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The stirring events of the last week in April and the early days of this month of May, 1945 have effectively sounded the death knell of that smelly evil which Hitler and the Nazi horde personified and that cancerous sore which was Fascism under the aegis of Mussolini. Writing editorially in the December, 1941 JOURNAL under the heading "WAR IS THRUST UPON US" the late WALTER J. CONRATH said, in part, as follows:

"Many of our AAMS members and readers are in active United States military service. Needless it is to say that it is our every prayer that their task will be safely, expediently and completely accomplished. We, as a united nation, shall not be beaten. Our original domination of the air and the air industry shall soon again be proven to a now badly torn and bleeding world. Our principles of democracy and freedom shall be re-established throughout the globe for the protection and survival of mankind.

Though the sacrifices may be great every one of this Society—and every American—pledges his complete efforts."

Part of our task is done. Truly, we as a united nation, *cannot* be beaten. But the sacrifices are great—and will continue to be great. Not the petty annoyances that we experience upon the home front but continuing sacrifices such as this:

## KILLED IN ACTION

*Pvt. Robert O. Wilm, AAMS #2632*

The news of Private Wilm's death has just reached us. Previously reported "Missing in Action" the War Department has now confirmed his death. We believe he is the first A.A.M.S. member to make the supreme sacrifice.

May we all re-dedicate ourselves to the completion of the task which still lies ahead—the task for which Member Wilm gave his all.

—L. B. G.

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# Pick Catalogue Editorial Board

## Preliminary List of Editors Announced

L. B. Gatchell, Editor-in-Chief of the 1946 Edition of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE has provided an initial listing of those who have accepted working assignments on the Editorial Board. This list is published herein. The Editor emphasizes that it by no means constitutes the complete list as additions will be made from time to time as the work progresses. Mr. Gatchell has also pointed out that the Editorial Board for each Section constitutes what is believed to be an effective working group and it is hoped that readers will realize that it is impossible to appoint to the Editorial Board all those who have a knowledge to some degree or other of any particular subject. The Board hopes that any person possessing information which they feel will be of value in the compilation of the work will communicate with the Section Chairman concerned and give him the benefit of this information. Only by such co-operative effort can the Catalogue approach that completeness which the Editors desire to achieve.

In addition to the Section Editors listed hereafter, the Editor has announced that GEORGE W. ANGERS, Editor-in-Chief of the 1940 Catalogue, will serve as Associate Editor of the 1946 Edition. GRACE CONRATH continues as Business Manager. A new post, that of Art Editor, will be filled by ERNEST A. KEHR whose talents are well known to JOURNAL readers. Because of the magnitude of this assignment, which will require a great amount of work and time, Mr. Kehr has asked to be relieved of any Editorial work in connection with the individual sections. GEORGE D. KINGDOM, President of

the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, will serve as general Editorial Consultant in addition to participating actively in the work of several specific Sections.

As is well known RICHARD L. SINGLEY is serving as Chairman of the Finance Committee and in connection with this very important aspect of publication, J. P. V. HEINMULLER and ERNEST A. KEHR are acting as a Committee on National Advertising. Whether the work can be accomplished AT ALL depends on the financing of the book; accordingly it is urged that those who have delayed recording their subscriptions with Mr. Singley DO SO AT ONCE.

Past President HERBERT H. GRIFFIN is a member of the Catalogue committee, and while not at this time assigned to any specific Sections, it goes without saying that Editor Gatchell will lean heavily on him for advice as to policy and procedure. Section Editor DR. MAX KRONSTEIN, in charge of the Foreign Pioneer Flights, proposes to enlist the aid of experts on many of the principal countries to be treated, but at this writing is not prepared to list these individual experts. The Editor-in-Chief is also pleased to record the appointment of HARRY M. KONWISER, distinguished philatelic writer and author, to the staff. His wide knowledge will make his talents particularly helpful in many sections of the book.

The staff for some of the Sections has not been completed as yet. To the extent acceptances have been received the following constitutes the Editorial Board for the various branches:



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 ● Some of the Recent Air Mail Stamp Issues

### NEW ISSUE NOTES

By George D. Kingdom

#### Colombia

A new bi-colored set of air mail stamps celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Colombian air mail service will be printed in two designs. The stamps will measure 22x27mm and the denominations will be 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 60c, 1P, 2P, 3P.

#### Costa Rica

Thru the courtesy of Ernesto Quiros, we have received a cover bearing the new overprint on the 50 centavos. The overprint consists of a red bar obliterating the word "Telegrafos" on the stamp, and immediately under the bar are the words "CORREO AEREO" and a second line with the numeral "1945". There are two additional values, similarly overprinted.

#### Indo-China

A Vichy Government Airpost issue is composed of the following values and colors: 5c light olive, 10c red brown, 11c rose carmine, 15c deep blue, 20c olive green, 36 deep carmine, 37c dark olive 60c brown violet, 66c deep olive, 67c

bright blue, 69c ultramarine, 1 pi. greenish black, 2 pi orange, 5 pi purple, 10 pi deep red.

The design is Scott's API with "RF" omitted from lower left corner.

#### Mexico

For the Chapultepec Congress, a series of nine stamps, five of which are airmail values was issued. The Airpost values and colors are 25c red orange, 1 p yellow green, 5 p slate blue, 10 p carmine red, and 20 p deep ultramarine. The issue was 15,000 complete sets. The design shows two hands holding a globe upon which is seen the map of the Americas.

In Spanish around the design are the words "Inter-American Congress 'on Problems of War and Peace."

#### Norway

The single 40-ore deep indigo stamp commemorating the 30th anniversary of Trygve Gran's flight between Great Britain and Norway pictures his plane in flight with the route marked against the outline of the two countries shown as a background.

#### Salvador

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## WALTER J. CONRATH

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# Three Years . . .

Once again we pause in our labors to gratefully recall the service to Aero-philately of our dear friend and editorial predecessor, WALTER J. CONRATH, who passed to a higher opportunity for self-less sacrifice three years ago this month. With each passing year our sense of personal loss grows deeper as does our appreciation of Walt's tireless leadership for all that he knew to be right and in the best interests of our hobby.

—L. B. G.

## President's Message

To the Members of the  
American Air Mail Society

If you have read any of my previous messages, you will know that my primary ambition for this year has been to build our Life Membership Roster to Fifty members. I am happy to report that this ambition appears about to be realized. I am informed by our Secretary Claude W. Degler, that all numbers to 48 have been filled, that number 49 has been reserved and also, number 50 has been taken. This leaves only FIVE numbers left. Editor L. B. Gatchell advises me that very soon, he intends to include as a special feature of THE AIRPOST JOURNAL, the pictures and a short sketch about each of our life members. I am most anxious that every number up to and including No. 50 be filled. So once again, I am appealing to you, who intend to join with this life membership group, but have failed to send in your application, to *DO IT NOW*. As has already been stated, as soon as the fifty memberships are subscribed, the fee will be increased. We only need FIVE MORE; will you be one of them?

I had a pleasant visit with THE AIRPOST JOURNAL Editor, Mr. L. B. Gatchell, recently, and he has definite plans

for keeping our official magazine a new and interesting aero-philatelic medium as well as the most distinctive philatelic journal published.

As Editor-in-Chief of the new edition of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE, he is at present forming the committees for the editing of the various sections of the book. The early reports from the Finance Chairman are very encouraging. This is a tremendous undertaking and must have the support of the entire membership. If you haven't sent in your pledge of assistance, please do so at once, so that we may know that we have your support.

I am advised by Sales Manager *Phelps Cree* that there is a shortage of material and plenty of demand which cannot be satisfied. The Sales Department is an excellent medium for selling and buying of air mail stamps and covers, and I urge our members to participate in this service which your Society offers.

I recently received from a member of our Society, a letter containing several suggestions for the improvement of the Society, and this prompts me to write that any of our members that have any suggestions for the betterment of the Society, should feel free to write your President. This is a privilege of membership and I assure you that all suggestions will be welcome.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Kingdom,  
President.

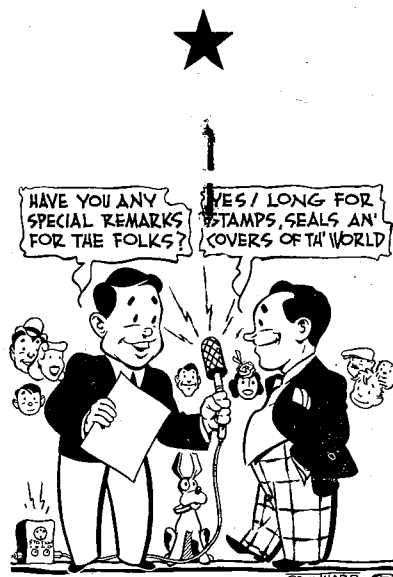
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# Here and There with the Editor

The untimely death of *President Franklin D. Roosevelt* has been a great loss to the Nation. He has made his own place in history and in the hearts of citizens of those oppressed nations of the world for whom "he fought the good fight"; however he will have a special place in the hearts of philatelists who knew him as the principal exponent of their fascinating and instructive hobby. Plans are already afoot to honor the late President with one or more stamps, even as those two world brigands, *Mussolini* and *Hitler*, whose ugly portraits have appeared only too frequently upon the stamps of many nations, pass into the limbo of forgotten monstrosities found only in the most terrible nightmares. There's a kind of poetic justice in it all . . .

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Meanwhile good news continues to follow in the wake of the victorious Allied armies. As countries are liberated and communication restored with them and with neutral countries reached through them, word comes to us through *Dr. Max Kronstein* that *DR. ROBERT PAGANINI*, the distinguished Swiss Aero-philatelic archivist and honorary member of the *AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY* is safe and in good health as are members of his family. *Dr. Kronstein* also advises us that the *Swiss Aero-Philatelic Society* has reorganized its activities and starts anew with a membership of about 150. Our best wishes to it. And from the other side of the world, comes news through Associate Editor *Ernest A. Kehr* that *Pablo Esperidion*, Secretary of the *Philippine Air Mail Society*, Chapter No. 13 of the *AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY* is safe and well in Manila. *Sr. Esperidion* warns that collectors should not pay fancy prices for the Philippine issues under Japanese occupation or for the recent Victory issue of the Commonwealth government as large stocks of these issues are in the hands of speculators in the Islands and will no doubt be available much cheaper at some later date. Our Assistant Editor, *Alton J.*



● **CAPT. CHARYN**

*Blank*, with Army Air Forces "Somewhere in the Philippines" also sounds the same warning.

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We also have a recent communication from our Assistant Editor *Glen W. Naves* who is with the Naval Seabees "Somewhere in the Western Pacific". *Glen* reports that he has been in the thick of the fighting but is still in good health. From "Somewhere in India" *A.A.M.S. Member Capt. Harold C. Charyn* reports on his adventures as a dentist attached to American troops in the India-China theatre. Visual evidence of *Capt. Charyn's* good health is attested by the snapshot which we reproduce herein.

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Jumping across to Europe we record interesting letters from members *Captain P. H. Robbs* of the Royal Artillery and *J. Wotherspoon* of England, both of whom report enjoyment upon receipt of the *JOURNAL* and who send us additional details about Britain's Air Letter Sheets. Thanks indeed to them for their kind words which serve as inspiration to our frequently lagging spirit.

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*Jim Hatcher*, versatile Editor of the stamp page of the *New York Journal*

American calls attention to the fact that *Samuel Holden Howie* recently passed to his reward at Auckland, N. Z., at the age of 64 years. According to a clipping sent us by Mr. Hatcher, which we believe was from the Australian Stamp Monthly, Mr. Howie was the proprietor of "The Original Great Barrier Pigeon Service", which should make his death of more than passing interest to Aero-philatelists throughout the world.

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Through the courtesy of *John N. Myer* we have received a copy of the latest edition of *Catalogo Vargas*, a specialized catalogue of the stamps of Chile. It will be of especial interest to aero-philatelists in that all air mail issues of this country, are listed in great detail. The Catalogue is published by *Victor Vargas*, Vina del Mar, Chile and is the 10th consecutive edition to appear.

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We have noticed of late that certain dealers and organizations are advertising covers of Airport Dedications and C. A. M. inaugural flights with the statement that they bear "Official cachets". We think collectors should keep in mind that the only "official cachets" are those applied by the Post Office Department and that the application of such cachets by this government department has been suspended for the duration. Cachets applied by airlines, Chambers of Commerce or by individuals, no matter how desirable they may seem to be for purposes of ready identification, are NOT official cachets and collectors should not purchase same under the misapprehension that they are official.

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On the same date first flights via A. M. 66, Boston, Mass. to Cleveland, Ohio, via Hartford, Conn., and via A.M. 67, Boston, Mass., via Albany, N. Y., and Williamsport, Pa., to Pittsburgh, Pa., took place. United Air Lines is the contractor of the former and Transcontinental and Western Air serves the latter. There were no official cachets but the Airlines provided special markings to covers sent to them for dispatch via first flight.

Also effective the same date, Northwest Airlines was granted authority to operate AM-69 from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., via Milwaukee, Wisc., and Detroit, Mich., to New York, N. Y., on a temporary basis for one month only. However, this inaugural was postponed until May 15. No official cachets were authorized.

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### NEW VALUE ADDED TO AIR MAIL SET OF COSTA RICA

From Ernesto Quiros, A., of San Jose, Costa Rica, Life Member No. 5 of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, comes word that on April 17th there appeared a new 40 centimo value in the current air mail set. The stamp is printed in rose carmine and bears the portrait of the past President of Costa Rica, Manuel Aguilar. This stamp is of particular interest to Mr. Quiros who advises us that President Aguilar was his great grand father on his mother's side. The initial printing was 189,000 copies.

# Last A.A.M.S. Mail Auction Brought Fine Prices

By George D. Kingdom

The Fifth Mail Auction of aero-philatelic material under the auspices of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY furnished further evidence of the interest in air mail covers as well as the willingness of purchasers to bid on the basis of their worth. There is quoted hereafter the prices realized on some of the more interesting items selected from each of the different sections of the sale. The number in parenthesis refers to the lot number. In the Pioneer Section, the Garden City (1) \$6.00, the Savannah, Ga. (2) \$13.00, the Belgium No. 2 Ghent Exhibition Flight (9) \$40.00, and the Egypt No. 1 Heliopolis Pyramid Flight (11) \$34.00.

In the Foreign Flight group, the three Bolivia flights (117, 118, 119) each sold for \$3.50; London-Windsor Coronation flight (15) \$3.00; the Jugoslavia, 1934 issue on First Day Cover (195) \$4.00; the Cairo to Athens (153) \$2.50.

The F.A.M. group prices realized were as follows: Suriname-St. John, Ant. (342) F6-25b, \$6.50; New Orleans-Pilotown, (314) F3-1, \$10.80; Castries, St. L.-St. Johns, Ant. (339) F6-20a, \$3.00; Charlotte Amalie-Fort de France, Mart. (351) F6-91b, \$4.25; 1941 New York-Bolama-return (84) \$13.00.

In the Trans-Oceanic and Souvenir Historical group, the PAA Survey Flight to Guam and return (67) TO-173c, \$6.50; the Ira Eaker Shuttle flight (36) S. H.-113, \$4.50; the Mass Naval Flight to Hawaii etc. (68) TO-175, \$10.00; Wiley Post Stratosphere flight (43) SH-180, \$7.00; the Frank Hawks Transcontinental flight (39) SH-165, \$7.50; and the Amundsen North Polar (52) TO-15, \$25.00.

The Zeppelin covers, Europe-Pan American trip bearing the U. S. \$2.60 stamp (470) sold for \$17.50, and three covers on various trips of the Hindenburg (477) brought \$4.00.

Various other flights including Mozambique, 1940 British Overseas Airways (203) \$2.00; Lindbergh-Visit to Iceland (177) \$2.00; Mermoz flight Paris to Buenos Aires (72) \$5.00, the Lindbergh, Port-au-Prince to Havana flight (165) \$12.50, and the Orville Wright autograph on the CAM 19, Kitty Hawk cover (285) \$10.25.

The C.A.M. group was not as strong as usual but Lot 500, the Pick-up flights sold for the very respectable price of \$45.00.

Each sale attracts new bidders, and the interest in this method of procuring covers for collections is increasing.

The AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY intends to continue to hold these sales as a part of its service to its members, either as purchasers or sellers. Inquiry concerning the sale should be directed to the Auction Manager, Geo. D. Kingdom, Conneaut, Ohio.

A new sale is in preparation and will likely appear in the June issue of THE AIRPOST JOURNAL.

## SECOND 1945 EDITION OF HARRIS CATALOGUE READY

H. E. Harris & Company, Transit Building, Boston 17, Mass., has just issued its second 1945 Edition of its authoritative catalog and price list, "Air-mail Stamps of the World". The new book contains the same wealth of illustrative material included in all former editions, and it reflects recent price changes.

Because all Harris publications are backed by one of the world's most comprehensive stocks of stamps, they have especial value not only as a source of supply, but also as a reliable guide to current market prices. A revised edition of "British Empire Stamps" has also just been released. Each catalog will be sent for 10c to cover mailing costs.



# New 6c Air Mail Envelope

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## JACK KNIGHT AIRPEX

By EARL H. WELLMAN

The 1945 Jack Knight "Airpex" held April 21-22 at Brookfield, Illinois, in the Chicagoland area, was the most successful show yet staged by the Jack Knight Air Mail Society, Chapter No. 23 of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY. Over 280 frames of fine philatelic material were on display. J. J. Hart, former secretary of the National Postmasters Association and presently connected with United Air Lines at Chicago, was the principal speaker at the banquet held on Saturday night. A benefit auction and an active dealer's bourse were other features of the show. Claude W. Degler, National Secretary of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, served as one of the judges of the exhibition.

Top award, the Jack Knight trophy presented by United Air Lines went to Lt. Herb Schoenfeld, USN, attached to Fleet Admiral King's office. Lt. Schoenfeld displayed "Rare Air Labels of the World". This trophy is competed for annually by members of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY.

The Thunderbolt trophy was won by Eugene Kaufmann of Brooklyn for his "Interrupted Flight Covers on the Airways". The Constellation Trophy went to Richard Langner of Chicago for his "Air Line Baggage Labels of the US." The Schoenfeld Trophy was won by Harold Dermody of Cicero, Illinois, for his "Philately of the Air" and the Fairchild Trophy was won by Fred L. Wellman of Brookfield, Illinois, for his junior collection of "Air lines of the US."

Other special awards in the Air Mail classifications went to A. Stern of Cleveland for his "Sir Chas. Kingsford-Smith Flight Covers" and Erik Hildes-Heim of Connecticut for his "US Pioneer Air Mail Flights."

The 1945 Airpex was a most successful show. Those collectors who did not obtain the souvenir air historical labels of the event can still obtain them at 10c each, 3 for 25; from Earl H. Wellman of Brookfield, Illinois.

## SECOND 1945 ISSUE OF JACK KNIGHT AIR LOG RECEIVED

The second 1945 issue of the *Jack Knight Air Log*, official Bulletin of the Jack Knight Air Mail Society Chapter No. 23 of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY has been received. It is current for the months of April, May and June. Naturally it is filled with advance news about Jack Knight Airpex show held the third week end of April at Brookfield in the Chicagoland Area. It also contains the listing of a benefit Auction including many choice lots. In addition to the usual features on Air Labels, news of interest to Jack Knighters and a fine tribute to the late Jack Knight, this issue contains a special feature by Ernest A. Kehr, Associate Editor of the AIRPOST JOURNAL on the Cia. Mexicana De Aviation, operating affiliate of Pan-American Airways in Mexico. A fine boost for the American Air Mail Catalogue Fund is also found in the pages of this excellent mimeographed Bulletin which is prepared under the capable and tireless guidance of Earl H. Wellman.

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- Baier, Arthur H., 1957 Temblehurst Dr., S. Euclid 21, Ohio. Age 46. Engr.  
AM AU U20 UC PC HC PB EL FF GF RP Z CF 1D EX.  
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## EGYPT HAS NEW LIGHT WEIGHT REDUCED RATE LETTER SHEET

Egypt has joined the list of countries which have issued light weight reduced rate air letter sheets, according to Associate Editor Ernest A. Kehr, who has shown us such a sheet in the format used by the British Empire nations, bearing a typographed 25 millieme value in the current air mail design, Scott's type AP-2, showing a plane over pyramids. The design is executed in brown violet and indeed the entire face of the sheet is tinted in the same color.

From Great Britain comes word from P. H. Robbs, J. Wotherspoon and H. T. Paul concerning the various types and usages of their Air Letter sheets, previously described in an earlier issue of the JOURNAL. Captain Robbs uses a form of the same general type as those in use for civilians but inscribed Army Form W 3077A. These are without impressed stamp and are carried from troops stationed in Europe to Britain at a special reduced rate of 3d. AAMS Member Wotherspoon advises us that a new rate for service personnel of 1½d was effective March 1st for air letters of this class addressed to India, South Asia and Royal Navy and Merchant Marine, and Mr. Paul supplements this information by stating that it is very possible a new form bearing 1½d imprinted rate will be issued shortly.

Prof. J. A. Gray of Kingston, Ont., has shown us no less than six different types of the Air Letter sheets which have been issued by Canada. Their use is restricted to correspondence between the Armed forces in Canada and overseas and, as has been previously stated, none of these forms bear imprinted stamps.

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### OUR COVER DESIGN

Our attractive cover this month has a "Believe it or not" background . . ." The design is reproduced from a pencilled "doodle" made by

**W. W. REMS**

while attending an important V-E Day meeting of the Petroleum Industry Committee. The drawing is entirely free hand, no rule or compass being used. It was appropriated by the Editor, also an attendant at the same meeting, as it was about to be consigned to the waste basket!

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