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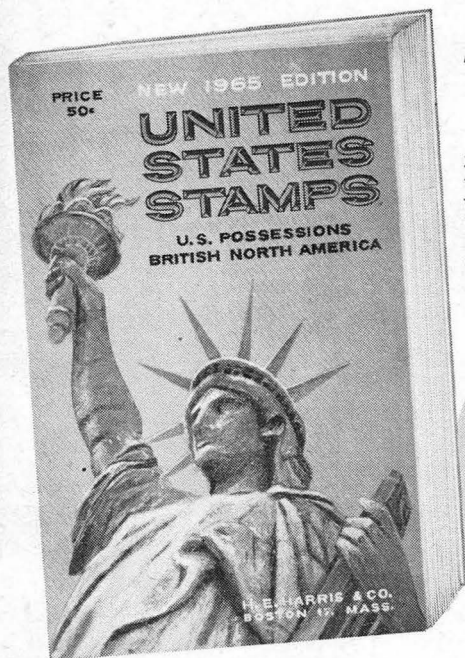
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The Joan Merriam Around-The-World Solo Flight

A Successful Completion of the Same Route Amelia Earhart Attempted

By Jack Finkle

Twenty-seven years have now elapsed since a twin-engined plane headed into the rising sun from Miami, Florida, in an attempted round-the-world flight that ended in one of the great mysteries of the century. At the controls of the Electra NR-16020 on that first day of June, 1937, was aviatrix Amelia Earhart, the most famous woman flier of her time, loved by all America. She had with her as navigator Fred Noonan.

By July 2 they had left New Guinea and were on their way toward Howland Island, 1,660 miles southwest of Hawaii, but they never made it. The vast sea search failed to turn up even the slightest clue.

Now, in 1964, another aviatrix, Mrs. Joan Merriam Smith, a 27-year old housewife from Long Beach, California, took off from Miami on March 21 with her heart set on flying around the world solo. She had actually begun her world trip on March 16 from the Oakland, California, airport, flying to Miami in her Piper Apache twin-engine turbo-charged light plane, making stops at Tucson and New Orleans. Her husband, Lt. Marvin (Jack) Smith, Commander of the Mine Sweeper Endurance, had previously given his blessing and said he had every confidence in his wife's flying ability. Mrs. Smith even hoped to make contact with him in the Pacific. Her intentions were to follow the same flight schedule and to fly over the 27,000 mile course attempted by Miss Earhart.

The trip across country by Miss Earhart was planned as a technical shake-down flight. She had originally planned to fly with Captain Harry Manning who had flown with her on an earlier Honolulu flight, but since he had to return to his Atlantic command his place was taken by Fred Noonan, who was a vet-

eran of the Pacific with Pan American Airways, rated tops among aerial navigators. Miss Earhart planned the start of her trip in early June because of bad weather forecasts in the Caribbean and African areas for later periods of the year.

A complete account of Miss Earhart's ill-fated flight was written in her book, *Last Flight*, published by Harcourt, Brace and Co., Inc. in 1937, almost entirely written by Miss Earhart herself.

The book mentions that Elmer Dimity had slipped on board the Electra at Oakland prior to take-off with a cargo of covers for collectors. These had voyaged previously on the first flight to Honolulu and then had been returned to Oakland. They were the ship's only payload, to be sold later by a large New York department store. The risk of final return and delivery was obviously assumed by the purchaser, whose share of the gamble was rather small compared to that of the pilot's.

Miss Earhart made stops at Caripito, Paramaribo, Fortaleza and Natal in South America; St. Louis, Dakar, Gao, Ft. Lamy, El Fasher, Khartoum, Mas-saua, and Assab in Africa; Gwadar, Karachi, Calcutta, Akyab, Rangoon, Bangkok, Singapore, Bandoeng, and Soerabaya in Asia; and Kupang, Port Darwin, and Lae in the Pacific. She had planned to fly from Howland Island to Honolulu and thence back to Oakland, but fate intervened.

1964 - In Surinam (Dutch Guiana) Mrs. Smith was delayed by leaky gas tanks and was forced to land in Belem instead of Natal. In West Africa, she landed at Dakar, Senegal, after a 15 hour and 50 minute flight across the South Atlantic from Brazil. She continued on her way and in East Africa left Chad for Khartoum.

In Asia, she continued to follow the

same flight plan as Miss Earhart had, 27 years before, arriving in Singapore after a 7 hour and 19 minute flight from Bangkok, planning to leave the next day for Jakarta, Indonesia.

Bad weather forced Mrs. Smith to land her light plane on Horn Island, off Australia's north coast. She had taken off previously from Darwin in Australia, hoping to reach Port Moresby or Lae in New Guinea. The airport authorities in Port Moresby had radioed a warning to her not to try to land there because of "severe air turbulence." Mrs. Smith had to delay her departure from Darwin for 24 hours because of the bad weather. The section between Darwin and Lae, New Guinea, was the same territory in which Amelia Earhart disappeared in 1937.

Mrs. Smith was successful, however, in reaching Lae. In the small crowd welcoming her to Lae were half a dozen residents of the island who had also been on hand when Miss Earhart and Fred Noonan left 27 years ago.

Mrs. Smith headed for Guam from Lae instead of Howland Island because the airstrip hacked out of coral for the Earhart flight was no longer in service. She reached Guam safely, 1,500 miles north of Lae. After completing the next lap, a 1,300-mile, over-water flight, in twelve hours, she reached Wake Island on April 30. From Wake she made Honolulu where bad weather and mechanical problems in the right engine caused several days delay. Attempting departure she had to call on the Coast Guard for an escort back. Her plane carried fuel for a maximum of twenty hours which under ideal flying conditions would have been enough for the 2,300-mile hop to Oakland. However, the high winds at the time reduced the margin of safety and caused her to turn back.

Joan Merriam Smith finally arrived safely in Oakland, California, on May 12, completing the schedule originally planned by Miss Earhart.

Mrs. Smith has informed us that she carried with her on the globe-circling trip the following covers:

150 of the special Amelia Earhart airmail stamp first day covers, prepared in 1963 by The Ninety-Nines, the international organization of women pilots. These covers were franked with an additional Earhart Stamp and cancelled March 17, 1964, at Oakland, California. A New Guinea stamp was added and they were cancelled again at Lae, April 20. Fifty of the covers do not have the Oakland cancellation, but were cancelled at Zorg en Hoop, April 23. These covers are being offered by The Ninety-Nines on a competitive basis to donors of \$10.00 or more (tax deductible) to their Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. If you'd like one send your donation now to Mrs. Alice H. Hammond, 1203 Gilbert Road, Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania 19046.

500 special covers prepared by the aviatrix, Joan Merriam, in two colors, showing a map of the route and franked with Earhart airmail stamps. These were cancelled at Oakland on March 17 and also on the return May 12. These covers are available from Joan Merriam, 5055 Garford Street, Suite 6, Long Beach, California 90815, for \$10 each.

500 additional covers similar to those noted above, except that they are in sets of 26, one mailed from each of the stops enroute, i. e., Tucson, Miami, San Juan, etc. No price has been established for these which will be sold by Joan Merriam in complete sets of 26 only.

All covers carried were autographed by the aviatrix and were carried in a sealed box in her plane. The covers from the 16 stops, of course, did not go "round-the-world" as they were dropped off in the mails at each stop. However, we're sure that aerophilatelists will find them of interest. The writer also received an autographed U.S. international reply card from Joan Merriam, mailed during her stop in Miami.

Joan Merriam Smith will go down in aviation history as another aviatrix who made good.

Stern Honored By FISA

The Federation Internationale des Societes Aerophilateliques (FISA) recently decided to award its medal, given for service to aerophilately or aerophilatelic literature or research, to AAMS member M. F. Stern of Cape Town, South Africa. Capt. Stern, as our readers know, has published many articles on South African airmails, including the current chronological summary which is appearing in our *Journal*. We have been promised a series on Portuguese East Africa and will publish this when the current series has reached its conclusion. Thus, it seems most fitting to us that he be honored by the international federation for his work.

The medal was to be presented during FISA's annual meeting in London on September 19, as a part of the "Day of Aerophilately" sponsored by the British Air Mail Society. Congratulations go to Capt. Stern on this occasion as well as our own thanks for his efforts on behalf of *The Airpost Journal* and the AAMS.

SANABRIA TO ISSUE NEW AIRPOST CATALOGUE

At a meeting of the Philatelic Press Club held during the AAMS Convention on Labor Day Weekend, the guest speaker, Georges Medawar, President of Nicolas Sanabria Co., announced that a new edition of *Sanabria's Airpost Catalogue* was in preparation and was expected to be released in the latter part of this year. This edition of the indispensable airpost reference will contain over 1,200 pages and every face-different airpost stamp will be illustrated! This is truly something to look forward to and the Sanabria firm should be complimented for the tremendous efforts required by an undertaking of this kind.

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DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(Part I)

Washington's Dulles International Airport is one of two airports in the 48 contiguous states constructed, owned and operated by the Federal Government - the other is Washington National Airport. All other airports are locally owned and operated.

Operation of Dulles International Airport is under supervision of the Federal Aviation Agency's Bureau of National Capital Airports headed by Director G. Ward Hobbs.

The airport was first opened for training and familiarization flights on October 1, 1962. It was formally dedicated by President John F. Kennedy on November 17, 1962, at a ceremony attended by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, numerous other dignitaries

and thousands of spectators. Among the special guests were Mrs. John Foster Dulles, widow of the late Secretary of State for whom the airport is named, and other members of the Dulles family.

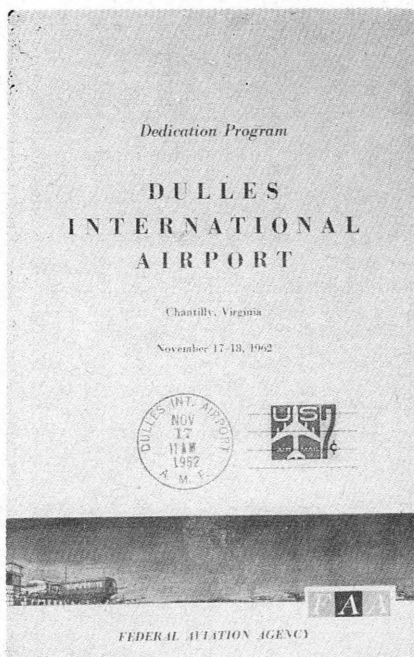
Among the not-so-special guests were your Editor, Director Art Schmidt, and several other aerophilatelists. Listening to President Kennedy's words at Dulles -

"This building, I think, symbolizes the aspirations of the United States in the 1950's and 1960's, . . . This is a great airport and a great time in the life of our country. I commend all those who have been a part of it, and, most of all, I congratulate the citizens of America who in their joint capacity as citizens of the greatest free country have made this airport possible." -

little did we know that only a year and five days later he would meet a tragic destiny in Dallas. This was our only and closest contact with any President and truly a memorable one.

THE AIRPORT DEDICATION

The dedication was marked by a special, official cachet (shown here) provided by the Post Office Department and applied at Washington Post Office (magenta) and the Airport Mail Facility at Dulles (purple), on November 17 only. In conjunction with the airport's dedication the new 8c airmail stamped envelope was placed on sale on November 17 at Chantilly, Virginia, near the site. Covers, cacheted or not, from Washington PO, AMF Dulles, and Chantilly cancelled on both November 17 and 18 will all be recognized in the *American Air Mail Catalogue's* Airport Dedication Section as the dedication was officially a two-day e-



vent. Chantilly covers postmarked November 19 are also eligible as that Post Office did not cancel mail on Sunday, the 18th. The official dedication cachet was not in use at Chantilly or at the Post Office Station in the new Dulles terminal building and could not be obtained by those present - it was only applied to covers sent in by mail in advance. Therefore, we are of the opinion that the AMF Dulles cacheted covers may actually have been cacheted elsewhere, especially in view of the limited postal facilities available at the field on November 17.

The cacheted covers were flown to Newark where they were backstamped at the Airport Mail Facility. Two years later we still have not been able to learn by what airline they were carried and as there were no regular scheduled



**Official Dedication Cachet
Dulles Airport**

flights from Dulles until November 19 it is hard to guess just how they were flown. Perhaps a special flight carried the collector mail. Someday we may learn the full story.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES

Saturday, November 17, 1962

- 8:00 a.m.—Airport Opens
- 10:30 a.m.—U.S. Air Force Bagpipe Band, Pipe Major, Tech. Sgt. Melvin Ross
- 10:45 a.m.—U.S. Army Band, Lt. Col. Hugh Curry, Conductor
- 11:00 a.m.—Touch-down of Presidential helicopters
- 11:09 a.m.—U.S. Army Band Herald Trumpets, Capt. Gilbert Mitchell, Conductor
- 11:10 a.m.—Invocation, The Reverend Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain, U.S. Senate
Introduction, N. E. Halaby, Administrator, Federal Aviation Agency
Remarks, The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower, Former President of the United States
Remarks, The Honorable John F. Kennedy, President of the United States
The National Anthem, U.S. Army Band
- 11:35 a.m.—Terminal building, mobile lounges and aircraft open for public inspection
- 12:00 noon—Flyover and Acrobatic Display, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds—Runway #1
- 4:30 p.m.—Airport Closes

Sunday, November 18, 1962

- 12:00 noon—Airport Opens
- Noon-4:30 p.m.—Terminal building, mobile lounges and aircraft open for public inspection
- 2:30 p.m.—Flyover and Acrobatic Display, U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds—Runway #1
- 4:30 p.m.—Airport Closes

OPERATIONS

Airlines operating at Dulles and their beginning dates of operation are:

- Air France April 1, 1964
- American Airlines, Inc. December 1, 1962

Braniff Airways, Inc.	November 19, 1962
British Overseas Airways Corp. (BOAC)	March 8, 1963
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	November 19, 1962
Eastern Air Lines, Inc.	November 19, 1962
Northwest Airlines, Inc.	November 19, 1962
Pan American World Airways, Inc.	January 7, 1963
Trans World Airlines, Inc.	November 19, 1962
United Air Lines, Inc.	January 13, 1963



The Old Meets the New at Dulles

An American Boeing 707 and Ford Tri-Motor, with the Dulles Terminal Building in Center Background, November, 1962.

Service by Allegheny, Lake Central, National, and Piedmont Airlines is contemplated but has not yet been established.

Philatelically, none of these initial operations will merit recognition in our Catalogue as it considers Dulles operations as simply another of the many shifts in airports, not listable in its pages. We were able to secure covers dispatched via the first flights of Eastern, American, Braniff, Delta, Northwest, and United, but failed on the TWA cov-

ers. All covers are properly cancelled at the AMF and backstamped at the termini of the various flights. None bear cachets. These are interesting philatelic souvenirs of a great airport, nonetheless.

The Air France service to Dulles was the carrier's first Washington operation; it was marked by an official cachet and was reported in our "Jet Jottings" column in May. It is worth noting that most of the Dulles service is performed with jet aircraft, making the airport of special interest to jet cover collectors.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

Period	Air		Airline Passengers
	Carrier	Total	
Oct. - Nov. - Dec., 1962	3,126	12,001	52,846
Jan. - Feb. - Mar., 1963	6,831	16,617	142,673
April - May - June, 1963	7,166	21,741	180,325
	<u>17,153</u>	<u>50,359</u>	<u>375,844</u>

(To Be Continued)

Philately at the Smithsonian

Regrettably the American Air Mail Society did not participate officially in the big NAPEX show held in Washington from September 17-20 to celebrate the opening of the Hall of Philately and Postal History. We say regrettably because we were there and so were many AAMS'ers, and an excellent opportunity for a meeting, exhibition, etc. was missed. Those members present in connection with the conventions or meetings of the fifteen groups participating had an enjoyable time and viewed some excellent material, including a few airmail exhibits, one of which won a gold medal. "Uncle Sam" is reporting on our members who won awards in his column this month.

While the material at NAPEX was excellent we cannot pass over the material shown in the Hall of Philately and Postal History at the Smithsonian's beautiful new building on Constitution Avenue. In fact, we viewed the exhibit there first on our rather hastily planned visit to Washington with member Ken Sanford of Baltimore. After saying hello to our Honorary Life Member Stanley Hodziewich at the Philatelic Agency and parting with some cash for some current U.S. stamps we looked over the Smithsonian's presentation which we can describe in one word - wonderful. To "died-in-the-wool" philatelists, the display may not be as detailed as that presented by serious students at philatelic exhibitions, but to the average museum visitor, whether he be a philatelist or not, the various colorful panels showing postal history as it has developed through the ages, from papyrus to jet and rocket mail, certainly should stimulate interest in philately.

Airmail items are everywhere in the Hall. The Emma Batchelor collection of airmails lined the major portion of one wall; an exhibit of the postal history of Washington, D.C., could not be complete, of course, without the story of the

1918 airmail service and later Washington aeronautical developments. A large illustrated panel showed airmail's place as a means of mail transport; another similar panel gave an inkling of things yet to come - rocket and missile mail, including the famous (or infamous) Barbero flight cover. A display of mail-carrying vehicles featured rural wagons, JN-4 Jennies of 1918 and TWA's Convair 880 jetliner of today - mail transport history at a glance. We can only say that we'll return to the Smithsonian often when in Washington and see this exhibit, portions of which are to be changed from time to time. We hope any of our readers who are in Washington on business or pleasure won't pass up the chance to visit their National Stamp Collection in its new and beautiful home.

After leaving the center of governmental Washington we went out to the Shoreham Hotel near Rock Creek Park where the NAPEX show was underway. At the show we met Pat Presidents Jesse Johnson and George Kingdom, members Sam Bayer, Ellery Denison (who was a tireless worker on the NAPEX Committee), Tom Cox of the CSA (Richmond), and Jim Zollickoffer. We understand that Dick Thompson and Sydney Lazarus were present but we missed them - we did see their prize-winning exhibits. "Doc" Southgate Leigh was also present but we never did find him. Director Art Schmidt visited the show the day before we did and enjoyed it as much, we learned later.

Our visit to the nation's capital came to a close as we took the airport limousine out to Dulles Airport for a short jet flight back to Newark. This was our first time flying from Dulles and using the special mobile lounges to reach the 720 jet. It was an enjoyable experience, bringing back memories of our first visit to the Dulles Airport dedication back in 1962, noted in our Dulles feature, beginning in this issue.

Airport Dedications

By William T. Wynn, Jr. — 13537 Rockdale, Detroit, Mich. 48223

Here is the September list of airport dedications reported:

- 5 Park Forest, Ill., Municipal Helipport (53)
- 6 Roseau, Minn. (470)
- 12 Willits, Calif. (450)
- 13 Willits, Calif. (50)
- 13 Luverne, Ala.
- 19 Seeley Lake, Mont. (98)
- 19 Kingsville, Texas (383)
- 19 Eugene, Ore. (38)
- 20 Eugene, Ore. (142)
- 20 Morgantown, W. Va. (75)
- 20 Manassas, Va. (450)
- 21 Morton, Pa. (Helipport)

The formal dedication ceremonies at Morgantown were turned into a successful political rally by the presence of President Lyndon B. Johnson. The President and Mrs. Johnson arrived in an Air Force Jetstar at about the mid-point of the two-hour program and taxied up to the speaker's stand. Addressing a crowd of 15,000, LBJ limited his remarks about the new airport to a mere ninety seconds and then launched into a prepared campaign speech. Also on the program were Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Robert W. Charles; Najeeb Halaby, F.A.A. Administrator; and Alan F. Boyd, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Due to the tremendous increase in international air travel, many countries have found it necessary to build new jet airports. Unfortunately, news reports refer to the new jetports *after* they have become operational. One that we've heard about, to be opened next year, is at Auckland, New Zealand. Let's hope that airmail collectors there will persuade the responsible officials to give the event philatelic treatment. We are quite certain there are many airport dedication collectors in the U.S.A. who would like to expand their interests to include foreign dedications. If you agree, let me hear from you. We would also like to hear from any of our readers in other countries who are in a position

to service covers commemorating the dedication of new international airports.

The Kamloops, B. C., and Victoria, B. C., Canada, dedications last August appear to have been terminal buildings only.

Monticello, Iowa, and Fitzgerald, Georgia, are planning dedications in November. Also coming up — Princeton, N. J., and Doylestown, Pa. For the latter, try sending covers to Bucks County Airport Authority, 56 South Main, Doylestown, Pa.

With Christmas in the offing it's a good time to remind you that all three volumes of the *American Air Mail Catalogue* and the several airport dedication supplements are still available if you (or mama or son Jack) will act soon. The price and how to order appear on the Classified Ad page in this issue.

My wife Kathleen is coming along fine and is again helping with the advance notice service. Don't forget to send clippings about airports and heliports whether merely proposed or under construction. We write five to ten letters every week tracking down dedications.

CAPT. RICHARD M. DENNIS

Although it was not called to our attention at the time of the accident, we have recently been advised of the death of Capt. Richard Dennis of Mohawk Airlines at Rochester, N. Y., on July 2, 1963.

Capt. Dennis perished in the crash of his ship on takeoff from the Rochester-Monroe County Airport at 4:45 P.M. on July 1 during a violent storm. He will be remembered as having flown the inaugural flights on the extension of AM Route #94 from Utica-Rome to Ogdensburg, N. Y., on July 2, 1957, just six years before the fatal crash. See catalog numbers 94S49, N50 and N51. We regret the passing of another inaugural pilot.

— W. R. Ware

Jet Jottings

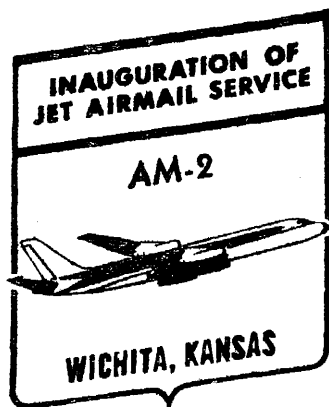
By Michael P. Codd

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Collectors recently have wondered what happened to their covers that were supposed to have been flown on the LAN-Chile Caravelle Jet inaugural on August 20. Well the answer is very simple - the inauguration took place on October 5 and not on August 20 as originally planned.

The first covers to come back were postmarked at Santiago, October 4, but unfortunately had no backstamp. They received what appears to be a LAN-Chile purple cachet. I hope to have further information on this and the rest of the covers from this inauguration in the next issue of the *Journal*.

On October 6 Trans World Airlines added two more cities to its long list of cities receiving jet services. Covers dispatched on the first *westbound* jet flight from *Amarillo*, Texas were cancelled October 6, A.M. receiving a backstamp at San Francisco Airport Mail Facility, October 6, P.M. 2,600 jet covers were flown on this flight.



Official Cachet for Recent TWA Jet Services

On the first *eastbound* flight, 500 pieces of philatelic mail were cancelled on October 6, P.M. and were backstamped at Baltimore, October 6, P.M. An official cachet, similar to the one

shown here, was applied to all covers in purple.

On the jet inaugural at *Wichita*, Kansas ALL philatelic mail was dispatched on the first jet flight - the westbound one - out of *Wichita* - 5,065 pieces. These received an A.M. cancellation on October 6 and were backstamped at San Francisco AMF the same day, P.M. They received a blue cachet (illustrated).

Therefore, on the first eastbound jet flight NO jet covers were flown. Unfortunately this may be attributed to a zealous postal clerk who interpreted literally the Post Office instructions on what constituted a "first jet flight." To him the eastbound jet flight may have seemed to be the second jet flight of the day. Therefore he dispatched everything on the earlier flight to San Francisco. Too bad -

With the airport at La Paz, Bolivia, now able to accommodate jets, PANAGRA was to inaugurate jet service on October 25 from Miami to La Paz. No announcement was made by the Post Office about cachets at Miami. Since there were no cachets, we will just have to "take the chance" that covers were dispatched from both the U.S. and Bolivia on this inaugural.

Since this inaugural will be the very first jet service to and from La Paz, covers flown to and from this city will list in the Jet Section of the *American Air Mail Catalogue*.

Once again I would like to remind readers of this column that since many of these jet inaugurals take place on very short notice and with no Post Office announcements, there is only one reliable and dependable way of being informed at least a few days in advance of the new flight - that is to keep a supply of self addressed airmail postal cards with Paul Bugg whose address appears at the beginning of each *Journal*.

Happy flying -

South African Airmails

**A Chronological Listing, Indicating
The History and Development of the Airmails of South Africa
and South West Africa (Continued)**
By Capt. M. F. Stern, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.G.S. (Copyright Reserved).

October 7, 1953: S. A. A.: Tourist Service:

Johannesburg - Windhoek - Nairobi - Khartoum - Cairo - Rome - Frankfurt - London. The return flight was on October 8 over the same route omitting the Cairo stop. This was the first flight from Windhoek direct to Germany. This service was also by Constellation; mails were carried and posted at all stages of the Tourist Services.

October 26, 1953: Union Aeromaritime de Transport: First Flight, Paris to Johannesburg:

Jet service started via Tripoli, Kano, Brazzaville, and Livingstone, as an extension of U. A. T.'s service from Paris to Brazzaville. The U. A. T. Comet was from Series 1A, which had a larger fuel capacity than the Series 1. This was the first French air service to South Africa. The plane, F-BGSA, was commanded by M. Loubrey, who was also a director of U. A. T. The plane arrived at Johannesburg on October 27 (flying time 16 hours, 16 minutes). Mails to Johannesburg were 49Kg. 990, of which some was destined for Mozambique. Mail was backstamped at Johannesburg 27.X.53 - 16.00 and at Lourenco Marques 28.10.53 - 15h. (mail carried by S. A. A. to Lourenco Marques). A special rectangular cachet was applied to the



Paris-Johannesburg Dispatch via U. A. T., October 26, 1953, Delivered at Cape Town on October 30.

mails at Paris Aviation: Ire. Liaison Postale Aérienne - Paris - Johannesburg - Par Avion a Reaction - 26 October 1953. Covers posted to Cape Town reached there on October 30. There were also special souvenir covers. Mail was posted from Algiers, Tripoli, Kano, and Brazzaville to Johannesburg in addition to the covers from Paris. The plane left Johannesburg on October 29, 1953, on the return flight over the same route, arriving at Le Bourget (Paris) on October 29

(flying time 14 hours, 58 minutes for the distance of 11,000 kms). No stop was made at Livingstone on the return flight. A cachet was applied by U. A. T. at Johannesburg 'Eerste Comet - Spuitvliegtuig - Diens Johannesburg - Paris - 29ste October 1953,' and special souvenir covers were flown to all points.

October 30, 1953: South Africa: 'Second Class' Air Mail introduced:

Reduced postage rates on commercial papers, etc. to all countries served by airmail, varying from 6d. to 1sh. per ½ oz. depending on the destination, were initiated. The concession was first introduced in Great Britain on February 1, 1948, but only applied to South American countries. From November 18, 1949, 'Second Class Mail' to South Africa was accepted at 4d. per ½ oz. but, as only 'First Class' mail was flown without surcharge in South Africa, such mail was stamped on arrival at Johannesburg with a purple cachet 'By Surface - Per Landpos - from - Vanaf - Johannesburg'.

December 2, 1953: Sabena: New Route: Johannesburg -Brussels via Geneva:

Sabena's itinerary was altered to Johannesburg - Leopoldville - Kano - Geneva - Brussels (25 hours, 15 minutes). Covers from Cape Town cancelled 14.00 hrs., 30 XI .53 were backstamped Geneva 3.XII.53 - 7 hrs.

December 17, 1953: Durban to London in 24 Hours:

By a new arrangement of services by S. A. A. it was now possible to send mails in less than 24 hours from Durban to London as a direct connection was made with the Comet service from Johannesburg.

December 17, 1953: Canberra Record Flight: London - Cape Town: 12 Hours, 21 Minutes.:

This record was made in the Canberra R. A. F. jet bomber Aries IV (11 hours, 52 minutes flying time.) The pilot was Wing Comdr. G. Petty, with Sqdr. Ldr. T. P. McGarry and Sqdn. Ldr. J. McD. Craig assisting. The return flight was made in 13½ hours. The writer has a cover stamped and autographed on arrival.

January 10, 1954: Comet Disaster: B. O. A. C.:

The Comet jetliner, "Yoke Peter," operating on the Singapore-London route, crashed into the sea off Elba soon after leaving Rome. 35 persons lost their lives. The pilot was Capt. A. Gibson and the aircraft was the same one which inaugurated the first Comet service to Johannesburg in May, 1952. Mails were struck with a cachet: 'Damaged by Seawater - Comet Mail.' A slightly different cachet was applied to larger packets. On January 12, 1954, B. O. A. C. grounded all Comets as a measure of prudence. S. A. A. carried on with Constellations and a special B. O. A. C. Argonaut left London January 13, 1954, arriving at Jan Smuts Airport on January 15.

January 20, 1954: E. A. A. C.: Nairobi to Durban:

E. A. A. C. applied for a license to operate using Dakotas.

January 20, 1954: Luanda to Cela (Angola):

A regular weekly service was set up by the Portuguese Government to handle mail for settlers at Cela. Airmails from Cape Town January 24, 1954, were backstamped "Cela 1. Fev. 1954." (First acceptance).

January 23, 1954: Comet II Flight: England to South Africa:

A Comet II (Commander: Group Capt. John Cunningham) left Hatfield January 23, 1954, arriving nonstop at Khartoum in 6 hours, 22 minutes, 7.2 seconds - a record. On January 28 the Comet II flew to Johannesburg in 6 hours, 49 minutes. Demonstration flights were made at Durban and Cape Town (February 2). On February 4 the plane left and made Entebbe in 4 hours, 9 minutes. It departed Entebbe on February 6 and made the trip back to Hatfield with a stop at Cairo.

(To Be Continued)

Unusual Covers

Number 1

By Dr. Perham C. Nahl

Do you have a favorite cover? We want to know about it. Describe it, tell what is unusual or interesting about it, and send in the story. If desirable your story will be made ready for publication and included in this series. Write to A.A.M.S. Vice-President Dr. Perham C. Nahl, 2014 Lincoln St., Evanston, Ill. 60201.

We all have favorite covers; covers that are of special interest because of unusual stamps, special rarity, unusual routing, and covers that tell a strange or interesting story.

Here is one of my favorites. It was carried on inaugural flights of Contract Air Mail Route No. 28, from St. Louis to Omaha (via Kansas City) and by the return flight from Omaha Air Mail Field to Kansas City.



Second Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover had announced on April 3, 1929, that "air mail service will be established over route C.A.M.-28, St. Louis, Mo., via Kansas City, Mo., to Omaha, Nebr., and return" effective May 1, 1929. This was the schedule published in the Postal Bulletin.

Westbound		Central Time — Daily		Eastbound	
7:25 a.m.	Lv.	St. Louis, Mo.	Ar.	5:50 p.m.	
10:05 a.m.	Ar.	Kansas City, Mo.	Lv.	3:10 p.m.	
10:15 a.m.	Lv.	Kansas City, Mo.	Ar.	3:00 p.m.	
12:05 p.m.	Ar.	Omaha, Nebr.	Lv.	1:10 p.m.	

Ben F. Myers, then Assistant Superintendent of Air Mail Service in Chicago, conceived the idea of sending a cover which would have the postmarks and cachets from all points on the route.

The cover started at St. Louis (6-AM postmark) and was carried through to Omaha. There was one hour and five minutes layover before the return flight. Mail was taken from the plane at Omaha Air Mail Field and these round-trip covers were postmarked A.M.F. Omaha and cacheted with the Omaha cachet, then re-

turned to the Robertson Aircraft Corporation plane.

The plane carried the mail back to Kansas City, where this cover was back-stamped (on the front) with the Kansas City 2:30 PM postmark and received the Kansas City cachet.

All three postmarks, all three cachets! Plus signatures of three pilots. A record of the entire route on a single cover. That's why this cover is one of my favorites.

CAM BULLETIN !!

Once again a new CAM first flight has been authorized and an official cachet announced, all too late for us to report it to you in time to send your own covers.

Anderson, South Carolina, began receiving service on Southern Airways' Route No. AM-98 effective October 25, as a stop between Atlanta and Greenville, South Carolina. The usual official Post Office cachet was prepared for use on covers. This new service replaces trunkline service to Anderson by Eastern Air Lines, Route No. AM-5. This service was announced in the Advance Bulletin Service in plenty of time for

subscribers to that service to send their covers - another reason why *you* should use this service of the AAMS. Why not send some self-addressed postal cards to Paul Bugg today?

THANKS . . .

To our Honorary Member Albert J. Robertson, former Assistant Postmaster General, for his recent generous donation to the Society. Thoughtfulness of this kind is much appreciated by your Officers and we wish we had more such thoughtful people among our members in all categories. We hope our mutual efforts continue to satisfy the majority of our membership.

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BOOK REVIEW—

Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1965 Edition (in two volumes): Volume I - The Americas and British Commonwealth, pp. 1020, \$6; Volume II - Europe, Africa, and Asia, pp. 1586, \$8. Also available in a Combined Edition, \$12.50. New York, 1964, Scott Publications, Inc.

Once again it's Catalogue time and we found Volume I of Scott's Catalogue arriving while we were in the midst of putting the October *APJ* together. Before we could study it along came Volume II on October 1 so now we have the entire "Encyclopedia of Philately" before us to review. Needless to say, comment on 2,600 pages of detailed listings of stamps of all countries is next to impossible. This year's Scotts have kept up the excellent standard set in the past with profuse illustrations and seemingly more and more information about the stamps themselves. Users' attention should be called to the Addenda in each volume which up-date the Catalogue listings beyond the cutoff date used in the main portion of the work.

Supplements to the Catalogue appear monthly in *Scott's Monthly Journal*, published by the firm in Boulder, Colorado.

As for the price changes these are innumerable and in most cases are upward. The famous 24c U.S. airmail invert now lists at \$22,500, a gain of \$1,500 from the 1963 edition. For those who have the ordinary variety of this issue it too has increased in value from \$11.50 to \$13.00 unused. As expected the Zeppelin set climbed again to \$365.00 unused and \$242.50 used. Newfoundland's #C1 Hawker increased by \$100. Columbia's first airmail stamp of 1919, Ecuador's SCADTA 75c on 15c, Italy's Balbo "Servizio di Stato" 1933 overprints, and literally dozens of other airmails all moved up substantially.

Numerous listings have been revised and regrouped and additional varieties recognized. Among the latter are the luminescent "tagged" 8c U.S. airmail and added varieties of U.S. revalued

airmail envelopes and aerogrammes. A new category of air issues has been introduced in Turkey, the Postal Tax Air Post section, listing and pricing the 1926-33 Air Fund issues.

We can't comment further on all the changes reflected in these two volumes, but can only urge you, if you're seriously interested in your stamps to go out and get a set now. You won't know what you have or what it's worth without a Catalogue and Scott's, now in its 97th year, is not only the acknowledged leader in the field, but one of the best in our opinion. The investment in these books is well worth the cost, so get yours at your dealer's today!

United's Postal Head Retires

John J. Hart, nationally known postal expert, has retired after 21 years with United Air Lines. His retirement was effective September 1.

Hart was air mail and express superintendent for United. He joined the company in 1943 as manager of postal services. From 1933, until he joined United, Hart was Postmaster at Ottawa, Ill.

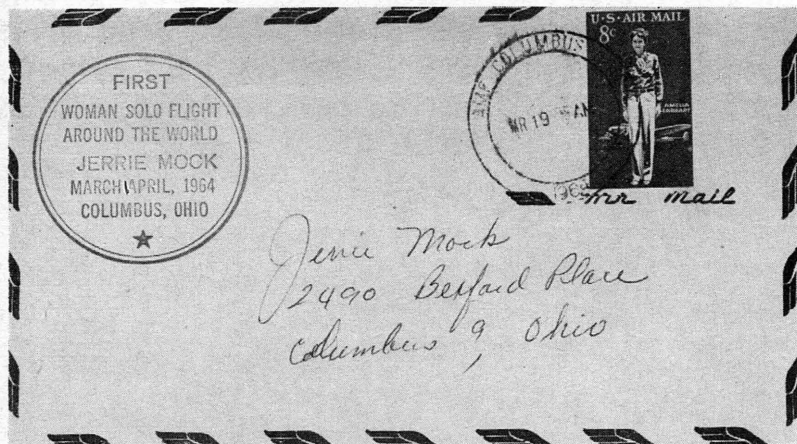
While serving with the Post Office, he helped organize and direct the biggest "Use Air Mail" campaign ever conducted by that department. In 1934 he played a major role in the incorporation of the National Association of Postmasters.

Hart also led the drive for the Post Office to experiment with the carriage of first class mail by air in 1954. The mail was to be carried between selected cities on a non-priority, space available basis. The experiment was an immediate success and in the first year of operation - 1955 - the volume amounted to 38,560,000 ton miles. In 1963 the figure had grown to 90,197,000 ton miles.

Shortly before he retired, Hart was honored at a testimonial dinner in New York where he received tributes from the National Association of Postmasters

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Around the World!



The cover illustrated above was flown around the world on the first such solo flight by a woman, made by Jerrie Mock of Columbus, Ohio (see *The Airpost Journal*, July, 1964, pp. 268-269). It is backstamped at Wake Island, April 13, P.M. and again at the end of the trip, Columbus, Ohio "Unit 2" (this is actually a marking used at the Airport Mail Facility), April 17, 10 P.M. The address is in the aviatrix's own hand so the cover is actually autographed. These truly historic covers have been offered for sale by several philatelic dealers in the midwest at prices ranging from \$10 to \$23 each and we are informed that less than 300 of them exist. Our thanks to Jack Finkle for this follow-up report on Mrs. Mock's flight.

Plate Blocks Fit In New Harris Album

Every time we see one of H. E. Harris & Co.'s new albums we wonder how Henry Harris does it - and then he issues another one! The latest in the series of "Masterwork" editions is the *U.S. Plate Block Album*, issued as a companion to the popular *Liberty Album* which we noted here last year. Priced at only \$4.95, the album contains spaces for one plate block of all United States commemorative issues, from the 1932 Washington bicentennials right up to 1964's American Music issue. Each space is notated with information about the issue to be mounted there, and identification of all plate numbers found on a particular issue is included. The back of the album includes a sheet containing basic information on plate number collecting.

For those who have and want to in-

clude earlier commemoratives, a special Section B, covering Commemoratives from 1901-31, is available for \$1. There is also a special Section A, at \$2, with spaces for airmails, special deliveries and special handling stamps, etc., together with regular issues from 1922 to date, to round out the album. Thus, a collector can build his own album to suit his needs and tastes.

All pages are printed on one side only and are fully illustrated. The binder is the usual Harris plastic-covered style, in attractive colors. Annual supplements are promised.

As a collector who "dabbles" in plate blocks and has filed them for years in glassine files where no one can see them, we cannot recommend this album too highly. We plan to use it ourselves if

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Airs of the Month

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CANAL ZONE

Golden Anniversary of the Panama Canal (6) (For details of this issue, see APJ, July, 1964, pp. 270-1.

CHAD

Tokyo Olympics (4 plus Miniature Sheet)

CONGO

Tokyo Olympics (4 plus Miniature Sheet)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Conquest of Space, set & sheet (3)

DUBAI

Winter Olympics — Overprints (5);

Birthday Commemoration — Overprint on Kennedy Set (3)

ECUADOR

Nos. 436-438 overprinted "1961" and "OFICIAL" (5)

GABON

Tokyo Olympics (4 plus Miniature Sheet)

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

35th Anniversary of First Air Mail (2)

NICARAGUA

Provisional (1)

PANAMA

Sports set (10)

SENEGAL

Tokyo Olympics (2)

SHARJAH

Tourist Propaganda (6)

SYRIA

Mosaic from Chahba-Thalassa (2)

YEMEN

Boy Scouts Set (10) — Imperf. & Sheets

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**COSTA RICA
SURCHARGES
RECENT AIRMAILS**

Life Member Ernesto Quiros of San Jose reports that in early October Costa Rica authorized the surcharge of three recent airmail commemoratives to 15-centavo values, due to the shortage of stamps of that denomination for public use. The issues surcharged and quantities of each are:

- 1,892,350 85c Indian Art
- 250,000 90c Indian Art
- 950,240 30c Central American Flags

The "Indian Art" or "Tourist Attraction" set was reported and illustrated in our July issue. The surcharge of two values of this set seemingly will cause a reduction in the supply of the ordinary, unsurcharged varieties which may become good issues to have. Other denominations and additional quantities may be surcharged later, Sr. Quiros indicates.

Historic Letter Highlights Dickason Sale

"Within the last 12 hours this city has been the scene of the most terrible tragedies that can be found upon the records of history. . . ., our noble, self sacrificing and patriotic President has fallen by the hand of an accursed, traitorous assassin." - The scene referred to could have been in Dallas - the date, November 22, 1963 - but the quote actually is excerpted from a letter written on April 15, 1865, from Washington, by an eye-witness to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The letter, which contains detailed information on the tragedy, is written on the usual black-bordered, mourning stationery and was posted in an envelope franked by the Chief Clerk of the State Department.

This historical letter is the major item in the auction sale to be held by AAMS member Donald A. Dickason of Sarasota, Florida, on December 4 and 5. Mr. Dickason informs us that the letter has been in the family of the original recipient for the past hundred years and only now is being offered to historians and/or philatelists as a unique record of the tragic event.

The sale also contains much purely philatelic material and, as always in Mr. Dickason's sales, aerophilatelic items. The Catalogue is available on request from Mr. Dickason and further details of the sale can be found in his announcement elsewhere in this issue.

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Seen and Read by the Editor

It's more than two months since we commented on the various items of reading matter of aerophilatelic interest that pass across our desk and since the pile has grown to almost four inches thick it's high time we made our usual brief comments.

Leading off the parade is the September issue, No. 12, of *The Airmail Entire Truth*, issued by LAVA, Box 1, Fort George Station, New York, N. Y. 10040. This issue, handed to us in person by its editor at the AAMS Convention, contains illustrations of interesting air postal stationery items as well as an article about World War II V-Mail and aerogramme news. The newsletter is available from LAVA to those sending a supply of self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

Two more issues of *The Falling Leaf*, published by the Psywar Society in Great Britain, are at hand. Collectors of aerial propaganda leaflets should write AAMS member P. H. Robbs, 8 Ridgway Rd., Barton Seagrave, Kettering, Northamptonshire, England for information about the Society. Current issues contain catalogue-type listings of various World War II leaflets and a check list of leaflets used in the more recent Algerian war.

While commenting on philatelic literature one certainly cannot pass by the *Philatelic Literature Review*. The Second Quarter issue of this magazine contains a bibliography of New Zealand Philatelic Literature, including airmail entries; the Third Quarter issue, just received, contains a complete bibliography, from A-Z, of Postal Stationery of the World, compiled by Mrs. Helen K. Zirkle, including numerous references to aerogrammes and postal stationery items. It seems there should be more articles on air stationery in a list of this kind and perhaps our readers may know of some not included. If so, please write to Mr. Daniel Vooy's, Editor, Philatelic Literature Association, P.O. Box 187, Canoharie, N. Y. 13317.

It seems that every recent issue of *The Australian Stamp Monthly* has contained material of aerophilatelic interest, perhaps because of the recent celebration of Australia's 50th Airmail Anniversary. The subjects covered include the British pictorial Shakespeare aerogrammes, United Nations airmails, the Guillaux flight from Melbourne-Sydney (both a report on the 1914 original and the reenactment in 1964) and the usual chronicle of airmail (and regular) new issues. Frankly, we find much of the information contained better than that in some of our own philatelic press. For information about the magazine write Box 1944, G. P. O., Melbourne, Australia.

The July and August issues of *The Aero Field* contain the usual chronicle of new airmail stamps and covers; the September issue is a special edition for the IVth FISA Congress held in London September 15-19. Well illustrated, it contains an informative article by Editor N. C. Baldwin on the British Internal Air Mails of 1934 — thirty years ago! Mr. Baldwin's article on *The External Air Mails of New Zealand* has been separately published as a pamphlet which is available, together with a check list insert, from the publishers of *The Aero Field*, Francis J. Field, Ltd., Stutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, England. Write for details.

The latest (October) issue of *Covers* contains an article on "Brief Early History of Air Mails" much of which is well-known to our readers. There is a brief item about a CAM-5 first flight back in 1926. The same publication recently ran a series of articles by one of our newer members, Earl Antrim of Idaho, on another of his interests, mail to and from Civil War Prisons.

Among our other member-writers are Ernie Kehr, whose articles on Swiss and Netherlands Antilles issues recently appeared in *Western Stamp Collector*. WSC also has been carrying articles about Lindbergh C10 first day covers,

Lindbergh first flights, etc., with the cooperation and help of our Recruiting Chairman Horace D. Westbrooks. Horace also authorized a WSC article on "Philatelic Materials, Methods and Techniques" in which he discussed such things as fillers for covers, use (or rather non-use) of "Scotch" tape and methods of filing the vast quantities of covers we aerophilatelists are prone to acquire. Henry Goodkind, the Editor of *Aero Philatelists Annals*, writes another in his series about the Beacon air mail, No. C11, in a recent quarterly issue. This publication is available from Aero Philatelists, Inc., 22 East 35th Street, New York, N. Y. 10016.

Another article on Lindbergh appeared in the September 8 issue of WSC, based on material originally in the collection of our late Past President Herbert Griffin, the well known Lindberghiana expert.

As usual the latest edition of *The Washington Bulletin*, published by the Washington Stamp Exchange, Maplewood, New Jersey, offers airmail items. Write for a sample copy.

Sanabria has issued a check list of the air stamps of Mexico, indicating its own, Scott, and Yvert Catalogue numbers for each issue. Although intended as a want list-order blank, this list should be of interest to Mexican collectors and can be obtained from the Sanabria firm at 521 Fifth Avenue, New York 10017.

Our government continues to issue publications of aerospace interest, among which are *Unmanned Spacecraft of the United States*, No. NAS 1.19:16, 15c; *NASA's Ninth Semiannual Report*, illustrated, No. NAS 1.1:963, \$1; the CAB's *Handbook of Airline Statistics*, No. C31.249:963, \$5.75; and *Airport Activity Statistics* (1963), \$2. All of these are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

An illustrated handbook of Space Stamps, listing stamps dealing with rockets, space research, satellites, man-in-space, and missiles, is available from the American Topical Association, 3300

North 50th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216. Also available are copies (at 50c each) of *Topical Time*, a recent issue of which contains a checklist of Caravelle jet planes shown on stamps.

A second edition of the 36-page illustrated booklet "United States Navy Missile Mail - First Complete Documentation," which discusses a predecessor flight to the "Official" Mayport, Florida, flight of 1959, is being planned by member William Ronson, the author and publisher, as the first edition is now sold out. Readers interested should write Mr. Ronson for price and details at 1307 Nelson Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. 10452.

Attractive album pages for all types of United States and United Nations stamps and covers, as well as bicolored cachets for first day covers are available from *Artopages*. Write for information on covers to *Jim Novotny, Clay Center, Ohio* 43408 and on the album pages to *Artopages, Woodville, Ohio* 43469. Refer to the firm's recent ads in the *APJ*.

The 80c airmail booklet continues to make news; articles on it have again been noted in WSC and *Linn's Weekly Stamp News*. When the "smoke clears" and all possible varieties have been reported, we hope to have an illustrated report in the *APJ* on this once-mysterious item.

On the auction front we note recent sales by Earl P. L. Apfelbaum of Philadelphia, Cleveland Stamp Auctions, and Irwin Heiman, all of which contained interesting airmail material. Ahead are the Heiman sale scheduled for October 27-31 and the spectacular 50th Sale by Corinthia in Zurich scheduled for November 2-7. The latter sale, for which the usual beautifully illustrated catalogue was issued (these Catalogues themselves are almost collectors items!), contains many classic aerophilatelic items. Unfortunately both of these sale catalogues were received too late for our readers to write for them as the dates are too close to the mailing dates for this issue. A full fall-winter auction schedule is also planned by H. R. Harmer, Ltd., 41 New Bond Street, London W1, England.

A.A.M.S. Chapter News

By Mrs. Florence Kleinert, Chapter Chairman
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Shows, banquets, new officers, a news bulletin and a revitalized chapter make the Chapter News this month.

The Allentown Philatelic Society, #29

The October 6 meeting at the First National Bank, Centre Square, Allentown, Pa., featured three guest exhibitors and about 20 guests from the Reading Philatelic Society. Refreshments and door prizes added to the entertainment.

An American Air Mail Society Night was to be held on October 20 to show the Society's airmail slides. To advertise it two air mail frames were displayed in one of the local banks. Harold Flores, President, showed The First U.S. Air Mail Issues in one frame. Mrs. Florence Kleinert, A.A.M.S. Director, showed Pilot Autographed Air Mail Covers (signed by Orville Wright, Amelia Earhart and other aviation pioneers) in the second frame.

Fair Night on November 17 will feature the members' slide pictures and souvenirs from the New York World's Fair.

The annual Christmas Party will take place at 6 p.m. on December 12 at Walp's Restaurant in Allentown, with door prizes and games.

The Charles F. Durant Air Mail Society, #28

Richard O. Bush exhibited Finland at the September 26 meeting.

According to William J. Blaum, Secretary, Box 1536, Albany 1, N.Y., their Annual Banquet was to be held on October 24. Contact him regarding future meeting places.

On November 28, Robert Gallup will show his Pan American Exposition Covers.

Suburban Collectors Club, #30

An auction was held at the Hinsdale Community House, 8th and Madison, Hinsdale, Ill., on October 21.

The Club's 33rd Annual Exhibition and Bourse, SUPEX '64, will be held



Officers of the Suburban Collectors Club at a Planning Session for SUPEX '64. Left to Right: Gunnar Carlson, Show Chairman; A. C. Schwarz, President; Mrs. Grace Dodge, Secretary; John Jezek, Treasurer; and John Simmons, Vice President.

on November 21-22. There will be 15 dealers at the bourse. Refreshments (coffee and cookies) will be served. The club's banquet, a smorgasbord, will be on November 21, according to Mrs. Jane Glaser, Publicity Chairman, 3620 Glendenning Rd., Downers Grove, Ill. 60515.

Rocket Mail Society, Unit #4

At the Society's recent meeting, special emphasis was placed on *Rocket Mail Topics* edited by Earl Wellman, 3532 Oak Ave., Brookfield, Ill. The annual membership fee is \$2.00. Information on the magazine and the society can be had from its Editor. New officers are: Herbert Rosen, President; Robert J. Boudwin, Vice President; Dr. James J. Matejka, Jr., Secretary; and Earl Wellman, Treasurer. Earl Wellman was a delegate to the Congress of the International Federation of Aerophilatelic Societies (FISA) in London, September 17-19, 1964.

Jack Knight Air Mail Society, #23

This chapter was co-sponsor with the First Flight Federation, Ryukyu Collectors Club and the Rocket Mail Society

of a Fall Auction held on October 23, 1964, at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Write to Dr. Perham C. Nahl, Auction Mgr., 2014 Lincoln St., Evanston, Ill. 60201, for information about future JKAMS-FFF sales.

Dr. J. J. Matejka, Jr., Earl Wellman and Fred H. Bloedow from this Chapter were elected Honorary Chairmen and Secretary, respectively, of COMPEX. Other COMPEX officers are Louis H. Reich, President; John F. Matshinegg, Vice President; and William J. Holton, Treasurer. Other Honorary Chairmen are Joseph Janecka, Jr., Roger A. Swanson and Howard J. Selzer.

COMPEX '65, made up of 12 Chicago philatelic societies, will be held at Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill., over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30, 1965. There will be a fine exhibition and a bourse with 40 dealers. Write COMPEX '65, Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill. 60602, for further information.

Motor City Air Mail Society, #11

Fall meetings of the Detroit Chapter started in September. Once again all meetings are being held in members' homes. The new officers, just elected, are President, Hrand Hampikian; Vice President, Les Strader; and Secretary-Treasurer, John B. Jackson, Sr. Members in Detroit interested in this group should contact the Secretary at 764 Spencer Avenue, Ferndale, Michigan 48220.

Cleveland Air Mail Society, #3

Ohio members — Please contact Anthony Deliberato, A.A.M.S. member, 12009 Parkhill Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, who is working hard to reorganize the Cleveland Air Mail Society. He is anxious to have meetings, an annual airport show and auctions.

Coming Shows

Herbert Rosen, A.A.M.S. member and Executive Director of USIPEX '66, announced that the tremendous international show will be held in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, New York, May 4-9, 1966. Collectors are already making plans for a special air mail flight to attend the International Stamp Exhibition (WIPA)

in Vienna, Austria, in June, 1965. An added feature will be, The Festival of Vienna, with programs of musical, artistic and theatrical events.

My best wishes are extended to members for continued success in your chapters for 1964-1965 and also for the coming holiday season.

16th ASDA NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP SHOW SCHEDULED

The Sixteenth A.S.D.A. National Postage Stamp Show will again be staged in New York at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and Thirty-Fourth Street, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 20-22, according to an announcement by AAMS member Peter G. Keller, Executive Officer of the American Stamp Dealers Association.

Through the co-operation of Ira Kapenstein, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General, there will be a generous display of material from the Post Office Department. Also, through the aid of our Honorary Life Member Stanley J. Hodziewicz, Chief, Philatelic Staff, the Post Office will display exhibits rarely seen outside the Postal Museum in the Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.

There will also be displays and exhibits from the National Collection housed at the Smithsonian Institution, as well as from the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, Regis College, Weston, Mass.

The sixteenth observance of National Stamp Collecting Week will be observed from November 16 through November 22. As has been the practice through the years, National Stamp Collecting Week is participated in by many stamp clubs that present exhibitions in their own communities.

The A.S.D.A. will again provide a kit for stamp clubs sponsoring exhibitions or fetes concerned with National Stamp Collecting Week.

Clubs interested in receiving the kit should send requests to Mr. Keller, A.S.D.A., 116 Nassau Street, New York, N.Y. 10038. There is no charge for the kit, which not only includes promotional data, but posters advertising the week.

THANKS . . .

for covers - to Joe Roberts of Moundsville, W. Va. for special souvenir covers, with Xerox cachet, marking the 5th Anniversary of the First Official (U.S.) Missile Mail, June 8; to the Boesmans of The Hague for a card flown by balloon in the International Balloon Race at Utrecht, Netherlands, June 23, autographed by Mrs. Boesman, the balloonist; to an anonymous sender and A. W. McIntyre for two different varieties of first day covers of the Canadian 8c overprinted stamp, issued July 15; to John Watson (whose health we hope has improved) for a first day of Australia's Yellow-Tailed Thornbill 6d. value, August 19, on the wrapper of a most interesting Australian aviation magazine; to Art Schmidt for a special souvenir sheet and cover from NAPEX 1964 and the Smithsonian in Washington; to Jimmie Wotherspoon for an official cover from the "Day of Aerophilately" honoring the Fourth FISA Congress in London, September 19; and to P. H. Robbs for a similar cancellation on the wrapper of *The Falling Leaf*, journal of the Psywar Society; to Bart Gatchell for an attractively franked card from Bermuda and an 8c Canadian overprint used on card from Canada; to the Cyprus Department of Posts in Nicosia for recent first day covers from that island nation, including the EUROPA and 1964 Olympics issues. Unfortunately Cyprus has not issued any airmails for us to report in these pages, but readers interested in its regular issues may obtain order forms and information about how to obtain future first day covers, etc. from the Philatelic Branch, General Post Office, Nicosia, Cyprus.

Way back in July Past President Rafael Oriol sent us a set of two large cards and one special cover all cacheted to mark the 100th Anniversary of the special postage stamp issued for use on mail via the packet boat service between La Guaira (the port for Caracas), Venezuela; Puerto Cabello, and St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The packet stamp was depicted in the cachets and replicas of it were also affixed to the covers and cancelled by special markings provided

by the Venezuelan Post Office at Caracas. The event was marked with different cancels on July 21-22-23. Some covers may still be available from the Club Filatelico de Caracas, Apartado 5197, Caracas, Venezuela.

15c MONTGOMERY BLAIR OFF AGENCY LIST

Sale of the 15c Montgomery air mail commemorative at the Philatelic Sales Agency in Washington, D. C. ended at the close of business Sept. 9, the Post Office Department reported.

The 15c air mail stamp, on sale since May 3, 1963, commemorated the centenary of the first International Postal Conference in 1965 in Paris and honored the U.S. Postmaster General who played a major part in the calling of this conference.

Another Airship Card From AKROPEX

The dirigible "AKRON", viewed over a panorama of the city of Akron, Ohio, is the subject of the Rubber City Stamp Club's second souvenir postcard. The airship was built in 1931 for military purposes, with a hangar deck (with five scout planes) in its lower hull. On April 4, 1933, a violent line squall resulted in its loss at sea with 74 of its crew of 78.

This outstanding postcard will be featured at AKROPEX 1964, the 45th Anniversary Exhibition of the Rubber City Stamp Club at the Sheraton Hotel, Akron, Ohio, November 21-22, 1964.

The U. S. Post Office will apply a special commemorative cancellation to cards mailed at the Exhibition. As a service to airmail, first day cover, and post card collectors unable to attend, the Cachet Chairman, Jeff Rosenthal, 1136 Orlando Ave., Akron, Ohio 44320, will mail souvenir cards with commemorative stamps from the Exhibition Post Office. The cost will be 15c for one or 25c for two (both days). Write to Mr. Rosenthal.

THE ? ? BOX

A recent letter from one of our Canadian members, followed by a discussion with several members at the New York Convention, prompted us to initiate what we hope will be a regular feature of the *APJ* and one which will be of help to our members as well. Members' questions will be published in the "Question Box" each month and readers who are able to answer all or part of the questions should contact the inquirer directly. If *you* have a question about any aspect of aerophilately that you've been unable to find an answer to why not ask our other members in print? Surely one of them has the answer to your question.

Our first series of questions comes from *M. Heifetz, 49 Ternhill Crescent, Don Mills, Ontario, Canada*, and is as follows:

1. Details of the flight commemorated by Brazil issue #711 in 1951 for E. Pinto Martins.
2. Similar information for the flight commemorated by the Spanish 1930 stamp #C54 for Col. Sidar.
3. Who are Bonnet & Labranche on the 3 Lire San Marino airplane issue of 1963?
4. Identification of the aircraft on the following stamps if they are definite rather than composite designs:

Russia C84, 1949	Iceland C15, 1934
Russia jet plane, 1963 10K carmine	Afghanistan C1, 1939
Lebanon C254, 1958	Newfoundland C6, 1931
Romania C17, 1931	Finland, 30m green, 1962
French Morocco C45, 1952	Cocos Islands, 5d. blue, 1963
French Oceania C1, 1934	
Hungary C78, 1950	

If you can answer one or all of these, write to Mr. Heifetz.

Please do *not* send your answers to the Editor. If you have questions of your own send them to the Editor and we'll pass them on to someone qualified to answer them for you or put them in the "Question Box" in your *APJ*.

About Our Cover —

The photo of Dulles International Airport's terminal building which is featured on our cover this month first caught our eye in United Air Lines' 1963 Annual Report. We were so struck by it that we investigated and learned that it was an official FAA Photo.

Through the courtesy of the Federal Aviation Agency we are able to use it on our cover. There have been many striking photos of this unusual building in the aviation and daily press and we hope our effort in plain black and white will be as effective as some of the others we have seen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT AT THE 1964 CONVENTION

Membership - June 30, 1963	1019
New Members	114
Reinstated	6
	1139
Deceased (9) Resigned (76) Dropped (59)	144
	995
Membership - August 31, 1964	995

ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP

Honorary	18
Honorary Life	12
Life	106
Waived	10
Regular	787
Delinquent	62
	995
TOTAL	

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

#116	C. D. Gorman
117	Andrew Bauer, Jr.
118	Erik Hildes-Heim
119	Royce Wight
120	Jacob Siskel
121	George Lindman
122	Mary Pardee Allison
123	Donald Dickason
124	Leon Berman
125	Miriam Scott
126	J. C. Keeton, Jr.
#127	Sami Kanafani

NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

D. Thomas Clements Abraham Sterman

NEW HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Holcomb York Stanley Hodziewich

MEMBERS REPORTED DECEASED

Harry Van Denberg	E. J. Boffin	Sidney Briscoe	V. G. Johnson
Ralph Mook	Ruth Carter	Nicholas Shymko	Leon Tedesche
	Henry Markhoff		

NEW MEMBERS SECURED BY THE FOLLOWING:

H. D. Westbrook	20	R. E. Haring	2	P. C. Nahl	1
S. Reinhard	7	H. Kleinert	1	V. Darnell	1
G. D. Kingdom	4	L. De Mars	1	L. Fischbach	1
W. Wynn	4	R. Keiser	1	R. Oriol	1
Jesse Johnson	3	W. Bolle	1	S. Goldsticker	1
J. Eisendrath	3	J. K. Donaghue	1	R. E. Hopkins	1
G. Lee	2	D. Morey	1	I. H. Godfrey	1
J. Matejka	2	R. W. Murch	1	K. Sanford	1
M. Codd	2	S. Leigh	1	E. O. Cooper	1

PLATE BLOCKS —

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and when we can ever find the time to mount any of our blocks in it. If you know a plate number collector, we might suggest that this album would be excellent as a gift for him, too, in the forthcoming holiday season.

ONE COLOR MISSING

The 100-franc air mail stamp of the Guinea Republic's John F. Kennedy Memorial series has been discovered with the red color missing. Only the blue field of the American Flag is shown on the stamp.

— Western Stamp Collector

"Uncle Sam" Sez . . .

Samuel S. Goldsticker, Jr. 70-D Fremont Street Bloomfield, N. J. 07003

Our congratulations again go to Joseph Kocheisen of Staten Island, N.Y. and Bloomfield, N.J., for winning a Gold Medal at the MAVEX stamp show, held in Youngstown, Ohio, during September. Joe exhibited early German airmail stamps and selected covers from his Zeppelin collection.

Henry Goodkind exhibited unusual airmail material and gave a talk on "Orchids and Onions" at the October 8 meeting of the New York Chapter of Aero Philatelists, Inc.

Air India, on October 2, inaugurated express connecting jet service from New York City via London to Moscow and New Delhi.

Late in September, Cubana Airlines inaugurated service between Havana and Nassau, Bahamas. However, due to international complications, the service was discontinued after the inaugural flight.

On October 8, the Civil Aeronautics Board granted permission to Eastern Air Lines to serve St. Petersburg and Clearwater, Florida, through the Tampa International Airport. This move will consolidate all airline services in the area at one airport and will eliminate the last air service to the Pinellas County Airport.

Effective September 21, American Airlines discontinued service to Douglas, Arizona on Route No. AM-4. Simultaneously, the Civil Aeronautics Board authorized Apache Airlines, an Air Taxi operator based at Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, to carry airmail between Douglas and Tucson and between Douglas and Phoenix. The exact date on which Apache started airmail service is not known at the time this column is going to press, but it will appear in Bill Ware's C.A.M. Cover Notes at a later date. Incidentally the Post Office Department designated this route as AM-299.

Elsewhere in this issue is a writeup by Editor Bob Haring about the NAPEX show, held in Washington, D.C. Sep-

tember 17-20. We are pleased to announce that many of the 113 exhibitors were members of the American Air Mail Society, and some of these were also award winners. Among the latter were:

George L. Lee (Bernardsville, N.J.).
First award for "Egypt". American Philatelic Congress Secretary's Award for same exhibit.

Sydney A. Lazarus (Glen Ridge, N.J.).
Second award for "Twenty Years Of U.S. Airmail History".

Richard H. Thompson, (Lutherville, Maryland). "U.S. Imperforate Issues, 1906-1926".

According to Aviation Week, British Overseas Airlines Corp. will discontinue its transcontinental service between San Francisco and New York City next April, thereby eliminating that carrier as a round-the-world operator. Qantas Empire Airlines (Australia) will be the sole international carrier continuing to operate across the U.S.A.

Several AAMS members won top awards at NOJEX, held in Newark Oct. 9-11. Full details on NOJEX, SOJEX, and SEPAD should appear in my next column.

STATEMENT

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Ruth T. Smith
Secretary



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AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT From the Secretary

Ruth T. Smith, 102 Arbor Road, Cinnaminson, New Jersey 08077

November 1, 1964

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 5148 Lenz, Frederico A., 248 West 74th St., New York, N. Y. 10023
 5149 Stetson, George W., III, 10 Parker Dr., Hingham, Mass. 02043
 5150 Beisiegel, Robert, 2635 Peters Rd., Dexter, Mich. 48130
 5151 Goldmann, Stephen M., 99-06 58th Ave., Rego Park, N. Y. 11368
 5152 Shanower, Robert A., 130 S. State St., Kendallville, Ind. 46755
 5153 Kobzeff, John N., 4448 E. 55th St., Maywood, Calif. 90270
 5154 Schulz, John, Rt. 4, Box 163, Wausau, Wisc.
 5155 Watson, Stanley D., 444 W. 66th St., Jacksonville, Fla. 32208

NEW APPLICATIONS

- Binker, Elmer J., Jr., Box 324, White City, Oregon 97542. Age: 47, Physical Therapist.
 AM AU AS SC JF HF PC HC FF GF CAM FAM RP CC OF DC Z CF 1D APS
 By: R. T. Smith
 Fujita, Yatsuka, 7-520 Minamisuna machi, Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan. Age: 31
 JF FF FAM By: R. T. Smith
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 PC HC FF GF CAM FAM OF Z 1D APS PIX By: R. T. Smith
 Anderson, James O., Sr., 1237 Jones Rd., Bend, Oregon 97701. Age: 66, Retired. AM
 AU X By: R. T. Smith
 Silver, Philip, 149 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Age: 54, By: J. Eisendrath
 Roman, Alfred, 5119 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19139. Age: 42, Dealer.
 By: A. M. Schmidt
 Hayes, Alvin L., (Capt.), 13205 Glasgow, Hawthorne, Calif. 90251. Age: 35, USAF
 AM AS PC HC PA PB GF CAM FAM CC Z PIX By: R. T. Smith

REINSTATEMENTS

- 406 Alexander, Maris D. (Mr.), P.O. Box 56, Iselin, N. J. 08830. Age: 68, Dealer.
 PC HC RP OF DC Z By: R. T. Smith
 305 Schamus, Sanford L., 777 West End Ave., New York, N. Y. 10025. Age: 50, Law-
 yer. AM PA CAM FAM 1D X By: R. T. Smith

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| #128 Paul R. Hudson | #129 Robert Rubsamen | #130 Geo. W. Brands |
| #131 Elmer C. Carvey | #132 William L. Ladue | #133 Florence Kleinert |
| #134 Orian E. Green | #135 Chas. E. Monroe | |

DECEASED

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NEW ADDRESSES

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 LM43 Gerrish, Henry E., 30 Gillett St., Hartford, Conn. 06105

UNITED'S POSTAL —

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and the Air Mail Committee of the Air Transport Association.

Robert L. Jones will succeed Hart as air mail express manager. A twenty-year veteran of the airline industry, Jones joined the former Capital Airlines in

1944. On the merger of Capital into United in 1961, Jones was appointed assistant to the director of cargo sales, his most recent position.

EGYPT

was scheduled to issue a 50-mil additional value in its current airmail series on November 2, the Stamp News Bureau reported.

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WILL EXCHANGE my thanks for your name if you are a buyer of airpost covers at auction. Some fine material upcoming! Herman Herst, Shrub Oak, New York.

WANTED - QANTAS first flights up to 1934. Give New Zealand first flights in exchange. Douglas A. Walker, 21 Macmillan Avenue, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch 2, New Zealand.

WANTED: Lebanon complete mint sets. Also better Sanabria-listed worldwide sets, imperfs, and souvenir sheets. Send list with price, Irving Barshatzky, 2894 West 8th St., Brooklyn 24, N.Y.

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WANTED: Czechoslovak flight covers, die proofs, essays, flight schedules on C1 to 17. Dr. Matejka, Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

EXCHANGE: Have many foreign F. F. (K.L.M. - B.E.A. - B.O.A.C. - S.A.S., etc.) for your U.S. coins - Indians, Buffaloes, unc. Jeff's, etc. Alfred Lonky, 40-21 Francis Lewis Blvd., Bayside 61, New York. *415.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. "AIR MAIL FIELD" postmark wanted on cover (late 1920's) — do you have one to sell? Helen Nahl, 2014A Lincoln, Evanston, Illinois 60201.

WANTED: Canadian airmail envelopes, first flights, pioneer, official, semi-official, airport dedications, crash covers and Newfoundland airmail covers. Will exchange United Nations military covers or purchase. F/L R. K. Malott, 16 Harwich Crescent, Ottawa 6, Ontario, Canada.

CASH FOR your Airport Dedication Covers. I need all scarce events. Also will bid on large quantities (AAMS 713). Ken Tallmadge, 6412 Tallmadge Court, Swartz Creek, Mich. 48473. *415

CHESS TOPIC wanted; Stamps, FDC's, cancellations, maximum cards, labels, etc. Will buy or exchange for your wants. Wm. K. Simon, O-101 Midland Ave., Fair Lawn, N.J. 07411. *415

I WILL EXCHANGE Vatican C18-19 in very fine mint condition NH for Vatican C20-21 in very fine used condition. Joaquin Rosas P., 2210 N. Stanton St., El Paso, Texas 79902.

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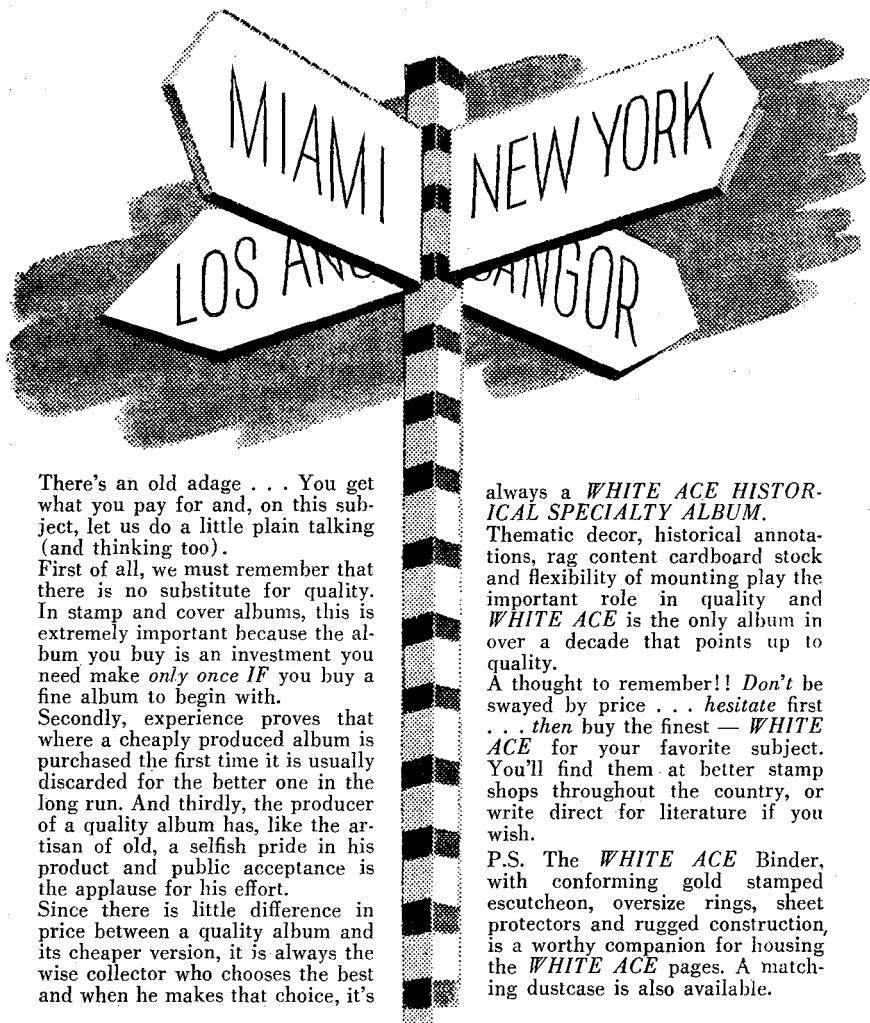
WILL SEND World War II newspapers, clippings, publications, souvenirs, etc., for first flights, censored, aerograms, current mint U.S. stamps. John Firtick, Box 510, Niles, Ohio.

1957 AIRPORT Dedication covers wanted: May 8 - Washington, D.C. (AD-30), June 9 - Waterloo, Iowa (AD-34), Sept. 7 - Portsmouth, N.H. (AD-71). Steve Reinhard, 333 No. Columbus Avenue, Freeport, N.Y. 11520.

NEED PROGRAMS, newspaper clippings and other material pertaining to Airport Dedications. Keith Hester, M.D., 1002 Collinswood Road, Rome, Georgia 30161.

WANTED: Following AM-82 flights: S4, S5, S16, S28, NE46, E51a, E51fa, W65, E66, W69, E70, E71. Jerry Heim, 1933 Eighth Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504.

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