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THIS month the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY is pleased to welcome the *Southern California Cover Club* of Los Angeles, Calif. to its Branch Chapter Roster. Thus this fine organization of West Coast cover collectors, which has been actively functioning for more than a year, becomes Chapter #24 in the group of A.A.M.S. autonomous local affiliates scattered throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Philippines. The new Chapter meets every third Sunday of the month at the Philatelic Club, Inc., 417 South Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, Calif. All local collectors as well as those visiting Southern California are cordially invited to the meetings.

The present affiliation successfully crowns two ambitions of H. B. Manning, founder and present President of the Club—ambitions nursed and matured over several recent years. The first was to form a group where collectors of covers—all kinds of covers—might have the opportunity to be of mutual assistance in pursuing their hobby and might enjoy the benefit of the personal contacts such a Club could provide. The second ambition was to have that club affiliate with the national AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY—a logical affiliation in that the great majority of cover collectors include air mail covers in their collecting scope. The Club was formed in August 1943 and the A.A.M.S. affiliation has now been arranged. As far as is known that is the first cover club



● President H. B. MANNING
of New Chapter #24

catering to all phases of cover collecting to be formed on the West Coast—certainly it represents the first Chapter of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY in the Continental United States west of St. Louis. Its present membership of almost forty speaks well for the future of this very active group.

Mr. Manning, President of the Club, is also an officer of the *Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club* of New York and an active booster and worker for the national AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

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Army East-West Derby Pioneered Trans-U.S. Route

25th Anniversary of Army Trans-Continental Flights Across U. S. Planned by the Late General William "Billy" Mitchell in 1919. First Flight to Carry Mail From Coast to Coast.

By **EARL H. WELLMAN**

IN THE SUMMER months of 1919 before wartime demobilization was complete Brig. Gen. William Mitchell conceived the idea of and planned a Transcontinental Field Maneuver for the Army Air Service. His reasons were: to awaken America's interest in aviation, to reveal to the world the possibilities, problems and immensity of the task which lay before those whose duty it was to master and develop this new arm of National Defense. He sincerely believed this task should loom of equal importance to that of other branches of the Army and Navy.

On September 18, 1919, notice of the First Transcontinental Reliability and Endurance Test went out to Army fliers from Washington. The rules and regulations covered many types of competition and also a handicap system for those participating. Lt. Harold E. Hartney prepared the rules of the flight which was commonly called the Army East-West Derby. The flight is noted in the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE as U. S. Historical Flight #16.

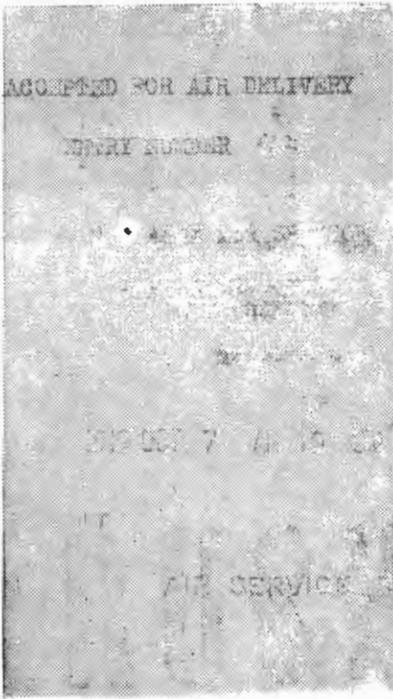
Previous to this flight two other Transcontinental Flights had been made, both in 1911. The first by Cal Rodgers who departed from New York on September 17, 1911, and arrived in Los Angeles, via Chicago and Fort Worth on November 5th. The second flight was by Robert G. Fowler whose transcontinental trip started from Los Angeles, October 19, 1911, and took him to El Paso, Fort Worth, New Orleans, and ended at Jacksonville in Florida on February 8, 1912. No mail was carried on either of these flights entirely from

coast to coast, however when Cal Rodgers reached the midwest on his flight he began carrying mail from stop to stop and used the famous "Vin Fiz" stamp on the letters.

So up to the time the Army East-West Derby was announced in 1919 no planes had ever flown between San Francisco and Chicago and no mail had been carried by air in the U. S. from coast to coast. Between Chicago and New York a number of flights had been made and the Post Office Department had carried on an experimental air mail service.

Seventy-four entries were posted for the Derby which was to start on October 8, 1919, simultaneously from New York and San Francisco. This left only three weeks time for the Army, Chamber of Commerce groups and well wishers to prepare airfields along the route which had been laid out by General Mitchell. Many of the Western division airfields had to be built from scratch in this short time and were barely completed when the planes flew in. The flight began at Hazelhurst Field, New York, now known as Mitchell Field, with control stops at Binghamton, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Bryan, Chicago, Rock Island, Des Moines, Omaha, St. Paul (Nebr.), North Platte, Sidney, Cheyenne, Walcott, Green River, Salt Lake City, Salduro, Battle Mt., Reno, Sacramento, and San Francisco.

Of the 74 entries, 63 taxied to the starting line, 48 at New York and 15 at San Francisco. Of the 48 starting at New York 4 can hardly be considered as having been in the race. Two had trouble near the field and two never reached the first control stop at Binghamton, N. Y. Of the remaining 44 planes that left New York, 26 arrived in San Francisco and 7 of the 15 planes that left from San Francisco reached New York. The original plan was to fly the continent only one way, later



● **Reverse of Letter Carried
on Army Air Derby**

it was decided to make the round trip except that pilots were not obligated to fly the second half.

Fastest time and a transcontinental air record at the time was made by the so called flying parson, Lt. Belvin Maynard, in a DH-4. He negotiated the course in 25 hours and 17 minutes flying time. There were many different winners in the various types of competition and handicaps. Post Office maps were used on the Eastern Section of the route and regular Rand McNally state maps in the West. In a summary of the results as listed in the Air Service Circular File C 71.6-53 Vol. 1, Number 2, it states: "One advantage that accrued from the race and one that probably warrants the venture was the establishment of an air route from New York to San Francisco."

In regard to the mail carried on this first transcontinental army flight Elmer Haslett, present director of LaGuardia

Field in New York, says: "The Army accepted for this flight certain letters from public officials in Washington to public officials along the line of flight. Most of these letters were from Senators or Congressmen to Governors or to Mayors. In all there were probably fifty or sixty letters. Of course, these letters were distributed equally among all the contestants of the transcontinental flight. As you will recall, there were a number of washouts enroute and any record of which entry was given to a particular pilot would only be in the records of the War Department, if at all.

This flight was promoted by General William Mitchell to establish firstly, that it was a possibility to fly across the country, and secondly that one air force could serve the entire country, due to the fact that it could move from Atlantic Coast to Pacific Coast and vice versa on short notice.

Each of the letters carried was accepted by me as Senior Aide to the General, and endorsed at the Direction of General Mitchell, as he himself realized that the flight was naturally history making."

The photo with this article shows the reverse of a letter carried on the Army East-West Derby flight of 1919 showing the endorsement referred to by Major Haslett. A search of War Department records show that it was carried by entry number 42, who was a Lt. Wright of the Air Service. The endorsement shows it was received for the flight by the Air Service on October 7, 1919, and delivered to the Post Office in San Francisco on October 17, 1919. This is believed to be one of the first letters to be carried by air from coast to coast in the United States. There is no record of mail being carried eastward from San Francisco on these flights.

Philatelists Support National War Fund

UNDER the sponsorship of James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, a volunteer committee of collectors, dealers and philatelic writers has inaugurated a campaign in behalf of the National War Fund. Their aim is to raise \$25,000 as Philately's contribution to the 250 million dollar goal.

Collectors are not asked to surrender cash. What is wanted is contributions of worthwhile stamps, covers and related material. The committee appeals to collectors to make some real sacrifices from their philatelic holdings—items of a character which will bring genuinely fancy prices at public sale. Around mid-December the contributed material will be disposed of at an auction to be held in New York, and Mr. Farley will pinch-hit as one of the auctioneers.

The \$250,000,000, including philately's \$25,000, will be allocated among the following organizations:

USO, United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid, United China Relief, Russian War Relief, British War Relief Society, Greek War Relief Association, Polish War Relief, United Yugoslav Relief, American Relief for France, Belgian War Relief Society, American Relief for Czechoslovakia, Queen Wilhelmina Fund, American Relief for Norway, Friends of Luxembourg, America Denmark Relief, American Relief for Italy, Philippine War Relief, United Lithuanian Relief, American Field Service, Refugee Relief Trustees, U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children.

Donations of philatelic material should be addressed to H. L. Lindquist, publisher of *Stamps Magazine*, 2 West 46th Street, New York City. Mr. Lindquist is chairman of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.

Philately's volunteer committee has as its chairman Emil Bruechig, air mail dealer, who is a past president of the American Stamp Dealers Association.

MODERN AIRMAIL COVERS BRING GOOD PRICES AT H. R. HARMER SALE

Modern air mail covers sold well in relation to catalogue prices, sometimes reaching nearly double catalogue, in the Air Post Auction held Sept. 19, 20 by H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 E. 57th St., New York 22, N. Y.

The sale seem to indicate that Free French air mail issues are still selling well, but prices are variable. A large quantity of Liberia's 1938 issue, said to have been from the Jacques Koerpel stock, brought face value or over.

Russia's 1930 Zeppelins went cheaply, by the catalogue, while the 1931 Zeppelin stamps of this country, brought very good prices. Most of the Spanish air mail varieties realized a low proportion of catalogue, but those from Tripolitania brought a good proportion.

A few of the outstanding prices:

U. S. 65c Zeppelin, o.g., \$10.50.

China Sinkiang, a flown cover with two 15c singles, \$105, and another cover with two 30c singles, \$205. Czechoslovakia's 1919 first provisional issue, unused, \$95. Egypt's Zeppelin set of 1931 in unused block of four, \$33.

Iceland, the 1933 Italy-Iceland Flight issue, unused, \$66. Italy's Balbo set, each value on flown cover with flight cachet, \$32. The Balbo set without overprint, unused \$210. The Balbo set overprinted for return flight, "New York-Roma," unhinged, \$140, which seems a high price, considering that 500 were issued. Italy's soccer commemorative set in unused blocks of six, \$50, and the Official 1933 Balbo (Sanabria 501) on flown cover signed by Balbo, \$56.

The Kuwait set of 1933-34, four stamps with a face value of about 35c, brought a good price of \$31. It is catalogued \$33.25 by Scott.

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WALTER J. CONRATH

successively Business Manager and Editor. To his memory are the future issues of the JOURNAL gratefully dedicated.

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Here and There with the Editor

THE November issue of the JOURNAL will mark the 15th Anniversary of publication and we plan a special issue to suitably observe this significant anniversary. *Ernie Kehr*, talented writer and designer of many of the JOURNAL covers, is currently at work on the layout of an attractive Anniversary issue cover which will incorporate a number of the best designs that have graced JOURNAL issues during the past decade and a half. As many know Ernie is an expert in design and layout and will also "do" some of the montages within the pages of the issue itself. In this special number we plan to run something from the pen of each of our Associate Editors. All in all the issue will be something to anticipate, we hope—we hope.

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Air mail collectors have rallied promptly to the support of the proposed new Edition of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE. Although no solicitation of funds has yet been inaugurated, Past President *Singley*, who is serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee, reports the receipt of very generous checks from *Elmer R. Long*, the popular Harrisburg dealer (who incidentally was the first to contribute), *Bill Salomon* of Silver Spring, Md. and "*Uncle George*" *Angers*, Editor in Chief of the most successful current Edition. That's support with a capital "S" and if it is indicative of what may be expected when we get around to asking for money, the financial problem of the new Edition will be adequately solved. Incidentally, your Editor has received numerous suggestions and communications as to the Editorial content and policy of the proposed Edition. He regrets that it has not been possible for him to acknowledge same personally through the mails up to now, but hopes to be able to do so shortly. All such suggestions are gratefully received and will have the fullest consideration of the Editorial Board when same has been fully constituted.

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From *F. W. Kessler*, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., we have received

a copy of a new 1944 Price List of Mint Air Mail Stamps. As usual, the popular Fifth Avenue specialist, has clothed his latest list in a most attractive dress; the cover reproduced in several colors is something that cannot be described—it just has to be seen. The Kessler firm lists full sets only, all prices being determined after a careful study of current market conditions. A copy of the list will be sent free upon request. We have also received the 24th Annual Edition of *Elmer R. Long's* Collectors Handbook. Due to a shortage in paper this year's Edition omits the price list of United States stamps usually included. Reference may be made to the 23rd Edition for a Check List of these items, but of course all prices on same are cancelled. These Handbooks are very helpful to and popular with not only beginners but collectors in general. Copies may be secured by writing Harrisburg.

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A newsy letter from *Colonel Charles P. Porter* advises us that he is now stationed at the Headquarters of Pacific Overseas Air Service Command, 1950 Broadway, Oakland 14, Calif. A chance for some of our West Coasters to look him up and show him things stampic in the Bay area. And speaking of those in the service, one of our newer members, *Dr. Henry Hazard* of Philadelphia made front page dispatches recently. He is with the armed forces in the South west Pacific and recently administered the final oath of Citizenship to 60 American combat troops not more than 1000 yards behind the firing line!

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We have received the last cover in the series sponsored by the *Jack Knight Air Mail Society* honoring the U. S. Army Round the World Flight. The cover was mailed from Seattle on Sept. 28th, the Anniversary of the completion of the flight just 20 years before. Thanks to *Earl Wellman* for this cover. Also our thanks go to *C. L. Stillinger* for a cover mailed at Warren, Ohio on the occasion of this city being designated

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Cover Specials

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PICK-UP: One of the classic covers of the early days of air mail: The August 30, 1929 Adams Air Mail Pick-up Flight, the Youngstown Pioneer event, listed #114 page 407 AAMS Catalog (\$5.00 list)\$2.00

#45T

TWO COUNTRY FLIGHT: Stamps and cachets of Canada and Newfoundland are both included on this attractive First Flight Airmail of Nov. 11, 1930. Listed as #179 in AAMS 1941 edition page 91, at \$10.00 net, we know you'll be proud to own this cover. Net\$3.95

#H-74

ALASKA PIONEER: The Candle to Nome, Oct. 19, 1930 classic flight, listed as #19 on page #295 AAMS catalog, we offer this \$4.50 cover, a beauty, for\$1.75

#H-70

EXPERIMENTAL GLIDER FLIGHT: A cover from Nashville, Tennessee, April 15, 1930 signed by Pilot, with fancy cachet and as listed #123 page 408 AAMS catalog at \$3.\$1.50

Collectors You Know



This is A—who was bitten by the collecting bug back in high school and who still has her first album. It's pretty full, too. But she has a friend in the Air Corps and that's where the idea came to make up a "History of Aviation". Many of the milestones of aviation can be illustrated by covers, and this young lady knows it . . . and can prove it, too.

Yes, we have furnished her with many of these fascinating, historical covers. You'll find some of them listed on this page.

Interesting Items

WE BUY

Altho we have bought and sold covers since 1926, we never will feel that we have an adequate stock. As a result of turning over our stock rather speedily, we always need new material.

If you wish to sell your collection at any time, bear in mind that we're to be considered live prospects and will make a prompt and fair offer, based on what you have, the current market and type of collection.

In addition to covers, we stock Stamps and Christmas Seals of the world and always want to buy fine collections of all types. Just now we have a crying need for air-post stamp collections, too. What have you for sale?

MAN'S FLIGHT TO FLY

You've heard a lot about this magnificent book, but have you ordered your copy? Just published, this 352 page book, size 8 x 10½, profusely illustrated and of intense interest to all aero-philatelists, brings you into intimate contact with nearly all of the prominent pioneers who have paved the way to modern flight. By John P. V. Heinmuller, with Foreword by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, we offer this book as a 'must' to collectors \$6.00

C.A.M. COLLECTION

If you're a novice in Air Mails, you may want to buy this fine collection of 225 all different First Flight U.S.A. Airmail Covers, from 1926 to 1941. Truly a panorama of the development of the airmail system, this collection will catalog over \$225.00 net from AAMS catalog values, and represents every section of the United States. Most of the covers bear official government cachets (a very few covers were flown without cachets) and all are in pink of condition. All for\$88.

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Air Stamp Notes

By GEORGE D. KINGDOM

PRESIDENT KINGDOM ATTENDS

ALMOST one hundred collectors from in and near Philadelphia attended the Sepad night meeting of *The Philadelphia Air Mail Society*, Chapter #8 of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, held on Thursday, September 28th. This very successful gathering was held at the Optimist Club in Upper Darby, Pa., adjacent to the West Philadelphia Section of the City of Brotherly Love, and readily accessible by subway and other forms of transportation.

The meeting was under the Chairmanship of *Gearhart Frantz*, President of the Chapter, assisted by a hard-working and very able Committee which provided printed souvenir programs, an orchestra for dancing and tasty and generous refreshments. Stamps were very much in evidence and the swapping and selling noted throughout the evening was topped by a 50 lot Auction, conducted by *Walter Arn*, amidst spirited bidding.

One highlight of the Meeting was the presence of *George D. Kingdom*, National President of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, who made the trip from Conneaut, Ohio to Philadelphia especially for the occasion. He was accompanied by Past President *L. B. Gatchell*, Editor of the AIRPOST JOURNAL. In appropriate remarks President Kingdom complimented the Philadelphia Chapter on its aggressiveness and on the self-evident success of their Sepad night. He stated that he hoped to visit other Chapters throughout the Country from time to time in his capacity as President of the parent organization. Editor Gatchell also said a few words. *Miss Florence Lampert*, National Vice-President of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY was one of the active workers on the Committee in charge.

CHILE

The 4P value of the 1939 International issue has been issued on unwatermarked paper, and new values of 5P and 50P have been added to this air mail set.

CURACAO

The Princess Juliana Red Cross set of eight values has been issued. The stamps all of the same design, bear an entirely new portrait of the Princess enclosed within a red, white and blue frame, and the Red Cross appears in the top left corner of each value. The denominations and basic colors are 10c plus 10c, light brown; 15c plus 25c, blue-green; 20c plus 25c, slate; 25c plus 25c, gray; 30c plus 50c, brown-purple; 35c plus 50c, reddish brown; 40c plus 50c, green; and 50c plus 100c, purple. First day covers are dated Aug. 21, from Curacao. See front cover for illustration.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Centenary souvenir sheet comprising 6 postage values and 3 air mail values is reported as having reached the United States. Official figures show that only 1800 sheets were issued. The sheets are imperforate, with the printing giving the impression that perforations were used. The air mail values in the sheet are 10c, 20c and 1P. We commented editorially on these last month.

LEBANON

The Independence issue is now available and contains both postage and air mail values. The air mails are 25pi., yellow-green and 50pi., orange, a view of Bchamoun; 100pi., orange and 200pi., lilac, the Citadel of Raschaya, and 300 pi., sage-green and 500pi., sepia, an air view of Beyrouth. It is rumored that 300 sets were released imperforate.

MEXICO

A 25c air mail adhesive bearing a design featuring an allegorical figure of flight with the words "Correo Aereo 25



STAMPS FOR ILLUSTRATION, courtesy F. W. Kessler

● Some of the Attractive New and Recent Issues

Cent" at the top and Mexico across the bottom has been released.

PARAGUAY

It is reported that a new air mail set is in the offing which will have a face value of \$12.00.

RUSSIA

Two air surcharges have been noted on the values of the Air Heroes set. The new denominations are 1R on 30k, blue and 1R on 30k, green. In addition to the new values, the surcharge includes the Russian equivalent for "Air Mail".

SIERRA LEONE

A 1sh. 3d. value for air mail use only has been issued.

URUGUAY

A \$5.00 green and a \$1.38 yellow, both air mails of the C100 and C98 designs have been released.

VENEZUELA

The air mail values of the issue noting the 75th anniversary of the Red Cross have been received. They feature the crossed flag design and the denom-

inations and frame colors are 5c, dull green (250,000); 10c, purple (250,000); 20c, blue (250,000); 30c, dark blue (250,000); 40c, dull chocolate (100,000); 45c, apple green (100,000); 90c, orange (100,000) and Bs1, slate (100,000).

The official decree for the issuance of the Venezuelan Worlds Championship Baseball Games has been published. The issue will contain nine air mail values and the stamps will measure 28 x 40 mm, arranged vertically, and will show two baseball players in action, as well as the coat of arms of Caracas where the games will be played. The text will read "EE UU de Venezuela—Correos—Aereo—VII Serie Mundial de Base Ball Amateur". Values and quantities are to be 5c (100,000) 10c (100,000), 20c (100,000), 30c (100,000), 45c (50,000), 90c (50,000), Bs1 (50,000), Bs120 (10,000), and Bs180 (10,000). According to word just received from A.A.M.S. Member *F. Jacobi* of Caracas, the above set will be issued on Oct. 12.

'Stamps for Wounded' Has Large Response

NO NATIONAL welfare project ever undertaken by organized philately has ever enjoyed such instantaneous success and such whole-hearted cooperation as *Stamps For The Wounded*.

Ernest A. Kehr, national chairman, reports that even before his return from Milwaukee, where *Stamps For The Wounded* was organized by a joint SPA-APS committee, his office was literally flooded with communications from volunteers who wished to assist in this worthy program of bringing a few hours of cheer to hospitalized servicemen through the medium of stamp collecting.

Basil O'Connor, national chairman of the American Red Cross and Colonel A. H. Schwichtenberg of the Surgeon General's office, both endorsed the project as something for which they had long been looking and one that will aid materially in the rehabilitation of those men who sacrificed limb or health in the safeguarding of our country's glorious ideals. President Roosevelt not only expressed delight that *Stamps For The Wounded* had been organized, but volunteered to send duplicates from his own collection from time to time.

The various individual groups who have been doing similar work on a local scale have offered to cooperate and numerous clubs and individuals in other areas volunteered to care for the needs of servicemen in localities where no such program has as yet been inaugurated.

Albert G. Whaley, 30 Church Street, New York 7, N. Y., who has been appointed national director in charge of stamp collections declared that New York's leading business houses are co-operating by sending all of their domestic and foreign stamps received on business mail. Several hundred pounds of material already has been received and more is coming in daily.

The collection of stamps, accessories and literature through a single national

agency will simplify requests through the philatelic press for it will give readers the opportunity of supplying to a country-wide cause rather than contributing through a number of scattered individuals.

Sponsoring societies include the following: American Air Mail Society, American Philatelic Society, Essay-Proof Society, Precancel Stamp Society, and the Society of Philatelic Americans.

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Donations of Philatelic material may be sent direct to Ernest A. Kehr at National Headquarters, *Stamps For The Wounded*, 230 W. 41 Street, New York 18, N. Y. or may be made through the various Regional Directors.

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to dispatch air mail directly through airport facilities previously in service and now jointly used. The first service was September 16

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I WELCOME and congratulate the Southern California Cover Club as a Branch Chapter of our Society. I am certain that we can be helpful to each other. I am appreciative of the fine work done by Mr. H. B. Manning in connection with the program of this Society. I also want to give much merited credit to Chapter Chairman *Glen W. Naves* and Past-President *Richard L. Singley* for their part in the acquisition of the new Chapter.

I was happy to note the generous response of our members, which by the acquisition of *Constellation* flown covers permitted a substantial contribution to the Red Cross Chapter of Dayton, Ohio.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of *Ernest A. Kehr* as Philatelic Press Relations Director for our Society. A member of our Society for several years, Mr. Kehr is also well known in national philatelic circles. He is stamp editor of the *New York Herald-Tribune*, and at present Chairman of the national program of "Stamps For The Wounded" which is being sponsored by the APS and SPA, and is also, supported by our own Society.

Aero-philately and our Society owe a debt of gratitude to *J. P. V. Heinmuller*, Director of our Society, for the publication of his recent work, "*Man's Fight to Fly*". This book is a "must" for every aero-philatelic library and to every collector of air mail covers. In the words of the author himself, the collecting of air mail covers was the inspiration for this book. Be sure to read this review of this book in THE AIRPOST JOURNAL and I believe that you will want to own one.

I feel it my patriotic duty to caution our members and readers to continue

NEW BRANCH CHAPTER—

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organization. *Graydon E. Barnaby* of Monroe, Calif. is Secretary, although we understand that an important Government assignment keeps him from being as active as formerly. Other local A.A.M.S. members active in the Club include *G. V. Fisher*, *Leo Hedges*, *Dick Stevens*, *Robert Finnerty*, *William Laffin*, and *Irvin Rischall*. The Club is first and foremost a service organization and believes that one of its primary functions is to aid and encourage the beginner.

Mr. Manning would like it thoroughly understood that much of the credit for this present A.A.M.S. affiliation should go to *Glen W. Naves*, Chapter Chairman, who, although presently on military leave, made the initial contacts with Mr. Manning and furnished much help and inspiration in connection with the formation of the Club. We are sure that it will be a tremendous lift for Glen, somewhere in the Pacific, to learn that his constant efforts for A.A.M.S. are still paying dividends. Past President *Dick Singley* also ably contributed in this connection, taking up where Glen Naves was forced to leave off.

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C.A.M. COVER NOTES

By WILLIAM R. WARE
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THERE is more than enough CAM news to take up our space in this month's issue of the JOURNAL. Several first flights have taken place since our last remarks which we shall try to cover and from present indications, you may continue to expect sufficient first flights in the future to keep your interest well maintained.

AM #29—We have refrained from writing up this route which covered the recent flights in Texas between Hobbs and San Antonio and between El Paso and San Antonio until this time in order to give you as complete information as possible. Full information is still not available at this time and probably never will be as it seems that records were not kept in every instance as to the handling of the various first flight dispatches flown, etc. However, we shall give you the following information which is as complete as we expect to get it.

As mentioned previously, this extension of AM Route #29 really consists of two separate routes: One operating from El Paso to San Antonio via San Angelo, Texas which we shall refer to as the West Branch. The other route operates from Hobbs to San Antonio via Midland, Big Spring and San Angelo which we shall refer to as the East Branch. Both "Branches" of this route are a continuation of Route #29 which originates in Denver, Colorado and flies south through Colorado, New Mexico and into Texas. The services that we refer to as "Branches" separate at Albuquerque and formerly terminated at Hobbs, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas. The new flights that we are concerned with are a continuation of these two branches which operate over different routes into San Antonio which at present is the southern terminal of both branches of this route. We shall take up the West Branch first.

AM #29—West Branch El Paso to San Antonio via San Angelo: This service was scheduled for May 1, 1944 but owing to unsatisfactory weather condi-

tions, the first flight from El Paso to San Antonio was not made until May 2nd. On that date the stop at San Angelo was omitted. No record was made of covers dispatched via the first flight on this service to San Antonio. However, covers are known cancelled on both May 1st and 2nd at El Paso but all covers intended for the first flight were held and dispatched via the first flight on May 2nd. The postmaster at El Paso also dispatched all collector mail that he was holding at that time and which was addressed to San Angelo although there was no service to San Angelo as San Angelo was not added to this route until June 12th. Capt. O. R. Haueter with J. F. Weiler as co-pilot made the first flight from El Paso to San Antonio on May 2nd. The first flight from San Antonio to El Paso was made on the following day or May 3rd. Again no record of the number of pieces of mail is available. First flight covers have been seen cancelled at San Antonio at 6 AM of May 1st but we have been informed that all such covers were held for the actual first flight on May 3rd. Capt. O. R. Haueter with J. F. Weiler as co-pilot made the first flight from San Antonio to El Paso on May 3rd.

This discussion of AM-29 will be concluded next month.

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