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First Airmail Carried 73 Years Ago

Uncle Sam's Mail Was Flown by Balloon In 1859

by N. H. RANDER-PEHRSON

HE AIRMAIL FLIGHTS at Garden City Estates, L. I., while they were the first by airplane, were preceded in this country more than a half century, by an experimental air mail service oy balloon. The balloon mail out from Paris during the seige of 1870-71 was famous enough and has been considered the first airmail in the world. But information recently unearthed in the Library of Congress shows that Uncle Sam's mail had been carried by balloons over ten years before the seige of Paris.

A professional balloonist by the name of John Wise, projected an inland flight from St. Louis, Mo. to somewhere near New York City in a balloon called the "Atlantic." cause of the fact that the balloonist had a predetermined goal and expected to travel at a considerable rate of speed, the United States Express Co. desired to try this mode of transfortation and made arrangements with Wise for carrying one of its overland mail bags filled with papers from the Pacific Coast and complimentary letters from citizens from St. Louis to their friends Wise did not promise in the East. to land the mail right in the City of New York but he did hope to get it there in less time than it was ever delivered before, dispatching it from the point of landing which he expected to be near New York.

The date of the ascension was July 1, 1859. In the car of the balloon was an express bag labeled as follows: "T. B. Marsh, agent United States Express Co., No. 32 Broadway, New York: This bag is sent from St. Louis by the aerial ship 'Atlantic', July 1; please forward to destination from landing of balloon by express, as above directed. C. W. Ford, Agent, St. Louis."

When everything was ready the four travelers set out on the most memorable voyage in American balloon history. The party consisted of Wise, "scientific director"; La Mountain, "aeronaut"; O. A. Gager, "navigator" and Mr. Hyde, a newspaper man who was in the last moment taken on as a "historian."

We cannot here dwell upon the details of the voyage, except as far as our mail tag is concerned. Mr. Hyde relates the following:

"... The next morning Fort Wayne, Ind., was passed, then Sandusky, Ohio, and the balloon set out over Lake Erie, traversing nearly the entire length to Buffalo, sailed over Niagara Falls toward Lake Ontario. The balloon was now nearly all expended and the 'Atlantic' had not sufficient ascensive power to carry four passengers across the

lake. It was therefore decided to land Messrs. Gager and Hyde near Rochester. They could then ward the express bag to New York and Wise and Lo Mountain, taking in more ballast, could proceed to Boston or Portland, Me. If it had been possible to effect this landing, the mail would have reached New York in a shorter length of time than it was possible by any other \mathbf{of} transportation. tunately at this time a terrible hurricane was raging, in which the balloon was caught and carried over the lake and with the ballast gone it could not get up above the storm again. To keep out of the water the balloonists had to commence throwing overboard everything they could lay hand on. Last of all the express bag went overboard. The voyagers thought their only chance was whether they preferred to die on land or in the water, the majority perferring the land.

"The shore was reached at last and the balloon dashed through the woods, tearing down trees and breaking branches, finally came to rest torn to pieces, in a large tree near Henderson, Jefferson County, New York. They set a distance record of 809 miles which was not surpassed until the year 1900."

It seemed a miracle that the four men escaped from the adventure with their lives and only one of their party sustaining injuries. But they had been compelled to sacrifice the mail. The express bag, however, was not lost. Two days later it was picked up on the shore, as seen from the two following notices in the New York newspapers:

"The Balloon Express Bag"

Oswego, Tuesday, July 5, 1859—The express bag sent by the United States express agent from St. Louis, for New York in the balloon 'Atlantic', was picked up yesterday in this city. It contains over 40 letters to New York correspondents, among which is a draft of \$1,000 on a New York bank. he package will be forwarded by express this afternoon.

"Arrival of Balloon Express"

The express bag by balloon from St. Loius to the United States Express Co., New York, arrived her yes-

terday morning, with its contents in good order. It was in Lake Ontario two or three days and found on the shore about seven miles from Oswego. It had its address and history written upon it, so that when found it was promptly forwarded."

Editor's Note—Mr. Rander- Pehrson Assistant Chief of the Division of Aeronautics, Library of Congress will in the December issue of The Airpost Journal, bring you the story of the first airmail dispatched from a United States Post Office.

NEWARK LOCAL SOCIETY MEETS

The Newark Aerophilatelic Society held its first meeting of the fall and winter 1932-33 season on Sept. 13th, in the Y. M. H. A. building with 42 members present.

The meeting opened promptly at 8 P.M. with a welcoming address by Vice-President, William S. Baunach. Baunach outlined the club's activities of the past year and also those for the coming year.

"... Don't let this depression make you discontinue your collecting activities. Stay with us! we want you to attend each and every meeting so that your interest will not deviate. We are here to help you Call upon us," Baunach said.

Free souvenirs were given each member as well as visitors. The souvenirs consisted of a specially printed Daniel Webster envelope within which was enclosed 5 different airline baggage stickers. The club will furnish members with the new William Penn envelopes specially printed for first day mailing at the next meeting.

President Milton Weinik addressed the new members, outlining the numerous benefits of the society, as well as the many advantages of attending regularly.

The Society's new publication, "SKY WRITING", was distributed to all members.

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Numerous inquiries have been received to find out if a member of the Society could order more than one catalogue at the special price. policy is to accept all orders for any number of catalogues that a collector may want until such time as the supply of this edition is exhausted. The Society is not making any profit on the sale of the catalogue and is offering the catalogue to the members at this special price as a service and benefit. In view of this fact, it is necessary that all the catalogues he sold in order to prevent a loss to the Society. Therefore, we cannot anticipate the wants of all the members of the Society and are accepting the orders for catalogues as they are sent to us, whether it he for one or two catalogues. The edition is sufficient in number to supply all members of the Society, thus in order to be certain of your special catalogue, now is the time to send in your order.

Catalogue Ordered Through Dealers

Some of the members of the Society have written that they have already ordered their catalogue thru another dealer but would prefer to have the Society Edition. To those members, kindly write The Airpost Journal, Catalogue Dept., P.O. Box 37, Conneaut, O., advising us the dealer thru whom your catalogue is

ordered and if you have remitted for the same. We have made arrangements with the publisher to secure for you the Society Edition.

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TOP: The 100L Da Vinci commemorative air mail issued for the Italian Colonies (chronicled last month.)

SECOND: One of two values of the Garibaldi commemorative airpost spesial delivery stamps issued recently for the Italian Colonies.

THIRD: The provisional Nicaragua surcharged in commemoration of "International Air Mail Week, September 11-17." Only 1000 copies were issued.

BOTTOM: The new Nicaragua provisional for interior air mail service, which was inaugurated October 12. It also commemorates Columbus Day. Chronicled this month on Page 26.

Airs of the Month

Alton J. Blank

All data on New Issues of Air Mail Stamps should be sent direct to Editor Alton J. Blank, 1850 Burnett Ave., East Cleveland. Ohio.

ALVADOR promises a centenary commemorative set similar to that of last year, issued 100 years after the death of the father of political emancipation in that country.

A cacle from the Philippines, states Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, tells of a DO-X set. Three more sets are due from Nicaragua, interior, Official and interior official.

AEGEAN ISLANDS

The two special delivery Garibaldi commemorative issued by Italy have been reissued in new colors and a suitable change in detail for these islands. They are: 2.25L plus 1L deep blue and rose and 4.50L plus 1.50L yellow ochre and grey.

"Isole Italiane Dell 'Egeo" appears across the picture in the form of a surcharge but is really printed at one time in the color of the border. No doubt similar treatment will be meted out to the issue for use in the Colonies.

BAHREIN ISLANDS

Will this be a new air stamp issuing country? Two signs point to this eventually. 1. Stamp Collecting states that "the contemporary postage stamps sold by the Indian postal agency in this protected Sultanate on the Persian Gulf will in the future be distinguished by the overprint 'Bahrain'." 2. Mr. D. E. Dickason's Air Mail Notes in Mekeel's for Oct. 17, 1932 contains the following item: "... Oct. 1st the England-India air liners are no longer permitted to fly over Persian territory, so a detour of some thousand miles is necessary, which involves new

. stops at Bahrein Islands and Sharia (Trucial Coast) on the Persian Gulf. in British protected territory." Thus by putting these facts together the writer raises the above question. Incidentally, which is correct, "Bahrein" or "Bahrain.?"

Political conditions seem to have become a little more settled and as a result the Government is going ahead with plans for the permanent set for external use. Prizes have been offered to artists for the best designs in the hope that an attractive set will result. Reports last January stated that this set was to comprise of the present values plus two more of 30 and 50 pesos.

LATVIA

The 25 santimi ultramarine has finally made its appearance on the Swastika watermarked paper. This stamp had previously appeared surof the charged to comprise part Aizsargi issue. The 10 and 15s had appeared in March and May of 1931.

MEXICO

Latest addition to the official set that is appearing one by one is the 15c carmine rouletted. This stamp bears the "Servicio Official" overprint that has distinguished its predecessors. It is also known perforated. One sheet of 50 of the 50c dark blue unwatermarked. Scott's 901 has been found with the same overprint.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Pending future developments we have listed the Wayzata stamp in the semi-official stamp section of the new Standard Airpost Catalogue for

Despite the fact that every 1933. element of officiality has been complied with, we feel that pending their actual use on a transoceanic flight. the purpose for which they were intended has not been complied with and they can not be called official. If the postal authorities in St. Johns see fit to use the stamps on mail and see that they are cancelled in the regular way, this stamp will be removed from our listing as being of category. The writer different feels that in every way Aerial World Tours has acted in good faith and taken the proper precautions in the issue. Likewise with the government of Newfoundland. It merely seems to us that the present situation is a stallmate, the results of misunderstanding.

We feel that we are correct in speaking for aerophilatelists general in stating that we do not contenance the proposed cancelling of covers sent to St. Johns bearing the stamps, merely to comply with a technicality. The cancelling of the stamps with a little ink will in no way make them official, if they do not serve the purpose for which they were intended. Newfoundland authorities are correct in their present purpose in refusing to cancel covers sent them. Were they to do so would mean one of two Either things. the covers would have to be dispatched in the regular way to the senders or placed on board some trans-atlantic flying ship. Naturally collectors who invested a dollar would raise a howl if their letters came back cancelled and hav-

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A.A.M.S. Will Elect New Officers November 30th

L. B. Gatchell Will be New President

THE American Air Mail Society will on November 30th, elect a new group of its members to control and guide the affairs and activities of the Society for the year 1933. At this time, it appears that those named by the Nominating Committee at the Third Annual Convention of the Society in Cleveland. will be elected unopposed. The nominating Committee composed of W. R. Ware of Stuttgart, Ark., Chas. G. Reiss of Albany, N. Y. and H. G. Kingdom of Conneaut, O., are to be complimented on the selection of men who they nominated for the various offices of the Society. entire group are competent, able and active, and will control the affairs of the Society wisely. They guide the Society so that it will maintain its foremost position in the philatelic realm.

L. B. Gatchell will be the President. He has served faithfully and efficiently in the capacity of Secretray and Treasurer of the Society for several years. He has rendered invaluable service to the Society and its individual members. eminently fitted to assume the leadership of our Society. Mr. Gatchell now resides in New York City, having recently been promoted by his employer, the Colonial Beacon Oil Co., of New York. "Bart" collects C.A.M.'s chiefly and is the editor of this section for the New Standard Airpost Catalogue.

The President will be supported by four Vice Presidents, chosen from different geographical sections of the United States. These men, in their respective sections can be of considerable assistance to the President in carrying out his plans and work. Raymond V. Bahr of Springfield, Ill., will respresent the Middle West. Ray is an early member of the Society and has always been very active and interested in

the growth and welfare of his Society. He is a wise counsellor and will be very valuable as a Vice President. His collecting specialty is Lindbergh autographs. South of the Mason-Dixon Line, Francis B. Leech of Washington, D. C. will serve as a Vice President. Mr. Leech, although only a member of the Society for a couple of years, has been unusually active in the affairs of the Society and also the hobby. His profession is that of a patent lawyer and his chief concern when covers are mentioned, is pioneers. Albert N. Brown was selected to the Pacific Coast. Mr. represent President of the West Brown is Coast Air Mail Society, a very live and active group of collectors. has been a very active CAM and FAM collector and has done considerable research work which has materially enriched the knowledge in this field. The fourth Vice President nominated was George D. Kingdom, of Conneaut, O. He is editor of The Airpost Journal.

Directors constitute Seven controling body of the Society and to the following have been entrusted H. H. Griffin, Cleveland. Ohio, is very well known for the splendid leadership and the many accomplishments of the Society during the past two years while he was President. Eric Hildesheim. Chicago, Ill., is an ardent collector of pioneers and has been doing some very fine research work in this field. He is possessed of many constructive ideas for the benefit of the Society and the hobby. Henry S. Parsons, New York City, has been renominat-He has rendered valuable service to the Society during the past judgment has been Maurice S. Petty, of year and his most sound. Maurice S. Petty, or Washington, D. C., has also been renominated for a directorship. the king of unofficials and his work

in the field has been monumental. He has also rendered the Society a great many services. He edits the "Unofficials" for the Airpost Journal. Oscar L. Mayer, New York City is one of the best known Zeppelin cover collectors in the country. He is intensely interested in the Society and its many activities. His counsel will be very welcome. J.T. Schweier, Cleveland, Ohio, is renominated. He is a dynamo of enthusiasm in every activity of the Society. His untiring efforts have made many activities of the Society most successful. Karl B. Weber. Pittsburgh, Penna. is again nominated. Mr. Weber has been a member of the Society for many years and taken an active part in its growth and progress. He has rendered monumental service in his research work on the early Governmental flights. These seven men will safely and soundly guide the destinies of the Society.

The American Air Mail Society is most fortunate to present for election, Geo. W. Angers, of Springfield, Mass., for Secretary and Treasurer. George has been with the society since its founding. He was the first Secretary-Treasurer and did the lion's share of the work to cause the existence of the Society. He is familiar with the work of the office and will efficiently and competently handle every detail connected therewith. Ever since the founding of the Society, Mr. Angers has worked hard and faithfully to promote the growth and progress of the Society and the hobby. His work cannot be given too much recognition and the Society is very grateful that he has consented to carry on such an important office as he will assume for the next year.

Every member of the Society should feel free to contact any of ficer concerning anything which he desires to know about the affairs of If any the Society. member has some constructive ideas which the Society should foster for the benefit of its members, send them to some of the officers that they may work out some plan to effect these Each year has found the American Air Mail Society growing in numbers and strength. Its accomplishments have been many and its members have always received many benefits from their membership therein. Such a society is a valuable asset to any hobby. We feel certain that the new officers will carry on the work of the Society and make membership therein cherished and desired.

BATTLESHIP COVERS

The collecting of Battleship covers has been a very popular collecting activity among many collectors. W. G. Crosby, 104 East 5th Street, San Pedro, California, has been a leader in this field for the past few years and has offered many fine covers for collectors of these covers. Mr. Crosby has also offered for sale. photos of the many battleships from which covers have been mailed, bearing the battleship postmark. pictures are small and can be mounted very nicely with cover.s Anyone collecting these covers will be aided considerably by contacting with Mr. Crosby.

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'Stamps' New Weekly

We greet "Stamps" a new weekly philatelic magazine as the most distinctive and different stamp publication to be issued. Mr. Harry L. Lindquist the publisher and editor is to be congratulated upon accomplishing the purpose that he had desired. He wanted to publish a magazine that could be sold on the newsstand and be of general appeal to anyone. We believe that he has succeeded for this new magazine is very pre-

tentious and attractive in its makeup. The features have been very interesting and the news has been very timely. The many branches of philately are being ably edited by leading philatelists. We are pleased to note considerable space being devoted to airmail news. We welcome this new magazine and wish Mr. Lindquist success in this new venture. We offer our co-operation and support.

Mr. Petty Speaks.

There appears in this issue a short article concerning the activities of a collector. This is not a pleasant task to fill our space with this kind of news but we feel that collectors are entitled to the facts that they may use the necessary precautions to protect themselves. Covers that are postmarked improperly are of no value.

Business.

Several philatelic magazines have contained encouraging news that the stamp business is increasing. Dealers have reported more sales and auctioneers have reported more and better bids. We believe that this is due either to the general increased activity among collectors at this season of the year or to the fact that collectors have more money to spend for their hobby.

We hope that the latter reason is the cause of this flourish in business and that it will continue in the future. We urget hat our readers examine the offers of the many advertisers in The Airpost Journal. Many bargains are available and if you take advantage of these offers, be sure to mention that you saw the ad in The Airpost Journal.

R. L. Naven writes about the Airpost Journal:—"Each issue is eagerly awaited by me and you certainly are to be congratulated on the splendid way in which it is gotten up. More power to you!"

Flowers are always welcome, Mr. Naven.

FRANCIS B. LEECH, my brother barrister in Washington kindly remembered me with a first day cover of the new 8c air mail stamp, posted from the new postal station in the

—Warning—

HE Great God. Greed. has entered the ranks of airport dedication cover collectors. In spite of the fact that postal regulations probit Postmasters cancelling mail with a date prior to receipt, and their jobs are placed in jeopardy by their obliging him, a well known collector (and cachet director) has sent covers to a number of postmasters requesting them to be cancelled on certain dates already past. Obliging Postmasters have done so and they are being sold to gullible collectors at prices from one to three dollars each. The dates asked for in each case have been the dates of an airport dedication on which few covers were mailed. One Postmaster writes a very pitifu! $\mathbf{m}\mathbf{e}$ letter, saving he is an invalid. (I do not know). Hence collectors are warned against covers of Westport, N. Y., July 4th; Belton, Mont., of June 26th; Clemenceau, Ariz., of March 19 or 20th, the P.M.'s of each of which have back-dated these covers. All of them are addressed to and being sold from Peoria, Ill.

Postmasters at Wenatchee,

Wash., remembers receiving such a request from some party, but does not remember if any covers were sent dated June 11th, but such ones with other covers advertised by post card from this same source are July 16th, The Heights, Mich.; May 14, Hailey, Idaho; July 11, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Furthermore, Clemenceau, Ariz Post Office is closed on Sundays and no cancellations are ever made on Sundays, but the P. M. back-dated a couple as of March 20, which date was Sunday.

owner of these states he has stopped collecting covers and so can only sell and cannot trade, and that he has hundreds of rare ones to sell. have taken the matter up with the Post Office Department and am assured that every cooperation will be given to put a stop to this "racket." In the meantime, no cover is preferable to a "bogus" one, and nothing has happened in recent months that so threatens the stability of airport dedication covers. Every sincere collector will join me in heartily condemning such practices and covers.

-Maurice S. Petty.

Capital on the day of the laying of the corner stone of the new Post Office Dept. building. Incidentally, all of this celebrating took place on the editor's birthday.

"AIR MAIL" A NEW MOVIE PICTURE

The Universal Pictures Corporation has released a new picture film entitled "Air Mail." The picture depicts the many perils that the mail pilots are faced with in order to deliver the mail. Undoubtedly this picture will be shown in nearly every city in the United States and at the time of the showing in your city, will be a splendid opportunity to secure some excellent publicity for the airmail hobby.

The owner of the theatre which will show this picture will undoubtedly be glad to give you some display space in the lobby of the theatre to exhibit some airmail covers carried by these mail carriers of the air. A small exhibition of your own can be staged in the lobby of the theatre and the theatre owner would be glad to give the exhibit some advertising to attract customers to his theatre. The exhibit itself will be splendid publicity for the hobby.

As editor of The Airpost Journal, I urge that every collector watch the local papers for the showing of this picture or better than that, go to your local theatre manager showing Universal Pictures and find out when he has the picture (continued on page 20)



All information concerning Canadian Air Mail should be sent direct to Editor W. R. Patton. Box 2384. Winnipeg. Man.. Canada.

Siscoe-Pascalis Flight

HIS FLIGHT was made both on the afternoon of September 15th in a machine of the General Airways Ltd., Pilot S. L. Hill. All covers are stamped the above date and bear cachets in either black or slate blue. Rather this statement should be qualified to read that covers with 6c postage bear the cachet. Covers with the regular rate of postage 3c, do not bear any ca-The description of the covchet.. ers follows:

"SISCOE-PASCALIS. Shows plane which has just landed on Lake Bonnefound. Also we find near the plane a canoe proceeding to shore and carrying three persons. The shore line shown gives a very good idea of the land around the lake and shows many islands, all well treed. Above the cachet in two lines is "Canada Air Mail—Poste Aerienne, Canada" and at the bottom in three

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Box 1267. San Antonio. Texas lines "SISCOE-PASCALIS-First Official Flight—Premier Parcours Officiel." Covers carried number over 6,550.

The cachet PASCALIS-SISCOE. shows plane coming down towards Lake Bonnefound , ready to land. To the right is shown the Lake and at the left, trees and logs. In the foreground are two fishermen, who have just landed from a row-boat and carrying a very fine catch of fish. The wording underneath in five lines "First Official Flight-Premier Parcours Officiel-PASCALIS-SISCOE--Canada Air Mail-Postes Aerienne, Canada." Covers 6,120.

Several collectors have wondered why two languages are used in these cachets in the Province of Quebec, and recently we replied to three inquiries. The man in the street, even in Canada, has the idea that the Official language of the country is English. Believe I am correct in stating that English has never been the Official language, but English Both languages are and French. used in the House of Commons even today and always have been. Thus the reason for the wording of the cachets in Quebec in the two lang-This province, as a matter of fact, has always used French far more than English. Probably you may remember that in 1897 Canada issued a set of stamps with Maple Leaves in each corner. Next year this issue was repeated, BUT, numerals replaced the Maple Leaves in Why? Because the bottom corner. the French-speaking people who did not know English could not make out the values. A petition to the Government followed, which was received with sympathetic consideration, and the new issue followed.

An item of interest regarding Pascalis, and an old time pilot. Glyn R. Burge, who formerly flew the Elliot-Fairchilds, arrived there recently, flying a plane from Senneterre, and accompanied Hector Authier, member for Abitibi, Ont., both of them making an inspection of the district, and meeting many old time friends.

Read and use the Classified Ads in the Airpost Journal

PACIFIC COAST **NOTES**

By Fred H. Wilde

All news of Pacific Coast aerial events should be sent to Fred H. Wilde, 917 N. Burris Ave., Compton, Calif. as early as possible.



JENDALE. Formal opening of Galifornia Aerial Transport Co., operating a daily service between Glendale and Calexico, was held at Grand Central Airport on Sunday, September 18. The route via Riverside. is operated Springs and ElCentro, with a flag stop at Banning. Calexico is evidently getting air-minded, having recently obtained air-mail connections via motor truck or bus thru ElCentro, east and westward. covers reported on this service, yet.

GLENDALE. The endurance fliers-Sheasby and Murillo-were forced to quit on the second day of their second attempt, on account of one of the fliers being sickened by monoxide gas.

PASADENA-ALHAMBRA air show during aviation week was commemorated by a cachet in blue diagonal form, and the events, as at the other shows of the week, were in the nature of educational demonstrations. Santa Monica arranged a series of races, aviation talks. flights, landing contests and military fighting plane maneuvers at Clover Field. No cachet reported covers.

RIVERSIDE airport was dedicated on the 23rd and a cachet was applied to face of covers, indicating event, whilst on the reverse a bell shaped cachet was applied noting the 21st anniversary of first air-mail flight by Earl Ovington. Covers were carried on a special flight over Riverside, and are autographed by Pilot Roman Warren, the Mayor and Chief of Police, whilst on the face of covers the autograph of the Postmaster appears. Quite a nice array

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E have recently been privileged to see a cover which must be very nearly unique, it being a first flight cover from the United States to LaPaz, Bolivia, over the recent short-notice extension to that point. Several have shown us covers which originated in the Canal Zone but this is the only cover that we have seen that came from the States to connect at Cristobal with the first dispatch. cover which originated in Pennsylvania on May 16 received the dia-mond shape first flight cachet at Cristobal on May 20 and was delivered in La Paz according to the back stamp on the 24th.

Pre P. A. A. Flights

Perhaps by the time this is written or shortly thereafter the revised Standard Air Post Catalogue will be in print and while it is probably impossible at this late date to influence the method of listing, the following is given for possible consideration in future editions:

A number of FAM collectors have recently been discussing the status of the so-called Nybra Flights and are generally agreed that as the predecessors of the Pan-American Airway Flights they deserve equal recognition and consideration as FAM Flights. It is needless to state that the Nybra Flights involve for the most part, north-bound mail only and in every case arose from arrangements made with Central and South American countries rather

by L. B. Gatcheli

All F.A.M. news should be sent direct to the editor of this page, 35 Chatfield Rd. Bronxville, N.Y.



than the U.S. Goevrnment from which they secured no contracts. For the latter reason technically they are not United States FAM Routes but in view of the later absorption by the Pan-American Airways of the Nybra Company at least to this writer it appears as if they should logically be listed under the FAM Section and we hope that in future editions of the catalogue these covers will be so classified.

A somewhat similar case exists in the case of the Inter-Cuban Domestic Lines formerly operated by the Cuban Curtiss Company but now taken over by the Pan-American Airways. No doubt for the reasons given above these flights should be listed and considered in the point to point listing of the FAM Section.

The above may seem inconsistent, coming from a Simon-pure collector who has always insisted that no covers were entitled to the name FAM Flights unless they involved carriage to or from some point in the United States or its possessions. This last class is technically really the only cover that hould be called an FAM Flight but in view of the inclusion of th epoint to point covers in the FAM Section of the catalogue at the present time, regardless of whether they involve flights to or from points in the United States or its possessions, it seems quite proper that the covers under discussion above should be so included.

MINT AIR MAIL SETS

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by Chas. G. Riess

Information concerning C.A.M.'s should be sent direct to the editor of section, P.O. Box 11, Albany, N. Y.

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IEWS of (C).A.M. routes during the past month has been very meager indeed with the exception of a large number changes in various operating schedules that are of little importance to collectors of (C.) A.M. covers as the changes for the most part merely require a slightly earlier or later departure of mail planes from the points involved. various changes are more or less necessitated on account of the change from daylight to standard time and also to the fact that with the coming of fall and the approach of winter the gays are becoming shorter and shorter.

According to information available it is doubtful if any new routes will be inaugurated or if any new spurs or stops will be added to existing routes during the remainder of this year.

Some time ago Mr. Maurice S. Petty of Washington, D. C., submitted a first flight cover of Jacksonville, Fla. to me for my examination and inspection and calling my attention to the fact that the official cachet was inscribed "10:30 A.M." instead of "12:15 P.M." as shown in both the Berkshire and Dworak catalogues. The cover submitted was Berkshire and Dworak number 10S7 and 238-3 Both northbound and respectively. first flight southbound covers of of Jacksonville as listed in both catalogues should bear cachets inscribed, "12:15 P.M." However, upon checking up it apepars posible that a southbound cachet inscribed "10:-30 A.M." might have been issued the postoffice at Jacksonville but which through an oversight may not have been used on any but a small number of first flight covers. It seems that the Jacksonville first flight cachet inscribed "12:15 P.M." was intended for use only on northbound covers, but apparently this cachet was applied not only to northbound covers but also to practically all of the southbound covers. Inasmuch as this time difference concerns a major item as listed in the cata-



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logues the editor of this column would appreciate hearing from such collectors who may have any first flight Jacksonville covers of September 15, 1926 that bear a cachet inscribed "10:30 A.M." or any time other than "12:15 P.M.". Before making further investigation to determine the status of Mr. Petty's cover and as to whether or not a first flight cachet inscribed other than "12:15 P.M." was used at the Jacksonville postoffice at the time of the first flights from that point on September 15, 1926.

At the time of the inauguration of air mail service last June over the Diego Phoenix-San spur the first westbound flights from Phoenix and El Centro to San Diego did not take place from those two points until the early morning of June 16th although covers thus far reported or seen by the editor of this column are cancelled June 15th. Should any collector have westbound first flight covers from these two points cancelled June 12th it will be appreciated if he report same.

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CRASH COVER NEWS

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By Frank A. Costanzo

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OG—thick, soupy fog, the unconquerable enemy of the airman, is responsible for the air mail mishaps reported this month.

Official Report of Recent Air Mail Mishaps

(September 8th, 1932)

El Paso, Texas, (190 miles east) A. M. No. 33, Eastbound, 10:00 a.m., American Airways. Pilot W. J. Robbins, co-pilot Francis W. Briggs and passenger killed. Another passenger seriously injured and burned. Entire cargo of mail, 109 pounds, entirely destroyed.

Flying low in an attempt to get below the fog and rain, a huge trimotored mail-passenger plane of the American Airways creahed into a the Delaware mountains peak in and burst into flames as it slid twenty-five feet down the mountain side. The smashed, fire-eaten plane and the still bodies of the pasesngers and crew were discovered on a rugged stretch of desolate mountain country by two other A.A. pilots, Ira McConaughey and Victor soon after they started out in search for the airliner when it failed to arrive at its destination and it had failed to answer radio calls.

So desolate was the country in which the plane crashed that it required the services of fifteen men to carry the bodies of the dead and injured four miles to the highway.

Pilot Robbins was considered a first class pilot and was a brother of Reg Robbins, the endurance flyer.

(September 27th, 1982) Snow Shoe, Pa., A. M. No. 17, Westbound, 9:00 a.m. National Air Transport. Pilot Paul Reeder uninjured. 520 pounds of mail and 35 pounds of very valuable express entirely destroyed.

Arriving at Bellefonte at 11:55 p.m. with a cargo of mail and valuable express, Reeder was ordered to remain there due to fog and hazardous conditions in the vicinity Cleevland. Early the next morning reports from Cleveland indicated that conditions were somewhat improved, although a heavy fog hungover the mountains in the Bellefonte district. Taking off, the pilot floticed a "clearing" over the Snow Shoe mountain and he started that way rather than follow the regular rattle snake route. Using the concrete highway over the mountain as a guide, Reeder glanced over the left side of the cockpit and saw a tree go by. Looking straight ahead he saw his plane headed for the tree covered mountain side. Opening the trottle he attempted to zoom over the trees but the plane pancaked and crashed into the mountain. When the tail of the plane came to lower a rest it settled than the front end, allowing the pilot to roll backward uninjured but a few moments before the plane burst into flames.

The asbestos express bags in which the valuable cargo was being carried, were in good condition, but upon opening them their contents were found to have been hopelessly charred by the intense heat outside.

Pilot Reeder, 26, of Cleveland, has been flying for six years. He learned aviation in the army and was later employed by an airline operating from N. Y. to Canada. He entered the service of the National

Air Transport, three years ago. This accident was the first he has had in his flying career.

(September 17th, 1932) (Foreign Crash)

London, England. Lost in the fog, rilot Gustave Demeudre was killed and his mechanic Raymond Freval was seriously injured when mail plane crashed into an elm tree and dived into the Selsdon Park Hotel greenhouse as the pilot circled in reach of a landing place. plane was a regular mail plane of the French Air Union. The small cargo of the air mail was recovered and forwarded by truck.

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.. that during the entire year 1931, the airplane claimed but 17 lives in the State of Pennsylvania, the "graveyard of the aviators", while the railroads accidentally took 393, trolley cars 107, and accidental falls 1.782?

here and there with the editor. . .

Edward J. Duncan sends me a cover from Brooklyn, N. Y. on the day that the replica of Washington's Mt. Vernon was opened. The cover is mailed to Mt. Vernon and backstamped there.

I received through the courtesy of my good friends, Judge DeBoice and Heinie Steiger, an official invitation from the G.A.R. to participate in their Annual Encampment held in Springfield during September, 1932. A. N. Brown, President of the West Coast Airmail Society sends me a copy of the monthly notice sent to all members of this society. It contains news of the society and also air mail notes.

A portion of a letter from James C. Alley is as follows: "Due to the nomination of Mr. L. B. Gatchell for the office of President of our Society, I am strongly moved to congratulate most heartily the Nominating Committee on its excellent judgment. A better equipped and finer gentleman or one more worthy of the honor could not be found anywhere." Those of us who know "Bart" Gatchell can only "You're right, Mr. Alley." His letter also comments, "Permit me to express my appreciation for the fine magazine you are publishing. It is a gem and . . . " Thanks, again. Mr. Alley.

On September 5th an air route was started from Gallillee, Palestine to Bagdad, Iraq. This flight is across the Syrian Desert.

Anyone submitting manuscripts to

the editor for publication in The Airpost Journal must sign his name thereto. I have a story on used airmail stamps received from someone in Scranton, Penna. Will the writer kindly get in touch with me about the article.

Leo August sends me a cover carried on the Thaden-Marsalis Womens Refueling Endurance Flight. A new women's record was established. The cover bears a printed red cachet and is autographed by both fliers. The cover is very neat and very interesting historically.

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OMING: DES MOINES, IOWA. Airport dedication Nov 11th. Covers to Secy. of C. of C..... CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17. Cachet for 5th anniversary Ωf CAM 20. Cleveland to Buffalo and covers should be routed via Buffalo. Mark C. Emsley, 1291 covers to Cranford Ave., Lakewood, O. Emsley also kindly offers to receive several each from collectors to be held for anything that may happen in Cleveland. Five short events have taken place there this year....Opening of Barksdale Field in Shreveport, La., has been postponed, but will probably be about Nov. 1st....Lexington, N. C. dedication mentioned here last issue, actually took place July 23 and 24; Does any one know of any covers those dates?....Cachet for dedication of Wright Memorial early November by Kill Devil Hill Memorials Asocisation will be furnished without charge. Covers County Chamber of Commerce, Manteo, N. C Archbold, Ohio, dedication all off, and covers will be returned if stamped envelope is sent for them.

ARPORT DEDICATIONS: ARMONK, N.Y. airport of Westchester Country Club actually took place on Sept. 10, only and only 12 covers without cachet known. Some of the 9th and many of the 14th have no standing as event was 10 only....PORTOLA, Cal., Aug. 28, correct number is 24 covers MUNCIE, IND., figures of Sept. 10 and 11 are 613 and 547 respectively....BELTON, Mont. opened airport of Belton Mercantile Co. on June 26th. NO covers were properly cancelled but a few of that date back-dated Peoria, Ill. address and are worthless....HIAWATHA, KANS. dedicated Sept. 17 and 18 and Ki-

wanis Club cachet was applied to 539 covers (of which 180 went to local citizens) on the 17th and to 138 on the 18th....COVELO, CALIF. Twenty covers dedicated Sept. 17. were mailed late that day (Saturday) and lay in Post Office over Sunday and are cancelled on the 19th. All bear a written cachet signed by the Secy of C. of C.....Warren, Idaho, reported dedication Sept. 3, but no Рā. data....Hughesville, dedicated Sept 3, 4, 5 with an air show and have seen no covers. Am told that some exist with P.M. signature on 5th only....RIVERSIDE, CALIF. dedicated Sept. 23, green box cachet by Legion and bell-shaped one by A.A. M.S. members were applied to 416 covers....HAMMOND, LA., dedicated Port Hammond on Sept. 25 and the C. of C. applied cachet to 1260 covers which were mailed "then or as soon thereafter as possible" according to the C. of C. I have seen one dated the 25th and many dated the 30th, too bad....PARAGOULD, ARK. C. of C. applied square cachet to covers for their dedication on Oct. 8 and 9....NORWOOD, MASS. P.M. says that though the C. of C. there mailed the 1300 covers about June 25th with the dedication sticker, the dedication was called off and has not been held....LA GRANDE, ORE., had three line cachet for dedication on Oct. 9th, Rankin Field. Covers reported to have been picked up by mail plane, but confirmation lacking.

I have recently had the pleasure of a visit to the Aero Philatelic Club of New York and a visit there is recommended to all cover collectors. 23rd St. Y.M.C.A. on 1st and 3rd Fridays....Have just had the pleasure of a three day visit from the well known dedication collector. Kenneth Tallmadge of Lansing, Mich., and did we talk covers???

OTHER AERO EVENT COVERS: CHICAGO, July 4th, printed cachet (private) on 35 covers for dedication of Dirigible Dock at Pal Waukee Airport....Chicago, Sept. 11, American Legion Air meet, purple cachet

....Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 13, hop off of the Flying Nurse, 89 covers with cachet of F. A. P. S Binghamton. N. Y., Sept. 15, visit of Capt. Yancey. Thanks to Walter McNulty for an autographed cover....Long Beach. Cal., Sept. 22, cachet for California Air Week....Coffeeville, Kans.. Oct. 2, air meet, cachet by Stamp Club.... Cleveland, Sept. 30, cachet on 130 covers by Exchange Club for visit of Hugh Herndon, Jr....Springfield, Ill., Oct. 10th, 20th anniversary of first air mail flight. Nice cachet including reproduction of the original cachet was sponsored by the Lincoln Home Philatelic Society.

By or soon after the time you read this, you will have the new catalog. Additional or corrective data is urgently solicted from every collector, for future supplements and editions.

HARLEY, IDAHO dedication covers of May 14th listed in catalogue are no good as they are part of the lot back-dated by P.M. Only legitimate covers of that dedication are postmarked, May 16.

NORWOOD, MASS., C. of C. says their airport was dedicated June 26 and 1378 covers mailed with sticker. This corrects statement elsewhere in this month's article.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES

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of autographs. We understand that our working member, Harry Sweet, was responsible for design of cachets and courtesy of autographs, and a note of appreciation from collectors who feel that way inclined, would be very appropriate. Thanks very much, Harry.

UNITED AIRPORT concluded the week with a very successful meet, featuring the take off and return of Col. Roscoe Turner on a non-stop round-trip flight to San Francisco. Taking off at 12:27:20 p.m., he arrived at the S. F. (Alameda?) airdrome at 1:53:43 p.m., completing the record trip in 1 hr., 26 min, 43 Under N.A.A. rules, he is allowed 10 sec, for turning his plane around, and beginning his return trip at 1:53:53 p.m., arriving at United a.p. at 3:08:20 p.m., making the southbound trip in 1:14:27, bet-

tering Jimmy Wedell's un-official flight by 17 minutes. Turner used the same ship in which he placed third in the Bendix trophy race, and third in the Thompson trophy race at Cleveland. He states he flew almost the entire distance at 8,000 ft. U.S.S. PATOKA cancellation, Bremerton, Wash, appears on covers received both ordinary and airmail-P.D.—pmkd. Sept. 13, 1932, over prior postmark of Mar. 24, 1935. Surely they did not expect to have to wait that long for the Akron to And how are tie up to the Patoka. we to know about all these events Tarr is up there, now that Tom "riding the rods" and seeing the Pacific states first? He says he is having a great time and especially likes California fruit. He'll be able to use some of his covers now-the nights are getting cool.

SAN FRANCISCO. Covers were mailed on Harbor Day, Sept. 28 from S. F., with naval cancellations and appropriate cachet in red, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and handled by the West Coast Airmail Society.

LONG BEACH. Municipal a.p. will hold a junior fliers air pageant on November 27, open to fliers of both sexes in S. California under the age of 21. A model airplane exhibition, an air derby, altitutde races, exhibition and stunt flying and spot landings will feature the program. For news on covers, see the weeklies. SAN JOSE. A lot of information on airport doings comes this month

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from J. W. Green, but due to inability of Chambers of Commerce te furnish definite information on dates of opening, events to be staged, etc., it seems most appropriate to generalize by saying the following airports are being prepared or are nearing completion. If collestors send covers the chances against any definite action in the near future, and inforamtion will be forwarded to the weeklies as soon as possible. However, if those in the vicinity of such places know more of prorgess, early news will be appreciated.

Hot Springs, S. D., White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Des Moines, Ia., Gallup, N. M., Ishening, Mich., Joplin, Mo., Palo Alto, Cal., Park Rapids, Minn., Pasaytan, Wash., Van Horn, Tex., West Palm Beach, Fla. (was the recent big air show here a dedication)? Clarion, Pa., Orivitz, Wis., Gooding, Ida., Cortez, Colo., Marble Falls, Tex., Rayland, O., Stevensville, Mont., Crisfield, Md., Ellsworth, Me., McCracken, Kans., Sanford, N. C., Virginia Beach, Va.

Not Pacific Coast News-but a report from C. of C. at Walker, Minn., says the airport there is being put in shape and re-seeded for a new sod. It is situated at Leech Lake, which is claimed to be the best in the State for fishing and hunting, from which interests they hope to draw The a.p. their air traffic, largely. is to be known as Beards Field, and they hope to see a lot of collectors make it their vacation spot. dentally, this is the first C. of C. which has manifested interest in the Airpost Journal, to the extent of saying they would like to subscribe to Dedication some time next same. vear.

COVELO a.p. dedicated Sept. 17th, and covers were pmkd. 19th, due to getting into the P.O. too late Sat-

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urday for cancellation. R. E. Moffett reports sending about twenty covers, and a note in one received says he hopes they would get there in time.

Harry Sweet's address for the winter will be 201 Victoria Ave., Corona. If it gets to be too cold up in the canyon during the winter.

Covers received and assistance appreciated this month from J. W. Green, Elmer C. Carvey, Harry Sweet, J. D. Long, R. E. Moffett.

WASHINGTON New landing fields are to be constructed in the national forest regions of the Pacific northwest. One will be built on the Hughes Meadows in the upper Priest Lake country, while another will be established on a summit east of Usk, Wash. This note from Western Flying.

Friday evening, Nov. 18th—open house for cover collectors at 917 N. Burris Ave., Compton. Come over and get acquainted. Drop a card and say "I'll be there."

'AIR MAIL' A NEW MOVIE PICTURE

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"Air Mail" booked for showing. Make arrangement for an exhibition of your air mail covers in the lobby of the theatre. Ask him to announce the exhibition in his advertising of the picture. Go to the local newspaper and tell them of your exhibition and they will undoubtedly carry a news story on your exhibit. This type of publicity is very beneficial to the hobby and shows to those not aero-philatelists that air mail cover collecting is a real hobby.

Every collector who has such an exhibition in the local theatre should send to the editor of The Airpost Journal a copy of the newspaper carrying the publicity or a letter telling about the exhibition and The Airpost Journal will carry a story about your exhibition and the splendid publicity which you have given the hobby.

This idea was sent to the editor by Richard Singley, Lancaster, Pa. Every collector should follow it up and let's find out how much publicity we can secure for our hobby.

FOREIGN AIR NEWS

First Airmail Greece-Kedah (Malay Peninsular)

HE first airmail from Athens to ALOR STAR (KEDAH) was sent on the 29th of July, 1932 by the "KLM" Holland-Dutch Indies Line, with 38 pieces of mail. This was mostly transit mail to China, Australia, etc. Previously this mail was sent by the same line down to Medan in the Island of Java. The new star route via Alor Star, from where the mails are sent to Singapore, is a quicker one.

Accelerated Air Service in British East Africa

(Kenya and Tanganyika)

When the Imperial Airways Line was extended to Cape Town, in January, 1932, the itinerary was altered after Kisumu and the landing (terminus) of Mwanza, abandoned. The line flew on to Nairobi (the capital of Kenya) and then into Tanganyika, landing at Moshi, Dodoma and Mbeya and then down into Rhodesia. The airmail for the Indian Ocean African towns (Mombasa, Tanga, etc.,) was sent from the above landings of Nairobi, Moshi and Dodoma, to the coast by rail.

Previously in 1930 the Tanganyika Territory Govt., had inaugurated an air service called the Feeder Service, which flew from Dares Salaam to Zanzibar-Tanga on to Mombasa, from there mails were sent by rail to Nairobi, from which town they were flown to Kisumu by the Wilson Airways (a private concern) and where they were handed the Imperial Airways.

An extra air fee was encashed for the Feeder Service and at Nairobi for the mails sent from Nairobi to Kisumu. All mails sent by the Feeder service, received a small oval cachet with the wording, and at Nairobi a cachet reading "LOCAL AIR FEE PAID" was applied. The incoming mails from Europe and the Sudan, were flown over the Kisumu-Nairobi stretch

free of charge. (This however was not regularly done.)

On the 20th August, 1932 from DaresSalaam, the Feeder service has been reopened and the old itinerary used; only that the Mombasa-Nairobi part is also flown, now. The whole line from Kisumu to Dares-Salaam is now carried out by the Wilson Airways who are the contractors. At Kisumu the mails are handed the Imperial Airways as before. The Imperial Airways line flies (as before the opening of the line to Cape Town) from Kisumu down to Mwanza, and then direct to Mbeva, thus shortening the London-Cape own stretch still more. The mails from Tanganyika receive the cachet as before, only that the cachet is a boxed-in, larger one, and with only the words "Feeder Service" the words Tanganyika Territory being left out.

The mails from landings south of Nairobi are sent by bags to this town which makes up new ones for the Sudan, Egypt and Greek landings.

The first Greek airmail to the African towns on the Indian Ocean were formed by the Athens P.O. for Tanga (with 27 pieces of mail) for Zanzibar (74) DaresSalaam (33). Whenever the airmail will not be a large one, the mails for these towns will be sent via the Athens-Nairobi airmail bag (as the mails from these towns arrive in Athens.)

Airmail to Mombasa is to be accepted later on, also.

-P. I. Drossos

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SUPPLEMENTS

to the

Standard Airpost Catalogue

In each issue of the Airpost Journal will appear supplements to the Standard Airpost Catalogue. If the airstamps of a country are listed, it will be a complete listing of the air stamps issued since the 1931 edition of the Catalogue.

..... FIRST AND SPECIAL FLIGHTS

- 42 1930, Mar. 28, Brisbane-Townsville. Ordinary postal markings of despatch and receipt.
- 43 1930, Mar. 31, Townsville-Brisbane. Remarks as for No. 42.
- 1930, June 1, Melbourne-Sydney. Usual markings of departure and arrival. Blue airmail label.
- 1930, June 1, Sydney-Melbourne. Remarks as for No. 45.
- 1931, Apr. 23, Melbourne-London via experimental flight of Q.A.N.T.A.S., connecting with Imperial Airways. Mail is usually postmarked the 23rd at Melbourne. Despatches from Perth and Adelaide were included and all covers received the special violet cachet illustrated. Rate 2|-. Some New Zealand mail carried.
 - я. To London. Arrived the 13th but mail is not backstamped. d.
 - To Calcutta (110)

To Athens, red air mail arrival cachet and postmark of 10th. The Australian National Airways "Southern Star" (Avro) carried the mails as far as Port Darwin. Special long envelopes printed in blue were distributed for this flight by the company.

A second flight began from Melbourne May 3rd but in this case, mails were carried the entire distance to London by planes of Imperial Airways.

- 1931, Apr. 24, Sydney-London. See No. 50 Covers postmarked 23rd. Violet cachet as for preceding.
 - a. To London

h. To Athens, (see No. 50h) (ca.5)

- 52 1931, Apr. 25, Brisbane-London. Remarks as for No. 50. Postmarked 25th. Violet cachet as for preceding.
 - a. To London
 - d. To Calcutta

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h. To Athens (see No. 50h)

(ca.5)

- 1931, Apr. 27, Port Darwin-London. Remarks as for No. 50. Postmarked 26th. Mails picked up at this point by Commander Kingsford-Smith and carried as far as Akyab, India where they were turned over to the Imperial Airways pilot, in the "City of Karachi", Attwood.
 - a. To London
 - d. To Calcutta

(20)

57 1931, May 19, Melbourne-Amsterdam by the Dutch companies KNILM and KLM. Covers are postmarked 18th or 19th. Oval violet cachet "Australia-Netherland Indies-Special Air Mail Flight" and in center plane and "May 1931 Melbourne to Batavia". Covers directed to Batavia, Dutch East Indies received special lozenge-shaped cachet "Abel Tasman-Batavia Centrumdate" and in center plane over schooner. Pilot-Capt. Patist in the "Abel Tasman". Special envelopes issued for this flight. Connected at Batavia with KLM.

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b. To Batavia



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Secretary's Report

IMPORTANT - CHANGE IN ADDRESS OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

All members please note that the address of the Secretary-Treasurer is now

35 Chatfield Road, Bronxville, N. Y.

Your Secretary was transferred to the Metropolitan area by his company to fill an unexpected emergency. The change was immediate and Society correspondence has necessarily temporarily been at a standstill, Pardon is asked of those who have not as yet received replies to their communications.

L. B. GATCHELL

The following have been admitted to membership since last report. Membership is a privilege, not a right, and may be terminated at the will of the Society.

1434—Lt. John F. Gillon, USN, Hydrographic Office, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C. 1435—Wilfred O. Brown, 1035 Western Ave., Colton, Calif. 1436—Miss Nina E. Filkin, 3138 Walnut St., Riverside, Calif. 1437—Donald W. Martin, 310 Citizens Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. 1438—Miss M. Lillian Dunn, Box 156, Punxsutawney, Pa. 1438—Leo August, 510 S. 18th St., Newark, N. J. 1440—William B. Sykes, 2nd, 600 Citizens Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. 1441—J. Boardman Scovell, P. O. Box B, Lewiston, N. Y. 1442—Spencer G. Hoag, 384 Degraw St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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ADDRESS CHANGES—New Addresses show 134—H. H. Griffin, 1200 Babbitt Rd., Euclid, Ohio, 162—L. B. Gatchell, 35 Chatfield Rd., Bronxville, N. Y. 900—John C. Adams, 124 Broadway, Portland, Oreron. 1270—A. J. Blank, 1850 Burnett Ave., East Cleveland, Ohio.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

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185—Jos. H. Wessels; 346—Elmer F. Bodurtha; 438—H. K. Robinson.

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APPLICATIONS POSTED

The following have made application for membership in the Society. If no objection is received and references are found in order, they will be admitted on November 15th. The letter "J" indicates that the applicant is under 21 years of age. The name immediately following that of the applicant is that of the proposer. name immediately following that of the applicant is that of the proposer. Luther D. Gerlach. 1822 Grand Blvd., Wyomissing, Pa. Kingdom. W. Y. Brownfield, 594-10th Street, San Bernardino, Calif. Kingdom. John Strizzi, 707 Union St., Farrell, Pa. Kingdom. Joseph H. Visel, 3602 Weisser Pky., Fort Wayne, Ind. Miller. Samuel Ray, 1117 S. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill. Hiddesheim. J. H. Heath. 311 Miller St., West Liberty, Iowa. Kingdom. Charlotte D. Hermann, 1924 - 153 St., Hollis, N. Y. Falkoff. E. Ridgely Simpson, Ruxton, Md. Kingdom. F. W. Kessler; 66 St. Pauls Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Kingdom. Herbert L. Eggert, 1330 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. Kingdom. Harrison M. Ephlin, 8 Elko St., Boston, Mass. Gatchell.

A fine list of Applicants for which our hat goes off to George Kingdom and other fine co-oberators.

ANNUAL ELECTION

You will find accompanying this issue an official ballot containing all names for various offices as certified by the Nominating Committee. If you are a member in good standing, please execute this ballot at once and return to the name and address shown thereon, prior to November 30th, 1932, at which time the polls will close. It is not only a function of membership but a DUTY to VOTE. Please do so. Respectfully submitted,

L. B. GATCHELL, Secretary-Treasurer,

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ing been carried by boat and train from Newfoundland to their destin-On the other hand Aerial World Tours does not have a ship ready to fly to England or the continent immediately upon the receipt of the mail. Perhaps the matter might best rest until next year, when perhaps the company will fly the letters over the sea or else some Soloman decides who is to return the dollar to the disgruntled collector.

NICARAGUA

"Stamps for the Interior Airmail service will be out now anyday as the landing fields all over the Re-

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public are now under construction and as soon as they are finished, the service will start," writes Mr. Ernesto Hammer, of Managua. He also states that it is quite probable that definite Official Airmail stamps will be out as well as a set for the Interior Airmail service.

Two errors are known in the surcharge used on the Air Mail Week stamp described last month. One consists of the word "Aereo" spelled "Aerreo" and is stamp No. 29 The other is stamp in the sheet. No. 45 which consists of an inverted "m" in "Septiembre." Only twenty copies of each exist. This is because the regular 100 stamp sheets were divided into panes of 50 and surcharge (5x10).

The issue consisted of 1000 copies which were sold out the first day.

Mr. Hammer's letter containing the above information bears a type of cancellation which the writer had not seen heretofore. Used-on-cover airstamp collectors might be interested in knowing that the registry cancellation consists of a plane in The wings bear the date, a circle. and "Certificados" is in the upper half of the circle. The lower half has "Managua - Nic-C-A." The entire cancellation is in purple makes an attractive cover.

Four hundred copies of the 35c on 50c are known in black instead of red in the recent provisionals.

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PERU

Further details at hand indicate that advance reports on the issue mentioned last month were in error, inasmuch as a definite stamp rather than one overprinted "Servicio Aereo" was issued to complete the set of the fourth centenary of the founding of the first Spanish colony at Piura.

The design of the stamp is the same as the two postal values and shows the ancient coat of arms of the city, a castle over which hangs a scales, the whole surmounted with a crown. The stamps are dated "1532" and "1932." Below the denomination, "50 centavos" is the inscription "Servicio Aereo." The color is red.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

A set of seven values has been issued for the DO-X according to a cable. Pending further details one can only speculate. Perhaps a special issue was made for mail carried by Von Gronau. Unless memory fails the DO-X is supposedly safely at anchor in its dock in Europe. Of course a little thing like that would not hinder the Philippines from issuing such a set!

SALVADOR

Father Joe Matias Delgado died November 12, 1832. As the father of political emancipation in that country his memory is to be revered with a set of four values showing a photograph of his monument in the park of the San Jose church. Denominations and colors are:

15c red (20,000; 20c green, 25c violet and 40c blue (11,000 each.) The set is to be printed in the National School of Graphic Arts. The inscription at the base of the stamp will read (translated) "Honor to the Procurer of Independence on the first Centenary of his death 12th of November."

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UNITED STATES

Perforated 10½ by 11, the 8 cents olive green air mail stamp duly made its appearance the 26th of September. At the same time was issued an 8 cent envelope stamp, colored olive, in the same design as the 5c, and bearing the red and blue margin

Cooperators for this month include Ernesto Hammer, "Mekeel's Weekly," Donald E. Dickason, "Stamps", Alex A. Cohen and "Home of the Postage Stamp."

BULLETIN NICARAGUA

Interior Air Mail service was inaugurated on October 12, 1932, Columbus Day, a national holiday in Nicaragua. The Government issued 2000 copies of the \$1.00 air mail as a special commemorative stamp with a surcharge which reduced the value to .08 and which reads: Inauguracion Interior 12 Octubre, 1932 Vale C 0.08." The overprint is in black ink.

The stamps printed in sheets of 50 have

The stamps printed in sheets of 50 have the following varieties: Stamps No. 27 and 30 read "Inaugnracion" instead of "Inauguracion"; No. 44 shows a sloping "O" and No. 46 shows "1232" for "1932."

A special cachet reading "Primer envio Aereo Postal INTERIOR (Outline of plane) Managua Nic." was applied to 253 letters and 6 parcels which were dispatched on the first flight by "T A C A" planes. The tariff for mail is 8c for 15 grams, letters or fraction. 1c for printed matter 40 grams or fraction and 25c for parcels each 400 grams or fraction.

The President of the Republic has sign-

The President of the Republic has signed a decree providing for a series of air stamps for use on the interior air lines. Remainders of the "Earthquake" issue of the first of January are to be surcharged as follows: "Correo Aereo Interior 1932" in red ink on the postage values and "Interior 1932" on three of the air mail series. These stamps will be issued in the following quantities: 990 each of the one centavo, and two centavos, 2.090 3c: 2.390 4c; 2.790 5c: 3.000 6e: 3.180 10c in new denomination of Se: 3.090 of the 20c in new value of 24c: 3.090 50c and 3,540 one cordoba.

The air mail stamps are: 2,440 25c; 2,940 50c. with new value of 32c and 3,440 1C, with new value of 40c.

From this we can see that only 990 complete sets will be available. It is understood that the 15 and 20c values of the Earthquake air mail value will be surchraged later on. The Interior set was supposed to appear the week of the 17th of October.

BULLETIN

News just received to the effect that Des Moines, Iowa dedication will be postponed until next spring. Covers will be held by C. of C. until that time, or will be returned if postage is sent.

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