique varieties, obviously created by favor or deliberation, which have been cropping up with exasperating regularity of late.

To their eternal credit let it be said that the leading airpost dealers some months ago took drastic and effective action in the case of one flagrant offender and it is hoped that other definite action may be currently contemplated. The legitimate retail dealer is under a definite handicap in this situation. His business is to sell stamps. Rarely is he the speculator, but prospers best on a quick turnover. He argues, with much logic, that it is up to him to supply what his customers demand or they will buy from other sources. However he does have a definite responsibility despite all this, in that collectors look to

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their favorite dealers for guidance and their "demand" is largely for the items authenticated and recognized by these leaders in the hobby. No reputable dealer would knowingly sell a counterfeit. Every reputable dealer makes scrupulous inquiry as to the ownership and antecedents of collections offered to him for purchase. He goes to great lengths to avoid purchasing stolen goods. Is it too much to urge that he make the same diligent effort to protect his customers from so-called postal emissions conceived in greed and born into a troubled hobby often of parents ashamed to acknowledge their parent-hood. We believe not. It is better that these illegitimates die in early infancy and the dealer can materially assist in tagging these for what they are because he is in a position to secure the facts better and quicker than any other agency.

Neither this publication nor this Society has any intention of "policing" the hobby. Years ago we learned that the only heinous and unforgivable crime in Philately was to try to tell another collector "what to collect." Nor do we urge that anyone else—least of all the dealer—should set themselves up as the arbiter of collecting habits. We do propose, as in the past, to refuse to publicize or chronicle stamp issues or flights concerning which authentic and complete information is not available or when available is of such a nature as to raise serious doubts as to its trustworthiness. We conceive that to be a legitimate function and duty of this JOURNAL and this Society and we earnestly urge that other publications and the trade in general join with us in SPOTLIGHTING those things upon which more light is needed. Perhaps under this policy some temporary wrong may be done and we propose to promptly correct any wrong impression by publishing complete facts when subsequently available, relying upon the individual collector in each case to determine whether he wishes to give the stamp or cover a home in his collection.

Under this long standing policy comes the case of the current 6c United States air mail stamp recently widely reported in the regular and Philatelic press as existing imperforate horizontally. This variety has been shrouded with a veil of excessive mystery and collectors have so far waited in vain for the frequently promised full story of the find. There are as many versions in stamp circles in New York as there are collectors with whom to discuss them. One can have his choice as to whether 30 or 40 or more sheets were discovered and if you are regionally jealous you may select either Brooklyn or New York City as the locale of the Post Office in which they were located. None have come on the market—none are in collectors' hands—but they have a "value" of anywhere from \$50 to \$1000 per pair depending upon how expansive one or another news writer may be at the moment. The peculiar reluctance to tell the story on these is certainly not conducive to interest or confidence in an outstanding discovery of an error in a stamp of one of the worlds' greatest governments. Those familiar with the rigid inspection and system of checks employed not only at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, but in handling through the Post Office Department, can but marvel at the fantastic publicity or rather lack of publicity about what must go down in history as one of the greatest slips ever in U. S. stamp production. Their wonderment concerning this can be second only as to how the thing itself could ever occur. Surely collectors are entitled to a complete and straightforward account of this matter. If legitimately in possession of the holder or holders, no investigation or government agency on earth can take them away from them or compromise in the least the good fortune of the lucky owners. Until such a straightforward pedigree is attached to these stamps and the facts are definitely established, not only the Editors of this magazine and the officers of this Society, but collectors generally, will be constrained to withhold decision on these errors. Surely here is a case, right in our own back yard, where "more light is needed."

The Editors



Cachet which will be used for first flight of the experimental non-stop pick-up service.

CAM Cover Notes

by CHAS. G. RIESS

Information concerning C.A.M.'s should be sent direct to the editor of section, P. O. Box 11, Albany, N. Y.

ALTHOUGH no official verification is at hand it is unofficially reported that another new AM route will be inaugurated sometime this coming fall or winter. The new route which will no doubt be known as AM-42 if a contract is awarded for such route is proposed to operate by two separate legs from Houston, Tex. to Brownsville, Tex. via Corpus Christi and from Houston, Tex. to San Antonio, Tex. with a possible westward extension from the latter point to El Paso, Tex.

Effective Sept. 1, 1938 Del Monte and Pacific Grove, Calif. were embraced as stamps on AM-11. These two points are serviced through the Monterey, Calif. airport. No official first flight cachets were authorized for use at these points and covers at hand indicate that no unofficial cachets were applied to same. However, covers dispatched from the general post office at Los Angeles for the first inbound flight to these two points are noted cancelled in magenta.

Capt. Carl Milton Christenson was pilot of first directional flight from Denver, Colo. to North Platte, Nebr. on trip 6, AM-1 on Dec. 2, 1937.

While the extension of AM-37 from San Francisco to Oakland and the embracing of Oakland as an intermediate stop on AM-37 is a possibility as reported in this column

some time ago official word regarding the addition of Oakland to AM-37 states that there is nothing definite about same and that no such addition is contemplated for the near future.

The St. Paul, Minn. air mail field covers of first flight of AM-26 of July 3, 1934 will be definitely listed in the new catalogue. While a few of these covers have been reported it is believed that these will rank among the scarcest field items as they are far from common and not easily found.

Effective Sept. 8, 1938 service via AM-5 was resumed at Montgomery, Ala.

Effective Sept. 10, 1938 the stop at Beaumont, Tex. via AM-20 was temporarily suspended account of field conditions.



Cachets to be used by the Post-office for the inauguration of AM Route 42.

POSTMASTER GENERAL FARLEY'S GIFT



To Glenn W. ...





Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

October 4, 1928.

Mr. Glenn W. Hayes,
News Department,
The Herald-Journal Newspapers,
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Hayes:

I am very glad to comply with your request to donate to the American Air Mail Society, several of the covers received by me during National Air Mail Week. They have been autographed in accordance with your wishes and may be used for prizes in your campaign.

May I also take this opportunity to express my thanks to the American Air Mail Society for its cooperation during the National Air Mail Week campaign and also for the fine spirit of cooperation which has always existed between the Post Office Department and your organization.

We have, on a number of occasions, sought the counsel and advice of the Society with respect to matters in which the Department and the members of the Society were mutually affected.

While the Department has not always been able to comply with all of the requests made, it has been found that with proper explanation, you understood and appreciated the Department's position. You have offered many constructive suggestions, some of which we have been able to accept to our mutual advantage.

I am particularly appreciative of the displays exhibited by the Society during the National Air Mail Week campaign.

Very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,
James A. Farley

●POSTMASTER GENERAL JAMES A. FARLEY has contributed these aero-philatelic souvenirs as awards in the AAMS membership movement. Included are four autographed National Air Mail Week covers addressed to the P. M. G., an autographed photo and Mr. Farley's letter.

A.A.M.S. Membership Movement:

THE FARLEY AWARD

by THE CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN of YOUR Membership Movement, fellow members of the American Air Mail Society, is glad to announce in the October issue of The Airpost Journal and through the cooperation of the Honorable James A. Farley, Postmaster-General and staunch friend of philately, the Farley Award for special achievement during the Membership Building Period.

Four National Air Mail Week covers addressed to Mr. Farley and received by him at his office in Washington during that period have been signed by the Postmaster-General and contributed to The Society. While Mr. Farley generously and courteously contributed these covers to be used as prizes, your chairman has decided to group them as one award, together with a large autographed photograph of Mr. Farley, and to present the whole group to the member of our Society who sponsors the greatest number of accepted members during the October-January period.

Your chairman has stipulated a minimum of five new or renewed accepted memberships to win this award.

Of special interest to every member is Mr. Farley's letter, paying high tribute to our Society and reproduced herewith:

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(Signed) JAMES A. FARLEY,
Postmaster-General

SPECIAL CANCELLATION FOR NATRONA (PA.) AIR MAIL ANNIVERSARY

We are in receipt of a cover celebrating the "Silver Anniversary of the First Air Mail Flight in Western Pennsylvania." The cover bears a cachet in light blue, depicting a card carried on the October 4, 1913, Natrona, Pa., pioneer air mail flight, addressed to Harry A. Truby, with appropriate wording below. According to the cachet the cover was sponsored by the "Corrigan Aero Club" and picked up by the Adams automatic airmail pick-up by Norman J. "Hap" O'Bryan, pilot.

It is interesting to note that the stamp is cancelled with a specially made cancelling stamp. Wording around the top of the circle "Natrona-Natrona Heights" and below "Air Mail Field" in the center "Penn'a-Oct. 4, 1938." There are six wide-spaced killer bars, with the words "First Flight" between the last two.

Although we do not know the sender, we surmise this is a pre-view of the experimental pick-up air mail service, which will soon be inaugurated at Natrona and other towns in this region.

AIRS OF THE MONTH

by ALTON J. BLANK

All data on New Issues of Air Mail Stamps should be sent direct to Editor Alton J. Blank, 1850 Burnett Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio.

MOST UNUSUAL and most attractive of the recent miniature sheets is the one from Poland issued for a Stratosphere Flight. Guatemala is soon going to issue quite a few more regular air postage and a new commemorative set. The Papuan Jubilee issue is pleasing.

● **COSTA RICA** ● Bearing an "Air Mail" overprint 50,000 Philatelic sheets will be issued in conjunction with the Central American Philatelic Exhibition in Guatemala City. These will be sold at a small surtax over face the excess going to finance the Government's part in the exhibition.

● **DUTCH INDIES** ● To celebrate the tenth anniversary of air mail service between Netherlands and the Dutch Indies there will be issued two stamps. One, a 17½c. value, presents an angle view of the nose of a KNILM air liner; the other, a 20c. value presents a side view of the same ship. The stamps went on sale October 10, 1938 and are valid for postal service until November 30, 1938.

—G. Thoolen

● **ECUADOR** ● Word comes that in addition to the information given in the August APJ there will be a 5 Sucre value. Thus each set will consist of seven instead of six values for the San Francisco and New York Fairs. The design of the New York set will show the Trylon and Perisphere on some values and a modernistic view of a skyscraper on others. The San Francisco set will show the Suspension Bridge of San Francisco Bay and snowcapped mountains in the background on some values and a view of the Ecuador Pavilion on others.

● **GUATEMALA** ● The First Central American Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Guatemala City November 20 thru the 27, 1938. Besides a miniature sheet-airmail-there will be issued a set of six airs featuring the portraits of the presidents of the six participating lands. They will run from 1 to 10c. in denomination and be issued in quantities from 250,000 to 400,000. LaRue Applegate in New York Times states that Honduras and Nicaragua will also participate by the issuance of stamps.

Eleven stamps for the Interior Service and 12 for the Exterior service will also be issued this coming November. The shape and printing will be as the numerous predecessors including the small Quetzal bird overprint. The central design contains different views than heretofore.

For the Interior set we have the following denominations, color and design: 1c brown olive and red brown La Merced Church in old Antigua, 2c. carmine and olive Ruins of Church and Monastery "Escuela de Cristo", 3c. grey blue and ochre Municipal Airport at La Aurora, 4c. purple and emerald Army Tribune at Campo de Marte, 5c. carmine lilac and ultramarine Cavalry Headquarters, 6c red orange and slate Palace of Justice, 10c. red brown and dark grey Customs house at San Jose, 15c. dark purple and black Post Office at Retalhulen, 30c. dark blue and dark carmine Municipal Theater at Quezaltenango, 50c. red orange and violet Customs house at Retalhulen, and 1 Quetzal green and cobalt Administration Building at the same town.

For the Exterior set we have the following: 1c. olive and red brown Mayan Altar in Archeological Museum, 2c. emerald and black Health Palace, 3c. dark blue and ultramarine Lake Amatitlan, 4c. brown and ultramarine Lake Atitlan, 5c. dark green and red orange Bridge over Tamasulapa River, 10c. wine and steel blue Independence Monument, 15c ultramarine and carmine rose Palace of Captains General at Antigua, 20c. green and light green Church of the Virgen of Cerro del Carmen, 25c. purple and olive green Statue of Justo Rufino Barrios, 30c. rose and blue grey Mayan Altar at La Aurora Park, 50c. brown and yellow Fountain of Charles III, and 1 Quetzal orange and sea green Old Antigua.



● **HAITI** ● The Constitution stamp pictured herewith is a product of the American Bank Note Company.

—N. Sanabria



• **PAPUA** • Five stamps commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of British Possession of Papua. They are 2d. red, 3d. blue, 5d. green, 8d. brown, and 1 shilling lavender. The common design shows a plane in flight over Port Moresby with ships at the wharf. They are unwatermarked and the product of John Ash in Australia. The dates "1888-1938" are in ornaments at the sides of the stamp.

—F. W. Kessler

• **PARAGUAY** • Seven stamps will soon be released. They will be 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 300 pesos. Colors not known.

—H. G. Spanton

• **PERU** • Three stamps will go on sale December 9, 1938 in honor of the 8th Pan-American Congress held in Lima. Colored true blue and showing the Torre Tagle Palace the 25c. will be issued in the

quantity of 100,000. The National Congress in Lima will be shown in the 1.50 soles colored light brown. Slate blue is the color of the 2. Soles stamp which will show the portraits of Don Manuel Ferreyros, Dr. Jose Paz Solden, and Dr. Antonio Arena. There will be 50,000 each of these two stamps.

—E. J. Ristedt

• **POLAND** • For the benefit of the first Polish stratosphere flight there has been issued a miniature sheet. It bears a 75 groszy purple stamp in long vertical format showing a view of the balloon over a mountain. The stamp is inscribed "Lot do Stratosfery 1938." The sheet is inscribed "1st Polish Stratosphere flight 1938." 1.25 z. goes for the aid of the experiment. The sheet therefore sells for two zlotny. There are 75,000 sheets available thru special subscription.

(See illustration, page 16)

—F. W. Kessler

• **SPAIN** • In the July issue there are illustrated two stamps part of a postal history set. These have now been surcharged in red or blue with the word or words: "Zona Protectada," "Tanger" "Cabo Juby" and "Guinea." Consequently each set is available in its respective territory.

—J. Schildhouse, N. Sanabria
(Continued on Page 16)

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Catalogue Progress

DRODUCTION on the forthcoming American Air Mail Catalogue continues its progress. It is too early to set a definite publication date at this writing but readers will be gratified, we feel to have these additional notes in regard to this major undertaking.

The section on U. S. Contract Air Mail flights follows closely the separate handbook on this subject published by the Society several years ago. All new flights

have been included and in addition corrections have been made to the previous material based on additional facts supplied by the U. S. Post Office Department and through the efforts of the Editorial staff of the Section. This Section is completed up to the minute—so much so that it includes material on routes which have NOT YET BEEN FLOWN!

The Section on Foreign Air Mail Flights under U. S. Contract (FAM's) has been prepared under the direction of a Committee headed by Richard L. Singley and

George S. Chapman, both outstanding specialists on these items. Compared with any previous listings, this Section is presented on a greatly multiplied basis, which it is believed will be acceptable to the great majority of collectors and no doubt should revive the interest in these items which so richly deserve popularity. The Clipper fights on the Trans-Pacific Services are listed and priced for the first time in any publication.

The most comprehensive and complete listing of Philippine Island fights ever published is that Section edited by the distinguished authority Mr. Walter Brugg-

mann of Manila and a corps of associates. In presenting the material to the Editorial Board Mr. Bruggmann adopted a unique expedient in that his data was privately printed in Manila in brochure form in a limited edition available only to the Catalog Editors. In addition Mr. Bruggmann furnished the publication office with all engravings with which this section is liberally illustrated. This is just another example of Mr. Bruggmann's many benefactions to the Society.

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—L. B. Gatchell

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by W. R. PATTON

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Items of Interest

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT has issued a very nice map of the Canadian Air Lines and a few can be supplied by yours truly at 5c each, either U. S. or Canadian stamps. We regret to make this charge, but it costs about 4½ cents each for envelopes and mailing. A present only one to each person, until it is known definitely whether there will be any over after all requests are filled.

The Trans-Canada started the Western run on Oct. 1st. From Vancouver the plane was Piloted by Capt. J. Lindsay Rood and Rene Giguere. From Winnipeg Capt. David D. Imrie and John W. Herald. Plane arrived at Winnipeg on time, but was seven hours late at Vancouver.

Winnipeg covers are cancelled at 3:30 P. M. and backstamped at Regina 5 A. M. (2nd) Lethbridge A. M. (2nd) and Vancouver either 15 P. M. or 3 P. M. (2nd). Trans-Canada Airlines.

Regina at 11 P. M. and Westbound as above. Lethbridge 2:30 A. M. (2nd) Vancouver as above.

Vancouver cancelled at 12:30 P. M. and backstamped Lethbridge 11:30 P. M. Regina 5 A. M. (2nd) Winnipeg 8 A. M. (2nd) The Winnipeg stamp clearly shows 18 A. M. but actually is 8 A. M.

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Lethbridge cancel 3 A. M. and Edmonton 7 A. M. Return Edmonton 1 P. M. Lethbridge 11:30 P. M. Trans-Canada Airlines.

Regina 4 A. M. cancelled Moose Jaw 6 A. M. Saskatoon 8 A. M. Prince Albert 8 A. M. and North Battleford 9:30 A. M. Return trip North Battleford 1:30 P. M. backstamped Prince Albert 4 P. M. Saskatoon 4:30 P. M. Moose Jaw 6 P. M. and Regina 7 P. M. Prairie Airways Ltd.

Information as to Pilots on feeder lines

and amount carried will be published in the November issue.

At present Pilots are now being switched on the Eastern end of the run, and flying empty to Montreal and Toronto. Usual time of trip East is seven hours. It is expected airmail service may be in operation before end of December, but definite information is not yet available.

Recent Flights

Well, we made one guess that came true, as the TRANS-CANADA service, Winnipeg to Vancouver section is now definitely set for Oct. 1st. The three new lines will add another 2,400 miles to Canadian airlines. There will be 34 covers comprising all routes. We note a change in the Lethbridge-Edmonton contractors as this route will be flown by the Trans-Canada Airlines instead of the United Air Transport Ltd. No stop will be made at Calgary, as work on the Airport was recently started.

Red Lake-Madsen, Ont. Plane left Red Lake at 12:30 P. M., May 25th arriving at Madsen about 1:00 P. M. Contractors Canadian Airways Ltd. Pilot David P. Glen. Two pounds of mail flown, including parcel post. Pilot Glen left at 1:30 P. M. arriving Red Lake at 2:00 P. M. carrying 7 pounds mail, including parcel post. Madsen was opened as a new Post Office. Peace River to Carcajou, North Ver-

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milion and Fort Vermilion. Plane left Peace River at 12:30 P. M., July 17th arriving that afternoon at Fort Vermilion at 2:35 P. M. The Contractors were United Air Transport Ltd. Pilot E. W. Kubicek. Mail amounted to 236 pounds mostly parcel post, and it is understood about 200 covers were flown to all points, about 70-80 to each place. Distance is 167 miles. Pilot Kubicek left Fort Vermilion on July 21st at 12:00 noon arriving Peace River at 2:00 P. M. Mail carried 42 lbs., mostly parcel post.

Fort Nelson to Nelson Forks and Fort Liard, the last two places being opened as new Post Offices date of first flight. Plane left Fort Nelson July 22nd at 10:00 A. M. arriving Fort Liard (distance 120 miles) at 1:40 P. M. United Air Transport Ltd. Pilot C. Tweed. Mail was 198 pounds mostly parcel post. Pilot Tweed left at 5:00 P. M. arriving Fort Nelson at 7:00 P. M. with 55 pounds of mail, mostly parcel post. Very few covers of this flight will reach the hands of collectors.

Winnipeg-Madsen, Ont. Flight was made both ways on Aug. 1st between both points. It is understood about 60 or so covers carried each way. Distance about 170 miles, although mail is taken by motor to Lac du Bonnet and loaded on plane there to Madsen. Contractors are Wings Ltd.

Vancouver to White Horse. Planes left Vancouver, two machines, piloted by Grant McConachie, President of United Air Transport Ltd. and Ginger Coote, President of Ginger Coote Airways Ltd. Contractors Ginger Coote Airways Ltd. Left Vancouver at 7:30 A. M. arriving at Williams Lake, B. C. at 9:30 A. M. (272 miles) with 2692 covers. Quesnel, B. C. at 10:20 (61 miles) with 2,654 covers. Prince George at 11:20 with 2700 covers (65 miles) Fort St. John at 13:40 (199 miles) with 2642 covers. Grant McConachie and Sheldon Luck, both of the United Air Transport Ltd. left Fort St. John at 15:00 for Whitehorse (643 miles) with 3601 covers arriving at White Horse at 22:45 P. M. 672 other covers, all business mail, were also flown, of which 110 were registered. Date Aug. 4th, 1938.

The return trip was made leaving Whitehorse on Aug. 6th at 18:00 by the same Pilots to Fort St. John arriving there at 12 noon on the 7th. Both pilots stopped over night at Lower Post, B. C. 3159 covers were carried for Vancouver. (NOTE—all return mail is that for Vancouver). Left Fort St. John at 14:00 with 2655 covers, Prince George at 15:30 with 2,646. Quesnel at 17:15 with 2,664. Arrived at Williams Lake at 18:30 stopping overnight. Left Williams Lake at 9:30 A. M. with 2,510 covers arriving at Vancouver on the 8th at 11:00 A. M. There was also another 843 covers of business mail

carried as well, of which 106 were registered.

As soon as the Airport is completed at Calgary, the Lethbridge-Edmonton run will include Calgary as a stop. Also it is expected that Lethbridge will be extended South to Great Falls, Montana before very long.

ZEPPELIN CENTENARY CARDS

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Count Zeppelin, Deutsche Zeppelin-Reederei, G. m. b. H., operating company for the Zeppelins, prepared several specially printed sheets. The two commemorative Zeppelin stamps were affixed to these sheets and cancelled with the several pictorial anniversary cachet-cancels used in various German cities.

The sheets are very attractive and will be welcome additions to any Zeppelin collection.

—Frank H. Kreuter, Dr. Max Kronstein

HANNOVER "FLUGTAG 1938"

We are indebted to Dr. Max Kronstein for a German postal card showing special cachet-cancellation for "Hannover Flugtag," September 25, 1938. A large bi-plane is shown flying through the center of the cancellation-cachet. This type of aeropublicity cancellation has become quite popular in Germany, and the various designs make an attractive presentation.

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AIRS OF THE MONTH

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● **POLAND** ● The new stratosphere sheet described on page 9.

● **SWITZERLAND** ● For the Aarau Exhibition comes a miniature sheet that is true to its name—it is small! Bearing the current 20c. postage—a pair—and a single of the 10 on 65c. airmail stamp this sheet has an inscription around the border written in three languages. They are French, German, and Italian and they reflect the central location of the Swiss Republic. The inscription reads: National Philatelic Exhibition—Airmail—Aarau 1938. It is interesting to note that the “10” surcharge is in grey green the color of the border inscription rather than black as the original surcharge. (Thus if you take the stamp out of the sheet and use it on mail you can get two varieties for your collection one with a black surcharge and the other with a grey green.)

—F. W. Kessler, J. Schildhouse

AUSTRALIAN AIR RATES

Through air mail New Zealand to London at 1½d per half ounce is a success. The 12,000 miles is flown in about 13 days.

There are likely to be considerable changes in Australian air stamps owing to changes in rates.

—Wilcox, Smith & Co., Dunedin, N. Z.

LT. JOHNSON CONDUCTING MAIL AUCTION OF COVERS OF LATE FRIEND

Lt. J. G. Johnson, U. S. S. Ranger, San Diego, Calif., will sell at mail auction the cover collection of the late W. J. Stanton on November 15. The sale is being held without profit to Lt. Johnson in order to liquidate the collection for Mrs. Stanton. There are fifty covers in the lot and descriptive bid sheets may be had by writing Lt. Johnson.

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Enthusiastic and deeply grateful over the very encouraging response to the American Air Mail Society Membership Movement announced in the September Airpost Journal, your chairman first of all must express appreciation to those who immediately came forward and offered their services and other valuable cooperation in this worthwhile enterprise.

Large and valuable lots of air mail covers and stamps, together with APJ album pages, copies of the forthcoming new American Air Mail Society Catalogue and other desirable items have been generously donated as awards to sponsors of new members. Among these donors are Charles G. Riess, W. R. Patton, Maurice Petty, President Paul Robertson, Walter J. Conrath, Bart Gatchell, George Angers and other Society "reliables." To all of you, Gentlemen, sincere thanks for your continuous interest and cooperation. Fellow AAMS members, these men have long rendered valuable and unselfish services to the Society, The Journal and the hobby of airposts and your chairman mentions this "lest we forget."

Objectives

The Membership Movement is designed to continue through January, 1939. It is, as stated in the last issue of The Airpost Journal, prompted by high and unselfish motives and in keeping with the ideals upon which the Society was founded and continuously has been conducted. Again, we wish to remind that this also is a COOPERATIVE, PROGRESSIVE and UNSELFISH movement, and that only those collectors who are genuinely interested in

airposts, either as a specialty or a substantial sideline, are desired.

Much emphasis is being placed upon the importance of having as many live chapters as possible in the Society. An effort is being made to revive former chapters, to strengthen present ones where needed, and to organize new groups wherever possible. Our president has appointed Mr. William M. Stuart, stamp editor of the Washington (D. C.) Post and one of the country's leading philatelic writers, to head this division of activity. Let's become CHAPTER-MINDED and do a first-class job in the field. Use the AAMS secretary's office in investigating chapter possibilities and procedure in your city. GET BUSY! ACT! Remember, our Membership Movement has three months more to go—and let's MAKE IT REALLY GO. If your town or city has six or seven or more airpost collectors get them all into the Society and organize a chapter.

Many Valuable Awards

Your chairman knows, of course, that the splendid men and women already within our Society ranks do not seek nor expect reward for their efforts, but we wish to announce that the top-flight awards will go to those members who revive former chapters or organize new ones. Check-up within your memory and on your AAMS history and determine where the "deceased" chapters are, then help to revive them. The Society and its officers will lend every possible assistance. Communicate with Mr. Stuart at Apartment 808, 2124 Eye Street, Washington, and offer your suggestions and help. He is another of the staunch, faithful and producing airposters who have brought countless blessings to the Society and the field of airposts in general. Show your own interests and appreciation and GET BUSY! This is not a "high pressure" movement, a drive or a contest but a constructive and progressive enterprise dedicated to the GOOD of the Society and the hobby as a whole.

Full List in November

Your chairman is engaged in assembling awards and listing them. A full list of awards and donors will be published in the November issue of the Airpost Journal. There will be awards for reviving and organizing chapters — very substantial awards, mind you! — and

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AIRPORT DEDICATION COVERS

by MAURICE S. PETTY

News of future and past events under this section should be sent direct to Mr. Petty, 507 Quackenbos St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

COMING EVENTS news is very scarce, but many events have happened without advance publicity. Let's hear more about them. Postmaster says Griffin, Ga. will dedicate airport Nov. 11th. Covers to him or to American Legion F. H. Wilde reports covers returned from Milton, Va., and Hobbs, Ind., because no C. of C. No dedication soon at Brownwood, Tex.

AIRPORT DEDICATION SECTION of catalogue in type to end of 1937. Anything for 1938, not yet mentioned in this column must be sent in at once or it will be too late. Every cover of which we have knowledge has been reported here, so if you have not seen it here, we do not know about it.

PAST AIRPORT DEDICATIONS: Mr. J. V. Murray reports in Mr. Dedell's column of Western Stamp Collector a dedication of Ringway Airport at Manchester, England, on June 25, 1938, and a black rubber stamped cachet by Ringway Corp. Covers seen postmarked at Goderich, Ont., Canada, July 30, with addressograph cachet (about 50 mailed) reading "Official Opening of Sky Harbor Airport, July 29," etc. Cachet date said to be wrong and postmark date correct. Not yet authenticated. Who has definite data on it? F. H. Wilde reported covers returned from Easton, Pa. saying Penn Jersey Airport there dedicated July 17, 1938. Inquiry to them brings reply from Mr. D. M. Moroughen, who confirms the event and says no covers mailed. He is a pilot at this field, and a collector, member of Easton Philatelic Society Elsewhere

has been reported a dedication at Boise, Idaho, July 3 and 4. Inquiry to C. of C. brings reply "Our new airport has NOT been dedicated and probably will not be until late next year." Mr. J. R. F. Danzinger sends clippings that an airport at Waukesha, Wisc., was recently dedicated; also that the Inter-City Airport between Tipton and Elwood, Ind. was recently opened; also that the Lockport, Ill. Airport was recently rededicated. However, the Supt. at Lockport writes that the article was misleading. Ground breaking was held on July 28th and construction started shortly thereafter. Dedication not before Sept. 1939. Covers reported from Matamoras, Pa. Sept. 1 (13 mailed) Sept. 2 (15), Sept. 3 (22) and Sept. 4 (11), with an Airport Stamp said to be for rededication of Merrill Ronne Airport. We will welcome authentic data as clipping seen calls it a "Firemen's celebration" and says "As the airport was officially dedicated several years ago, there was no formal dedication at the exercises." Two Texas cities had tremendous "welcome home" celebrations to "famed home town boys" and each re-named their respective airports after the respective heroes on the welcome days. Extensive newspaper accounts in our possession of the welcome to Howard Hughes in Hous-

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ton, Texas, on July 30th and to Douglas Corrigan in Galveston, Texas, on August 26th. No covers reported from either. Both events were for the fliers, not the airports. Oil City, Pa. dedicated Splane Memorial Airport on Sept. 4 and 5 and covers with typing, stamping, etc. mailed by Aero Club and CoFC. 750 both days, with about 100 to 150 of them on the 5th. Winchester, Va. dedicated Municipal Airport Sept. 25th and CoFC applied four line black cachet to about 200 covers. Was set for 24th and 25th but CoFC says "no one here 24th." Black printed cachet and Act. P. M. autograph on Connelville, Pa. covers of Oct. 1 for airport dedication (not yet verified). Dr. Ulman sends clipping which says Philadelphia, Pa. Municipal airport expected to be in operation by early December according to Mayor. Reilly Field, Fort McClellan, at Anniston, Ala. dedicated Oct. 1st, according to clippings sent by Hervey Reese and Edward Hacker. Private printed cachet on 18 covers pmkd. at Fort McClellan Branch P. O. Any one know of others? W. T. Wynn sends account of recent accident to Jerry Hull, pilot, who flew the covers from recent Detroit glider port dedication. He was slightly injured, and Bill suggests a letter from collectors would not be amiss. He can be reached at Detroit City Airport.

OTHER RECENT COVERS: W. C. A. M. S. mailed air covers pmkd. New York Sept. 13th, signed by Frank Fuller, and bearing printed cachet "1938 Bendix Air Race, Carried by Courtesy of Frank Fuller, Jr., Winner of the 1937 Race." Rochester, N. Y. covers received pmkd. each Sept. 23, 24 and 25, with typing by C. of C. "New York State Aviation Association Annual Meeting and Municipal Airport Hangar Dedication at Rochester, N. Y., September 23, 24, 25, 1938." Mark C. Emsley, new Secretary of the Cleveland Air Mail Society shows official cards used by P. M.'s in Ohio for specimens of NAMW. cachet. He has the only complete Ohio collection, outside the one on official record, and has many duplicates. G. F. Lancaster, 217 Highland Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., offers to send Western Union stickers to any readers collecting same, on receipt of self addressed stamped envelope.

WASHINGTON AIR MAIL SOCIETY was fortunate in having Hon. J. E. Lamieil, Director of International Air Mail Service, tell us at the September meeting of his experiences in the recent Alaska, Canada, first flights, as well as the Bermuda to Baltimore flights, where he went personally to supervise. We were also glad to welcome well known collector from Springfield, Ill., Mr. King Hostick, who is now a resident of Washington.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The hot summer months have passed and now comes the fall and winter season with increasing interest in all collecting activities.

The membership of the A. A. M. S. will continue its collecting with increasing enthusiasm; what with new issues in the offing; new air mail routes both domestic and foreign opening up to stimulate their efforts and last, but not least, the release in the near future of the complete air mail catalog.

The membership campaign has started and should soon be making strides forward with increasing force under the direction of Chairman Naves.

Let each member secure a member and make this your task for the Fall. Each new member secured means increasing strength in our Society and greater possibilities for benefit to all Air Mail collectors. Do your part, help all you can.

Very Respectfully,
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Respectfully submitted,
 EMIL J. VLASAK, Secretary.

**MANY MEMBERS RESPOND TO
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there will be others to be gladly given out in recognition of GOOD WORK. Already our Membership Movement Treasure Chest contains several hundred fine F. A. M., C. A. M., dedication and other flight covers and some nice mint and used air mail stamps, plus albums, album pages, catalogues, etc. We hope the 50 smaller awards listed in the September issue will be quickly earned and claimed. Winning one or more of these "Every Member Get A Member" lots will not dis-

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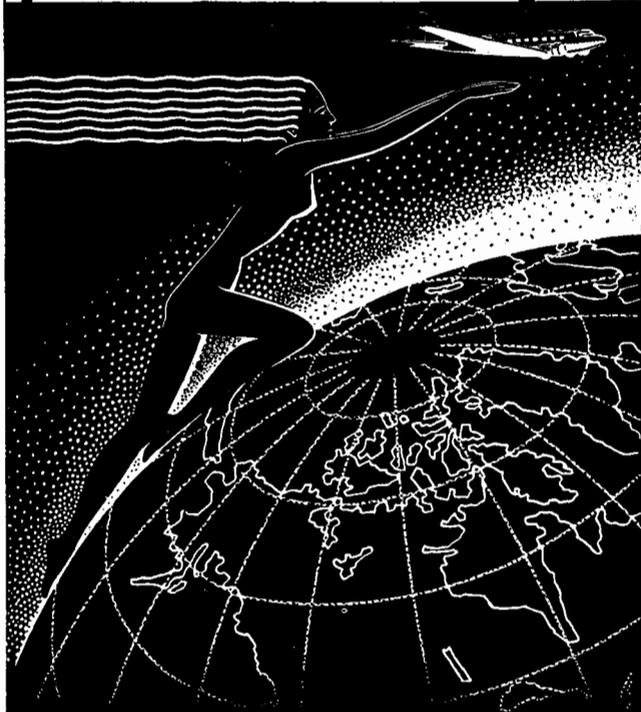
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