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DESIGN FOR NEW AIR MAIL STAMPS



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Artist Clayton Knight prepared this suggested design for an Air Stamp.



Release First Designs of Artists' Stamp Committee

Continued Cooperation Will Improve Our Stamps

by Walter J. Conrath

RECOGNIZED COMMERCIAL ARTISTS, under the guidance of Paul F. Berdanier, Jr., top flight advertising art director, have just submitted their initial portfolio of suggested designs for a number of

United States stamps to the Post Office Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. It is understood that President Roosevelt, U. S. No. 1 Philatelist, who has played an important role in the selection of our stamp designs for the past nine years, has also been presented with examples of the artists' contributions to improve our national postal paper productions.

A perusal of the designs finds them as varied and distinguished as the



These designs by Paul F. Berdanier, Jr., are suggested for a bi-colored Air Mail adhesive and embossed envelope.

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Clarence P. Hornung prepared this design for a 3-cent envelope stamp.



Mr. Hornung's suggestion for an Air Mail adhesive stamp.

thirteen noted artists who volunteered to submit examples of their craftsmanship. Mr. Berdanier is to be complimented in selecting and inviting these men whose work presents a veritable cross section of contemporary American Art—and our developing national art, as will be noted, incorporates some of the characteristics of the better and more traditional Continental draftsmen.

A Worthy Study

Although many stamp collectors are far from being artists, or art critics, many will be able to appreciate beauty and technical diversion in the portfolio of designs submitted by the artists' committee. Others, upon glancing at the proposed stamp designs, might throw up their hands and claim willingness to discount the progressive steps already accomplished by the postal officials and the artists. This trait of criticism is innate, and anticipated by all professionals who devote their efforts to the pleasure, entertainment or amusement of the public.

However, it must definitely be pointed out that the new era marking the active collaboration of the artists

and the Post Office Department in the designing of our stamps is a movement to which all serious and understanding collectors are looking with keen anticipation and approval. It is a foregone conclusion that co-operation of this nature is certain to result in progressive improvement.

True, there are several details which undoubtedly must be worked out between the artists and the engravers. These are ever-present in the handling of products of the graphic arts which must be conceived in one process, adapted and revised to be released by another vastly different process of the industry. For one, we feel the artists are already well acquainted with many of these hurdles of the profession, and the postal officials and Bureau engravers will be happy to welcome a fresh and experienced source of outstanding talent—to assure a fruitful culmination in the future designing of our postage stamps.

Procedure in Design

Several methods by which the Department may complement its engraving ability with an equally outstanding designing ability have been suggested. Open or closed competition of all artists or a selected number for future issues would be certain to provide more regularity in fine designs, especially if the artists were offered suitable remuneration for their work. The establishment of a Federal Art Department with a Federal Art Director has also been suggested. The director would be acquainted with the capabilities and shortcomings of all the designers of



These two suggested Air Stamp designs were created by Gustav Jensen.

the country, together with having a knowledge of the federal production and mechanical requirements, and could commission designers best qualified for particular tasks. The establishment of an Art Advisory Board, made up of representatives of the various departments concerned has also been suggested as a logical means of improving stamp design.

No matter what procedure is finally utilized, the efforts already inaugurated are most worthy of the highest praise of all who use our stamps, and especially of those who appreciate them more through their collecting activities.

Illustrated on these pages are examples of proposed designs of members of the artists' committee for Air Mail adhesive stamps and envelopes, together with two regular postage envelope designs, which we present through the courtesy of the committee and Mr. Berdanier. It is understood the Department completed its design for the new Air Stamp series after inspecting several designs of the artists' committee. It was also necessary for the Department to complete the six cent value of the new set before July 1, from which time law provides that all low value stamps be produced in a single color.



Lucian Bernhard, noted type and graphic arts designer, prepared this attractive model-sketch as a suggestion for a U.S. Air Mail embossed stamped envelope.



This is one of the novel designs for an Air Mail stamped envelope suggested by Artist Sam Marsh.

Convention Airpost Auction Lots Must Be Entered By June 15th

Convention Committee Will Hold
Organization Meet

WITH little over two months remaining before the 1941 National Convention of the American Air Mail Society which is to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., August 15-17, members were this week reminded that all lots to be entered in the Airpost Auction must be properly written up, catalogued and entered with the Auction Manager by June 15th.

Charles P. Porter, 143 Beechmont Drive, New Rochelle, N. Y., is handling the Auction material and reports that advance indications are that this Society sale will be one of the best ever sponsored. Material to be entered should be written up on one of the blanks prepared for this purpose, which are available through Mr. Porter. In the event that time does not remain to secure these blanks through the manager, members are advised that all material submitted must be properly classified by the proper catalogues and listed on paper. The usual auction commissions and regulations will apply. For a more complete list of regulations, see the May AIRPOST JOURNAL. Catalogue for the sale will be published in July.

Aside from the regular sale of members' lots, material donated for the benefit of the Catalogue Fund will also be offered. Contributions of this nature will be welcomed by the Society, and will greatly assist in keeping this important airpost publication up to date.

Plan Convention

A meeting of the members of the Convention Committee to be held at New York during the second week of June was announced recently by L. B. Gatchell, General Chairman. Representatives of all Eastern Chapters, who have been named on the committee, together with Atlantic City philatelic leaders, were expected to attend and make plans for the

AAMS CONVENTION MAY GET FD SALE OF NEW AIR MAIL STAMP

Although no official word has been received from the Post Office Department, it is hoped that the American Air Mail Society will be favored with first day sale of one of the stamps of the new Air Mail set, release of the first value of which is beginning at Washington on June 25. Five additional values are yet to be issued after the appearance of the low value stamp—the 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c and 50c. Designs will be the same as the first value.

Washington sources indicate stamps of this set may be placed on first day sale at one or more of the national philatelic conventions this Summer. One of these Air Mail stamps would be especially fitting for the AAMS National Convention at Atlantic City, N. J., August 15-17.

AAMS meeting, the exhibition, auction and other activities.

A large number of members have already informed the AAMS Secretary of their intention to attend the Twelfth Annual Convention, and it is hoped that many more members who have been unable to attend in past years will make a special effort to attend this important airpost gathering.

PHILATELIST-AUTHOR IS WAMS SPEAKER

With Rogelio E. Alfara, Pan American Union, as speaker, the Washington Air Mail Society met Monday evening, May 19, in Thompson Street Community Center. Philatelist and authority on Latin American affairs, Sr. Alfara has written several historical volumes and currently is bringing out the "Who's Who on the Postage Stamps of Latin American Republics" series. President William M. Stuart presided.

CATALOGUE SUPPLEMENT PUBLISHED

New Book Has 128 Pages;
200 Illustrations

THE 1941 SUPPLEMENT of the famous American Air Mail Catalogue has been released and mailed to advance subscribers. Cloth bound copies will be delivered from the binder and forwarded in several days.

The Supplement, prepared in the same format and general layout as the original large 720-page 1940 Edition, is an important handbook in its own right. Primarily the book is intended for use in conjunction with the 1940 Edition, and contains additions to the material already published, such as flights recently discovered, correction of published material and price changes. Most important part of the Supplement, however, is the complete listing of all new flights since publication of the large Catalogue, in April 1939.

Last Minute Listings

In new material the 1941 Supplement is right up to date, including even the listing of New Route No. 57, which was inaugurated May 12, 1941, and represents the first use of the new "standard type" CAM cachet. Although publication of the Supplement was delayed for some time to allow editors to complete copy, the catalogue committee made every effort to include all new material which originated in the meantime.

The Contract Air Mail section of the Supplement is one of the most important parts of the book, giving the usual comprehensive listing which have been used in AAMS cataloguing for some years. Illustrations of cachets and maps of all new routes are also included. The FAM section will also prove most important to any collector having interest in these covers. Price revisions have been made on some of the earlier trans-Oceanic FAM's and complete information of a new character has been included wherever available. With the exception of the Lindberghiana, Paris Balloon Posts, and Zepelin sections, all of the other six-

teen sections included in the 1940 Edition are again covered in the 1941 Supplement.

The new American Air Mail Catalogue Supplement has been published to bring listings up to date and provide a complete library and reference of catalogue information for the collector. As the world's leading air mail cover catalogue, publication of the Supplement has admirably fulfilled this responsibility. The heavy paper bound edition of the 1941 Supplement is priced at \$1.00, postpaid from Albion, Pa. The fabricoid bound Supplement, matching edition to the larger book, is priced at \$2.00. Both the 1940 large regular edition and the paper bound Supplement may be purchased at the regular price of the large book, \$3.50, plus postage, weight 4 lbs. Both books bound in matching fabricoid are available at \$4.50, plus postage. All orders must be placed direct with the Society's publication office at Albion, Pa., and as no wholesale supply is available only retail orders

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What's In the Air **IN WASHINGTON**

by **ROYCE A. WIGHT**

The statements in this article are solely those of the author writing as an airpost collector.

New Routes

The following new routes have recently been approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board: addition of Reading, Pa., to route 2; Birmingham, Ala., to route 5; Winston-Salem, N. C., to route 5; Toronto-New York (Trans-Canada Airlines); Toronto to Buffalo; Windsor, Ont., and Niagara Falls, N. Y., added to route 7.

Other new routes recently approved are the addition of Cheboygan, the Seattle-Vancouver route, and the addition of Singapore to the trans-pacific route. These services have already been inaugurated. In this con-

nection I might explain the statement in this column in April to the effect that several weeks usually intervene between the date a route is approved by the Board and the date of inauguration.

Generally speaking this is true with respect to all new routes except minor extensions or additions which involve little or no additional expenditure. The Seattle-Vancouver run is a short hop and the Singapore extension takes the place of a Hong Kong trip every other week. In these cases the route is sometimes inaugurated a few hours after the CAB gives its OK. The only way to catch all these flights is to keep in touch with the status of applications before the Board and send covers out as soon as hearings are completed on the chance that the application will be approved by the Board.

It is impossible to list all applications in this column for there are several hundred of them and some may not be decided for years. However from time to time we will list certain applications which are about to come up for a decision and which a CAM examiner has recommended be approved. (Of course the Board does not always accept the examiner's recommendation but it frequently does.) One such case at present is a recommendation that air mail service be given to Salem, Ore., and Bellingham, Wash.

National Defense Restricts Route Expansion

On April 24 the Civil Aeronautics Board announced that, with the exception of new intermediary stops, no new route certificates would be issued without the approval of the War and Navy Departments. This restriction results from the lack of equipment available to the airlines.

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All our airlines combined, domestic and foreign, have less than 450 airplanes at present. This is just a drop in the bucket compared to what we will be producing in a year or two. The present restrictions, plus the rapidly increasing production of bigger and better planes, will probably lead to a flood of new routes as soon as the emergency is over, so we'd better build up a little surplus to take care of a sudden jump in our spending for postage stamps and envelopes.

Washington Airport

With the opening set for June, the National Airport will be a new magnet for Washington's yearly 3,500,000 visitors. Incorporating the latest developments in airport construction, the huge new field built into the Potomac is also designed as an entertainment center. From the three restaurants and dining terraces, seating over 1,000, the whole city will be visible. From the 525 foot promenade one may observe planes, trains, and steamers all converging on the Nation's Capital. These attractions are expected to draw such large crowds that the airport will be a paying venture. This great new air base will be added incentive to many AAMS members to visit Washington en route to or from Atlantic City in August.

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—BULLETIN—
NEW SHORT-NOTICE
INAUGURALS

"The following new air mail service will be inaugurated on June 12, 1941:

AM-52, Great Falls, Mont., to Leth-

bridge, Canada, via Cutbank-Shelby, Mont.

AM-53, Memphis, Tenn, to Houston, Tex., via Shreveport, La.

AM-47, extension from Evansville, Ind., to Louisville, Ky.

"There will be insufficient time to issue first flight announcements on these flights. It is therefore requested that you give such publicity as may be possible regarding the flights to members of your organization.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to extend congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Ethel B. Stewart and Mr. Walter McCoy, New York, who announce their marriage on Tuesday, May 13.

The ceremony unites two of the best known contemporary collectors. Mrs. McCoy, a Vice-President of the AAMS, has assembled one of the finest air mail collections on record. Mr. McCoy, prominent member of the New York Collectors Club, is librarian of that Club's outstanding collection of philatelic literature, and Editor of the Collectors Club Philatelist.

APPRECIATION

It is a pleasure to report the following communication:

"Dear Mr. Conrath:- I appreciate the AAMS Bulletin Card Service very much. Please use the enclosed "buck" for the good of the AAMS.

Sincerely,

Leo B. Hedges,
Los Angeles, Calif.

June 1, 1941."

Member Hedges' new cards arrived just in time to connect with Bulletin No. 80, announcing three short-notice inaugurals for June 12, and we were happy to forward his notice Air Mail-Special, which should enable him to connect with these flights. With thanks for this kind expression of appreciation we are sending the "buck" to Treasurer George W. Angers, to be used for AAMS Bulletin Service expense.

President's Message

To Members of the
American Air Mail Society:

THRU THE VALUED CO-OPERATION of the Presidents of our Eastern Chapters sponsoring our National Convention to be held in Atlantic City, August 15th to 17th, I am pleased to announce the National Convention Committee:-

L. B. Gatchell, Chairman,

C. A. Johnson, Gotham Stamp & Cover Club.

Florence Lampport, Philadelphia Air Mail Society.

Lee V. D. Schermerhorn, Springfield Air Mail Society.

Maurice Petty, Washington Air Mail Society.

Charles P. Porter, Westchester Air Mail Society.

Richard L. Singley, John Wise Chapter.

This is an excellent Committee and the Chairman, Mr. Gatchell, will appoint such other sub-committees as may be necessary.

I sincerely hope that every member of the American Air Mail Society will make a special effort to attend this year's convention. Mark the dates now and assure yourself of a wonderful week-end in one of the show places of the country and at a Convention noted for its fellowship and being different. Meet your officers, see your friends and acquire new ones. I was greatly pleased and honored to hear from Past President H. H. Griffin, who continues his active work in the interest of the Society. "Griff," as we like to call him, is still in St. Petersburg and plans to attend the Convention. Please let me know if you will be there.

Rumor reaches me that New Chapter Chairman Glen W. Naves and Vice-President Richard L. Singley plan a nose peanut rolling contest on the Boardwalk at the Convention, with Ye Editor Conrath and "Uncle" George Angers. If this doesn't bring on Bill Ware from the Wilds of Arkansasaw, I don't know what will.

—William R. C. Alley.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1941-'42 AAMS OFFICERS

The committee appointed by President Alley for the purpose of nominating 1941-'42 officers and directors of the American Air Mail Society to be balloted upon in the coming election herewith cause to be placed in nomination as its selection the following names:

For President:

William R. Alley, 261 Broadway, New York City.

For Vice-Presidents:

Lt. Comm. Jess G. Johnson, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

Glen W. Naves, Box 446, Spartanburg, S. C.

Richard L. Singley, Post Office Dept., Lancaster, Pa.

William R. Ware, 404 East 10th and Leslie St., Stuttgart, Arkansas.

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Respectfully submitted,

William Hafner, Chairman

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C.A.M. 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.

Cheboygan, Mich., will be embraced as a stop on AM-41 in the near future in accordance with a P. O. notice recently received—perhaps by the time that this appears. Cheboygan is located between Sault Ste. Marie and Traverse City, Michigan. An official cachet as illustrated on this page will be applied to first flight covers.

Service was inaugurated on May 12, 1941 over AM-57, Seattle-Vancouver route with only a few days' Postal Bulletin notice. However, many collectors did manage to get their covers in on the first flights of this route. Seattle applied an official cachet in purple to covers dispatched both from the regular post office and from the air mail field. It is noted that this is the first recent use of a cachet at a point previously serviced by other routes, and this is undoubtedly the type that will be used at other points in the future where first flights have previously been flown by other routes. No official cachet was used at Vancouver. Seattle dispatched 701 covers from the regular Post Office and 132 from the Air Mail Field, the covers being cancelled 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM respectively. Vancouver dispatched 332 pieces. Northbound pilot was T. W. Davis and southbound pilot J. L. Crouch.

Masontown, Pa., and West Newton, Pa., were finally embraced on AM-49A receiving their inaugural pick-up service on May 7, 1941.

Hutchinson, Kans., was embraced for inaugural service on AM-43 on April 26, 1941. An official cachet was applied to first flight covers.

It is unofficially reported that Youngstown, Ohio, may be embraced as a stop on AM-1 in the near future.

It is expected that air mail service will be established between Chicago and Toronto, probably via Detroit and Windsor and between New York



CHEBOYGAN, MICH.

and Toronto via Buffalo early in June. It will be well to watch your daily Postal Bulletins as some services may go in on rather short notice.

Cachet Colors

One thing in the way of cachet colors that the writer notices is that many collectors term purple and dark or deep purple "violet." Violet is very dark and almost approaches black. To give a common example with which one is apt to be familiar is a very dark colored pansy that appears almost black. Ordinary purple approaches the lilac and a real light purple approaches the lavender. To those familiar with the spectrum, violet is the last visible color before it fades into black. Violet may also be observed in a rainbow as the color separating one side of it from the dark gray or black of the clouds. While there are a few CAM covers on which appear violet cachets, most cachets are varieties of purple. While on the matter of cachet colors two words are often used to define the cachet color such as reddish-violet or violet-black, etc. Where two such words are used it means that the last word used is the predominating or base shade, while the first word indicates the noticeable shade of another color in the mixture of colors. As an example a reddish-violet cachet is one in which the base or predominating color is violet, but which, on account of the mixture, has a noticeable tinge of red and can not very well be classified as either a red or violet. In the case of cachets such as violet-black and brownish-black where the predominating shade is black the colors of such cachets are often referred to by

CAM cover collectors as "Off Blacks." These color shades should not be confused with "combination" as listed in the catalogue which is a listing given to cachets in which the shades of color is not an even one throughout but in which shades of two or more colors are distinctly visible although such colors may give the cachet a mottled appearance.

F.A.M. NOTES

by **RICHARD L. SINGLEY**
Lancaster, Pa.

Singapore Extension

With the flight already in progress, the Postal Bulletin came out with a schedule showing the first flight to Singapore as having left San Francisco, May 2, 1941. This extension had been denied many times by the Civil Aeronautics Board to conform with the defense program we were told, and so as to not subject our airlines to any International entanglements.

On April 30, 1941 the Civil Aeronautics Board amended the certificate of convenience and necessity of Pan American Airways to allow service for a period of five years between Manila and Singapore. The President approved the extension. There is really little change in the present set-up. The trans-Pacific weekly service to Manila will remain the same, only instead of flying to Hong Kong and Macao each week, the flights will alternate weekly between these points and Singapore.

The flight of May 2 from San Francisco arrived at Singapore on the afternoon of May 10 escorted by a fleet of British Fighters of the Royal Air Force. The Clipper was in command of Capt. W. J. Barrows and carried 750 lbs. of mail, 13,800 pieces of which were collectors' first flight covers, according to press dispatches. Most of the mail sent as first flight covers originated in Manila and the United States.

The return flight left Singapore May 12.

U. S.-Canada Air Services

During May two new air services were inaugurated between the United States and Canada, but neither of

them are F. A. M. services. On May 9, Trans-Canada Airlines inaugurated a "defense" service between Toronto and New York, and on May 12, C. A. M. 57 began operating between Seattle and Vancouver. (See C.A.M. section of **Journal**). This was previously flown Oct. 2, 1935 as a Canadian service and originally as F.A.M. 2, October 15, 1920, but from Seattle to Victoria, on Vancouver Island. According to the daily postal bulletin, the flight from Toronto was to begin April 30, 1941..

Trans-Canada Airlines is the seventh Airline to now fly into LaGuardia Field, N. Y. along with Eastern, United, T.W.A., American and Canadian Colonial all of which use land planes, and Pan American Airways with its base at the airport's marine terminal. The service calls for two round-trips daily.

CLEVELAND CELEBRATES TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

June 1941—and the Cleveland Air Mail Society celebrates its 12th anniversary as one of the strongest and most progressive of local philatelic groups in the nation.

Time and place—8 o'clock evening of June 3, main dining room of Central Y. M. C. A.

Exhibitions and speakers headline features with an American Air Mail Catalogue among prizes.

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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: Washington National Airport, Washington, D. C., very soon. Covers to Postmaster. Beverly, Mass., about June 15. 6-¾ size covers sealed to C. of C. Fort Devens Airport, Ayer, Mass., in July. Covers to Henry G. Turner, Ayer, Mass. No definite information on dedications of Army Air Corps bases at Macon, Ga., Quonset (or Newport), R. I., (Naval), or Sheppard Field at Wichita Falls, Texas, or Ellyson Auxiliary Field at Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Station. Des Moines, Iowa, June 14 and 15. Covers to C. of C. Racine, Wisc., June 14 and 15. Covers to Alvin H. Anderson, 1514 Carlisle Ave. West Palm Beach, Fla., dedication of Army Air Base won't be for a while yet, but covers to Manor E. Gatlin, Box 646, or Chamber of Commerce. Post Office dedication was the event that was imminent there, and dedication covers being held. Albuquerque, N. M., Army Air Base, soon. Covers to C. of C. Hanover, Pa., a possibility. Try C. of C. Rededication Chicago, Ill., Municipal Airport about June 1, says Theo. Light of A. H. S. If not happened by time you read this, send covers to him at 3053 Sunnyside St. Kalamazoo, Mich., not before Sept. 1. W. T. Wynn's column in Western Stamp Collector says covers to Dr. C. I. Gilstrap, Chairman, Airport Committee, La Grande, Ore., for cachet and dedication about mid-September. Also that L. R. Kirby, 2601 Smith St., Houston, Texas, will hold covers (plus one cent postage each) for C. of C. cachet for dedication of Ellington Field, date not yet set. Walla Walla, Wash., C. of C. returns covers and says no dedication ceremony planned. Olympia, Wash., C. of C. writes will hold covers but dedication not until improvements made to airport. Fort Smith, Ark., C. of C. writes that dedication of Grider Field, scheduled for late May. If not happened by time you read this, covers to them or to Norman E. Ferguson, 909 North 35th St. Better be sure to have some covers with member G. F. Lancaster, 3049 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., for events that may materialize there suddenly.

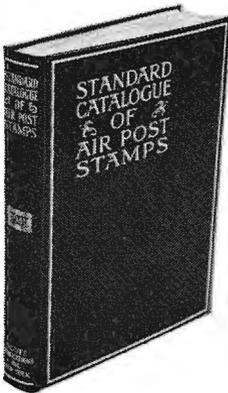
PAST DEDICATIONS. Dauphin, Man., Canada, held the official ceremonies for the formal opening of the airport and No. 10 Service Training School near there on Tuesday, April 15th, 1941 (not April 17th), the only one held. No covers known.

Manchester, N. H., covers mentioned last month postmarked May 28, 1930, (not May 23) and were for the New England Air Tour. No cachet. Look among your Air Tour covers of July 16, 1928, for Corning, Calif., (not N.Y.) and you may have a cover of the dedication cover listed as A-52, erroneously stated as N.Y.

..... G. F. Lancaster shows what should be B493b, Roswell, N. M., Dec. 4, 1929, with C. of C. cachet only. Erwin H. Combs states that 37 of the 300 Arcadia, Fla., covers of April 5th, bore his ink inscription and stamp date. Newark, N. J., Municipal Airport closed since the opening of LaGuardia Field in New York, was re-opened (without ceremony), as of midnight April 14th, and covers are known with typed inscriptions (private) postmarked the 15th (or 14th). No dedication, etc. Charlotte, N. C., April 21st, reported without cachet. Also uncacheted covers with private typed inscription "Flown from," etc., signed by Pilot C. E. Potts, but not mailed or postmarked until April 28th at Atlanta, Ga. Dedication of U. S. Naval Reserve Air Base at Atlanta, Ga., (Chamblee, Ga.) mentioned here last month from clipping, is verified as having happened on March 22nd, by a card from the Executive Officer there to J. V. Murray. Does any one know of any cover? Emil A. Thurman reports dedication of Harry P. Williams Airport at Patterson, La., on May 11th. No covers known. Please report any. St. Paul, Minn. covers received pmkd. May 10th. No markings and status unknown at present. Sterling, Ill., covers pmkd. May 10th. received with two different cachets on same cover by City of Sterling, for dedication of N. Y. A. Seaplane Base. One has additional typed inscription, pilot signed, as flown from Chicago to dedication. Concord, Calif., covers pmkd. May 11th with typed inscription for dedication of Sherman Field, by C. of C. and Oakland Jr. C. of C. This is same field as mentioned last month as near Walnut Creek. St. George, Utah, May 11, with mimeographed cachet by C. of C. for dedication of Municipal Airport. From Brooklyn, N. Y., on April 25th, there were mailed 297 covers with printed cachet sponsored by Naval Reserve Aviation Base, for Commissioning of Naval Air Station, at Floyd Bennett Field. This is event listed as coming last month. However, it develops that the event actually occurred on the 21st and although the covers were in the hands of the Commandant prior to that time, they were held and not mailed until the 25th. Too bad. Formal dedication of the entire Field by the Navy expected late May. If

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PHILADELPHIA CLUB MEMBERS EXHIBIT COLLECTIONS

Exhibition by Member Huesges of his newly mounted collection of Cuban air mails complete featured the May meeting of the Philadelphia Air Mail Society, AAMS Chapter No. 6. National Geographic pictures attractively illustrated the display. Miss Florence Lamport, whose collection of pilot-signed material is widely known, displayed U. S. air mail and baggage labels, illustrated with maps and photographs. She has been named the chapter's representative on the 1941 convention committee.

SPARTANBURG ACTIVE

Attention to philatelists in military service at Camp Croft, 18,000-man army replacement center; drafting of cooperative cover plans, purchases of APJ albums and supplies as a club enterprise, and consideration of plans for a second exhibition in the fall have recently occupied the Spartanburg (S.C.) Stamp and Cover Club, Chapter 15. Meetings are held at the post office. Fred Nanney is president.

MOVIES FOR THE JOHN WISE AIR MAIL SOCIETY

Aero cinemas, comparatively new but assuredly top-flight chapter program material, are scheduled to further brighten the June meeting of the John Wise Air Mail Society, Lancaster, Pa., Chapter 16 of the American Air Mail Society. An interesting report on use of these films is being sought for the AAMS convention in Atlantic City, so, more later on the subject.

May meeting night found officers and members guests of the Fulton Stamp Co., in its modern new showrooms and store at 112 East King street, which also is Route 30 (Lincoln highway) through Lancaster. Proprietor is Robert Rupp, member of John Wise chapter and a well known Lancaster attorney, with offices in the Futon Bank building. Members displayed stamps and covers during an informal and

pleasant session, after which refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Rupp.

July meeting brings a boat trip with the Pequea Boat Club as host, by courtesy of Oliver L. Williams, a director of John Wise Chapter.

STUART ON RADIO

William M. Stuart, stamps editor, Washington (D. C.) Post and president of the Washington Air Mail Society was heard in a philatelic talk over Station WWDC Friday evening, May 23.

SPRINGFIELD A. M. S. NAMES COMMITTEES

Springfield Air Mail Society committees for the ensuing year have been announced as follows.

Advisory board, George W. Angers and Norman Watt, past presidents.

Program and entertainment, Mr. Angers, chairman; Lee V. D. Schermerhorn, Mr. Watt and Carl E. W. Welcome.

Membership, Mr. Schermerhorn, chairman; Miss Marie C. Shea, George J. Tucker, George Robinson and Harry D. Burckard.

Publicity, Mr. Welcome, chairman; Miss Margaret Trumbull and Mrs. Anna Goodrow.

Auction, Mr. Watt, chairman; Hollis H. Root, Joseph Taylor, John W. Shea, and F. A. Benton, George Robinson and Mr. Shea are auctioneers and Henry E. Angers is purchasing agent.

New officers installed at the April meeting are Emil J. Vlasak, president; Lee V. D. Schermerhorn, vice-president; and Carl E. W. Welcome, secretary-treasurer.

Charles P. Porter, AAMS salesmanager, addressed the May 23rd meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schermerhorn in Longmeadow.

April speaker was F. A. Benton, president of the American Historical Society, who discussed dedication and pick-up covers. Arthur B. Morin presented a dozen golf balls to Mr. Watt, retiring president.

GOOD WORK

Mrs. Margaret V. Wamsley of the Philadelphia Air Mail Society, AAMS Chapter No. 6, has exhibited portions of her collection before 10 clubs since January 1. Miss Florence Lamport, secretary, is also well known for her club talks and pilots' autographs displays. Excellent work and all for the good of the Society and our hobby.

Serphos Sale Prices Reaffirm Market for Standard Items

While the \$23,241.10 realized on the lots offered from the Norman Serphos collection of flown covers of the world last week represented only a fraction of the estimated value placed on the material by the venders, the four-day sale reaffirmed the stability of standard, recognized philatelic material in the present market.

The catalogue included a listing of the entire Serphos collection, which is generally recognized as the finest lot of stamps, covers and correlative material pertaining to the development of air-mail service ever assembled, but because the sections including Lindberghiana and United States pioneer flight covers were sold privately before the sale, these lots were not offered at auction. The price realized for these sections is not included in the announced total sale price.

The collection was comprehensive and virtually complete in its scope and consequently included souvenirs of important pioneer air-mail flights and rare air-mail adhesives on original covers. But it contained a number of items which relate to these flights and covers which obviously were made especially to exploit collectors. The demand for the former group was active and steady. The other type of material was knocked down at low prices to the few buyers who bid on it.

Values Placed Too High

When many of the lots offered brought only a fraction of the estimated prices published by the venders in the printed catalogue of the sale, a number of the foremost aerophilatelists were asked to offer comments. The consensus was that the estimates were much too high, probably due to the fact that the venders based values of unique or scarce covers on values placed on similarly rare adhesive stamps for which the demand is much more active.

While Mr. Serphos unquestionably was sincere in rating certain covers at \$500 to \$1,000 apiece, these items, because of their rarity, had not had an opportunity of establishing their

value in the market because they were not previously offered. Buyers consequently, were unwilling to risk large sums on anything except such items as were in constant demand and which had established market values.

This opinion was proved by the fact that such covers as trans-Atlantic flights, French balloon posts, Newfoundland flights and similar material officially recognized by the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue," "Sanabria's Airpost Catalogue" and "The American Airmail Catalogue," brought high prices, while such items as airport dedication covers, semi-official or privately promoted covers and kindred collector-made material could be moved only for bids from \$1 to \$5 a lot.

Ocean-Flight Section Popular

The two known leaflets to be dropped from the dirigible PAX over Paris on May 12, 1902, by Augusto Severo, brought \$325 and \$300. Foreign pioneer-flight covers generally fetched prices which ranged from \$5 to \$100 each.

The ocean-flight section was well received and provoked considerable activity. A cover carried on the first trans-Atlantic non-stop-air-mail attempt by Maj. K. MacKenzie Grieve and Harry Hawker on May 18, 1919, brought \$625. One of three known covers carried by the United States Army aviators from England to the United States, in 1925, was sold for \$290. Another cover, carried from San Francisco to Hawaii by John Rodgers in 1925 was sold for \$230. One of the Byrd trans-Atlantic covers was sold for \$60. A card which Charles Lindbergh carried from Greenland to Denmark in 1933 was sold for \$115.

A cover carried from Mexico City to New York by Amelia Earhart on May 8, 1935, was sold for \$132. A burned portion of a letter carried from Germany to the United States by the Von Hindenburg, on the Zeppelin's ill-fated flight of May 6, 1937, was sold for \$78.

—Ernest A. Kehr in
The (N.Y.) Herald-Tribune

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1940	Wmk. 261	Perf. 12, 12$\frac{1}{2}$x13, 13	
C21-AP3	15c gray green	2	2
C22- "	25c yellow orange	4	2
C23- "	30c red	5	5
C25- "	50c brown	8	8
C30- "	\$5 lake	75	75
1940	Unwmkd.	Perf. 13	
C31-AP3	50c brown	8	8

INDO CHINA

1941	Unwmkd.	Perf. 13$\frac{1}{2}$
	Type of 1933-38	

Photogravure by Hélio-Vaugirard, Paris.

C6A -API	16c bright pink
C10A- "	39c dark olive green
C13A- "	69c bright ultramarine

NICARAGUA



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No covers have been reported to us as yet from the EAL Vero Beach, Fla., crash of April 3rd. Since only a few covers were specially marked, these may prove to be very scarce The POD advises that no mail was carried on Flight 143 of Penn Central Airlines which was badly wrecked near Charleston, W. Va., on April 16th at 4:33 p. m. The plane was northbound from Knoxville to Pittsburgh, and fortunately there were no fatalities Exceedingly interesting covers have appeared from a crash in the Andes Mountains in Chile on June 19, 1938. Joseph L. Eisend-rath, Jr., reports that the mail was recovered by a Pan American Grace Airlines expedition early in February, 1941, which located the wreckage of the plane on Los Erizos Heights in the Andes Mountains, near Santiago, Chile. Donald Sheets piloted the ill fated freight and mail plane, northbound from Buenos Aires, in which four persons were killed. Lost for nearly three years, the mail is wrinkled and waterstained from exposure to the elements. A special box five line cachet was applied in purple as follows: "Correspondencia recuperada del / avion 'Panagra' P.30 perdido en / Chile, en vuelo, en la Cordillera / de los Andes, el 19 de Junio de / 1938, Santiago, Febrero de 1941." Other types, almost identically worded, have been reported. and will be noted when fully confirmed. The Buenos Aires mail known is postmarked there "17.VI.38." Chicago, Ill., on receipt, applied the usual "Received in bad condition"

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C255 — “	3cor dark blue (30,000)	1.20
C256 — “	5cor carmine (20,000)	2.00

PORTUGAL

Type of 1937

1941 Unwmkd. Perf. 11½

Typographed

C3A —AP1	3e bright blue
C7 —AP1	50e brown violet

stamp dated April 22, 1941. New York forwarded covers in official envelopes with a typed note dated April 22, 1941, reading: "The enclosed piece of mail was received here in its present condition on April 14, 1941. It was recovered from the "Panagra P.30" plane which crashed in the Andes Mountains, June 19, 1938. Albert Goldman, Postmaster." Further details of the accident will be reported as soon as official data is obtained The Civil Aeronautics Board officially reports the probable cause of the Dec. 4, 1940, accident at Chicago (4.40) as being "the failure of the pilot to exercise that degree of caution and skill required to avert a stall while approaching for a landing on the short northwest runway." We noted the accident in the January APJ.

Special appreciation to Joseph Eisendrath, Jr., Edwin D. Fletcher, Willis M. Pott, Dr. Max Kronstein and R. Lee Black for data and clippings.

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Respectfully submitted,
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DEDICATION COVERS

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not happened by time you read this, send covers to G. F. Lancaster. Cuero, Texas, the city of nationally famous Turkey Trot, dedicated its Municipal Airport on April 27th and the C. of C. applied a purple cachet in outline form of a turkey to 540 covers. Postmaster says about 400 mailed from Tampa, Fla., dedication of April 13th. Selma, Ala., covers received postmarked May 23rd, with private typing "Dedication Army Air Base." Status unknown at this writing. Corcoran, Calif., May 4th, applied a blue cachet sponsored by Gerald Thomas Post 144, Inc., American Legion, for dedication of Corcoran Airport. A beautiful green cachet for airport dedication at Hilo, Hawaii, May 1, sponsored by Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo, was applied by Cachet Director Paul Grossman. H. L. Waha calls attention to fact that Walla Walla, Wash., covers of May 25, 26, 27, 1929, (B-109, B110, B111), also have a bi-color sticker of same design, except it has all three dates, whereas cachet has only two dates. Apparently all covers have these stickers. Does any reader have them with only cachet, or with only sticker? Other unrecorded covers shown are: Beverly, Mass. with printed cachet on special envelope similar to C-166, but postmarked June 1, 1930 (quite a surprise). Martinsburg, Pa., Oct. 22, 1938, with private typing, signed by P. M. Meny, La., Sept. 25, 1937, without cachet, but typed inscription signed by P. M. Coatesville, Pa., Aug. 3, 1930, with sticker only, pmkd. 5 A. M., 8-4-30. Shawnee, Okla., May 23, 1929, no cachet. June 27, 1931, (D-121), Easton, Pa., with Exchange Club cachet only. Coffeyville, Kans., Nov. 12, 1933, (F-171), No cachet. Birmingham, Ala., June 1, 1931, (D-88). Cover with cachet of same design as C. of C. one but considerably larger and stamped instead of printed. Can anyone show covers of May 30 and 31 with this cachet?

OTHER COVERS: Nashville, Tenn., A. M. F. cancel, May 4th, for dedication Vultee Aircraft Inc., Nashville Factory. Nice purple cachet by C. of C. We are indebted to member Pat Milam for a copy of the "Wings of Destiny" issue (May 4th) of the Nashville Tennessean, an extremely creditable paper of over 200 pages. The Vultee plant is located at Berry Field,

which was dedicated Nov. 1, 1936, (I-96), and this present dedication was of the plant only, not of an airport. G. F. Lancaster shows two covers of April 30th, carried on the first Non-Stop flight air mail via Trans-Canada Air Lines, one pmkd. Toronto and one pmkd. New York. Covers received through courtesy of Albert N. Brown, pmkd. Memphis, Tenn., May 13th, with red cachet of Goodyear Blimp, and flown from Miami to Memphis for Cotton Carnival.

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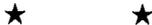
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