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My dear Mr. Angers:

My attention has recently been directed to the fact that in November of this year the American Air Mail Society is celebrating its twentieth anniversary.

As a pioneer in the field of aero-philately, your organization has long since achieved prominence as a national philatelic society and today stands as a glowing tribute to the foresight of its founders. It likewise serves as a monument to the unselfish efforts of those members who have labored so tirelessly these many years in its behalf.

Please extend to the Society, its officers and members my congratulations on this happy occasion.

Very sincerely yours,



Mr. George W. Angers,
Secretary,
American Air Mail Society,
293 Bridge Street,
Springfield, Massachusetts.

American Air Mail Society Celebrates 20th Birthday

International Organization of Aero-Philatelists Reviews Progress and Accomplishments

By Ernest A. Kenr

A brief "history" of the Society as gleaned from the various publications which served as official organ of the A.A.M.S. since 1923.

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"AERO NEWSLETTER," edited by GEORGE W. ANGERS, published on Nov. 9, 1923, was the Society's first organ. Mimeographed but packed full of dope. Contained six pages, list of twenty-one charter members, constitution and by-laws and a complete schedule of experimental trans-continental night flying . . . Colonel E. H. R. Green dispels popular fallacy that his unique sheet of air mail inverts was aboard his sunken yacht in a letter to member D. B. ARMSTRONG . . . The Society advocates discussion concerning UNCATALOGUED VARIETIES IN AIR MAIL STAMPS to guide members in knowing which are legitimate and which purposely issued to mulct collectors . . . EXCHANGE CIRCUIT first announced in Dec. 19, 1923, with WILLIAM E. BEAM, Bedford, Pa., as exchange manager . . . when charter membership rolls were closed on Jan. 1, 1924, fifty-four applications had been filed . . . first advertisers were REGINALD P. BROOK, CLARENCE F. SPONHOLZ, GEORGE W. ANGERS . . . during the first four months, society members lived in twelve states and eight foreign countries . . . first ballot distributed to members on Sept. 15, 1924 . . . initiation fee of \$2 eliminated . . . President STEINMETZ,

vice-president HARRY TRUBY and secretary ANGERS met on Aug. 29, 1924, to report first year's progress of the society . . . mentioned cooperation of P.O.D. in broadening use of air mail by extended routes, and of aero-philately by use of first-flight cachets . . . society praised for its work by country's leading aviation executives . . . first annual number of AERO NEWSLETTER has special cover titled, STEPS OF TIME, showing development of mail transportation from courier to plane . . . results of first election: JOSEPH A. STEINMETZ, president; HARRY A. TRUBY, vice-president; REV. THATCHER R. KIMBALL, 2nd vice-president; GEORGE W. ANGERS, secretary-treasurer-editor; WILLIAM E. BEAM, sales man-

Editor's Note: We regret our inability to reproduce a photo of Joseph A. Steinmetz, First President of the Society.

ager; GEORGE G. DUFFY, English representative, and DR. L. MOREL, French representative . . . first ANNUAL REPORT shows income of \$207.90 and expenses of \$231.14 . . . discussion of counterfeits as aid to members first appeared March 15, 1924 . . . Collection taken up for mimeograph outfit to print AERO NEWSLETTER . . . dozen members contributed \$133 in Jan. 1925 . . . GENERAL MASON M. PATRICK, Chief of Air Service becomes member of the society . . . COLONEL PAUL HENDERSON, second Assistant Postmaster General and C. F. EGGE, General Superintendent of Air Mail, become members in March, 1925 . . . Member #100 joins in May of that year, is FRANK ARETZ, of Toronto . . . KARL WEBER and J. C. MORGAN present an air mail collection display in Pitts-

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● Harry A. Truby,
Second President, 1926-1928

burgh . . . SECOND ANNUAL REPORT of Nov. 1, 1925 shows a credit balance of \$2.14 . . . second annual number of magazine had printed cover and five full pages of aerial history photographs . . . Second annual meeting held at Hyde Park, Mass., Sept. 7, 1925 . . . proposed air mail convention in conjunction with the International Stamp Exhibition, New York, the following year . . . HANDBOOK for promotion, THE AERIAL POSTAL EPOCH, by HARRY TRUBY, published by AERO DIGEST and distributed to members in Oct., 1925 . . . Air mail stamps and covers recognized for first time by a national show in the Western Hemisphere when the CANADIAN PHILATELIC EXHIBITION of Oct. 5 to 9, 1925, designated a special class for this material . . . gold medal won by REV. T. R. KIMBALL . . . First meeting of AERO PHILATELISTS found the following present: DR. KIMBALL, G. W. ANGERS, MAJOR J. A. STEINMETZ, E. KLEIN, R. FRENCH, J. W. PREVOST, W. C. STONE, H. P. ATHERTON, L. A. DAVENPORT, S. N. OUGHTRECH, C. H. GOULDEN, DR. C. W. HENNAN . . .

UPON recommendation of Aero Philatelic Society, the ASSOCIATION FOR STAMP EXHIBITIONS agrees to designate special class and sections for air mail stamps and covers at the 1926 show in New York . . . Brigadier General R. RIDGWAY, English aviation expert and aero-philatelist joins society in April, 1926 . . . AERO NEWSLETTER becomes AERO NEWS and changes from a mimeographed bulletin to a printed magazine in July, 1926 . . . Announces fund to collect \$200 to rent a booth at New York Exhibition . . . thirty-five members contribute \$191.50 . . . October number is special EXHIBITION ISSUE . . . HERMAN TOASPERN bets EDITOR ANGERS that air mail section of show will be a flop . . . buys "Uncle George" a new hat when twenty-five exhibitors fill fifty-two frames . . . third annual meeting of society held in conjunction with the show . . . name changed to AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY . . . dues raised from \$2 to \$5 . . . REV. KIMBALL dies May 7, 1927 . . . Joke in AERO NEWS: Teacher—How many



● Herbert H. Grimm

Fourth President, 1931-32

kinds of sex are there? Johnny—three: male, female and air-mail . . . WEEKLY PHILATELIC GOSSIP and AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY'S "PHILATELIST" vie with each other to get A.A.M.S. to use their publications as "official Organ" in Aug. 1928 . . .

AIR POST JOURNAL, Vol I, #1, published Nov. 20, 1929, by Holcomb York, New Haven, Conn. . . . had a staff of thirty-seven associate editors from United States and twenty-nine foreign countries . . . an imposing, large-quarto size periodical chock full of worthwhile information . . . copiously illustrated . . . First AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY CONVENTION PLANNED for Aug. 28, 29 and 30, 1930, at Cleveland, Ohio . . . eighty-five members present . . .

Delegates at WASHINGTON, D. C. CON-

VENTION, Sept. 24, 1931, passed resolution for society to publish its own magazine, called AIRPOST JOURNAL, and GEORGE D. KINGDOM was appointed first Editor in Chief . . . First number appeared in October, 1931 . . . WALTER J. CONRATH listed as Business Manager . . . others of staff: CHARLES RIESS for C.A.M.'s . . . L. B. GATCHELL, F.A.M.'s . . . ALTON BLANK, air mail stamps and MAURICE PETTY, dedications . . . November issued chock full of congratulations on new periodical from philatelic leaders all over the country . . . featured 20th ANNIVERSARY OF U. S. AIR MAIL FLIGHT AT GARDEN CITY, N. Y. . . . December issue added GEORGE W. ANGERS as editor of Crash covers, W. R. PATTON, Canada news, D. E. DICKASON, auction review, FRED H. WILDE, Pacific Coast news



● First Official Gathering of Aero-Philatelists, International Philatelic Exhibition, New York, 1926. Left to Right, Arthur Barger, George W. Angers, Harry A. Truby, the late Rev. T. R. Kimball and the late Reginald P. Brook

and one "SHYLOCK" for market notes . . . The first of a long series of distinctive "WALT CONRATH" covers appeared in April, 1932 . . . FLORENCE LAMPORF gets CLARA ADAMS story for exclusive use in APJ on the trans-Atlantic flight aboard the Graf Zeppelin . . . FRANK BRADLEY wins first prize at BALISEA, (Brooklyn, N. Y.) for his Zepps . . . THIRD CONVENTION held at Cleveland, Sept. 1 to 3 . . . F. A. CONSTANZO added to APJ Staff in August, 1933 . . . CONVENTION opened by ACTING MAYOR W. GEORGE KERR . . . HARRY TRUBY elected President emeritus . . . GEORGE ANGERS wins grand trophy at outstanding exhibition . . . L. B. GATCHELL elected president to succeed H. H. GRIFFIN . . . the FEBRUARY, 1933 issue almost exclusively prepared by women, authors' list included NELLIE TRESSEL, FLORENCE LAMPORF, ALICE B. CILLEY, ANNA M. SCHAFER and a cover by M. LILLIAN DUNN . . . EUGENE KLEIN designated as AAMS delegate to WIPA's SECOND CONGRESS OF AERO-PHILATE-



● Francis B. Leech.

Sixth President, 1934-36



● L. B. Gatchell.

Fifth President, 1933-34

LISTS . . . 1933 CONVENTION held at New Yorker Hotel, N. Y. C. Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, with ERIK HILDESHEIM, chairman . . . GEORGE ANGERS wins PRESIDENT'S CUP and FRANCISCO DE VILLA gets CLEVELAND CUP for Scadtas . . .

FRANK COSTANZO appointed BULLETIN SUPERINTENDENT . . . WALT CONRATH succeeds GEORGE KINGDOM as Editor in Chief of APJ in Jan. 1934 . . . Under his direction magazine inaugurates series of special numbers: AIR LABEL NUMBER, January; AIR POST STAMPS, February; F.A.M. COVERS, March; CANADIAN, April; LINDBERGH, May; ZEPPELIN, June; AIRPORT DEDICATIONS, July . . . CHICAGO CONVENTION held Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 1934, special number has 16 page rotogravure ZEPPELIN supplement . . . 16c special-delivery air mail stamp reissued in connection with Chicago conclave . . . BOB FELLERS and CHARLIE GRADDICK guests of honor . . . CHICAGO TROPHY goes to FRANK COSTANZO and CLEVELAND TROPHY to OSCAR L. MAYER . . . FRANCIS B. LEECH elected president . . . 1935 convention in Washington, D. C., Aug. 15

to 17 . . . first full color ad inserted by F. W. KESSLER, Aug. 1935 . . . CAM official cachets destroyed in presence of AAMS officers in office of Air Mail SUP'T CHARLIE GRADDICK . . . 1936 convention held in conjunction with TIPEX, New York, May 14 to 16 . . . DR. PHILIP COLE wins PALM OF HONOR for his air mails . . . prize is awarded to AMELIA EARHART . . . L. B. GATCHELL is on INTERNATIONAL JURY . . . WALT CONRATH elected President . . . GRACE CONRATH gets first listing as "UNOFFICIAL BUSINESS MANAGER" of APJ, Oct. 1936 . . . CATALOGUE FUND inaugurated MAY, 1937 . . . 1937 CONVENTION held in SPRINGFIELD, MASS., July 1 to 3 . . . PHILIPPINE AIR MAIL SOCIETY founded as AAMS chapter, Jan. 1938 . . . NINTH CONVENTION at ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.; in 1939 with POD honoring occasion by issuing new 6-cent bicolor air-mail stamp . . . PAUL ROBERTSON elected president . . . GLEN NAVES INAUGURATES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE . . .

Society publishes AIR MAIL CATALOGUE, March, 1939 . . . CINCINNATI CONVENTION held SEPT. 1 to 3, 1939 . . . GLEN NAVES starts "AERO-PHILATELISTS OF NOTE" features, sketching biography of CHARLIE PORTER, Aug. 1939 . . . H. H. GRIFFIN made honorary life member . . . AAMS members among prominent exhibitors at INTERNATIONAL CENTEN-

NIAL EXHIBITION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, May-Oct., 1940 . . . TORONTO CONVENTION held at ROYAL YORK HOTEL, Aug. 16, 17 . . . Auction for benefit of AAMS inaugurated and brilliant program prepared by Canadian Government and aerophilatelists . . . T. P. MURPHY of CANADIAN P.O.D. guest of honor . . . AAMS MEDAL by PAUL BERNADIER JR. first used . . .

WALT CONRATH and BART GATCHELL visit CUBA in Jan. 1941 . . . GOTHAM AIRMAIL AND COVER CLUB, CHAPTER OF AAMS, celebrates tenth anniversary, March, 1941 . . . NORMAN SERPHOS COLLECTION of rare air mail items sold . . . DR. PHILIP COLE dies . . . ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION, Aug. 15, 17, with 10-cent value of new air-mail stamps is placed on sale . . . WILLIAM ALLEY re-elected president . . . CHARLES W. FURNAS, DAYTON, OHIO, first airplane passenger (he flew with the Wright Brothers in 1903) dies, Oct. 15, 1941 . . . JACK KNIGHT CHAPTER founded, 1942 . . . WALT CONRATH killed in accident May 7, 1942 . . . L. B. GATCHELL appointed ACTING EDITOR OF APJ, June . . . EDITOR IN CHIEF, July 1943 . . . RICHARD L. SINGLEY elected President, Sept. 1942 SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Aug-14-16; MILWAUKEE, WISC., Sept. 19-20, and PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 9-11 . . . DAN NEWMAN of Gotham Cover Club, dies,

● Notable A.A.M.S. Tipeg Banquet, 1936



ANNUAL BANQUET
AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
HOTEL LEXINGTON MAY 15, 1936





● Paul F. Robertson, Eighth President, 1938-40 and William R. Alley, Ninth President, 1940-42

April, 1942 . . .
 March, 1943, EDITORIAL STAFF called to meeting to carry on WALT CONRATH's "special issues" program . . . editors of the month appointed by Editor Gatchell and President Singley in New York . . . REGIONAL MEETINGS replace convention

AAMS decides to commemorate 30th anniversary of Air Mail Services in U.S. L. B. GATCHELL and J. J. KLEMMANN, JR. (aided by BEVERLEY GRIFFITH) put on spectacular show in AIR LINES TERMINAL BUILDING, N. Y. . . . WILLIAM STUART puts on show in WASHINGTON . . . MAY 15, 1943 . . . SWISS issue, by DR. MAX KRONSTEIN and ERNIE KEHR makes hit, AUGUST, 1943 . . . FRED KESSLER'S PAN AMERICAN ISSUE, Sept. 1943 . . . is largest APJ to date with innovation of bilingual articles . . . hailed throughout WESTERN HEMISPHERE . . . GEORGE ANGERS comes to N.Y.C. Oct. 23 to confer with EDITOR GATCHELL to get this very issue off to the printer . . . You're amaz-

ed right now that so much happened since the AAMS first saw the light of day.

(Editor's Note—The portraits of George W. Angers, Third President, 1929-30, Walter J. Conrath, Seventh President, 1936-38 and Richard L. Singley, incumbent, are included elsewhere in this issue.)

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● Walter J. Conrath, 1907-1942

The American Air Mail Society has chosen its Twentieth Anniversary to honor two of its most distinguished sons — two of Aero-philately's greatest benefactors! Robbed by a cruel fate of its opportunity to honor in person the late Walter J. Conrath, with a fine sense of fitness the Society has perpetuated his memory by establishing the WALTER J. CONRATH MEMORIAL AWARD which it purposes shall stand as Aero-Philately's most coveted recognition. While many of the conditions and circumstances surrounding this award are yet to be determined, basically it is planned that it shall be awarded annually to that Aero-philatelist who in the opinion of the Committee has rendered the most outstanding service and contribu-

AAMS Award;

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to be Awarded Annually for
Outstanding Service to Aero-
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Founder, Officer and Tireless
Worker Throughout the Years
Honored as First Recipient of
Coveted Award**

tion to the Hobby. The Society feels that all Aero-philatelists will equally applaud its selection of GEORGE W. ANGERS as the first recipient of this award. The exact form that the award will take will probably have to await the conclusion of hostilities, but as presently planned it will probably be in the nature of a plaque, appropriately designed and inscribed and to which the name of each year's winner can be added. In addition each individual winner will receive a miniature replica of the award. Until such time as a permanent Committee can be appointed the handling of all matters which arise in connection with the Award is vested in the Advisory Board of the Society, composed of the Past Presidents of same.

At the time of his death in May of 1942 Walter J. Conrath was probably known to more Aero-philatelists throughout the world than any other person connected with the hobby. As Editor of the *Airpost Journal* he had sent his personality, his enthusiasm and his ethical standards into the far corners of the earth. A tireless worker and constant planner he was forever devoting his waking hours to the advancement of the hobby and the good of the Society. Besides editing the *Journal* through twelve years of progress, Walter was responsible for the production and technical excellence of the monumental AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE and SUPPLEMENTS. With all his other duties he found time to serve two terms as President of the Society from 1936-

Establishes Conrath Memorial Angers First Winner

38. He was a member of countless other Societies and groups; wherever there was work to be done he was to be found. His contributions to Philately as a whole were recognized by the American Philatelic Society in his election at the 1942 Convention to the A.P.S. Hall of Fame, the first Aero-philatelist to be so honored and the fifteenth person to receive such an award.

If Walt Conrath were here to pick the first recipient of this award, his choice without question would be GEORGE W. ANGERS. The careers of these two men are almost parallel except that Angers was on the scene some years earlier. In enthusiasm and hard work "Uncle George" throughout the years gives way to none. Member #3 and founder of the Society in collaboration with the late Joseph A. Steinmetz and Harry A. Truby, Members #1 and 2 respectively, George has served two terms as President, count-

less years as either Secretary or Treasurer or both and is now Secretary of the Advisory Board of the Society. Editor of the early publications, *Aero News Letter* and *Aero News*, he is presently a member of the staff of *The Airpost Journal* and is serving as special Editor of the Month for this Twentieth Anniversary Issue. A prolific writer and student of air mails, especially the Balloon Posts of the Siege of Paris, he was the natural choice for Editor-in-Chief of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL CATALOGUE. George is the patron Saint of those mysterious nomads known as the Society of the K.L.T. He never misses a Convention or Regional gathering. His contributions to the hobby and the Society in time, effort and money have been immeasurable. The task of the Society in making its initial choice for the CONRATH MEMORIAL AWARD was no task at all!



● George W. Angers, First Winner of the Walter J. Conrath Memorial Award

They Say . . .

"Congratulations to a fine organization—the American Air Mail Society—upon its twentieth Anniversary and may future years record still further progress."

—William J. Prinzing
Member #10

"As a charter member of A.A.M.S. the last thing I would think of doing is to permit my membership to lapse!"

—Carl M. Becken
Member #29

"On the twentieth Anniversary of the American Air Mail Society I would like to express to you, George, and others who have been active through the years, my heartiest congratulations. Our Society cannot help but continue to grow."

—Karl B. Weber
Member #60

● Editor's Note: The material contained on these pages has been published without the prior knowledge of Editor-of-the-Month, George W. Angers

Charter Members Celebrate 20 Year Record

The following have been members of the American Air Mail Society
for Twenty Consecutive Years

3.	Angers, George W.	Springfield, Mass.
53.	Atherton, H. P.	Springfield, Mass.
8.	Bahr, Raymond V.	Springfield, Illinois.
29.	Becken, Carl M.	Minneapolis, Minn.
6.	Beam, William E.	Bedford, Pa.
39.	Champion, Theodore	Paris, France.
79.	Costales, Eugene N.	New York City.
32.	Field, Francis J.	Sutton Coldfield, England.
12.	Ganser, Malcolm H.	Norristown, Pa.
21.	Hard, A. M.	Long Beach, Calif.
69.	Kieley, Geo. H.	Somerville, Mass.
44.	Klein, Eugene	Philadelphia, Pa.
16.	Paganini, Dr. Robert	Zweisimmen, Switzerland.
10.	Prinzing, Wm. J.	Waco, Texas.
25.	Robertson, Paul	Decatur, Ill.
2.	Truby, Harry A.	New Kensington, Pa.
60.	Weber, Karl B.	Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Motor City Air Mail Society

CHAPTER #11, DETROIT, MICH

*Wishes to congratulate the American Air Mail Society
on its 20th Anniversary*

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Society Publications Play Major Aero-Philatelic Role

Airpost Journal and American Air Mail Catalogue Are Major Projects

THE LITERATURE of the hobby has had a most important part in the development and progress of Aero-philately. Collectors, while grateful for the news treatment received at the hands of the regular Philatelic press, realized early that the peculiar interest of this particular branch of Philately required specialized treatment—possible only through publications devoted wholly to air mail collecting in all its phases.

The then young Aero-Philatelic Society of America, later to change its name to the American Air Mail Society, manfully rose to the occasion and within thirty days of its organization Secretary George W. Angers was sending to its fifty odd charter members the first copy of AERO NEWSLETTER, a mimeographed effort, which was to be continued monthly in that form until July of 1926. These early issues contain much historical material not published elsewhere and are today definite Library rarities. Several of the early issues sported printed covers and the publication itself later became a 6 x 9 printed publication continuing until the middle of 1928 at which time WEEKLY PHILATELIC GOSSIP and its publication



● Holcomb York, First
Editor of The Airpost Journal

THE AIR MAIL COLLECTOR contracted to serve as the official organ of the Society.

November 20, 1929 was a red letter day for Aero-philately in that it marked the publication of Vol. 1 No. 1 of *The Airpost Journal*. This pretentious quarto size publication was privately published from New Haven, Conn. under the excellent Editorial guidance of Holcomb York, internationally known sportsman and Aero-philatelist. This magazine under its then auspices and in its large format ran through seventeen issues to Vol. 2 No. 5. The magazine then passed to Donald Dickason of Wooster, Ohio, successor to the York philatelic business interests, who generously donated all right, title and interest in same to the American Air Mail Society on the occasion of the 1931 Annual Convention held at Washington, D. C. that year.



● The Cover of Vol. I, No. 1 of
The Airpost Journal

Thus began an unbroken record of publishing under Society auspices which has continued to the present time. During that fourteen years *The Airpost Journal* has never missed an issue or combined same with another; it has published an *average* of 32 pages per month and many of the special issues have run double that size. Due largely to the genius of the late Walt Conrath, for the past thirteen years each and every issue has had a different and distinctively designed cover, a record unequalled by any philatelic publication anywhere in the world! Some of the attractive covers designed by Mr. Conrath are reproduced on the cover of the 14 year INDEX, published as Section 2 of this issue of the *Journal*.

George D. Kingdom of Conneaut, Ohio and Walter J. Conrath of Albion, Pa. became the first Editor and Business Manager respectively under Society auspices. At that time production was transferred to the Albion print shop of Mr. Conrath and the format was changed



to its present size. Mr. Kingdom served as Editor until January 1934 when pressure of private business required that he retire. Mr. Conrath then took over as Editor and served in that capacity until his tragic death in May of 1942. How well he served the publication and Aero-philately in general is attested by his election to the A.P.S. Hall of Fame. The publication has been under the guidance of L. B. Gatchell as Editor since that time.

A major project of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY was the publication in 1939 of the American Air Mail Catalogue. This large and comprehensive volume contained 720 pages, 78 maps and over 1100 illustrations and was attractively bound in blue fabrikoid, silver stamped with red and blue jacket design by Paul Berdanier. Its publication was made possible through con-



● George D. Kingdom, Second Editor of *The Airpost Journal*



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AM-50 Sept. 1. Extension San Antonio to Laredo. The Laredo dispatch only on hand. 35c

AM-61 A new Route. Dayton-Troy to Washington on Aug. 16, via Columbus—with AMF's. 8 covers.\$2.50

AM-62 A new route. Toledo-Washington three covers on Aug. 16.\$1.00

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RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT



● Richard L. Singley

REPORT OF ELECTION

For President

Richard L. Singley 77 votes

For Vice President

Paul F. Berdanier, Jr. 73 votes

George D. Kingdom 74 votes

Col. Chas. P. Porter 75 votes

Capt. Chas. J. Wood 74 votes

John N. Meyer 1 vote

C. G. Riess 1 vote

For Secretary

Claude W. Degler 77 votes

For Treasurer

M. O. Warns 77 votes

For Directors

Grace Conrath 77 votes

Glenn W. Glaser 74 votes

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Florence Lamport 74 votes

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EDITOR OF THE MONTH

GEORGE W. ANGERS

20 Years...

This month THE AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY is twenty years old. It is peculiarly fitting that we pay tribute through this special issue to that Society which during all of these twenty years has served well and faithfully the interests of that most fascinating of all the hobbies — Air Mail stamp and cover collecting. Here is a specialist Society that has weathered the storms of change and fad — the Society is here to stay!

And it is equally our privilege that we should felicitate on this occasion the men and women whose foresight, planning and work have brought the Society to its high place in American Philately today. It is not possible for us to name them all — many of them have passed on to greater rewards than those represented by our feeble words of praise — but collectors are grateful to each and every one of them. Of this we are certain, as evidenced by only the few of the many such remarks received that we are able to include elsewhere in this issue.

WELL DONE, Aerophilatelists — especially you who came on the scene early and are still in there pitching!

OUR COVER DESIGN

The attractive cover, emblematic of the World Wide Appeal of the
AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, was designed by

GERALD FRANK

Here and There with the Editor

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WITH THIS ISSUE, we introduce to our readers a new dress for the *Journal*. New equipment at the Albion print shop includes the attractive Cal-edonia type faces — the ultra ultra in modern typography. We think you will find this new style not only brighter and more attractive but actually more readable than anything we have used heretofore. While on the subject of the production of the *Journal* we should like to offer our sincere thanks for the help and assistance we have received from the shop staff at Albion. No matter how we plan or layout the *Journal* they generally “come up” with something better and more attractive. It is this co-operation which make our monthly the subject of frequent favorable comment as to technical merit rather than just another mag!

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When you have something that someone wishes, priced right, it doesn't take very long to market same. We learned this anew — we always DID know it — through our experience in offering the KLM Intermediate point covers in the September issue. Only a few days after the *Journal* had appeared the 100 original sets had been passed on to those who wired, air mailed and just plain wrote for them. We were able to secure a small additional supply but at this writing will have to disappoint some late comers unless we can find still more for our readers. And we learned something else — many people “gulp” their advertisements like coffee, rather than read them. One in every ten forgot to enclose the self addressed return envelope,

all too many asked for more than one set at the price of \$1 per set and several thought the covers were \$1 each rather than \$1 for the pair as stated. Of course, these were newcomers to our hobby, were they not???? — you're one hundred per cent wrong, Pedro — THEY WERE THE OLD TIMERS!

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A welcome V mail letter from Assistant Editor Naves arrived this week. Glen is stationed with the Seabees somewhere in the Pacific and sends Holiday wishes to all his friends. He says, “It is most gratifying to know that the officers, directors, editorial staff, publishing plant and members are carrying on so splendidly at a time when the continuity of interest and enthusiasm must be taken care of by home-front aerophilatelists while their fellow collectors are away. Every AAMS member in uniform is deeply grateful, I am sure.” How do you like that — *he* thanks US??!!

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A business trip recently took us to Richmond, Va. and we were fortunate to land there during the 13th Annual Exhibition of the RICHMOND STAMP CLUB. Air mail stamps and covers were preponderant in the many fine frames we saw.

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Elmer R. Long of Harrisburg, Pa. has just issued his 23rd consecutive Edition of his COLLECTORS HANDBOOK. Pocket size, this useful little booklet and price list is chock full of valuable information. Although priced at 10c it will be sent free to readers of the *Journal* who send a postal card request for same. The address is 203 Market Street as you should know from reading the *Journal* advertisements.

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“Congratulations on our 20th anniversary to all of the old members, for their constant and continued efforts to keep our Society at the top of the heap. May the years to come give us all the benefits of the fine planning of this steadfast group of unselfish and loyal workers”.

Paul F. Robertson, Past President
Member #25

The Milwaukee Air Mail Society

CHAPTER 17

SALUTES THE

Twentieth Anniversary

of the

AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY



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“When in Milwaukee, look us up, we’ll talk air mails, then
we’ll take you thru the Breweries”. Fair enough?

President's Message

To the Members of the
American Air Mail Society

WITH the publication of this, the November issue of the *Airpost Journal*, the American Air Mail Society celebrates its twentieth birthday. I consider it an honor to head the Society on this anniversary of faithful service to a worth while hobby—a hobby whose purpose is to record aero history and to which aviation itself looks for research.

Accompanying this *Airpost Journal* will be found the fourteen year *Index*. In presenting this *Index*, we have attempted to list only such articles as have a historical continuing relationship to the hobby. There are numerous stories on Conventions, Auctions, Exhibitions, and personalities which have necessarily been omitted.

It is interesting to note that some of our earliest contributors still write for the *Journal*. W. R. Patton had stories in the 1929 *Journals* and has continued his "Canada" writings from time to time ever since. To Maurice Petty goes the honor of writing the only continued story or regular column from 1931 to the present time. I doubt if Maurice has ever missed a single issue. Following a close second, we find Charlie Riess with his column on C. A. M. covers.

As Editor of the *Journal*, through most of its existence, the late Walter J. Conrath contributed the greatest number of stories. He was unquestionably the most versatile of all our writers and could write on any phase of aerophilately as his articles so ably attest.

Next to Walt we find James C. Heartwell, Alton J. Blank and D. E. Helmuth sharing the spotlight. *

The principal contributors to Vol. I of the *Journal*, published prior to Society acquisition, were Holcomb York and E. H. Wilson. Harry Truby's stories on Pioneers in later *Journals* are outstanding as well as the Paris Balloon stories by George W. Angers and L. A. Chaintrier.

Over a period of years there have been many U. S. writers who have contributed feature stories as well as monthly columns. In passing I would like to mention just a few in addition to those previously mentioned. Glen W. Naves, Ernest Kehr, Frank Costanzo, L. Bart Gatchell, Francis J. Field, Carter Glass, Jr., Harold A. Jones, Louis Charlat, Fred W. Kessler, Norman Serphos, Royce A. Wight, and many others.

Space prevents me from elaborating upon our many foreign contributors. The war too has changed many things, but it has brought to the *Journal* staff Dr. Max Kronstein from war-torn Europe—which is our good fortune. Dr. Kronstein's regular feature "Air Mail and the War" is a valued contribution to the *Airpost Journal*.

As you page through this *Index*, you cannot help but marvel at the storehouse of knowledge contained therein. The amount of time these writers spent in research to produce such articles cannot be reckoned in hours or days, but represents months and years of effort. And to all of these writers the hearty thanks of a grateful Society!

Cordially,

RICHARD L. SINGLEY,
President.

* AND Richard L. Singley! (Ed.)

"Happily, on this auspicious occasion, the twentieth Anniversary of the American Air Mail Society, I can only visualize with pride the fine spirit of its Officers and Directors, past and present, whose unselfish contributions have popularized the AIRPOST JOURNAL and made it an invaluable asset in promoting the hobby. I especially refer to our dear friend, the late Walter J. Conrath."

—Harry A. Truby, Past President
Member #2

20 Years

OF

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The Proud Record of the
AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY
is one in which it is our privilege
to participate!



SPRINGFIELD
AIR MAIL SOCIETY

CHAPTER NO. 10

NEW POLISH EMISSION

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Third Assistant Postmaster Gen.
Washington

October 27, 1943.

Mr. Geo. W. Angers,
Secretary Advisory Board,
American Air Mail Society,
293 Bridge Street,
Springfield, Massachusetts.
My dear Mr. Angers:

Please extend to the officers and members of the American Air Mail Society my heartiest congratulations upon reaching its 20th anniversary this month.

The record of the American Air Mail Society is one of outstanding accomplishment and I cannot but speculate upon the ultimate destiny of much of the early history of aviation and air mail transportation were it not for the avocational activities of its members.

May I wish for the Society many years of successful and constructive operation.

Very truly yours,
ROY M. NORTH.

ROYCE WIGHT SPEAKS
TO WASHINGTON CHAPTER

The Washington Air Mail Society and the Collectors Club of Washington held a joint meeting Tuesday evening, October 19, in the Thomson Community Center with Mr. Vaughan and W. M. Stuart presiding at the respective business sessions. Royce A. Wight of the American Air Mail Society, gave an address on German air line activity in Latin America. His graphic report on what the Germans had been doing for years prior to the war on the newly established air lines was startling. He also displayed several reels of motion pictures of South America. An exhibition of war covers was given by James F. Duhamel.



The Polish Government in Exile advises that in accordance with the terms of the Universal Postal Convention 1939 a new limited series of Polish postage stamps was issued on November 1, 1943 for use by the Polish Postal Service.

The series comprises 8 values, one of which as illustrated, is of particular interest to Air Mail collectors. This is the 5 Groszy value consisting of vertical design showing an actual incident of a Wellington bomber of a Polish Postal Command Squadron sinking a German submarine in the Atlantic. Along the top is the inscription in Polish: "Polish Air Force in the Battle of the Atlantic". Colour: red.

LANCASTER MAY BE
AIR MAIL STOP

From President Dick Singley we learn that Lancaster, Pa., his home town, may receive direct Air Mail service at an early date. No less than three lines are expected to file early application with the Civil Aeronautics Authority to make Lancaster a stop on one or more of their services. These lines include TWA and Colonial Airlines, Inc.

The Cleveland Air Mail Society

(CHAPTER #3)

EXTENDS

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE

AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

ON ITS

Twentieth Anniversary

SANABRIA 1944 AIRPOST CATALOGUE READY IN JANUARY

It has been announced that the 1944 Edition of the Sanabria Complete and Unabridged Airpost Catalogue will appear late in January as usual. The editorial work has proceeded to a point where a definite publication date could normally be announced. Under present conditions, however, the publishers are satisfied with merely a "Late in January" statement as to publication.

The publishers state that the new edition will be the last word on the troubled price situation as it effects airpost stamps. The 1944 edition will be a limited wartime printing and all those planning on purchasing should get their order in as soon as possible. Price \$3.50 from the publisher, Nicolas Sanabria, 521 Fifth Ave., New York or your favorite Airpost dealer.

BILLINGS' NEW PRICE LIST

The Billings Stamp Company, 151-14 85th Avenue, Jamaica 2, N. Y., has just issued a new price list of Air Mail stamps. Dated September 1943, the new list, of course, reflects the current rising prices on these popular issues. The list, attractively prepared, as are all Billings' publications, runs to more than sixty pages, is adequately illustrated and will be mailed to any serious collector upon receipt of fifty cents, which amount will be refunded against the first purchase of five dollars or more. Simultaneously with the release of this Air Mail list, the same company has also issued a current price list of the stamps of Czechoslovakia and a Wholesale Price List of Popular Priced Sets. This firm is also in the buying market for Air Mail stamps as witness their double page spread in the September issue of the *Journal*.

★ "Sincere congratulations, George, from another 20 year member. ★
★ The ardor you kindled years ago in my case has not been dimmed, ★
★ rather enhanced, and with all my heart I say it has been one of the ★
★ real pleasures of my life to be associated with you and the Society ★
★ members of our interesting hobby for so many pleasant years". ★

George H. Kieley
Member #69

Philippine Flight Cover

Scarce Item



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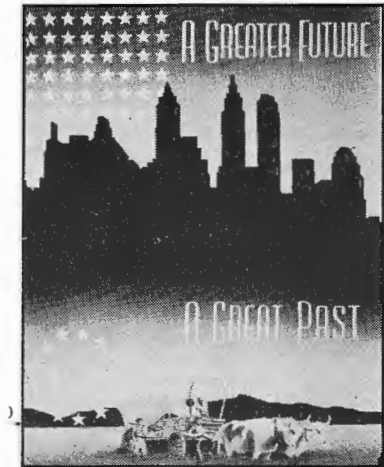
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In EIRE an outgoing airgraph service was introduced on March 1, 1943 to Canada, Newfoundland, Egypt, India, Palestine, Ceylon, Rhodesia, South Africa and the Sudan. The charge of 4 d to members of H. M. Forces or of 8 d to civilians must be paid in advance on the purchase of the airgraph form. The photographic work is done in London.

In the BALKANS the Sofia-Tirana-Rome airline was reopened in the spring 1943 using Italian equipment. At the same time service was resumed also on the air route Budapest-Zagreb-Venice-Milan.

RUSSIAN Stormoviks—dive bombers are making use of 150-250 pound rocket-bombs. According to British reports they are released from beneath the wings of the plane and also carry propaganda leaflets between the fine casings of the bombs. Another Moscow-Siberia-Alaska-Seattle, Wash., courier flight was made on May 29-June, 1943 with Ambassador J. E. Davies carrying an official letter to President Roosevelt.

FROM EUROPE:

Early in July 1943 the Allies invaded Sicily and by August 17 had conquered the whole island. During the invasion itself millions of Allied pamphlets were dropped directed at the civilian population of the invaded island and urging the Italian soldiers to surrender. On July 16, the pamphlets called on the people "to decide whether Italians shall die for Mussolini and Hitler or live for Italy and civilization". A few days later Rome was bombed and again leaflets were dropped on the city. On July 25th Mussolini was removed from office with Marshall Pietro Badoglio succeeding him. When he did not call for peace the bombing continued and again leaflets were dropped on August 8th and 15th on Northern Italy. (Picture of Badoglio, "The war continues") and on August 13th and 23rd on Rome ("One tyranny is ended. Let us suppress the others"). Allied leaflets also fell on Crete, on August 1st addressed to the people in Crete ("Await the signal"). In Northern Europe, after the all-out bombing of Hamburg city, leaflets were dropped on Berlin on August 5th, warning that this city was facing the same

fate. U. S. planes in Sicily dropped food parcels on far advanced American ground lines of the 7th Army on August 6th, 1943. When the Littorio Airfield at Rome was destroyed and 20 employees of the Italian Air Line were killed in the great Allied bombing offensive, the air service between Rome and Spain was reduced to 2 flights a week effective July 28. Three days later the service was suspended entirely as Italians were barred from leaving Italy. But a few days later service was resumed from an emergency field in the northwest part of the city, after the name of the Italian air service had been changed from Ala Littoria to Ala Rome and after the Fascist insignia had been removed from the planes.

In the Balkans the Rumanian Air Line Lares resumed May 3, 1943 its services on the internal routes and the service Bucharest-Budapest-Vienna - Berlin and later Bucharest-Sofia-Salonica - Athens. Other, perhaps Italian services, in the Balkans, which were resumed on June 1st operated between Bucharest-Belgrade-Zagreb-Venice-Milan. In Zagreb 6 air routes are operated, to Sarajevo, Graz, Zenum, Vienna and Budapest. All of them together carried but 2559 passengers in 1942. Another service was resumed from Zenum to Athens and to Istanbul. A new Italian weekly air service was announced to be opened some time in July 1943 between Bucharest-Sofia-Tirana-Rome. There were no reports about the situation of the Italian services in the Balkans under the Badoglio regime and after the sudden death of the Bulgarian King Boris at Sofia, up to August 28th. About the Turkish airmail—the magazine of the Universal Postal Union published early in 1943, that during the entire year, but 20,423 regular and registered airmail letters were dispatched and 13,106 were received. Improvement of the Turkish air services was planned during the summer of 1943 between Ankara and the frontiers of Russia, Iraq, Persia and Palestine. The arrival of new German Ju 52/3m planes carrying 14 passengers and of British Havillands Dragon Rapids was expected. In Slovakia the I. Slovak air line was inaugurated across the Tatra Mountains, presumably by the German Luft Hansa. It has operated since early summer 1943 between Presov, Eastern Slovakia, Bratislava and Vienna. The magazine of the Slovakian philatelic societies, the "Slovensky Filatelistica" and the well known "Donaupost" have been discontinued by government order. The same occurred at Vienna to the "Sammlier Woche".

In Switzerland only one air route has been operated since January 1, 1942, the service Zurich-Stuttgart. It was extended temporarily to Berlin, but it was curtailed again. The Swissair has not as yet suc-

ceeded in its continued efforts to get a permit for resuming the service Switzerland - Spain - Portugal. Nevertheless the miles flown went up from 203,000 km (1941) to 492,000 km (1942) and the airmail carried from 36,000 kg. (1941) to 148,000 kg. (1942). The Swissair had in 1941 a loss of 70,000 francs, which were made good again in 1942 together with an additional profit of 15,000 francs. Airmail letters to all parts of Germany were accepted in Switzerland at a surface tax of 20 centimes per 20 grams. Mail for USA is accepted too, in spite of the fact that no mail is arriving from there. The construction of a new and larger civilian airport is planned near Zurich, as the Dubendorf airport built in 1913 can not further be extended to meet the requirements of the post war period. The 1943 Annual Meeting of the Swiss Aerophilatelic Society decided to issue a 1943 edition of the short "Swiss airmail Catalogue" and to publish the full handbook again as soon as lists of the present military airmail war time cancellations can be included. Sieger's Zeppelin Catalogue has been issued in Germany in a 12th edition. A Swiss National Aeronautic Exhibition "The World without Frontiers" was opened at Basel on April 30, 1943. It commemorates also the pioneers of the Swiss Civil Aviation and the earliest designer of a Swiss plane, Karl Steiger, as well as Dr. Dollfus and Dr. Pillichody of the first civilian airmail services of 1920 participated as guests of honor. Dr. Tilgenkamp, who organized Dr. Piccard's stratosphere flight from Switzerland acted as president of the ceremony. On the Vichy French shore of the Lake of Geneva, just opposite of Switzerland, the German Luft Hansa is reported to be making preparations for a "seaplane junction for the post-war European air transport". By an "agreement" the Air France transferred its equipment in occupied France, and some of its crews to the German Luft Hansa. The workshops continue to work with French personnel, but for the German Luft Hansa exclusively. The Spanish government bought out the German ownership of the Iberia Air Lines during the middle of August 1943 and is going to maintain the Spanish air communications with Portugal, Tangier (Morocco) and continental Europe, so far as the necessary aviation gasoline is available.

When revolts broke out in Denmark and when the Danish fleet was scuttled by its crew, Military Rule was established by the Germans. All civil communications were banned on August 30, 1943 and mail service between Denmark and Sweden and Berlin was suspended until Sept. 2. The reports did not mention, if the Danish Airways are still operating a regular air service between Berlin and Vienna which was inaugurated in December 1941, under an agreement with the German Lufthansa.

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Society Reports Show Progress Despite War

SECRETARY'S REPORT For The Period

August 1942 to October 1943

During the past 14 months 89 new members were added to our membership. Twelve members were reinstated to membership. During the same period the membership was reduced by 102 due to Death, Resignations and Suspensions.

Recapitulation

Total membership August 15, 1942,	811
New Members	89
Reinstatements	12
	---101
	912
Resignations	55
Suspensions	38
Deceased	9
	---102

Total Membership October 31, 1943 810
One new Life Member was added.
Total Life Membership 5.

The new members listed above were recruited by 29 members. The following shows to whom credit is given for recruiting:

Grace Conrath	33
E. J. Vlasak	4
Earl Wellman	3
Phelps Cree	13
C. W. Degler	4
P. J. Shirk	2
L. B. Gatchell	6
R. L. Singley	3
S. B. Nicholsky	2

The following with one each; Kurt J. Weiss, A. P. Kester, M. O. Warns, George Angers, G. F. Lancaster, Roy M. Martin, Paul Robertson, Carl Mangold, E. A. Kehr, S. S. Koppel, Mrs. K. G. Gantz, S. F. Barrett, R. R. Rupp, Harry W. Yassen, F. W. Kessler, Dr. J. A. Stuntebeck, G. O. Granstrand, Harry Gantz, G. D. Kingdom.

The following are the members reported deceased:

1861 Milton P. Bauman



● Secretary Degler

2272	W. P. Campbell
552	Harry Citret
169	Albert E. Gorham
347	F. W. Grant
253	George C. Harvey
1467	Harry B. Imhoff
2292	Dr. Neal D. Monger
224	Dr. H. E. Radasch

Respectfully submitted,
CLAUDE W. DEGLER,
Secretary.

● REPORT OF THE AIRPOST JOURNAL

The volume sequence of the *Journal* issues runs from October to September of each year whereas the fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. During the past year two very desirable trends were accomplished. Volume XIV completed at the end of September published more pages than any previous volume. Three special issues, the 25th Anniversary of United States Air Mail, the Swiss Issue and the Latin-American Good Will Issue were included in the volume. And of equal importance is our ability to report that for the fiscal year ending in June the *Journal* was able to operate at a small profit, paying all current operat-

ing expenses, and in addition was able to reduce previous deficits by \$74.66. These deficits were further reduced by an additional payment from the General fund of the Society. The large special issues are an extra expense against the *Journal* budget and of course cannot be continued except through additional advertising support from our dealer friends or by the reduction in size of certain other issues throughout the year. The staff is very grateful for the cordial support which they have had throughout the year from collector and dealer alike.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. GATCHELL,
Editor
GRACE CONRATH,
Business Manager

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**REPORT OF THE AMERICAN AIR
MAIL CATALOGUE FUND**
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SINCE last report the Catalogue Committee has completed and issued the 1943 SUPPLEMENT to the 1940 Edition. This is the second such Supplement to be issued and with the 1941 Supplements brings the 1940 large Edition completely up to date. Subsequent additions and revisions are appearing currently in *The Airpost Journal*. The 1943 Supplement was issued at a cost of approximately \$450 and in addition to having a good sale in itself has served to augment combination sales of the three books. Because of the limited number of 1940 volumes now on hand, the Committee decided to sell the 1940 volumes only in combination with the two Supplements. Either or both Supplements may be purchased separately in order to bring up to date those 1940 volumes already in the hands of users. Sales of the three books plus numerous generous donations of cash and material at Auction have served to reduce the

Catalogue deficit account by \$342.07 during the period under discussion. As of July 1 the Catalogue deficit stands at \$629.08 which is more than offset by salable volumes on hand to say nothing of the value of standing type and several thousands of cuts owned by the fund. The Committee has hopes of bringing the fund into balance during the coming year so that the ground work can be done on planning a new Edition which should be published soon after the war. This is several years away, however, and in the meanwhile collectors are warned that the stocks of the present volume are rapidly being depleted.

Respectfully submitted,
Chairman,
Catalogue Fund.

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SALES MANAGER'S REPORT
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The Sales Department of the American Air Mail Society has the following to report concerning its activities for the past fiscal year.

Due to the change in Sales Manager and the consequent closing of all circuits, several months were required to obtain new listings of the various types of material offered our members. Material available through the circuits includes mint and used airmails, FAMS, CAMs, U. S. and Foreign Pioneers, U. S. governmentals, etc. The DEMAND is still far in excess of the supply. The most important matter, today, is the scarcity of first class material and your sales department is making an appeal to those of you who have a fair supply of duplicate material to get busy and write in for those blank circuit books and packets which are available upon request.

During the past year approximately thirty-nine requests were received for used airmails twenty-one for mint airs, and twenty-one for CAM and FAM circuits. Plenty of excellent material in FAMS is waiting to be mailed to interested and active buyers, but there is need for CAMs, mint and used airs, foreign and U. S. pioneers. Our society is rightly

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★ *"One of the regrets of my philatelic career lies in the fact that I am not a Charter member of our Society. However, I am proud of the fact that I possess an early membership number and through the years have had the privilege of association with many of the founders. I salute these founders, to whom we all owe a great debt of gratitude . . ."* ★
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Herbert H. Griffin, Past President
Member #134 and Honorary Life Member

proud of the turn-over of the circuits and the reports received from most suppliers of material have been very gratifying.

Twenty-one circuits, consisting of stamps or covers, were mailed during the year. It was necessary to limit the size of the circuits containing mint and used airmail stamps to about six books per sending because of the limited supply and the large number of requests. Sales were very encouraging, most books disposing of better than 60% of the items included. Only items priced out of line, remained to be returned to their owners.

One other matter has recently been brought to our attention by several members, namely, the question of an exchange department similar to our sales department but on an exchange basis only, and, of course, limited to air mail material. If members who are interested in the establishment of such a Department will write to the Sales Manager, this matter will be given serious consideration by the Society.

Before closing, let me once again impress upon our members, first class material is urgently needed and will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
PHELPS CREE,
 Sales Manager.

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REPORT OF THE AUCTION MANAGER

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The mail auctions of aero-philatelic stamps and covers, one of the latest services offered by the American Air Mail Society have proven popular among the society members. Two sales have been held during the past year, and the third sale will appear in the next issue of *The Airpost Journal*.

Previously auction sales of aero-philatelic material had been confined to the various occasions on which the society would have Conventions or Regional Meetings. These sales have always appealed to collectors and were attractive features of every meeting. At the last Regional Meeting, considerable discussion was had among the officers and members of the society as to the possibility of having regular mail auctions published currently in the *Journal*, and it was decided to attempt this new service for the benefit of the members. The results of the two sales already held, seem

to indicate that this new service is welcomed by most of the members. Many members have availed themselves of the opportunity to dispose of some of their duplicate material while many other collectors have been able to purchase some very fine items for their collections, through this medium.

This is the real purpose of the new auction service. The outlet and source of supply of aero-philatelic material, particularly covers has been limited. The number of new flights which afforded chances for securing new first flight covers has been severely curtailed because of war restrictions. Thus, here with this auction service, was provided an outlet for those collectors who wanted to dispose of some of their material. Here also, was provided the source of supply for those collectors wishing to add to their collections.

The first and second sales contained some very fine and rare aero-philatelic

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● Treasurer Warns

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
August 15, 1942 — August 31, 1943

RECEIPTS

From dues	\$1,535.55
Sales of Society pins	16.00
Special Escrow account	85.87
For Supplements and Extra copies of APJ	3.75
Received from Sales Manager—Insurance Account.....	17.43

Total Receipts	1,658.60
Cash on Hand, Aug. 15, 1942	111.30

TOTAL

\$1,769.90

DISBURSEMENTS

To AIRPOST JOURNAL for Subscriptions	967.00
For Supplements and Extra copies of APJ	2.75
To AIRPOST JOURNAL to apply on old deficit	150.00
Postage Account	90.12
Printing and Stationery, supplies	134.79
Purchase of Society pins	16.80
Dues to National Federation of Stamp Clubs	1.00
Bank charges	11.15
Advance Air Mail Bulletin Service	2.25

Total Disbursements	\$1,375.86
Cash on Hand, Aug. 31, 1943	394.04

TOTAL

\$1,769.90

ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTION

American Air Mail Society General Account—	
Cash Balance on Hand	394.04
Less Loan to Insurance Account	12.10

381.94

Less Escrow Account	85.87
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General Account

296.07

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Balance due General Account, August 15, 1942	\$ 29.53
Received during period and paid to General Account	17.43

Due General Account, August 31, 1943

12.10

Respectfully Submitted,

M. O. WARNS,

Treasurer

★ "You fellows did something that was really worth while. Each ★
 ★ year since that time the American Air Mail Society has made sub- ★
 ★ stantial gains—and these gains will continue indefinitely as fellows ★
 ★ like you organizers never move backward!" ★

—Raymond V. Bahr
 Member #8

MAIL BY ROCKET

We consider it a real honor and privilege to be able to offer an item that is so unusual and interesting that it is worthy of special advertising. We were fortunate in getting the last remaining stock of the American Legion's famous **FIRST INTERNATIONAL ROCKET AIR MAIL STAMPS**. This lot of stamps and covers was purchased from a special committee of the **AMERICAN LEGION, Post #37, McAllen, Texas**, and represents the last of these items that are not in collectors' hands.

It was no easy task to get permission to launch this **FIRST INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL FLIGHT**. Two countries were involved. The officials had to be consulted, and much time and negotiating was necessary. But finally, permission was granted which would have been impossible without the aid and help of: The Mexican Council, U. S. Customs Office, Mexican Customs Office, Administrator of the Post Office at Reynosa, Mexico, The Postmaster of McAllen, Texas, The Post Commander, and the Post Adjutant of the American Legion, McAllen, Texas.

The entire proceedings were under the strict supervision of the American Legion Post. The official records disclose that only 1,000 sheets of four of each stamp were printed and that the officials publicly destroyed the plates and cachets after this number was printed. There was a total of 1,072 covers actually flown from the U. S. A. to Mexico, and only 922 covers from Mexico to the U. S. A. One Rocket Ship exploded in midair, and from this ship 51 covers were recovered that were sufficiently intact to be recognized as such.

U. S. A. TO MEXICO. COLORED, Red, White and Blue. Mexico to USA. Colored red, white and green. Illustrated is a picture of the ROCKET STAMPS. They are in three colors as indicated. They show the AMERICAN LEGION EMBLEM and a ROCKET SHIP IN FLIGHT, along with the inscription "THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL ROCKET FLIGHT, U. S. A. to MEXICO", 50c.

COMPLETE SHEETS OF FOUR

The complete sheets were printed four stamps to a sheet.

COVERS

The envelopes for the covers were especially manufactured from an extremely light weight and tough paper. Each cover was cacheted and appropriately postmarked, cancelled, and beautifully arranged. **THE ROCKET STAMPS** were hand-cancelled with a three-line inscription reading "Dispatched by Rocket, U. S. A., Mexico." and "Remitido por Cohete Aereo, Reynosa, Mexico."

COMPLETE COLLECTIONS

We have been able to assemble a limited number of complete collections from the material that was in this lot. We have had a special book printed for these stamps and covers which gives the official account of the occasion written by the State Historian of the **AMERICAN LEGION**. These books have been extremely well prepared. They are bound in a most tasteful binding that will be a beautiful addition to any collector's library and albums. So that these books could be made, and so that as many collectors as possible could have the opportunity to get them, we have found it necessary to use most of the stamps and covers in them. Because of the few number possible to compile, practically all the work was done by hand by skilled craftsmen. **Sets of actual flown covers are only obtainable in these complete collections.** Each collection consists of two genuine **ROCKET-FLOWN** covers properly and officially cancelled. One cover from the U. S. A. to Mexico, and one from Mexico to U. S. A. Also neatly mounted are complete unused sheets of four of both stamps, along with a set of unused singles. Entire collection complete in the specially printed and handsomely bound book, only \$17.50.

COLLECTIONS WITHOUT THE FLOWN COVERS

Collections identical with the above are available but **without** the flown covers. These are also in a printed book. The same care and attention was used in mounting the stamps. Collection contains complete sheets of four and a set of singles in the specially printed and bound book. Only \$8.00. Face value of the stamps alone is \$5.00

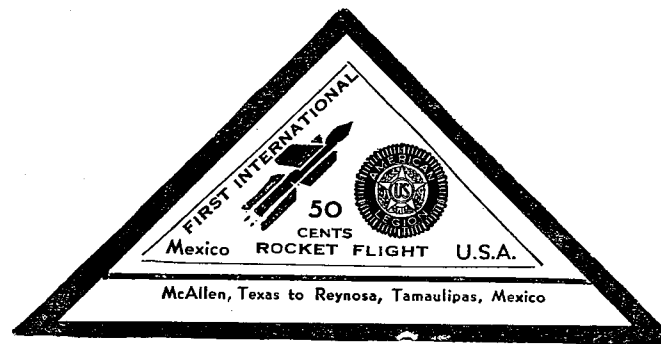
George W. Wentz, Jr.

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The stamps in complete sets of two single stamps are offered as long as our supply lasts. These are offered to those collectors who feel that they cannot afford the collections or full sheets. The face value of these stamps is \$1.00 per set. Our price is only \$1.35. Money cheerfully refunded when we have sold out.



ODDS AND ENDS

After filling out the collections and sets, we find a few extra stamps and covers left over. They are all clean and collectible—not a damaged item in the lot. We are offering these items for clearance. A flown cover for only \$5.00. A complete sheet for only \$1.95 (below face). A single stamp for only \$.45 (below face). Please bear in mind these **ARE NOT SETS** but singles of our choice. These lots are very limited

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Send payment in cash, check, money order, unused postage, or any way that suits your convenience, and your order will come fully postpaid. We will enclose our latest price list, No. 26a, showing our special sale of U. S. used stamps. We will also enclose approvals unless requested otherwise.

FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

Most of the information about these stamps was gleaned from the complete and accurate mimeographed report written by the State Historian, American Legion. A copy of this report will be given **ABSOLUTELY FREE WITH EACH ORDER** and to any other interested collector upon request. This 1,500-word report is extremely interesting. If you do not order, we would appreciate 3c postage to cover cost of mailing this 1,500-word report.

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AUCTION REPORT

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material, and in this third sale are many items which are seldom offered to collectors at Auction. Many of these covers will never be offered again. The general policy of the Auction Manager has been to include as much varied material as possible and in the third sale, will be found most every type of aero-philatelic cover.

The future of these auctions depends entirely upon the members of the society. If the number of bids are sufficient to dispose of the material, then the sales will be continued and appear at regular intervals in *The Airpost Journal*.

It should be noted that the Society received the regular auction percentage commission for handling the covers for sellers, and that the entire commission minus the actual cost of supplies for handling the auction, was turned into the society treasury for the furtherance of its work and service. The necessary manpower for the handling of the auction material is donated by those in charge. The financial reports follow:

Receipts

First Auction—	
Lots sold	\$315.15
Postage received	8.90
Second Auction—	
Lots sold	527.52
Postage received	10.70
	—————\$858.27

Disbursements

First Auction—	
Paid to lot owners	\$248.92
Postage paid	8.90
Second Auction—	
Paid to lot owners	417.21
Postage paid	10.70
Commission to Society	172.54
	—————\$858.27
Commissions	\$172.54
Receipts from Donation	
lots, both sales	53.77
	—————\$225.31
Supplies and printing	49.75
Airpost Journal Listing	
charge	85.00
Postage	5.00
To Publication fund	53.77
Undistributed profits	31.79
	—————\$225.31

GEO. D. KINGDOM,

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THE AIRPOST JOURNAL AND THE WORLD OVERSEAS

A POSTWAR PLEA

By Dr. Max Kronstein

ON THIS 20th Anniversary of the A.A.M.S. there will be no messages of friendship from the aerophilatelists in the oppressed countries in Europe and the message of good-will expressed in this Special Issue will hardly reach anyone there before the war is over. But from personal experience we can feel sure that the aerophilatelists all over the continent would heartily feel with us on this day and we would like to express our feeling of good will and aerophilatelic cooperation just as if their messages would have actually reached us in time.

The Airpost Journal, the only especially printed and published airmail magazine to reach Pre-war Europe from overseas had for years the highest reputation in aerophilatelic circles there. There were very few copies to reach the continent especially since the exchange value of the European monetary systems fell far below the Dollar and then after it had become more and more difficult to send the few dollars a year over to America because of government regulations. The copies which actually did reach the collectors over there came more often from individual American collectors who sent their own copy or any duplicates or back numbers to collector friends overseas. Such copies wandered from hand to hand. Whoever was able to read English was extremely interested in every single page. Even the others who could not read it, felt proud to see how well represented was aerophilately in the U. S. A. and they also could study the illustrations. Two or three back numbers — often months old — were something gladly received even as a birthday present by myself from friends in Switzerland!

Up to the last days of postal communications appeals reached this coun-

try from librarians in charge of European aerophilatelic archives and libraries to continue the delivery of current numbers at least to these public places of research.

Now the war has overrun them all. Even Switzerland is without postal communication with us. But the time will come when the tyranny is ended in Europe and the people can resume their normal human interests. They will call on us to assist them in filling up their libraries or even rebuild them where they were robbed or destroyed by the Nazis or lost by the course of the war.

Don't let any copies of *The Airpost Journal* or other publications of aerophilatelic interest get lost today. If you cannot save them yourself, return them to *The Airpost Journal*, Albion, Penna., marked for the "Post War Appeal". They will be stored there until after the war. Then they will help to help those who then will be coming up again to human society after years of slavery. Or they can serve even in exchange for aerophilatelic documents of the war period over there for air libraries and archives over here.

The size of our issue is limited today. There will not be enough copies after the war to fill all these demands. Don't waste any one of the copies which you might have. *The Airpost Journal* is going to bring the Post War Aerophilately of the World the message of a new beginning.

NEW CAM SERVICE

Effective November 1 service was inaugurated at Baton Rouge, La. and on November 15 at Alexandria, La. on that portion of AM-24 between New Orleans and Fort Worth, previously inaugurated on October 15, 1943. No cachets were provided by the Post Office Department.

Rocket stamps and flight covers are in the limelight again. George W. Wentz of San Marcos, Texas takes large space to tell all about them, elsewhere in this issue.

THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

Jack Knight Chapter 23

CONGRATULATES THE PARENT

AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

ON THE 20th ANNIVERSARY

Jack Knight's gift to you on this great anniversary is the announcement of a newly formed unit for the collectors of Air Labels. We hope that this new unit will help in some small way to advance a branch of Aero Philately.



Air Label Associates is organized for those collectors desiring to study, exchange, collect, promote and publish information on all types of air labels that record the progress of aeronautical events and history.

**UNITED AIR LINES
CHICAGO**

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Congratulations on the twentieth anniversary of the American Air Mail Society. The Society has not only been active on behalf of its members and of aero-philately in general, but its officials and members individually and collectively as well as through the Society have made a great contribution to the development of aviation, and especially air mail.

During my seven years as Superintendent of Air Mail Service you never turned me down on any request for assistance in the furtherance of our educational campaign to acquaint the general public with the advantages of air mail, which campaigns were largely responsible for increases in air mail revenues to the Post Office Department from the six million dollar mark to over thirty-three million dollars in the last fiscal year.

Your officers and members have been ever vigilant in trying to see that all philatelists got a square deal and that no one got any advantage over another. Your Air Mail Catalogues today provide the most accurate detailed history of air mail service, both foreign and domestic. We in United Air Lines find it most useful, not only in checking historical dates, but also from a technical standpoint. Only recently our Engineering Department used it in connection with a study with relation to historical accidents.

May the Society continue to carry on throughout the years, with the high ideals which have characterized these past two decades of its history.

*Sincerely,
Charles P. Graddick
Director
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of AIR POST STAMPS

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## GUATEMALA



National Police Building  
AP23

1943 Unwmkd. Perf. 11

Engraved.

C127-AP23 10c rose violet 20

## SALVADOR

Stamps of 1939  
surcharged with  
new values in  
dark carmine

1943 Unwmkd. Perf. 12½

Issued August 24, 1943.

C86-AP13 15c on 15c dull yellow  
& black 12

C87- " 20c on 30c dark brown  
& black 16

C88- " 25c on 40c dark blue  
& black 20

## VENEZUELA

Type of 1940-43

1943 Unwmkd. Perf. 12

Engraved.

C149-AP16 30c deep violet 18

C151- " 45c turquoise green 27

C155- " 90c red orange 54

C157- " 1.20b deep yellow  
green 72

C160- " 2b rose pink 1.20

## Airport Dedication Covers

By MAURICE S. PETTY  
507 Quackenbush St. N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

COMING dedications are unknown, but when you hear of one, why not cooperate as did members Richard O. Bush, and Leland C. Metzgar? Mr. Bush sent a telegram telling of Schenectady dedication in plenty of time for us to send out AAMS dedication bulletin postals to all who had cards here. Mr. Metzgar notified us immediately when he heard of the Fulton, N. Y. dedication on the radio, and though we received it Friday night at 7 P.M., we still were able to get 35 covers mailed for several collectors on Sunday, in addition to those Mr. Metzgar sent. Fulton's dedication was Sunday, Oct. 24th.

PAST AIRPORT DEDICATIONS: Sturgis, Mich. had formal re-opening of Municipal airport on Sept. 26th. 25 covers known without cachet, four with Asst. P. M. inscription while P. M. reports total of about fifty mailed . . . Laredo, Texas, C. of C. writes that there was NO dedication there at the time of first air mail flight on Sept. 1st . . . Member M. C. Emsley sends clipping telling of dedication of C.A.P. Airport at Westminster, Md. on June 6th. Though only 45 to 50 miles away from there, we had not heard of it before. No covers known . . . Cover mailed through courtesy of W. A. Siegrist is pmkd. "Liberal, Kans. Air Field Br." Oct. 7th, and has magenta cachet for



dedication of Army Air Field . . . Postmaster, Sante Fe, N. M. advises that ALL covers were rubber stamped (None printed) at their dedication August 7th . . . Member Chas. De Lagneau writes that the Miami, Fla. event of Sept. 15th was for dedication of hangars, maintenance and office building ONLY, at the 36th St. Airport. Field in use many years. 60 covers without cachet mailed . . . Through courtesy of Ted Light, covers received post-marked Vandalia, Ill. Oct. 16 and Oct. 17, with a six line red and blue printed sticker for airport dedication . . . Tri-City Airport, long mentioned as a possibility, was finally dedicated Sept. 19th, being planned and sponsored jointly by Saginaw, Midland, and Bay City, Mich. Saginaw Junior Board of Commerce had a magenta box cachet and about 1000 covers mailed from there with it. Also same cachet applied in purple to about 100 covers postmarked at Bay City, and in black to about 100 post-marked at Midland, which Midland covers, however, all seem to have been postmarked 7 A. M. the 20th, the next day. Majority (about 250) of Midland covers have no markings, but one seen with a typed inscription on separate paper, pasted on envelope. At Bay City, over 350 covers were mailed with a three line boxed printed sticker by Mr. Martin Crowl. Also some seen without it. The airport itself is actually located at the small town of Freeland, Mich., and covers seen postmarked there without any markings, but Freeland is not a member of the "Tri-City" included in field name.

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The words "Voor Krijgsgevangenen" (For Prisoners of War) will be printed in the upper corner. The entire issue is limited to 20,000 sets. Orders may be placed with the postmaster at Willemstad at 4.70 guilders per set. Such orders should be accompanied by a check covering the amount of the order, plus sufficient funds for postage and

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Dear George:

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Because of this association, I know how much the American Air Mail Society has done for the advancement and promotion of stamp collecting, by the individual efforts of the membership and through its official publication, the Airpost Journal. The happy occasion seems marred only by the absence of our dear, departed friend, Walt Conrath.

I feel privileged to number among my very best friends the many members of this organization with whom I have become acquainted at annual conventions of the American Air Mail Society, and I welcome the opportunity at this time of extending my personal greetings and sincere congratulations to the entire membership.

Sincerely yours,

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### FIVE NEW LIBERIAN AIR MAIL STAMPS

THE Postmaster General of Liberia has announced the following new air mail stamps, will be issued in connection with a new air service the contract for which has been concluded recently between the Pan American Airlines and the Liberian Government. The service is between Monrovia and various points deep in the interior.

The service will not be a side service of the planes which operate regularly between New York and Monrovia, but will be a specific individual plane service and operate exclusively between Monrovia and the various inland points.

The rate of postage will be twelve cents per half ounce and to accord with this new service and rate, two stamps will be issued of 12 and 24 cent values. They will be engraved and in two tone effect, oblong in shape and picture a plane about to land. On one side of the field are native couriers and workers, against a background of native huts while on the opposite side, in strong contrast, is a group of Americans and Brit-

ons, against a small white office building of modern design, to the side of which is an automobile, telling mutely but clearly the passing of foot and power transport on land, in favor of the speed of airway transport.

The 12 cent stamp will be in rich greenish blue and the 24 cent in a deep coffee brown shaded into a light sepia.

In addition to the two stamps above mentioned there will also be issued three additional stamps for overseas and continental air mail to conform to the new rate which is now 70 cents per half ounce in place of the previous rate of 90c. The stamps will be of the same design as those issued in 1942 per Scott's C17-9 and Sanabria 53-5., but with change of colors as well as values.

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