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● Group shown at Exhibition Honoring 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight in New York Rockefeller Center Ticket Office of AMERICAN AIRLINES. Left to right: JEROME PARKER of American Airlines who conceived and executed the display; L. B. GATCHELL, Editor of THE AIRPOST JOURNAL, who assembled much of the Aero-philatelic material; GEORGE D. KINGDOM, Past President of the AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY, and JOHN P. V. HEINMULLER, present Executive Officer of that Society.

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Drop Messages From The 1907 Gordon Bennett Balloon Races

by DR. MAX KRONSTEIN

TODAY there are actually many young people who have never seen a balloon in the air. Despite this, the balloon cannot casually be relegated to the status of an historical step in aeronautical development. In many parts of Europe manned balloons are again being used and balloonposts are frequently being carried on such occasions. In this country, in addition to the conventional employments, new uses are to be observed in connection with the balloon. The U. S. Navy has recently announced that it has placed in service the two largest non-rigid balloon type dirigibles ever to be built.

Unmanned balloons are being used as leaflet carriers to penetrate the "Iron Curtain" in Europe. Such balloons are also used as instrument carriers in very high altitudes for the purpose of recording data in connection with Guided Missiles. The balloon has also been employed as an antenna carrier for the "Voice of America" program helping to bring the aims and ideas of the "American Way" to many European countries.

The present activity brings new interest to the history of ballooning, particularly as evidenced by the flown items which exist from earlier flights.

This present report is concerned with messages which were dropped from the balloons which participated in the *International Gordon-Bennett Balloon Races of 1907*, which started at St. Louis, Mo. The actual date was October 21, 1907. Collectors have mentioned these items from time to time through the years, but this is believed to be the first full account from the aero-philatelic standpoint.

One of our photos shows one of these messages dropped from the Balloon *Aberron* (Paul Meckel, Balloonist) near Euphemia in Ohio. Although the finder had seen the balloon in the air on the day of the flight, it was not until November 8 that he found the balloon message and forwarded it to the Race Committee.

The purpose of dropping these report-type messages was to obtain records about the progress and other conditions of flight of the balloons; of course at this time there was no radio communication between a balloon in the air and any base station. In the case of possible later disaster to the balloon such reports would give some indication about the developments in the car and the state of the passengers at the time dropped. Similar messages are known to have been dropped from other participating balloons.

Balloons were released from Forest Park at St. Louis which had an inclosed area 600 feet by 300 feet and a grandstand for 10,000 people. For the protection of the balloons President *Theodore Roosevelt* had provided some 250 soldiers. The operations themselves were under the sponsorship of the *Aero Club of St. Louis*. The director of the races was *Leo Stevens*, who had himself made about 1100 balloon ascensions and who was at that time an instructor in the U. S. Signal Corps.

The main event was preceded by a number of trial flights. One such was that of the balloon "U. S. Signal Corps No. 10" (McCoy and Chandler), which made a 475 miles flight to Walton, W. Va., thereby winning the *Lahm Aeronautics Trophy*. On this flight the bal-

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● Inflating One of the Balloons Which Participated In The 1907 GORDON BENNETT Balloon Race.

BALLOON ---

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loonists are known to have dropped messages at Hillsboro, Ohio.

The following table gives the names of the participating balloons and their aeronauts, the places of their landing, and the ultimate placing of each in the competition:

Name	Country	Crew	Landed at	Dist.	Award
Pommern ,	Germany	Erbshlo and Clayton	Asbury Park, N. J.	880	\$2500
Isle De France	France	LeBlanc and Mix	Hubertsville, N. J.	880	\$1,000
Dusseldorf	Germany	Von Abercron and Heidemann	Little Creek, Del.	798	\$750
United States	U. S. A.	Hershey and Atherhold	Caledonia, Ont.	700	\$250.
Lotus II	England	Brewer and Brabason	Sabina, Ohio	366	
America	U. S. A.	McCoy and Chandler	Patuxent, Md.	735	
Anjou	France	Gassmier and Levee	Mineral, Va.	670	
Abercron	Germany	Meckel and Denig	Manassas, Va.	690	
St. Louis	U. S. A.	Hawley and Post	Carroll Ct., Md.	720	

Inasmuch as the dropping of messages similar to that shown in the photo was required, it can well be assumed that they existed from all these balloons, but so far as is known no others have been located in the hands of collectors. Nothing is known as to any other kind of balloon mail from these flights.

During the same meeting there was also a competition between American dirigibles. The dirigible "The Beachey"

with *Lincoln Beachey* of Toledo, in charge, took the first prize of \$1500; the dirigible "*Dallas*", in charge of *Jack Dallas*, also of Toledo, took the second prize of \$750, and the dirigible "*California Arrow*" under command of Captain *Th. S. Baldwin* won the third prize of \$250! Another participant, the Baydorfer-Yeager Airship "*Sky Cycle*", manned by *Horace B. Wild* of Chicago, met with an accident. Apparently no messages of any kind exist from these dirigibles.

NAME AND CAPACITY OF BALLOON		AERO CLUB OF AMERICA		NATURE OF THE CONTEST	
<i>Abercron - Soc. no. 11.</i>				<i>Gordon Bennett</i>	
NAME OF PILOT		CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE		DATE	
<i>Paul Mackel</i>		TEMOINS DE ROUTE		<i>Oct 22 1917</i>	
ENGLISH	GERMAN	FRENCH	ANSWER-ANTWORT-REPOUSE		
Locality in which this note is cast	Ort und Stelle wo dieser Fragebogen geworfen wurde.	Point où la note a été jetée.	<i>Northern Iowa & Ephraim</i>		
Date and hour of casting	Zeit, welcher durch den Luftkoffer auszufüllen ist	Partie à remplir par l'Aéronaute.	<i>Oct 22 P.M. 2800 Meters</i>		
In order to ascertain the authenticity of the race the Aero Club of America begs of every person finding this notice to kindly fill in the blanks and to post it, even if not prepared.		Um sich über die in Wirklichkeit stattgefundenen Wettfahrt zu vergewissern, bittet der Aero Club of America jeden, der diesen Fragebogen findet, das nachstehende auszufüllen und der Post zu übergeben, gegebenen Falls unterschrieben.		Dans le but d'asseoir la sincérité de l'épreuve, l'Aéro Club of America a l'honneur de prier toute personne qui trouvera cette notice de la remplir et de la mettre à la poste, au besoin sans attachement.	
Name of	des nächsten Postamts	Bureau de poste le plus voisin	<i>Ephraim</i>		
Street	" " Bahnhof	Station de chemin de fer la plus voisine	<i>Ephraim</i>		
County	der " Stadt	Ville la plus voisine	<i>Buffalo</i>		
State	Kreis, Bezirk	Cant	<i>Ohio</i>		
Direction and Distance from said	Richtung und Entfernung von dem Ort an der Stelle, wo dieser Fragebogen geworfen wurde.	Directions et Distance des dits endroits à l'endroit où se trouve cet avis.	<i>Ohio</i>		
to the spot at which this note is found.	obigen nächsten Postamt der " Bahnhof	de la Station de chemin de fer la plus voisine	<i>This note was found about 60 miles north and about 14 miles north east of Ephraim.</i>		
Has a balloon been seen today?	Hat man einen Ballon vorhergesehen heute?	A-t-on vu passer un ballon?	<i>Seen first Balloon Sailing.</i>		
On what day and at what time?	An welchem Tage und zu welcher Stunde?	Quel jour et à quelle heure?	<i>Oct 22, on Nov. 4 at 2. r 2 34 P.M.</i>		
What was its direction?	Nach welcher Richtung flog er?	Quelle était sa direction de marche?	<i>over the open sea, then 4 South east.</i>		
Signature	Name Profession oder Stand Adresse	Signature	<i>Charles W. Kell, Tinsmith, Charles W. Kell, Ephraim Ohio.</i>		

● Message Dropped from the Balloon ABERCRON on October 22, 1907 During the GORDON BENNETT Balloon Race.

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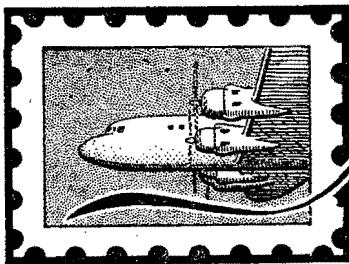
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THIS past month more than makes up for October's shortage of new issues. We find a number of new items in permanent sets, as well as some pretty commemoratives.

AUSTRIA

Four finely engraved stamps show birds as the central motif: 1S. steel blue, Swallows; 3S. blue green, Cormorants; 5S. red brown, a Buzzard, and a 10S. gray violet, a Heron.

BOLIVIA

Four values are added to the Revolutionary commemoratives of this past spring. All show heads of the three leaders. They are 3.70 Bs., chocolate, 10 Bs., aquamarine, 16 Bs., orange, and 40 Bs., grey.

CHILE

Another commemorative is announced — this time for Ignacio Domeyco (1802-1952) a Polish gentleman who founded the school for mineralogy at Coquimbo. The stamp will be a 5 pesos brown and one million will be issued. (We wish some of the past three commemoratives would appear as this makes a total of four we await!)

CROATIA

Purportedly the product of some Government in Exile, there are four triangles circulating through new issue sources. All show birds and are vivid lithographs. Better lay low for a while 'till they get a clean bill of health.

CUBA

The First International Congress of Accountants was held in Havana November 2-9. An 8c and a 25c airmail set was issued. We illustrate same.

EGYPT

The three bar overprint is known on the 3, 7, 8, 30, 100, and 200mm. values of the "Palestine" overprinted series. The plane over the Delta Barrage without the King's head has now appeared in the denomination of 5 mm brown.

FR. OCEANIA

The 14f. Gauguin stamp is colored brown, red, and green and features a reproduction of the painting of two girls.

LEBANON

A seven valued set is at hand featuring the forefront of a 4 engined plane. The shape is vertical and the values are: 5p. yellow green, 10p. magenta, 15p. orange, 20p. green, 25p. light blue, 50p. deep blue, and 100p. chocolate.

MEXICO

The 25c "Masks" type has reappeared re-engraved. It is deep red brown and bears heavier lines than its antecedent.

NETHERLANDS

The special flight stamp noted last month is 25c in value and blue and grey brown in color. It is a close replica of the 1938 item which was of the 12½ denomination.

PANAMA

The 50th anniversary commemorative set being issued this month will have a face value of \$1.89. Denominations are 2, 5, 7, 25, 50c and 1 B.

POLAND

Has anyone received the 75 gr. red orange stamp, part of the Student Congress set of two issued in September? We have seen the 55 g. purple but not its companion piece.



—Stamps for Illustration, Courtesy of F. W. KESSLER

● A Page of New and Recent Airpost Stamp Issues

The Centenary Air Race, London To Christchurch, Won By K. L. M. Entry

by JAMES WOTHERSPOON



THE Centenary Air Race, London to Christchurch, N. Z., was organized by the New Zealand authorities to commemorate the Centenary of Christchurch. Many entries were received but at the start on October 8, 1953 only eight machines came under orders of the starter. The race was in two sections, a Transport Section and a Speed Section. In the speed section it was a pure race; in the Transport Section the planes were handicapped, this being based on the load carried. Only three planes took part in the Transport Section, British European Airways' Viscount "Endeavour" this being the scratch machine, KLM's DC-A "Dr. Inr. M. H. Damme" which carried 65 passengers, and a RNZAF Hastings. The KLM machine received a handicap allowance of 44 hours 30 mins., the Hastings receiving an allowance of 35 hours . . . so it was a foregone conclusion that the KLM would win the Transport Section. No official mail was

carried from Britain, but the KLM entry carried official Dutch mail. Special covers were issued and franked with a special air mail stamp. Covers also received a special official cachet. It is reported that the RNZAF plane carried mail from Britain classed as cargo, but that it would not be treated on arrival as official mail by the New Zealand Post Office. No doubt other entries carried souvenir mail for collectors. During the course of the race several records were made, the winning jet claiming a new point to point record, London to Christchurch, in 23 hours 51 mins., at an average speed of 494 mph. The "Endeavour" has lodged claim for the London to Melbourne record, 35 hours 47 mins. at 293 mph. Other records put up were London to Basra at 543 mph., and London to Colombo at 519 mph. These two records were made by Canberra jet bombers, pilots being L./Lt. Burton and W/Cdr. Hodges respectively.

RAF. Canberra P. R. 7. Racing No. 1. Pilot, W/Cdr. Hodges — Route — London- Shaibah - Negombo - Perth - Christchurch. Average speed 246mph. Fourth Place.

RAF. Canberra P. R. 3. Racing No. 2. Pilot, F-Lt. Furze — Route — London - Shaibah- Negombo - Cocos Is. - Perth - Christchurch. Average speed 499mph. Third Place.

RAF. Canberra P. R. 3. Racing No. 3. Pilot, F-Lt. Burton — Route — London - Shaibah- Ratmalana-Cocos Is. Perth-Christchurch. Average speed 514 mph. First place...

RAAF. Canberra B20. Racing No. 4. Chief pilot W/Cdr. Cuming. — Route — London-Bahrein-Ratmalana-Cocos Is. This entry retire dat the Cocos Is., due to a tire bursting when landing. Proceeded to Melbourne and Christchurch on the 12th. Oct. Average speed to Cocos Is. 325mph.

RAAF. Canberra. B20. Racing No. 5. Pilot, S/Ldr. Raw. — Route — London-Bahrein-Ratmalana-Cocos Is.-Woomera-Christchurch. Average speed 500mph.

KLM. DC-6a. Racing No. 21. Chief Pilot, Capt. Kooper — Route — London-Rome-Baghdad-Karachi-Rangoon-Djakarta-Darwin-Brisbane-Christchurch. Average speed, 260mph. Time 49 hours 57 mins. Placed First.

RNZAF. Hastings. Racing No. 22. Chief Pilot, W/Cdr. Watson. Route — London-Athens-Shaibah-Masirah-Negombo. Retired due to engine damage at Negombo.

BEA. Viscount. Racing No. 23. Chief Pilot, Capt. Baillie. Route — London-Bahrein-Negombo-Cocos Is.-Melbourne-Christchurch. Average speed 301mph. Time 40 hours 43 mins. Placed Second.

We illustrate one of the covers carried by the KLM plane. Our Director of Foreign Relations, Dr. *Max Kronstein*, has shown us a similar cover but autographed by all members of the Crew, thus adding interest. KLM tells us that 4000 such

covers, unautographed were sold prior to the flight to collectors in the United States. No doubt many additional were distributed in European countries and in Australia and New Zealand.

Famous Artist Draws Airline Cover Cachet

SERVICEMEN'S COVERS: The second in a series of special flight covers illustrated by famous cartoonists and distributed exclusively to hospitalized veterans through *Stamps for the Wounded* in limited number made its appearance on July 29 at the opening of the new Port of New York Authority Terminal Building at Newark Airport.

Four hundred special flight covers, designed by *Milt Caniff* and illustrating the four New York airports served by *American Airlines Flagships* and *New York Airways* helicopters were flown from Newark Airport to Idlewild, LaGuardia, and Westchester County airports as part of the ceremonies at the opening of the new Terminal.

These envelopes, which were stamped with the Fiftieth Anniversary of Flight commemorative stamp, were cancelled at Newark Airport and back stamped at the other airports.

The special cachet on the envelopes,

designed and drawn by *Milt Caniff*, creator of the famous cartoon strip pilot, "Steve Canyon", shows Canyon holding a tray with a map of the metropolitan area sketched on it, pinpointing the four air-ports.

Prepared and flown under the sponsorship of *American Airlines*, the covers were distributed to wounded servicemen in Veterans Hospitals across the country by *Ernest A. Kehr*, National Chairman of *Stamps for the Wounded*, philately's national volunteer service committee.

NEW AIRLINE RECORD

A new September record for passenger traffic was established by *United Air Lines* as the company operated 262,197,000 revenue passenger miles during the month, according to estimated figures released by *J. E. Johnson*, vice president and assistant to the president. The figure represents a nine per cent increase over the like period a year ago.

P. O. Department Appoints Three Regional Assistant Directors For Air Service

ESTABLISHMENT of three regional Assistant Directors for Air Service by the Post Office Department was announced on October 16 by Assistant Postmaster General *John C. Allen* of the Bureau of Transportation.

These positions are part of a reorganization plan which eliminates the position of Assistant General Superintendent-Air in each of the 15 divisions of the Postal Transportation Service. The three regional Assistant Directors for air are assigned to the Bureau of Transportation and will be responsible directly to the Director of the Division of Air Service.

Appointed to the positions for Eastern Central and Western regions, respectively, were *Charles D. Spangler* of Boston, Massachusetts, *Edward P. Freeman* of Chicago, and *Arthur O. Willoughby* of San Francisco, California.

"It is expected that the General Superintendent's offices will be normal points of contact between air carriers and the Postal Transportation Service. Mr. Allen said in making the appointments that the new regional officials for air are to be consulted only on such matters as would be referred to Washington under our former arrangements."

The domestic air mail service reaches every post office in the United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Virgin Island, and provides direct air service to 727 cities. The service encompasses 139,374 route miles divided into 111 routes operated by 45 carriers. It involves varied operations such as express, transcontinental, local and helicopter services.

Mr. Spangler, who will make his headquarters in New York, has been in the postal service since 1931. At the time of his appointment to the new position, he was District Superintendent of Postal

Transportation Service for District 8 with headquarters in Boston.

Mr. Freeman was Assistant General Superintendent for Air in the Postal Transportation Service with headquarters in Chicago. He has been in the postal service since 1912.

Mr. Willoughby has been in the postal service since 1908, was Assistant General Superintendent Postal Transportation Service - Air, Eighth Division, San Francisco, California.

All three of the men are recognized as authorities on postal transportation with particular reference to Air Mail Service.

Postmaster General *Arthur E. Summerfield* also announced recently that the extra charge made by the Post Office Department for coiled stamps was eliminated effective October 1. Six cent air mail stamps are among the varieties available in coil form.

The charge of three additional cents for 500, six cents for 1000, and eighteen cents for 3000 stamps in a coil has been made because of the slightly higher cost of producing stamps in coils.

In announcing elimination of the charge, Postmaster General Summerfield said: "Last year, receipts from the charge were only about \$220,000. This was not enough to justify the nuisance to the purchaser and the clerical work and accounting made necessary by the fee."

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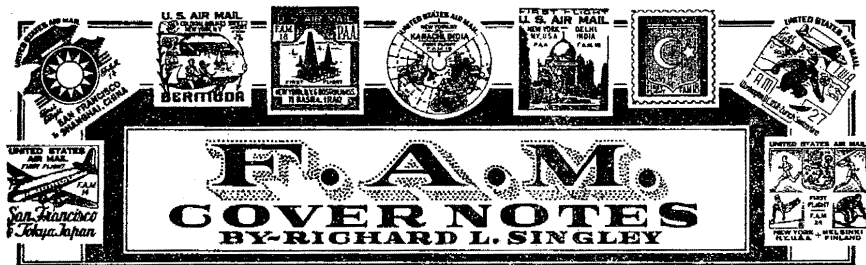
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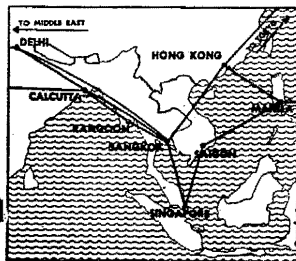
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A surprise inaugural from Rangoon, Burma involving both F. A. M. 14 and 18, and flown by *Pan American World Airways* has produced some of the most beautiful covers we have seen in a long time. Covers to Hong Kong, Tokyo, San Francisco, etc., are postmarked September 11, 1953 and are backstamped accordingly with a final date of September 14 at the San Francisco Airfield Post Office. Circling the world in the opposite direction, covers are postmarked September 12, and were destined for Calcutta, Karachi, and other way points en route to New York. The New York Airfield backstamp is also of September 14. Just how many covers will comprise the set we cannot say at this writing for *Pan American* is now awaiting the return of covers from some few points. These will be offered in a subsequent issue of *The Airpost Journal*.

Because Burma has no air mail stamps, the Airline took great pains to apply the best stamps available. Commemoratives as a whole were used from limited supplies and the majority of the covers bear three and four stamps, mostly the large types. The postmark too was applied a lot more carefully than usual. A cachet in blue, also applied by *Pan American* reads, "First Air Mail Flight, from Rangoon" with a listing of the stops in both directions.

Pan American inaugurated service to Burma from both New York and San Francisco during December, 1952, with Rangoon as an intermediate port of call on the Calcutta - Bangkok segment of F. A. M. 14-18.

On May 22 Saigon, Indo China was added to F. A. M. 14 to provide a stop



between Singapore and Manila. On all of these flights *Pan American World Airways* sent covers for collectors and in each case approximately 400 complete sets exist.

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Although not F. A. M. service, the flights from Chicago and Airfield to Paris, France by *Air France* provided collectors with a few choice items for their trans-Atlantic collections. This is believed to be the first dispatch from an inland U. S. A. port to overseas by a foreign airline.

Covers from France are postmarked, Paris, October 19, 1953 and bear a cachet in black, applied within a box which translated reads, "PARIS - CHICAGO, First direct flight, October 19, 1953."

The Chicago G. P. O. applied a green cachet which reads, "First Flight via the Chicago Parisian, AIR FRANCE from Chicago to Paris". The Airfield also applied the same cachet but in purple. Both the G. P. O. and Airfield covers are dated October 21 and are backstamped in Paris October 22. The number of pieces carried is not available at this writing.

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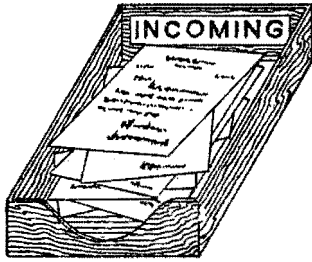
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RANDOM NOTES FROM THE EDITORS DESK

IN the company of Past President *George Kingdom*, your Editor has been off on a three weeks vacation trip to Central and South American points. We spent one or more days in COLOMBIA, PANAMA and the CANAL ZONE, GUATEMALA and MEXICO, and made transit stops in JAMAICA, NICARAGUA and SALVADOR. The many interesting features of each of these countries have been well and adequately described in the travel literature and books and space does not permit us to expound herein on that phase of our trip — other than to state that everything was well up to the standard of prior billing and at no point were our expectations disappointed; however, we thought readers *might* be interested in some of the philatelic aspects and sidelights of our trip — such as the situation

.... In Colombia where the Air Mail concession is held by the two National Airlines, AVIANCA, successor of SCADTA, which permits it to claim the distinction of being the "oldest Airline in the Americas", and LANSA — both of which operate its own postal pickup stations, boxes, and distribution facilities — and vie feverishly with each other for the patronage of the user.

.... this, of course, was known to us, as to most collectors, but what we did not previously know was that CANAL ZONE postage stamps are accepted in PANAMA, and apparently vice-versa. In the Panamanian cities of Panama City (West Coast) and Colon (East Coast) one passes into and out of the CANAL ZONE by simply stepping off a curb into either ANCON or CRISTOBAL. We found that letters and cards franked with CANAL ZONE postage could be dropped into PANAMA boxes or deposited at the main post offices of these Panamanian cities, thus eliminating the necessity of trekking back into the ZONE to mail cards and letters written in some restaurant or bar (milk bar, that is!!) in PANAMA.... And we were to discover, for the first time, the difficulty of buying stamps AT ALL in GUATEMALA! — The "meter" people apparently have

had their finest salesmen at work in this country as it is the universal practice for patrons to bring their mail to the Post Office, have the meter applied and pay for the service in cash. In ANTIGUA, a major city, no postage stamps at all could be bought, and in GUATEMALA CITY itself, adhesive stamps were on sale only at certain hours. We finally got our adhesives at a "Stamp Agency" operated in connection with a refreshment and confectionary store.

.... Finally, we found MEXICO to have the cheapest Air Mail rate in the world — at least for the first weight unit, which is substantially less than 1/2 ounce. At 25 centavos — or 1/4 of one peso — for this initial rate, the Air Mail letter is carried for approximately the equivalent of 2.9c U. S. currency! If there is any cheaper Air Mail rate than this anywhere in the world, it hasn't come to our notice.

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The Exhibit in tribute to the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight which has been on display since early October in the Rockefeller Center Ticket Office of *American Airlines, Inc.*, has caused a tremendous amount of interest and has done a great deal to promote public consciousness of the Progress of Flight and of the philatelic aspects of this progress. The display was handsomely mounted and presented under the skillful direction of *Jerome Parker* and was promoted and sponsored by *Ben Sherwood*, General Superintendent of Mail and Express of the Airline. Our hearty congratulations to *American Airlines* for this remarkable exhibit.

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The season of Philatelic Exhibitions is now in full swing. Elsewhere in this issue will be found Assistant Editor *Ernest A. Kehr's* fine report of LISBOA 1953, the great International Show held in Portugal. Another page records details of the forthcoming show in the *National Phila-*

telic Museum to be presented wholly by women philatelists. An active leader in the project is our own *Freda Bulger*, who is a Vice-President and Assistant Curator of the Museum. And in this same issue will be found Past President *Jesse G. Johnson's* report of the Exhibition held at the A. P. S. Convention, held recently in Houston, Texas. Too late for inclusion in our October issue was advance news of the CAMPEX Exhibition (Central American Philatelic Exhibition) held from October 19 thru October 26 at the *Pan American Union* in Washington, D. C. We understand this was a grand success and that similar Exhibitions and meetings will be held frequently in the future. Looming on the horizon for the future are great International Shows slated for Brazil in 1954 (BRAPEX, 1954) and for Stockholm, Sweden in 1955. We'll be hearing more of these as time goes by!

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Much closer to home and of more intimate interest to our readers is our own *Bob Murch's* report of the highly successful Exhibition of the *Mound City Stamp Club* held at the DeSoto Hotel, St. Louis on October 9, 10 and 11. Two fine Air Mail collections, *George Kingdom's* Air Letter Sheets of the World and *Dr. James J. Matejka's* Newfoundland, took 1st and 3rd Awards, respectively in their classes. Our newly elected A. A. M. S. Director, *Bob Murch*, served as Chairman of this show; otherwise we feel certain that his own fine material would have easily carried off some of the top Airpost honors. Incidentally, we have been shown a photo from a recent St. Louis paper showing Bob placing a wreath on the grave of *William Chauvenet*, one of the founders of the U. S. Naval Academy. Commander Murch is President of the St. Louis Chapter of the *Naval Academy Alumni Association*.

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Past President *Herbert H. Griffin* has recently been in the news — and in full color rotogravure at that! The *St. Petersburg Times* recently ran a feature article on Stamp Collecting in its Magazine Section. Featured prominently were Past President Griffin and *George N. Malpass*

of St. Petersburg, Col. *A. C. Townsend* of Clearwater and others. The article, carefully written and compiled by *George Traboui*, feature writer, also was embellished with many photos, some of them in two colors. "Griff" tells us that one of his newest interests is the formation of a "Philatelic Autobiography" collection. He is trying to secure a cover cancelled on April 16 — his birthday — for every year since 1872. In this collection the cancellation is paramount — it may be on any kind of a cover — on any stamps. He states he has about 40 covers so far but the year 1872 still eludes him. Can anyone send Griff a cover, cancelled April 16, 1872?

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And now for a long list of acknowledgments:

Congratulations to *Malcolm MacGregor* who again gets into print anent his own special hobby of autographs on stamps, this time in the magazine "*MECHANIX Illustrated*". And to *Edward Nelson*, *United Air Lines* employee and one time P. O. D. employee, who has been elected President of the Society known as *Air Mail Pioneers*.

And our hearty thanks to friend *Horace D. Westbrook* for a fine Trans-Atlantic Flight cover . . . to our balloonist friend *Capt. J. Boesman* for three recent balloon flight covers which our Overseas Editor, *Jimmy Wotherspoon* will describe in his own column . . . to *I. H. C. Godfrey* for a fine First Day cover from the Centenary Exhibition of South Africa . . . and to *Fred Bauer* who sends us an appropriately stamped cover and letter from the Lisbon show . . . to *Capt. P. H. Robbs* for a copy of the interesting official program for the International Air Race, London to Christchurch . . . to *Trans-World Airlines* for a cover from their newly inaugurated Coast-to-Coast Super Constellation service . . . to *W. Lee Fergus* for a letter mailed at O'Hare Field, Ill., in connection with the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight Air Fair held there on October 17-18 . . . to the *Jack Knight Air Mail Society* for a San Bernardino Heliport Dedication cover and to *Nelson F. Gerken* for a Dedication

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AIR MAIL COLLECTIONS DO WELL AT LISBON

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by ERNEST A. KEHR
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Lisbon — At no international stamp exhibition within this writer's memory has such a wealth of truly rare and outstanding air mail material been displayed as was featured at Lisboa — 1953, a show presented to mark the centenary of the first Portuguese adhesives of 1853.

The number of individual entries was relatively small — New York, Toronto, the Utrecht all had more than the twenty-one collections here — but nowhere were so many treasures congregated in one place to keep visitors virtually spellbound.

Many of the great collections of our time were there to present unusually strong competition for the medals offered. To give members of the *American Air Mail Society* an idea of the extraordinarily high quality of entries, let it be said that there were five Martinsydes, three Newfoundland Columbians, five Hawk-ers, two U. S. inverts, eight Colombians and a relatively large number of other rarities including the red and black Honduras, Cilicias, Sin-Kiangs, Pinedos, etc.

Our own *Louise Hoffman* showed selected pages from her internationally-known collection, in four frames and despite mighty rough competition, took a silver-gilt medal for it.

Harold Dermody, of Cicero, displayed four frames of his material called, "Philately of the Air," whose unique presentation and extremely fine material caused no end of favorable comment from visitors who seemed captivated by his work. As most members know, Harold tells the complete history of air transportation through the display and annotation of letters carried by every means of air transport, from the pigeon posts of Paris to rocket and jet mail. It took a silver medal.

Fred Bauer, another AAMS'er, displayed in his name only two frames of Malaya stamps overprinted, "B. M. A.", in which he classifies the difficult war-

time settings. He did however, enter in the name of Pan American Airways, four frames of his trans-Pacific survey, pioneer and first-flight covers, including the unique set addressed to the late Secretary of the Interior *Harold Ickes*.

Best of the entries, according to the judges assigned to this section, was submitted by *Pierre Savelon*, of France, who showed what *Jacques le Pileur* describes as "the greatest collection and study of Paris Balloon covers in existence." Within the five frames were examples of all the rarities, each attractively mounted and annotated with text, explanatory notes and maps. It is interesting to note that the same material entered in last year's Centilux and ITEP, took only a silver-gilt. In the meantime he remounted his material, to give it a more dramatic display appeal, showed it here and took a gold medal.

There were a number of highly specialized collections which reflected considerable research work on the part of their owners. Most striking of these was the entry of *John H. E. Gilbert*, of Beckenham, England, who showed a complete study of all Egyptian air-mail flights, from the Heliopolis and Marc Pourpe flights, through the experimentals and strike-emergency trips right up to the latest first-flights. And speaking of Marc Pourpe, Lisboa entries showed six of the seven known covers of this epochal pioneer trip of 1914!

Other specialized entries were: British Coronation flights, by *Geo. E. Hoyle*, of England; pioneers of France and colonies, by *Jean Gravelat*, of France; rarities and Sudan, by *Dimitri Tziracopoule*, of Cairo; Brazil, by *Dr. Humberto Cerruti*, of Sao Paulo; Colombian Scadtas by *Victor Bompal*, of Paris; Zeppelins by *Jose Terrens*, of Barcelona, and *W. G. Pearce* of England. Editor *Catchell* displayed the only aerogrammes found in the show.

The National Philatelic Museum, Philadelphia, entered, non-competitively, an astonishing collection of French and Colonial artists' drawings, essays and deluxe proofs, while *Barney Davis*, its director, entered a collection of Portuguese colonials, on cover, and took a silver medal.

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The fabulous collection of Egyptian Stamps, which comprises the major portion of the value, will last four days. After a blank day will follow a two-day sale of the stamps of the rest of the world including many outstanding sections and rarities.

The Auction will be one the most important to be held for many years and will bring philatelists from many countries to Cairo.

This Brochure may be obtained without cost on application to:— *H. R. Harmer, Ltd.*, 41 New Bond Street, London, W. 1. The Illustrated Auction Catalogue is in preparation and will be available towards the end of November, at a price of 5/- (or 75c) post-free, which includes the List of Prices realised at the Sale.

This firm has also released the realizations on the sale of the famous *Sir Lindsay Everard* Air Post Collection which was dispersed at Auction, partly in London and partly in New York, the United States and Latin American portions being sold in New York — the remainder in London.

Sir William Lindsay Everard, M. A., D. L., J. P., F: R: P: S: L, was interested in aviation from an early age and at one time owned three planes He built the Ratcliffe and Rearsly aerodromes.

In 1933 he won the "Round the Oasis" Race in Egypt in his *D. H. Dragon*, was chairman of the Royal Aero Club of England from 1936 to 1941 and held high office in many organizations associated with Aviation.

It was not surprising therefore that his philatelic activities were directed toward Air Stamps and that the disposal of his

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● A Full Sheet of the Double Overprint Variety of EGYPT'S 30 Mills Green of 1946, to be Offered in the Cairo Sale.

collection should create intense interest throughout the World.

Reports from the London sale show that the auction there was eminently successful, the total for the two sessions held October 19th and 20th being approximately £14,500 (\$40,600). The New York sale, held on October 2th and 27th was equally successful with a total of \$19,600 for the smaller portion sold there. Top prices in the New York Auction included:

PHILIPPINE IS. 1926 Madrid-Manila 10p o. g. \$40, single line wmk 26c o. g. \$140, complete normal set on cover; BOLIVIA 1924 imperf. 2b center inverted, o. g. pair \$260, 1930 Zeppelin bronze inks set with inverted opt. \$100; BRAZIL 1927 300r on 600r, o. g. pair, left stamp surcharge omitted \$170, Condor 1930 Zeppelin 500r o. g. pair, one couple overprint \$100, same on cover \$105; CHILE 1927 Santiago-Valparaiso o. g. set \$225; COLOMBIA 1919 2c o. g. \$250, another with defect \$140, on covers \$135, \$110, 2c serifs variety on covers \$540, \$5220, 2c serifs in pair with normal, o. g., normal damaged \$725, 1920 multi-colored unused, between \$80 and \$155 dependent on condition, used between \$52 and \$120, on covers between

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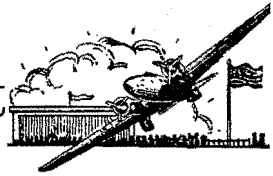
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COVERS have been received from *Ardmore, Okla.*, for Air Force Base dedication at that point. They were postmarked on Oct. 6; a blue cachet was used. — *Kentucky State Dam* Airport was dedicated on Sept. 26. It is believed that only a few covers were mailed, some of which have inscription. — *Crossman Airport at Sterling, Colo.* was dedicated on Sept. 20. — *Municipal Airport at Sedalia, Ma.* was dedicated Sept. 20; about 587 covers were mailed with special cachet. — *Danville, Ill.* Airport was scheduled for dedication on Oct. 18; all of those who have cards with the writer of this column for such notices were informed of this event. — *Powell County Airport* was dedicated on Aug. 29, with 315 cacheted covers mailed by postmaster. — *Morristown, Tenn.* held dedication of *Murrell airport* on Sept. 7; over 700 covers were mailed by the Chamber of Commerce which also applied cachet. — The *Heliport at San Bernardino, Calif.* was dedicated on Sept. 4. JKAMS mailed 861 covers bearing a sticker cachet. — *Paul Bugg*, 1417 Gorsuch, Baltimore, Md. is holding covers for a dedication down his way.

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Notes

by JAMES WOTHERSPOON

Union Aeromaritime de Transport, first foreign operators of COMETS, have inaugurated a new Comet line between Paris and Brazzaville. The first flight departed on July 3, 1953, UAT issued the usual type covers they have been putting out for Comet flights. The cachet reads — PAR/AVION A REACTION/PARIS/BRAZZAVILLE via TRIPOLI-KANO. Mail was backstamped on arrival in Brazzaville, July 4. Mail was also flown from Tripoli and Kano, the return flight being made on the 5th, and mail was backstamped at Paris on the 6th. The only stage flown by Comet with Tripoli mail seems to have been to Kano; these covers have Tripoli cancel of the 4th, and UAT cancel of Kano of the same day. Covers from Tripoli for Brazzaville and Paris, though having FF cachet, are cancelled on the 7th, with additional cachet reading . . . Poste apres le depart/du COMET et parcenu/par D. C. 4.

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SABENA inaugurated international airmail service by helicopter by three new routes opened during August. These lines are to Brussels - Antwerp - Rotterdam, Brussels - Liege - Maastricht and Brussels to Lille. Sabena issued special covers for these flights and the Post Office used a special cachet cancel. The covers have printed box cachet . . . PREMIER VOL REGULIER/INTERNATIONAL /PAR/HELICOPTER. This appears in French and Flemish. There is also shown the route flown and SABENA HELIBUS. The cachet cancel, in French and Flemish reads . . . BRUSSELS - ROTTERDAM, 1st FLIGHT, date, SABENA HELIPOST. First flight dates were . . . August 3, 1953 to Rotterdam, the 5th to Lille, and 10th to Maastricht. On September 15 first flight was inaugurated to Cologne with special covers and cachets as previously used, the route be-

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Our Book Review . . .

THE AERO PHILATELIST ANNALS, Vol. 1, No. 1 — July 1953. 7x10 inches, 36 pages illustrated. Edited by Henry M. Goodkind. Published by Aero-Philatelists, Inc., 1860 Broadway, New York. Quarterly. \$1.25 per issue.

As mentioned briefly in our last issue, we have received the first number of the new publication, THE AERO PHILATELIST ANNALS. This handsomely printed Quarterly is under the expert Editorial guidance of *Henry M. Goodkind*, who is also Editor of the COLLECTORS' CLUB PHILATELIST, Quarterly Journal of that organization. In his initial remarks, Editor Goodkind states that the new work will be mostly "a magazine of record about Air Mails" and will be devoted "exclusively to Air Mail stamps" and that news of personalities and philatelic activities will be left to other media. True to this functional concept the first issue's feature article is on the discovery of a second U. S. Buffalo Balloon cover, with gracious acknowledgement to *The Airpost Journal* for its chronicle and illustration of such a second cover in its November 1945 issue, and the writings of the late *Nicolas Sanabria*, *L. W. Charlet* and *Erik Hildes-Heim* on this most interesting subject. Other articles include a specialized one by *Irving I. Green* on the 1930 Official Air Mail Issue of Honduras, an article by the Editor on Spain's 1926-36 Commemorative Issues with acknowledgement to *M. Galvez* of Madrid, and Notes on Sudan by *Jules L. Wacht*. We extend a hearty welcome to this newest addition to the literature of Aero-philately.

—L. B. G.

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Houston A. P. S. Show Strong In Air Mails

by JESSE G. JOHNSON

THE splendid Exhibition held in connection with the Convention of the *American Philatelic Society* at Houston, Texas in late September was strong in Air Mails.

In the Court of Honor, *Thomas F. Morris* had 2 frames of U. S. Air Mails, Essays and Proofs; *Jesse L. Bogard* had 8 frames of U. S. Air Mail Envelopes, Specialized; *Julius Ruzinsky* had 3 frames of U. S. Air Mails Complete; *Erma Blum* showed 5 frames of Liberia; *Barry M. Kostenko* had on view 5 superb frames of Air Letter Sheets under the classification of Postal Stationery; *Sherrell Nunnolley* had 6 frames of Mint Stamps Commemorating the Graf Zeppelin which exhibit also included some covers, and this writer shower his Collection of U. S. Navy Flight Covers.

Significant of the importance of Air Mails is the fact that every one of these Exhibits took prizes — the Nunnolley, Kostenko, Bogart and Blum collections took Gold Awards and Messrs. Ruzinsky and the writer qualified for Silver Awards.

Robert A. Siegel conducted the Convention Auction on September 24th. There was much spirited bidding from the floor for the Air Mail material and very good bids from mail sources kept prices at a high level. As usual the very fine copies brought higher prices than those with no gum or slightly damaged which went for less. A set of Single copies of the 6-24 cent Airmails (C1-C5) brought \$11.50. A Top Arrow Plate No. Block of 6 of the 6 cent orange, Air (C1) brought \$14.50. A Top Arrow Plate No. Block of 8 of the 6 cent Orange, Air (C1) centered top right brought \$14.00. A 24 cent Carmine Rose and Blue (C3) Blue Top Plate No. Arrow Block of 8 in fine condition brought \$20.00. Another fine 24 cent Carmine Rose and Blue (C3)

Double Top, Plate Nos. and Arrow Block of 12 sold at \$49.00. A 24 cent Carmine (C6) Block of 4 sold at \$15.50. A Top Plate No. Block of 6 of the 24 cent Carmine Air (C6) with reduced margins, perfs. clear but centered top right, sold at \$25.50. The 10 cent Lindbergh Booklet Panes (C10A), one used and one unused brought \$5.50. Another of the same but a Booklet Pane (C10a) Cpl. Booklet of 2 panes, sold at \$7.50. A 65c to \$2.60 very fine set of Graf Zeppelin (C13-C15) singles sold at \$82.50. The same set in Plate No. Singles, V. F. sold at \$100.00. While the set on 3 Cacheted Covers brought \$62.50. A \$2.60 Graf Zeppelin (C15) Top Plate No. Block of 6, L. R. Stamps having slight thin spot classed fine to very fine, sold at \$235.00. An 80 cent Hawaii Air (C46) Cpl. set of 8 Matched Plate No. Blocks, V. F., sold at \$35.00.

There were several members of the *American Air Mail Society* present among whom we noted Mr. and Mrs. *Dave Cohn* of the *Normandy Stamp Studio* who was the only dealer there specializing in the Air Mail Stamps of the world, Mr. and Mrs. *Detxer P. Brown* of Denver, Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. *John Fox* of New York City and others.

Panagra Orders Five New DC-7 Airliners

Panagra (Pan American-Grace Airways, Inc.) announced recently that it has contracted to purchase five Douglas DC-7 aircraft for delivery by mid-1955. The new planes will replace the DC-6s now used on Panagra's daily deluxe "El InterAmericano" service and will make possible a reduction of more than two hours in the flying time between New York and Buenos Aires.

Larger and faster than the DC-6, and powered by four Wright R-3350 turbo-compound engines, Panagra's new DC-7s will cruise at 360 miles per hour and will make available to travelers between the United States and countries on the Panagra route in South America the fastest and most modern aircraft available.

Women To Stage Important Philatelic Museum Show

THE first national exhibition devoted solely to the work of women stamp collectors will be held December 11, 1953 to January 7, 1954 in the *National Philatelic Museum*, Philadelphia, under the auspices of the Women's Committee of the Museum. Special events are planned for the opening weekend, including a Bourse and Banquet on Saturday, December 12.

The classifications for the show are:

1. **United States, including Confederates and Possessions.**
2. **British Commonwealth of Nations.**
3. **All other countries.**
5. **Topicals.**
6. **Postal Stationery.**

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A Grand Award will be made to Best of Show; trophies will be given the best of each class; also ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of each class. All exhibits accepted will receive certificates of participation.

Each frame is suitable for 12 standard album pages and the cost per frame is \$3.00. For the prospectus and form for reservation of frames write to Mrs. *Frieda B. Bulger*, *National Philatelic Museum*, Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia 22, Penna.

Special exhibits have been arranged for the four large glass show-cases of the *National Philatelic Museum*.

In the first case will be Japanese and Manchukuoan Commemoratives and Presentation Folders and Books, and other philatelic material of those countries not suited to display in frames. These items will be from the collection of Mrs. *Conway Zirkle*, Secretary of International Society for Japanese Philately.

Wearing apparel and artistic objects whose decoration is stamps will be shown by Mrs. *S. F. Sharpless* and Mrs. *Frieda B. Bulger* in the second case.

The third case will show useful books

and periodicals from the Museum Library which will have its formal opening during the Show. A collection of all the Museum Books will be in the fourth case.

Hung on the wall panels between the cases will be a complete collection of Duck Stamps (U. S. Hunting Permit Stamps) owned by Mrs. Sharpless. Each of the stamps is framed with a reproduction of the original etching from which it was made. All the stamps and pictures are autographed by the artists who created the designs.

The following gentlemen have agreed to act as jury for the exhibition:

Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Curator of Stamps, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

John A. Fox, President of American Stamp Dealers Association.

Ernest A. Kehr, Stamp Editor for *New York Herald Tribune*.

AIRS OF THE MONTH —

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SALVADOR

The 1C of the Independence Day set is purple instead of green as listed in a previous issue. It shows La Merced Church.

SP. MOROCCO

The 75c (C6) stamp has been overprinted "50" in two types of numerals. There are reported to be 1,300,000 of the item. We show one of the two types.

THAILAND

A 1.50 b. purple and a 3 b. grey have been added to the Garuda bird design which first appeared last year.

TRIESTE

The Yugoslav 300d 38th Esperanto Congress stamp has been released in a new color of violet and is surcharged in red "STT-VUJNA".

This month's cooperators are: *Nicolas Sanabria Co., Inc.*, *L. H. Flach*, *George Blizil*, *Al Stern*, *Donald Goertz*, *Irving Ray*, and *Harry Allen*.

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CAPT. W. D. (BILL) WILLIAMS RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

A true pioneer of commercial aviation, Capt. W. D. (Bill) Williams of United Air Lines, has given up his place in the cock, after 35 years and more than 3,000,000 miles of flying.

Captain Williams has reached 60, the age at which United's pilots retire from active flying. He will continue as the company's manager of flight operations at San Francisco, a post he has held since 1952.

As a U. S. Army pilot in World War I, Captain Williams took up his first plane in 1918. Two years later he began flying for the Post Office Department between New York and Washington, D. C. In 1924 he was one of the celebrated Post Office pilots who completed the first day-and-night transcontinental flight.

When private operators took over the New York-Chicago air mail route in 1927, Captain Williams became a pilot for *National Air Transport*, a progenitor

company of *United Air Lines*. His association with United has been continuous since that time. As of October 3, on his 60th birthday, he had logged more than 20,000 hours.

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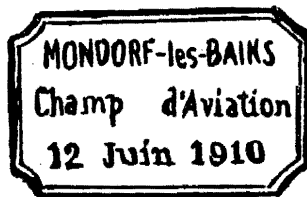
by JAMES TAYLOR DUNN
Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club

THE year 1910 was an important one in the history of aviation. The world's first airplane races had taken place at Rheims only the year previous and the dash for supremacy of the air went into full swing. There was the first flight from water in 1910. *Louis Paulhan* won the \$50,000 prize in the historic air race from London to Manchester. *Glenn Curtiss*' "greatest flight in America," Albany to New York City, took place that busy year. To these events should be added the first non-stop flight across the English Channel, the initial London to Paris trip, and many others of equal importance.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg held its first aviation meeting during the same eventful year, and if the weather had cooperated, many records might have been made. However, during the weeks preceeding the 5th of June, 1910, inauguration day of the meet at Mondorf-les-Bains it had not stopped raining, which undoubtedly discouraged many of the aviators from participating.

Those who did take part were the Belgian flier, *Baron de Caters*, *Petrowski* from Russia, *Mollien* of France, *Christiaens* and *Barrier*. It was on the 4th of June, at 5:15 A. M. that the aviator *Petrowski* executed the first flight over Luxembourg territory. This, though an important first for the Grand Duchy, was no world-shaking event. He reached an altitude of 100-150 feet and flew 1.8 miles in three minutes when he had motor trouble and was forced to descend.

On Sunday, June 5th, *Mollien* (called by the newspaper the "gentleman-rider" of the air) succeeded in making the tour of the airfield with his Bleriot monoplane. The flight lasted perhaps two or three minutes. A threatening storm broke during the afternoon and it wasn't until six o'clock that *Mollien* was able to



accomplish a round in 2 minutes, 58 seconds. The last flight of the day was executed by *Petrowski* in three minutes.

The weather for Monday was overwhelming. High winds and torrential rains made it impossible for the planes to get off the ground, although several starts were attempted. The weather for the third day of the meeting was quite similar and only a few successful flights were registered. The Luxembourg princesses including the future Grand Duchess *Marie-Adelaide*, were present and acclaimed by a large crowd. A half hour after the aviators were presented to the Court *Petrowski* executed a superb flight of the field in two minutes, while the military band played the Russian national anthem and the people cheered. This was the highlight of the entire program.

And so the meeting at Mondorf-les-Bain progressed. Plagued by rains and winds Luxembourg's first aviation meet and one of the world's very early ones, could hardly be termed a success. There were thousands of visitors who went away disappointed, prize money competitions could not be held, and the sixth, seventh and eighth days, June 10-12, were complete failures. The public left disgruntled and the unhappy aviators packed up their equipment. It was the end.

The philatelic story of this conclave is not quite as disappointing. Since the newspaper of the day made no mention of the postoffice which functioned at the airfield June 5-12, 1910, it appears

that no official announcement was released. We do know, however, that picture post cards put out by the organization committee, were sent from the field at Mondorf-les-Bains. The postage stamps used on these cards were of the armorial issue of 1907, the 1, 2 and 5 centimes values. A single card has been seen, the work of an amateur, showing the royal family of Luxembourg at the meeting. It was franked with the ten centimes Grand Duke William adhesive. The official violet ink cachet from the airfield had the words "Mondorf-les-Bains, Champ d'Aviation—Juin 1910," enclosed by a curved-corner rectangle.

It should be remembered that during this pioneer 1910 meeting, the airplanes which flew over the field for several minutes did not carry mail. The cachet used at the field was simply a commemorative postal mark. None the less, these modest cards should occupy a place of honor in the history of Aerophilately.

(Material for this article has been adopted in part from an article in Luxembourg's stamp magazine, "Le Moniteur du Collectionneur," vol. 3 (1950), nos. 5-6. Information concerning The Luxembourg Philatelists may be obtained by writing Warren W. Sadler, 3222 Kensington Ave., Richmond, Virginia.)

K. L. M. Names Its New Fleet Of Convairs

The 12 Convairs ordered by K. L. M. Royal Dutch Airlines and to be delivered in 1953-54 will be put into service on the Airlines' European and Caribbean network, it was announced recently by M. E. A. L. deJong, Director of Sales and Traffic for the North American Division.

The six 340 Convairs to be used on the European network will bear the names of famous Dutch painters: *Pieter Breughel*, *Jeroen Bosch*, *William van der Velde*, *Micholass Maes*, *Ferdinand Bol*, and *Vincent Gogh*.

The six Convairs to be used on the West Indies will be named after the islands of the Netherlands Antilles: *Aruba*, *Bonaire*, *Curacao*, *St. Eustatius*, *St. Maarten*, and *Saba*.

OVERSEAS NOTES ---

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ing via Brussels - Liege - Maastricht to Colonge.

The route to Bonn, Germany was inaugurated October 5, with special covers again being issued by Sabena.

AUSTRIA -

Austrian mail was forwarded to Rome for connection with the inaugural BOAC flight LONDON to TOKYO by Comet jet airliner. The mail has large cancel - "WIEN 31Marz1953 Grossausstellung Munchnerhof", also airmail cancel - "WIEN 1.IV.53 FLUGPOST". The covers have three line imprint in red - VIA ROMA/Per 1 volo B. O. A. C./COMET ROMA-TOKYO. At Rome was applied the official cachet used on Italian mail, seven lines in red - PRIMO VOLO/B. O. A. C./CON TURBOREATTORE/COMET/ROMA - TOKYO/3 APRIL 53. Backstamped "CAMPINO AEROPORTO 3-4-953" and "TOKYO AMF 5-4-53 JAPAN".

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HOLLAND -

Member J. Boesman has made another balloon flight into Germany, from Dieren in Holland to a village near Gronau. Cards are postmarked Gronau 2-8-53. He was accompanied by Mrs. Boesman and two passengers. Cards carried have a blue cachet . . .

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The SAS flight to Tokyo by arctic route of May 23, 1953 turned out to be a world circuit. Special ALS were flown on this flight, and have been described in these notes. The complete route flown was - OSLO, THULE, ANCHORAGE, SHEMYA, TOKYO, OKINAWA, BANGKOK, RANGOON, KARACHI, CAIRO, ROME, GENEVA, FRANKFURT, COPENHAGEN, STOCKHOLM, OSLO.

A.A.M.S. Chapter News - -

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STAMP shows, special banquets, anniversaries, election of officers and interesting films mark the chapter high lights this month.

The 30th Anniversary of the *Allentown Philatelic Society*, Chapter No. 29, was celebrated with a banquet at Hotel Traylor, Allentown, Pa., on October 10, *Sol Class*, a former Director of the *American Air Mail Society*, presented this organization a Charter as a Branch Chapter of the *Bureau Issues Association* at the dinner. Invited guests were *Jere Hess Barr*, Reading, ex-president, of the *American Philatelic Congress*, *Bernard Davis*, Director and *Dr. Gustave Von Gross*, Curator of the *National Philatelic Museum*, *Stephen G. Rich*, writer and lecturer and *Earl P. F. Apfelbaum*, Secretary of the *American Philatelic Society*.

A United Nations Film from the *National Federation of Stamp Clubs* was shown at the August 26th meeting of the *Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago*, Chapter No. 30, according to *V. H. Rohwedder*, Chapter Chairman. This Chapter is engaged in a project to secure new exhibition lights for its stamp frames. Each member subscribes a \$5 share to a fund which is similar to the plan previously used to buy easels and frames. *Orville J. Parkhurst*, Exhibition Chairman, announced that their 1953 Stamp Exhibition and Bourse was limited to 125 frames and would be held November 21 and 22nd at the Community House, Hinsdale, Ill. *V. H. Rohwedder* and *William J. Brus* won first and third ribbons, \$10 and \$5 respectively, at the First Philatelic Exhibition held recently at the 101st Illinois State Fair at Springfield, Ill.

The *Charles F. Durant Air Mail Society*, Chapter No. 28, held its first fall meeting in September at which time the election of officers resulted in the elevation of *Gerald Bookhop* of Schenectady to the office of President.

John J. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer of

The *American Air Mail Society*, showed Air Letters at the *Philadelphia Air Mail Society's* meeting, on September 10th, which was held at the home of *Robert L. Jones*, Philadelphia. This group is Chapter No. 6 of the Society.

The October 19th meeting of the *Boston Air Mail Society*, Chapter No. 1, was held at the home of *Laura LeVesque*, President, 46 Ripley Street, Newton Centre, Mass. Each member showed 10 pages of interesting air mail pages from their collections.

The *Minnesota Stamp Club*, Chapter No. 26, has moved to new and larger quarters at 2205 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. Its first fall meeting will feature "50th Anniversary of Powered Flight" material. Several members were exhibitors at the Minnesota State Fair which had 61 stamp entries, the largest at this fair, according to *Carl M. Becken*, Club Historian.

At the June 15th meeting of the *Springfield Air Mail Society*, Chapter No. 10, the annual election of officers took place and resulted as follows: *Henry E. Angers*, President, *C. R. Butterfield*, Vice-President, *Charles Ferris*, Secretary and *Emil J. Vlasak*, Treasurer. *Hollis H. Root* was host for the members at his summer home at Montgomery, Mass., on September 16th when *Henry E. Angers*, President, showed selections from his Air Mail collection.

Orian E. Green of Ferndale, Mich., has been elected President of the *Motor City Air Mail Society*, Chapter No. 11, for the 1953-54 period. History has repeated itself in the choice as *Orian* was the first President of this group when it was originally organized 15 years ago. Other Officers include *John B. Jackson*, Vice-President, and *Bliss Bowman*, Secretary-Treasurer. The Club meets the second Monday of each month at the homes of various members.

Gus Lancaster of Great Neck, New York has been appointed Auction Manager of the *Jack Knight Air Mail Society*, a Chapter of the *American Air Mail Society*, according to an announcement made by *Earl H. Wellman*, President, in a re-

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Harris also announces the concurrent publication of new sets of 88 national Flags and 84 Coats-of-Arms, at 25c a set. These come in gummed perforated sheets for easy separation and mounting, and are printed on glossy paper in seven brilliant colors. They are authentic down to the last detail, and add greatly to the attractiveness of any stamp album. Although they are intended primarily to fit the spaces provided in most albums, they also have a number of other educational and decorative uses.

The three new albums are designed, as the publisher says, to "defrustrate" the ordinary collector by providing spaces for *only* those stamps which he may reasonably expect to own. Rarities and expensive issues which he has little likelihood of ever getting have all been omitted so that full pages can be filled with the most popular stamps—popular in the sense that they're relatively easy to acquire. H. E. Harris, who personally designed and edited the albums, says that he "tried to make them albums for actual stamps, not books of illustrations."

Scott Issues Long-Awaited Airpost Album Supplement

A 311-page supplement (No. 15) to Scott's Air Post Album has just been published by Scott Publications, Inc. It is the largest supplement that has been issued for this album, providing spaces for the airmail stamps of, roughly, the last five years. Specifically, the spaces are for those aero adhesives issued since Scott's 1949 Standard Catalogue and listed through the Catalogue Supplement of June, 1953.

The price of this jumbo supplement is \$12. An extra hinged-post binder covered in the same maroon Fabrikoid as the original album, costs \$4.

The 1953 edition of the complete Air Post Album, incorporating the new supplement, will be ready late this month. The price of this handsome three-part album with 858 pages is still \$32.

Our advertiser, F. W. Kessler, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, is among those dealers featuring this Album Supplement. Mr. Kessler has recently sent out a mailing piece to his customers and friends calling attention to the welcome and long awaited release of these pages.



Interrupted Flight Cover News

By R. LEE BLACK
219 Securities Building
Des Moines, Iowa

A general review of air mail flight interruptions has not been published in *The Airpost Journal* since November, 1951 issue supplement.

Two new discoveries are now reported! The 1940 catalogue listed the crash of AM-26, trip 7 of the *Rapid Air Transport* plane enroute from Omaha to Kansas City, Missouri, on Nov. 15, 1934 which fell near Amazonia, Mo. This listing was removed from the 1947 catalogue for the reason that no covers were reported. A cover, now fully authenticated, is reported. It was mailed from Des Moines, Iowa; the postmaster at St. Joseph, Mo., forwarded the piece accompanied by a typewritten memo explaining the damage. No other covers have been reported.

Another heretofore unlisted cover has been reported and fully authenticated. It is a cover from a *Trans-Canada Air Lines* plane bound from Montreal, Canada, to Vancouver, B. C. The plane crashed on Feb. 6 1941, near Armstrong, Ontario. The cover at hand was postmarked at Montreal, Feb. 5 and is backstamped in blue by the Winnipeg post office, Feb. 8, 1941. The cover is rather badly damaged and somewhat scorched but the markings are plainly legible. It is not yet known how many pieces of mail were salvaged. The cover was reported to the writer by the addressee who vouches for its receipt. This is the only cover reported from this crash.

The above covers will be listed in the forthcoming Supplement to the catalogue. Varieties here and there of listed covers have also come to light but these are considered too minor to warrant any special chronicle at this time.

Among new items, we record:

Flight 83 of AM-31, NAL, overshot the field at Philadelphia at 4:13 A. M. on Jan. 14, 1951, and burned. Only a small amount of mail was salvaged in damaged condition

Flight 115 of AM-3, NWA, piloted by Capt. Lloyd Rickman, shortly after leav-

ing Spokane, Washington on Jan. 16, 1951, crashed at 12:13 P. M. near Reardon, Wash., after the pilot had attempted to turn back to Spokane during a storm. The plane was torn to bits and the pilot was killed. 157 lbs. of mail, including weight of locks and pouches, was salvaged and forwarded to destination after application of a cachet reading: "Damaged in plane accident near Spokane, Jan. 16, 1951."

A *Mid-Continent Airlines* plane crashed and burned near Tulsa, Oklahoma on Feb. 27, 1951, but all the mail was completely destroyed.

On March 2, 1951, *Mid-Continent* had another serious plane loss at Sioux City, Iowa. A plane piloted by Capt. James Graham, crashed trying to land in a severe snow storm. The pilot was killed. 449 letters were salvaged in badly burned condition and forwarded under penalty envelopes accompanied by a mimeographed letter explaining the mishap and damage. Several covers have been reported.

A *Northwest Air Lines* plane met with an accident on March 18, 1951, at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Terminal airport but there were no casualties and the salvaged mail was forwarded without any special markings. No covers reported.

A plane, designated as trip 7, AM-76, of *Southwest Airways*, crashed 14 miles northwest of Santa Barbara, Calif. and the aircraft was destroyed. No mail was recovered. Pilot, Capt. Know L. Pittman, lost his life in this disaster.

There was no mail salvaged from trip 129 of AM-1, *United Air Lines*, which crashed and burned near Bear Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on April 28, 1951.

A *Pan-American World Airways* plane struck a mountain peak on Friday, June 22, 1951, 50 miles northeast of Monrovia, Liberia. It was enroute from Johannesburg, South Africa to New York. The plane was located on the evening of the 24th and reports indicated the plane was fully destroyed and all lives lost. No covers have been reported.

A *United Air Lines* plane crashed into a mountain near Fort Collins, Colorado on June 30, 1951, at 2:05 A. M., and

was completely demolished. Capt. *J. R Appleby*, pilot lost his life. The plane was enroute from San Francisco to Chicago; 731 letters were recovered in damaged condition and forwarded after application of cachet reading: DELAY caused by Air Mail Interruption Near DENVER date 6 30 51" Several covers have been reported.

A Helicopter operated by *Los Angeles Airways, Inc.* crashed on July 2, 1951, at 3:04 P. M., two miles west of Ontario, Calif. *John DeBreauis*, pilot, was injured. It carried 21 pouches of mail and some outside parcels which were forwarded immediately without markings nor explanatory note. No covers have been reported. This was known as trip 22 of AM-84.

A *United Air Lines* plane, AM-1, trip 615, Chicago-San Francisco, crashed into a ridge one mile east of Decota, Calif., on Aug. 24, 1951. Capt. *H W. Hedden* was killed. Of the mail carried, 1458 lbs. were forwarded without special markings, 778 lbs. were undeliverable, and 14,841 pieces were addressed mostly to points in the Canal Zone and were sent on with an explanatory note of damage and delay.

Another helicopter of *Los Angeles Airways, Inc.*, fell into a vacant lot near Esther Street and Lynwood, in Lynwood, Calif. on Aug. 27, 1951. All mail was recovered and forwarded without special markings or explanatory note. *Carl D. Crew*, pilot, was killed. This was designated as trip 30 of AM-84. No covers have been reported.

A *Northwest Airlines* plane, AM-27, trip 801, dived through a heavy fog into the East River in the heart of New York on Jan. 14, 1952 at 9:03 A. M. 5 lbs of mail was salvaged in a watersoaked condition and forwarded after application of a cachet reading. "Delay due to interruption of flight near College Point, N. Y. Jan. 14, 1952." Covers have been reported.

A small amount of mail was salvaged from the wreckage of the *American Airlines* plane, AM-7, trip 6780, which crashed in Elizabeth, N. J. on Jan. 22,

1952. Capt. *Thos. J. Reid* was killed. 291 pieces of mail were recovered on January 23 and 86 pieces on January 24. The deliverable pieces were endorsed "Delay (or damage) due to air mail interruption near Elizabeth, N. J. Jan. 22, 1952." Covers have been noted.

A *National Airlines* plane, AM-31, trip 101, also crashed in Elizabeth, N. J. on Feb. 11, 1952, at 12:02 A. M. resulting in the death of Capt. *Wayne Foster* and all of the crew and passengers. A very small amount of mail, 44 lbs, including weight of locks and pouches, was salvaged and after application of cachet reading "Damage due to air mail interruption near Elizabeth, N. J. Feb. 11, 1952" was forwarded. Covers have been reported and examined.

A *Braniff Airways* plane, AM-9, flight 65, crashed and burned near Hugoton, Kansas, on March 26, 1952. Capt. *J. W. Stanford* brought the big ship down in an emergency landing in a field, and the crew and passengers left the plane in safety. However, the ship caught fire and was destroyed. No mail was salvaged.

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SCOTT'S hardy perennial, *The Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*, is now in its 87th year. Volume I of the new 1954 edition, covering the issues of the United States, the American nations and British Commonwealth, appeared on dealers' counters promptly on Sept. 1, heralding the opening of the new stamp season. Volume II was released in late October.

Changes of interest to Airpost collectors reveal that the 1938 Agudulce Normal School issue of *Panama* is listed for the first time. These three stamps have been given Nos. 321A, C53A and C53B, and the total catalogue price for the set is 75 cents.

The Martinez-Hermosa set of Nicaragua issued in 1938 (8 basic values but none of the varieties) is now recognized and has been given numbers starting with C-221B. Among number changes made in Volume II, collectors of German issues will note that Nos. CB1-3, the air post commemoratives, have become Nos. B252A-252C, which gives them their proper status of non-airmail commemoratives.

A total of 10 major-number stamps have been deleted — affecting six countries, including:

Lebanon Nos. C29-32 (not regularly issued; in same class as Alaouites C13-16, which were deleted a year ago, and as a similar set of Syria which never was listed).

Many major-number stamps have been reduced to minor listings. This happens in such countries as Eastern Silesia, Fernando Po, Japan, Jugoslavia, Lithuania, Roman States, Russia, Spain and Two Sicilies. The reasons include consistency, souvenir sheets incorporated with their sets, mere shades of paper, etc.

These are only a few highlights of the countless changes, especially in the price columns, which the collector will find in the new 1954 Scott. As has ever been the case, these Catalogues are essential tools of the serious collector. —L. B. G.

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Thanks to the chapters for their club news and best wishes for a successful fall and winter club season.

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