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# Increased Air Mail Rate Brings New 8c Adhesive

**Domestic Rate Advances March 26;  
No Change for Soldiers**

THE new Tax Bill, approved by Congress over Presidential veto and much in the news the past several weeks, carries many postal increases. Of principal interest to Aerophilatelists is the increase in the domestic air mail rate from 6c an ounce to 8c per ounce. Contrary to general belief, the increase does NOT apply to air mail letters to or from members of the Armed Forces.

The bill provides that the new postal rates become effective 30 days from the date of enactment and accordingly March 26th becomes the date from which time on users of the Air Mail will pay 2c more per ounce for domestic letters, with the exception noted above. The Post Office Department has announced that a new 8c air mail adhesive postage stamp will be issued on or before the new rate becomes effective. While this stamp will be in the design of the current series, the color of same has not yet been chosen. Our best guess is that it will appear in the olive green shade of the earlier 8c stamp of the winged insignia design. The 6c red will not be discontinued as it will still be required for use on mail to and from those in the service.

At some later date we will also no doubt have a new 8c stamped envelope, and it is hoped that it may be in the new design which has been ready for use, according to rumor, for several years. However, as the entire output of air mail stamped envelopes is now being reserved for use of the armed forces, it is believed that such production will of course continue on the 6c value. When and if the 8c envelope is issued, no

## NEW AIR MAIL STAMPS

Washington, D. C., March 3rd—The Postmaster General announced today that the new 8c Air Mail stamp, made necessary by the increase in domestic air mail rates, will be issued at Washington, D. C. on March 21st. The new stamp will be in the same design as the current series of air mail stamps and will be printed in olive green. It will be placed on sale at other Post Offices throughout the country as soon after the first day date as production will permit. It is hoped that most offices in the Continental United States will have a supply of the new stamp before the new rates become effective.

The Postmaster General also announced that for the present neither stamped envelopes or booklets of air mail stamps will be issued in the new denomination.

Collectors of first day covers may send a limited supply of self addressed and prepared envelopes to the Postmaster at Washington, D. C. together with a Post Office Money Order in the proper amount to reach him prior to March 21st. No more than ten envelopes will be serviced for any individual collector. Postage stamps should not be sent in remittance as they will not be accepted. Starting the same day the Philatelic Agency at Washington will accept orders for selected copies of the new stamp. The Philatelic Agency does not service first day covers.

doubt the Post Office Department will give consideration to printing the stamp in either red or blue thus eliminating one of the three color press runs now necessary.

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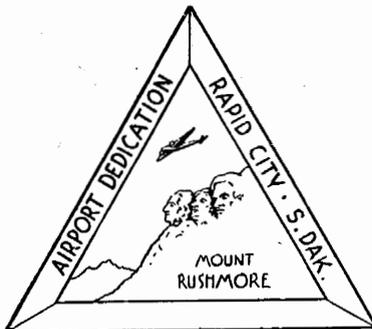
# Airport Dedication Covers Are Fascinating Part of Airs

Are Colorful and Inexpensive;  
Many Are Elusive and Rare

By Maurice S. Petty  
Dedication Cover Editor

When air mail cover collecting attained run away proportions in the late 20's, the unofficial or semi-official air mail cover attained great popularity along with the official flights. Covers were mailed to commemorate all kinds of aeronautic events including airport dedications, air shows, races, tours, important anniversaries, changes in airmail postage rates, famous aviator visits, etc. The year 1932, the Washington Bicentennial year, was largely responsible for a deluge of cacheted covers (air and non-air), issued by almost anyone on the slightest pretext. Collectors were so swamped that it became necessary to discriminate much more carefully, and as a result the majority confined their collecting to covers of a particular group or field.

The airport dedication cover, however, has regularly survived, today numbering among its devotees as many collectors as any other branches of the hobby. One of the chief reasons for this is that a bonafide airport dedication ceremony must be held to make the cover worth while, and so many covers cannot be brought into existence on such slight



pretexes as are many others.

Webster's New International Dictionary defines the word "dedicate" in part as meaning "to set apart and consecrate", etc., and again "to devote formally and solemnly to a special use", and still again "to open to the public formally". Hence the terms "dedication" and "formal opening" are generally considered synonymous in cover collecting.

An airport dedication cover is generally conceded to be an envelope bearing air mail rate of postage that is mailed at or from the scene of the dedication of an airport or landing field. The date and place of the postmark must coincide with the day or days of the dedication celebration, except when the covers are flown in a plane from the dedication and mailed from the end of the flight, or for some other good reason. It is desirable that they bear cachets or identification markings of either the Post Office Department, the local Postmaster, local recognized civic organizations—such as Chambers of Commerce—or in lieu thereof cachets provided by local Air Mail or Philatelic Societies. Such markings should contain the date, place, and nature of the event to tie in with the postmark, and the more attractive such markings or cachets, the better. Private cachets by individuals are less to be desired, but covers with no cachets or inscriptions at all are collected just as avidly, if they have postmarks to correspond with date of bona fide dedication ceremony. Every single cover mailed from one event, should be identical in postmark, cachet impression and color, and in every particular, except possibly in autographs. To insure fairness to all collectors, each of us should always insist on such handling of covers in every way and at every time we can.



• This Canadian Dedication Also Had A First Official Flight

By watching the dedication column of the *Airpost Journal* and of other publications, by watching the columns of the daily newspapers, by correspondence with other members of the A.A.M.S. and collectors, and by keeping a supply of self addressed postal cards with the editor of the *Airpost Journal's* dedication page, you will learn of dedications in advance. You, in turn, can help the other collector, by notifying the Editor and others immediately when you read of a coming dedication. The column editor of the A.P.J. can get out A.A.M.S. Airport Dedication Bulletins in time to be of use to the majority of collectors, even though the event may be only a few days off.

If the event is local, or close enough, try to interest the Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring a cachet and handling the covers, or else the Postmaster, etc. If only a day or two off when you learn of it, send some covers to the Postmaster or C. of C., explain fully what is desired so that they will be mailed on dedication date, with or without identification markings. Above all, see to it that as many covers are sent out as possible, so that there will be enough to go around. Expenditures for dedication covers should be for pleasure only and one should not spend more than he is willing to put out on that basis. If financial gain should result, well and good, but that is not the prime purpose. There is no other branch of collecting in which you can correspond with and make more friends than this, and in which you have such a good chance of exchanging your duplicate covers for those you have missed. Sixteen years of dedication cover collecting have

proven to me that your fellow member dedication collectors are exceeded by none in friendliness, generosity, and co-operation.

A collection of airpost dedication covers is a history of the development of aviation in communities of all sizes through its historical record of airports and landing field expansion. A fairly large collection of past covers can still be obtained for small expenditure, and the elusive ones will be good game for the hunter or one whose fun is in the "spirit of the chase." Wartime restrictions have somewhat lessened the advance publicity for these events, and there never was a better time for new collectors to join us in running down the dedications and getting covers from them. How about you?

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# Jack Knight Chapter Plans Fine Chicago Show

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CHICAGO'S Annual Air Mail Show, staged by the Jack Knight Chapter of the American Air Mail Society, this year will be a more streamlined wartime show than ever before but just as interesting and replete with features for its visitors as in past years. The 1944 "Airpex" is being held on Sunday, April 23rd in the Olympic Building at 6200 Cermak Road.

The "Airpex" which will feature war time Philately and Aerophilately, also will have its usual large section devoted to Air Labels. The Jack Knight Air Log donation auction; an Air Label bourse; a Junior "Airpex" of Chicago's junior collectors issuance of the first Jack Knight Air History souvenir label and the usual Roman Reinowski dealers' bourse are other features.

The show will be held in honor of the U. S. Army Air Corps and army material will be on display. A souvenir sheet has been released for the show. It is in three colors, red, white and blue. Picturing the four Douglas cruisers in which the Army Air Corps completed the first successful aerial circumnavigation of the world back in 1924. The souvenir sheet commemorates the 20th anniversary of the flight. Sets can be obtained from Earl H. Wellman at Brookfield, Illinois, for 10c plus postage.

Announcement has also been made of a series of five cachets, issued to commemorate the 20th anniversary of this round the world flight from the start on March 17th to the finish on September 28th. These cachets will be printed on APJ permanized envelopes and serviced on anniversary dates from points on the route of the flight. Interested aero philatelists are advised to contact Secretary Wellman of the Jack Knight

Chapter, Brookfield, Illinois, as soon as possible because wartime duties will necessarily limit the number of sets to be serviced. The cost of the series which includes air mail postage and complete servicing is \$1.00. Do not send your own covers.

All AAMS members are invited to attend the "Airpex", to participate in the competition, to send in a donation for the Jack Knight Air Log auction for which a suitable acknowledgement will be made, and to send for a souvenir label or set of cachets of the 20th anniversary of the U. S. Army round the world flight of 1924.

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**FROM THE SALES MANAGER**

Circuits of both mint and used airmails are moving at a rapid rate today and results are most encouraging as books are being returned to their owners with at least 75% of all material sold. In used airmails, we have a number of excellent exchange members who purchase regularly, forward promptly, and are anxious to receive more circuits than are available. So why not send in a request for a book or two, mount your duplicates, and sell them? Some good buys are being passed up. Not long ago, a book of used airs travelled the complete circuit and was returned to the sales department with the 5 gulden Surinam, priced at \$2.50, (two copies, incidentally) still unpurchased. This stamp is now bringing in the New York market from \$15 to \$25 and catalogs \$30 in Scott's latest monthly supplement. We make no promises but now and then there is bound to be a chance find for wide awake collectors.

Due to the scarcity of paper and the increased cost of printing, it has become necessary to raise the price of circuit books to 10c per book in order to cover cost.

Some members like to look over a circuit once a week and others not oftener than once a month. Such preference should be definitely stated when application is made for circuit books in order that the sales manager may accommodate. Due to the many requests for material today, most circuits consist of five or six books each. Consequently, if there should be a delay in a circuit caused by a member who is slow in forwarding, there is always plenty of other material available. At present, there are nine circuits of used

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# How do you like your pie-- with or without cheese ?

**J**ASTES AND CUSTOMS vary throughout the World. In certain parts of the country, if you ask for pie—you get pie—JUST pie, no more—no less. In other parts of this world of ours they would not dream of serving you pie without cheese!

It occurs to us that this is the fundamental difference between the treatment accorded "air mails" by the catalogues of Scott and Sanabria. Friend Hugh Clark, publisher of the SCOTT Catalogues is out to see that you are served pie—JUST pie—and if he can help it you are not going to get ANY pie—no matter how appetizing it may appear—if the ingredients are not of the purest and if there is not reasonable assurance that your indulgence will not result later in violent belly aches. Nicolas Sanabria, publisher of Sanabria's unabridged AIRPOST CATALOGUE says in effect that he didn't bake your pie—it must have been two other fellows—and should you get sick on a piece of it, you'll probably have sense enough not to eat any more of it. In addition, he serves cheese on the side—all those things, to a greater or lesser degree as the case may be, AKIN to stamps, but in the opinion of many, including your humble writer, in no wise STAMPS.

The new 1944 Sanabria has appeared. It is the same faultless technical job, product of the CARLOS LOPEZ PRESS. The present edition has grown to better than a thousand pages. The prices are UP—as was expected. Henry Goodkind replaces the late Milton Bauman on the Editorial Board. It most assuredly has all the pie—most certainly all the CHEESE!

And unless our remarks be misinterpreted let us say here and now that we like cheese—SOME KINDS of cheese. We confess a yen for mild cheese—CANADA SEMI-OFFICIALS, AUSTRALIAN ROSS SMITH'S. We cannot stand Roquefort or Liederkrantz, RICHELIEU'S, LUNDY'S OR PUERTO RICO AEROVIAS.

Years ago we learned to avoid the error of trying to tell a collector whether he should eat cheese with his pie. We don't propose to do so now, but we do think it important that he know that some of the stuff he is asked to collect IS cheese and not pie. As a boy we got a great deal of pleasure out of collecting street car transfers—almost as much pleasure as we got out of stamps. We were not ashamed to collect street car transfers—but we were always reasonably sure that they WERE street car transfers. We never tried to kid ourselves into thinking they were stamps.

# Here and There with the Editor

THE entire month of March is devoted to the National Red Cross Drive. We do not believe that any of our readers need urging of any kind to invest their dollars in the life-giving work of the Red Cross. Our front cover this month, designed by Fred B. Sieber of the Albion publication office, says it better than we can say it! Give through your local Committee; however stamp collectors and stamp dealers located in New York City are reminded that Max Ohlman, 116 Nassau Street, heads a special Committee of Philatelists and a suitable donation can most appropriately be made through him.

V . . . —

F. W. Kessler's current Auction Catalogues are appearing in the most striking dress we have yet seen. The cover of each Catalogue reproduces in full color (seven colors in all) the flags of the 30 United Nations. Mr. Kessler is making a nominal charge of 25c for the Catalogue which includes a separate sheet without any advertising or printing of any kind, which is ideal for a frontispiece or other album ornamentation. We are also reminded that George Herzog's 1944 list of Used Air Mail stamps is slated for early release. Mr. Herzog is an authority on this popular form of air mail stamp collecting and no doubt a copy of the list will be sent upon application to him at 68 Nassau Street, New York. We are also in receipt of a price list of RARE STAMPS OF THE WORLD just issued by Billings Stamp Company, Jamaica, N. Y. This list, which includes many Airmail rarities, is an innovation in price lists in that all the items are illustrated.

V . . . —

A number of readers have written us endorsing our Editorial of last month under the title "CAVEAT EMPTOR". As none was critical, it looks as if we will not have to flee the country just yet—although we are not simple minded enough to think that no one disagreed with us just because they didn't bother to write! Incidentally, we noted an unfortunate misprint which we now desire

to correct—the total quantities of certain values of the Costa Rica and Venezuelan sets were but 2000 copies, and as almost 500 sets are required to be sent to the Universal Postal Union, the number of complete sets are limited by these amounts.

V . . . —

NOTES BY THE WAY—President Singley advises us that Members Peter H. Robbs, a Lieutenant in the British Army and Sergt. W. R. Walters of the United States Army, now serving in Persia reports the regular receipt of the *Journal*—and the nice things they say about it make us strive for greater accomplishment . . . Ye Editor also has had welcome notes from Corp. Herb Goudket, now stationed in England, Commander Jesse Johnson, USN, back to sea again, and from Asst. Editor Glen W. Naves, Y 3/c USNR, stationed with the SEABEES in Hawaii . . . The second number of the Jack Knight Air Log is on hand and maintains the fine standards achieved with the first issue.

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## WALTER BRUGGMANN DIES AT MANILA

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Member and Collectors' Friend

IT IS with profound regret and deep sorrow that we record the passing of Walter Bruggmann, an Honorary Life Member of the American Air Mail Society, and good friend of Aero-Philatelists throughout the world. Mr. Bruggmann died at Manila in the Jap-occupied Philippines during the latter part of last year. The following is taken from the Swiss Philatelic Magazine of December, 1943 and has been written by Dr. Robert Paganini, also an Honorary Member of the American Air Mail Society, and a life-long friend of Mr. Bruggmann. We are indebted to Dr. Max Kronstein for the translation.

"The news has reached us from the Swiss Legation in Tokio that Walter Bruggmann, Honorary Member of the Swiss Aerophilatelic Society and Honorary Life Member of the American Air Mail Society, died in Manila, Philippines on October 24, 1943. This is an extremely hard loss for the Aerophilatelic world. Very seldom has anyone cooperated in such an active way, with so great initiative and with such high idealism in the development of the Airways and of the airmail services as has Mr. Bruggmann.

Walter Bruggmann was born in Wango (Swiss Canton of Thurgau) in 1878. After a careful professional training in Switzerland, England and Italy, he went to Manila where by his personal activity he soon achieved a position of high reputation. Being happily married to a Manila girl of Spanish ancestry he came into the possession of several plantations and succeeded in further enlarging and developing them. With the years he became a man of considerable wealth. Since 1919 he suffered severely under a grave disease which he never fully overcame nevertheless he continued all his activities with untiring enthusiasm and effort throughout the years. He won the necessary relaxation during this period through his aerophilatelic work.



• The Late  
WALTER BRUGGMANN

Walter Bruggmann took an extraordinary interest in Aerophilately, not only as a collector but in his compilation of much historical research about airmail development in general and in the Philippine area in particular. A representative documentation of his efforts has only recently been presented to the Swiss Airpost Archives (maintained by Dr. Paganini—Ed.). It is a magnificent volume of documents pertaining to the Air mail services in the Philippines including many rare photographs. Thanks to his personal efforts the Philippine Air Mail Society, Chapter Number 13 of the American Air Mail Society, was formed and its official publication, the AIR MAIL DIGEST, a handsome publication, was circulated throughout the world. His work found wide recognition and many honors were bestowed upon him both at home and abroad. The results of his historical researches were finally published by him under the title AIR POST FLIGHTS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS and were later used as a basis for the listings used in the Philippine Section of the *American Air Mail Catalogue*, 1940 Edition.

A dear friend, a real gentleman, a great character with a heart full of warmth and kindness has passed on to his final reward."

It is not possible for us to add to the eloquent tribute of Dr. Paganini. The many friends which Walter Bruggmann numbered among the members of the American Air Mail Society will mourn his passing.

# AIR MAIL and the WAR, XLII

by DR. MAX KRONSTEIN  
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The British Overseas Airways operate a civilian air service between England and Sweden using unarmed Mosquitos, partly with Norwegian crews. These planes have also repeatedly been attacked. Two crew members (Capt. G. Rae and Radio Officer J. S. W. Payne) who were attacked twice by Focke Wulfs and escaped, have been awarded certificates in commendation of outstanding service. Similar important mail carrying is done elsewhere also by the 6 unarmed DH 98 Mosquitos of the BOAC. Since there is not other mail service between England and Sweden, a postal cachet is used in Great Britain—"No Service-Except by Air".

**GREAT BRITAIN**—An Empire Air Conference on postwar civil aviation plans was held in London on Oct. 11-12, 1943 (Lord Beaverbrook, Chairman) with the governments and air services of Canada, England, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and India participating. Further negotiations will follow with USA and Russia. Sir Kingsley Wood, who as Postmaster General inaugurated the pre-war Empire Air Mail scheme to any part of the British Empire, died in England on Sept. 21, 1943. The British Overseas Airways flew 9,250,000 miles during the first 9 months of 1943 (31% more than in the same period 1942) with 840 tons air mail and 1880 tons freight (16% more than last year's period). Besides that the RAF Transport Command is mentioned as also operating air mail services for the troops overseas. The BOAC airliner DH 91 Fortuna crashed in August 1943 en route from England to Ryanna near Foynes. The KLM completed on July 26, 1943 three years of service between London and Lisbon with a total of 1662 flights (96% of schedule).

Airmail posted in England between June 28th and July 2nd 1943 for Africa and the Middle East was lost by enemy action. British air mail letter cards to British Prisoners of War and civilian internees in Germany was accepted for Christmas when mailed before Nov. 12, 1943. A fortnightly Spanish language paper "Por Avion" is flown regularly from England for circulation in Spain. The first 3150 miles non-stop passenger flight from England to Bathurst, Br. West Africa, was made on Sept. 8, 1943 by a Liberator plane of the RAF transport command (in 15 hrs. 58 min.).

**ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**—The PAA completed its 5000th ocean crossing since Pearl Harbor on Nov. 17, 1943, including 3259 across the Atlantic and 1741 across the Pacific. In addition TWA (Transcon-

tinental and Western Airlines) completed in the same month its 1100th trans-Atlantic flight in a period of less than 20 months in service for the Army Air Transport Command. And Export Airlines are operating 11,000 route miles between New York and Foynes and New York and Lisbon with still more services planned. The British RAF North Atlantic Return Ferry Services made between Sept. 24th 1941 and the same date in 1943 a total of 600 ocean crossings. ((80% of them in the second year.)

The Trans Canada Air Lines service between Canada and England performed a non-stop trans-Atlantic flight between Montreal and Britain on July 23, 1943, carrying 2600 lbs. of soldiers' mail. On the return flight non-stop from Britain to Montreal) the plane carried 3000 lbs. of mail from Canadian forces in England. The planes have been "winterized" and two trans-Atlantic return flights weekly were planned beginning November 1943.

A 13 hour mail flight between USA and Iceland was made by a Liberator airplane in the summer of 1943.

**AFRICA**—Egypt has become a great center of air mail services and one of the world's largest airports was opened on Oct. 25, 1943 at the Payne Field near Cairo. Figures had been released earlier reporting that the staff of the British civilian BOAC airlines handled at Khartoum between May 9th and 23rd, 1943 a total of 31373 kgs. mail and at Cairo in a single week of the same month 31561 kgs. mail. During the great Cairo war conference between Pres. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, Thanksgiving day-week, 1943, all communications were cut between Cairo and the rest of the world.

The BOAC operated during the summer 1943 a passenger and mail service between Gibraltar and Cairo, but for Government use only. After the North African campaign the RAF expressed thanks to the civilian air services for having delivered the mail regularly during the Egyptian campaign by the VIII Army and of the Western Desert Forces. During that campaign an Army paper, the "Eighth Army News" was flown regularly to the front since Sept. 1941 and was even dropped by parachute to the defenders of Tobruk. Since the beginning of the Sicilian campaign the same paper has been printed in Catania, Sicily to the extent of 27,000 copies daily and has been carried to the troops of the VIII Army at the front. RAF leaflets were dropped around Cairo on March 31, 1943 on the occasion of the Cairo gala premiere of the official film "Desert Victory".

The Free French Air services resumed operations between Dakar, Senegal and Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, on July 31, 1943. This route had been suspended since 1940. On occasion of the

first Free French air mail from Syria (January 22, 1943) to Tananarive, Madagascar (February 1) two special cachets were used, one for civilian mail, the other for military dispatches by the "Poste aux Armees des F.F.L." (illustrations in the "Aero Field" August-September, 1943.)

The Belgian Sabena Company is planning an extension of its present services (in Congo and to Capetown) by a new route from Leopoldville, Congo to Lagos-Lisbon-England. In Liberia an inland air mail service has been announced in co-operation with the PAA Airmail will be flown at the rate of 12 cts. per half ounce between Monrovia and the rubber and coffee centers deep in the interior. Special stamps will be used.

#### ASIA

The Persian State Air Lines have operated since early 1943 a weekly service Teheran-Kermanshah-Bagdad. The BOAC announced during the middle of July, 1943 a regular air mail service between England-Persia and Russia. Later it was announced that these flights into Russia are not made regularly at stated times but according to requirements. A great conference between President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Marshall Stalin was held in Teheran around December 1, 1943.

#### INDIA

In India the Tata Air Lines now operate regular services: Karachi-Bombay-Colombo, Ceylon with overnight stop at Hyderabad, and seasonal services between Bombay and Delhi. The service Bombay-Trichinopoly remains suspended for the duration. American V-Mail letters are delivered in India bearing on the envelope a pink rubber cachet: "V . . . — Mail War Economy: Please return this envelope to nearest APO". The airmail posted in Ceylon on August 1 and 2, 1943 for the United Kingdom was lost through causes other than enemy action.

A Japanese puppet government was established for the Islands of Andaman and Nicobar as a "provisional government of Free India" in November, 1943, similar to the so-called puppet Government of the Independent Philippines (Middle of October, 1943). But the liberation of all areas occupied by Japan since 1895 was declared an Allied war aim at the Cairo Conference on Thanksgiving Day 1943.

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## Airport Dedication Covers

By MAURICE S. PETTY

**FUTURE:** Indianapolis, Ind. will dedicate airport on March 21st. Covers to C. of C.

**PAST:** Regret that the Ogden, Utah covers of October 8th, mentioned previously, are NOT dedication covers. However, the Robert H. Hinckley Airport at Ogden, Utah, was formally dedicated on October third, 1943. An attractive souvenir program of same has been received from the Chamber of Commerce, but no covers are known. Can any one report any? . . . Bill Schneider sends clipping stating that on Dec. 29th, 1943, the extensive new air-drome facilities located at Maxwell Field, Ala., Army Air Base, would be dedicated. Can anyone advise if it happened and if any covers? . . . Another clipping from Mr. Schneider gives account of dedication at Higgins, La., but no clue as to what date? Who can tell us? . . . Though dedication news is very scarce, we are appreciative of the help of G. F. Lancaster, B. Schneider, F. H. Wilde, Capt. C. J. Wood, and W. T. Wynn, Jr.

#### FROM THE SALES MANAGER

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airs in circulation.

We have good news for those members particularly interested in covers. There has been a tremendous increase in circuit cover material during the last few weeks, one member alone submitting 2500 covers. These cover lots include excellent opportunities to purchase CAMs, FAMs, U. S. Governmentals, Transcontinentals, and first day covers. So, all cover fans get busy and let the sales manager know what items you would like to see. We also expect to have about 50 Zepp covers in the near future from one of our members and he has promised to make the prices interesting provided, of course, there is sufficient demand. As for FAMs and Lindberghs, there are about 100 fine covers waiting to be sent to interested parties, including complete flights and plenty of fill-ins for those who need one, here and there.

PHELPS CREE  
Sales Manager

# C.A.M. COVER NOTES

SEVERAL things of interest to Contract Air Mail cover collectors have occurred during the past month. As is the usual case these days new points on old routes and new basic routes were established with very little notice. In only one case was there sufficient time for the Advance Bulletin Service of the American Air Mail Society to send a notice to those participating in this service.

The Postal Bulletins of February 11th and 16th respectively advised that effective February 19th temporary air mail service would be established at Joplin, Mo. on both routes AM-26 and AM-30 respectively. This point is eligible for listing in the American Air Mail Catalogue insofar as Route 26 is concerned but the Route 30 embracing will not be listed inasmuch as Route 30 is the successor route to CAM-3 and Joplin has previously had service on this Route.

The official air mail schedules of the Post Office Department issued under date of February 21 carried notice to the effect that service would be performed at Moline, Illinois on AM-9 starting March 1st. This point is not eligible for listing as AM-9 is a successor route to CAM-3 and Moline had service on this Route as originally established in 1926.

First service on AM-60 was scheduled to be performed on March 1st by the contractor, Continental Air Lines. However, the inaugural service will not include Salina, Kansas but will be from Kansas City, Mo. to Denver, Colo. via Topeka, Kansas. Salina will be added as an intermediate stop at a later date. The February *Journal* carried full information in regard to this new service.

Effective on or about the same date, AM-29 was due for extension from Hobbs, N. M. via Midland, Big Spring and San Angelo to San Antonio, Texas. Both of these scheduled new services were included on American Air Mail Society's Advance Bulletin #99 issued from Albion, Pa. on February 24th.

Under date of February 21st the Press of the nation carried the information that Civil Aeronautics Authority had approved the application of National Air Lines to extend its Miami-Tampa-Jacksonville route to a new terminus at New York City flying by way of Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk and Philadelphia. At the same time Eastern Air Lines was authorized to operate between Tampa and Miami via West Palm Beach and between Miami and Key West, thus establishing parallel competitive services for these two carriers. Readers are reminded that service cannot commence until the Army certifies equipment is available and this approval does not necessarily mean that the Post Office Department will immediately establish Postal service by such routes.

The application of Colonial Airlines for a route between New York and Nassau, Bahamas via Charleston, S. C. has been consolidated with other applications for routes between the United States and Caribbean points and will come up for hearing on May 15th.

AAMS Member Bert Green writing from Miami Beach, Fla. advises us that there were about two hundred covers carried and cacheted by National Airlines on the first flight of service from Miami to Key West, February 9th. He states that the cachet was hurriedly made and hence covers are not very attractive. He also advises us that there was a so-called "Pathfinder" flight on February 2nd, one week prior to the official first date.

## SHORT NOTICE CAM EVENT

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ALBERT N. BROWN

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**President's Message**

To The Members of The  
American Air Mail Society

THE WAR has put a crimp into some of our collecting activities, but it has also opened new fields to the collector. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage our members to save covers which are created as a result of the war. In the event you are not interested in them, others most assuredly are, especially our members in foreign countries where restrictions make it necessary for them to rely on us for such items.

Foremost among these covers is the A.P.O. (Army Post Office) mail which when sent by Air naturally belongs in every air mail collection. These covers can be divided into many classes; many contain famous names as censoring officers!

Next is the popular V-mail. I firmly believe these will be collectors pieces before very long and I would suggest you hold on to any you get. Everyone else does and if you don't think so, just try and pry one loose from a friend. V-mail sent from the U. S. is anything but common. Have your friends in the service save some for you or better ask them to return letters you have written them if they do not care about saving them.

Next is the common censored cover. They seem very common but they are not. Most of these are bona-fide Air Mail letters. You can take three letters from the same country and you will probably find that these letters came via different routes, all told by the censor and other markings. As all mail incoming is censored, the field is large. It may be service mail or just foreign mail. Get a few foreign air mail covers together and notice how interesting the various markings are. Just get a few and I'll wager you will be looking for more.

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# Third Mail Auction Attracts Many Bidders

New Listing to Appear  
in May Airpost Journal

By George D. Kingdom

THE Third Mail Auction Sale, sponsored by the American Air Mail Society, held January 25th, was an increased success over the two previous sales. There were more bidders than ever before and the gross receipts reached a new high, thus bringing the Society additional much needed revenue.

There has not been any means provided whereby a list of all prices realized could be published, but each bidder does receive from the Auction Manager, a list of the realizations on those lots on which he bid but did not buy. A few of the prices realized on the lots on the Third Sale are quoted herein. The unflown cover autographed by Amelia Earhart (1), \$6.50; the Lindbergh autograph on a CAM #2 cover (2), \$10.75; the S. J. Williamson autograph on the Tela, Honduras to Miami FAM cover (6), \$5.75; the C. A. Brinkman, pilot signature on a CAM 12 cover (23), \$3.50; the St. Paul AMf to Sioux Falls, 18SW36f, sold for \$3.00 (104); the Sioux City, north, first flight to Huron (107), \$4.25; Nashville-east 20-E27f (129), \$2.75; the rare first actual eastward dispatch from Roanoke via route no. 20; cat. no 20E32, (132), \$10.50; Syracuse to New York, first direct service 20E46 (138), \$6.75; the seldom offered R31E1 to Chicago (145), \$11.50; Victoria-Seattle, F2-2, without backstamp (153), \$4.75; a fine New Orleans-Battown, F3-1, (154) brought \$9.50; the FAM #5 flight from New Orleans AMf to Guatemala and return, bearing pilot autograph sold for \$9.00 (177); two fine covers in each direction, San Francisco-Manila, F14-1b & 6b (216), \$3.50; the Pan-American Survey Flight from Canton Island to Hawaii, Sept. 4,

1939 (252) sold for \$15.00; the very fine rarity, First U. S. Army East to West Air Derby, Oct. 7, 1919 sold for \$34.00 (260); a cover flown on the 1935 Mass Naval Flight from Hawaii to Midway Islands, and autographed by the crew sold for \$10.00 (278); the Thor Solberg cover on the New York to Norway flight brought \$9.50 (279); the Wilkins North Pole Expedition cover sold for \$9.75 (284A); the London Orient Flight of Philippine Islands sold for \$9.50 (318). A general over all digest of the prices reveals that autographed covers are very popular and much sought after; that the rarer CAM covers sold for full or more than catalogue while the more recent and commoner groups brought a smaller percentage of catalogue values; that FAM covers were frequently bid on and brought an average of from 50 to 75 per cent of catalogue value, the rarer covers yielding nearly full catalogue value; that Pioneers, Souvenir Historical, Trans-Oceanic and Zeppelin covers are popular with bidders and bring respectable bids; that U. S. Governmentals showed a surprising interest in this sale; and that in the case of Dedications, although not as many bids are received, those bidding are willing to pay fair prices.

Each sale brings several new bidders and the sales seem to have won the approval of many members of the Society. As previously stated, these mail auction sales provide a source for collectors to procure covers for their collections as well as an outlet for Society members who desire to dispose of aero-philatelic material. The Auction Manager will provide the details for any collector desiring to use this service.

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