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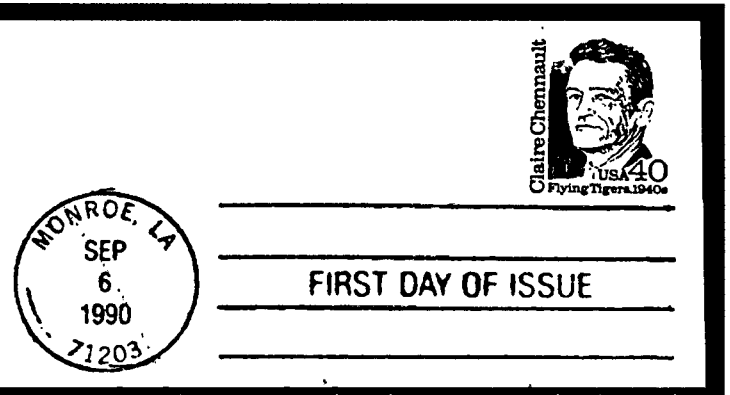
General Chennault of the Flying Tigers Honored

by Rita Kallal (# 26)

The First Day of Issue ceremony for the 40-cent U. S. definitive stamp honoring General Claire Lee Chennault was held September 6th at 9 A.M. on the campus of Northeast Louisiana University at the Anna Gray Noe Alumni Center, in Monroe, Louisiana. The Great American Series stamp was designed by Christopher Calle of Stamford, Connecticut, and features a bust of Chennault based on a circa-1944 photograph. The date of issue was the 100th anniversary of Chennault's birth. About 3,000 people attended the unveiling, including many dignitaries, family members, World War II veterans and members of the Flying Tigers and representatives from Taiwan. (A similar stamp honoring General Chennault is planned by the Taiwanese post office, to be issued September 26th.) Chennault's widow, Anna Chennault, and some of the original members of the Flying Tigers autographed First Day Covers following the ceremony. The ceremony was highlighted by a military fly-by of the Confederate Air Force from Harlingen, Texas. The postal service sold Chennault souvenir mugs, T-shirts and caps before and after the ceremonies.

General Chennault was given this honor on the recommendation of thousands of veterans who wrote to the U.S. Postal Service. The Flying Tigers of the 14th Air Force Association had been trying to get a stamp honoring Chennault for thirty years. They indicated that he was a brilliant military tactician, a true pioneer in that field and a great officer....as one former Flying Tiger said during a television interview..."way ahead of his time." Family members and local people from the Monroe area wrote to postal officials and President Bush in the effort to have the ceremonies held here where he lived for many years, instead of New Orleans as originally planned.

Chennault was born on September 6, 1890, in Com-



merce, Texas, where his father was temporarily employed. When the job ended six months later, the Chennault family returned to Louisiana. Chennault's mother died when he was very young and he became somewhat of a loner. In his book, *Way of a Fighter*, Chennault wrote, "My earliest recollections are of roaming the woods and swamps. Life in these woods and on the bayous and lakes taught me self-confidence and reliance and forced me to make my own decisions."

Chennault attended Louisiana State University for three years, then transferred to Louisiana State Normal School (presently Northwestern State University) earning a teacher's certificate. That same year he met Nell Thompson in Winnsboro, Louisiana; they courted for a year and were married in 1911 on Christmas Eve.

Chennault earned his flying wings while serving in the US Army during World War I. Following World War I, Chennault became a member of the US Army Air Services. During his tour with this branch, he became an expert precision flyer. Over the years, Chennault and his family moved to numerous Army Air bases. While stationed in Hawaii in 1923, Chennault initiated new plans and tactics for military aircraft. He described the fighter techniques being taught at the time as "medieval jousting in dogfights."

Chennault's opinion that the next war would be an

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Catalog Coordinator Reports on Scott Catalog Sales

As the Catalog Coordinator, I want to report to the members that Scott Volumes # 1 & 2 have been released. I have shipped ten of Volume # 1 and eight of Volume # 2. Volume # 3 is scheduled for release in September. So far, seven members have sent in paid orders. Volume # 4 is due out in October. Six members have indicated they want Volume # 4. Volume # 5 (US Specialized) is due in November. Two orders have been received for it.

Any member can still order any volume. Scott hasn't announced it is sold out yet. Cost is \$19.95 per volume postpaid east of the Rockies. West of the Rockies costs \$20.95. Mail orders to S. T. Ginsberg (# 70), 1041 Bowen St., Oshkosh, WI 54901 ••• S. T. Ginsberg (# 70).

JUST WHO IS THIS RAECH FELLOW?

Read with interest "Raech's Ruminations" in July-August issue of *The Circuit*. Would like to write him but he doesn't show up as # 363 on my roster.

I think Raech has a good idea about developing some kind of want list exchange. Perhaps it could be co-ordinated with OMNI exchange? ••• Frank Revere (# 105)

Editor's Note: Perhaps it is time again to remind the members that "Raech" is a pseudonym. The name listed under # 363 is the correct and real name of our monthly columnist.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: MINKUS Supreme Global Stamp Album, Used, 2 Volumes, pages to 1960, original binders, excellent condition, no stamps. Most pages like new, never had stamps on them. Occasional mount still attached. One only - First \$70 check takes. Also Minkus Hungary, Italy used, write first for list. Shamel (# 285) 2639 Alserney Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27103 (1/1)

OMNI Exchange Reports Growth & New Rules

A little up-date on the OMNI Exchange: We have expanded to the point where we have four sections - three sections of the Pink exchange (Stamps cataloging 10¢ and up) and one section of the Blue exchange (Stamps cataloging 50¢ and up).

There are now three co-managers of the Pink exchanges: Dave Paul (# 59), Dr. Isaac Tannenbaum (# 163), and Jerry Gross (# 429). I handle the Blue section myself. Each section has twenty to thirty active members - for a total of about 100 total.

OMNI Exchange Rules have been revised as of July 1990. Anyone desiring a copy of the revised rules, please contact me. Please include a SASE.

I would like to request that all persons interested in joining OMNI exchange, please write to me first, as I act as co-ordinator. When a new member applies, I select one of the co-managers to handle the account. This way, I can keep the work load of the co-managers more or less balanced. ••• Tom Allison (# 42)

Hints, Tips, & Other Brainstorms:

Re: Stamp Hinges - I have tried the C/D Hinges (which I suspect maybe the German brand you are referring to.) My first packet, purchased about 18 months ago, seemed to work very well. I usually am careful to use very little moisture, however. Last time I sued them I noticed that with more moisture they were less satisfactory, i.e. about the same as regular hinges. I also cut my hinges in half, making two hinges out of one, which I find works well for all used and most mint stamps and minimizes any negative peeling affects. I must say, however, that I have not

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Stamp Hinges

experienced the extremely negative phenomenon you describe. If you are using C/D I would guess that you may have gotten a defective batch.

In any case, I too am interested in obtaining better hinges, like the ones sold 30 years ago. On the one hand I can't believe that the ultra-fussy German collectors settle for prolematic hinges, but then again they are so fussy they may not use hinges at all! I know of one English dealer who tells his new philatelists flatly not to use hinges, period. Please let me know if you find an answer. I'll do the same.

••• David Howard (# 129)

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S COLUMN

Well, folks, the club seems to have been doing great lately. Lots of new members and our treasury is in decent shape. But now it's time to see if that is really the case. Yes, it's time to "put up" - i.e., it's dues time for all of you except those few who have paid in advance and those who recently joined. Look at your membership card if you aren't sure where you stand. Send your \$5.00 for a great coming year to the undersigned, and remember you can pay one or more years in advance and save yourself (and us) some hassle. I will be sending out dues notices but if you pay as soon as you read this, the club can save some postage costs. So, **ACT NOW BEFORE IT SLIPS YOUR MIND!**

Our Australian/New Zealand Regional Secretaries, Karl Steinberg and Allen Soule, are off to a flying start! Elsewhere in this issue you will find a list of new members. Notice all who are ANZACS! (That stands for "Australia - New Zealand Army Corps," as they were known in World War II.) Remember, vets? Anyway, thanks a lot, guys.

If all goes well there will be a new roster with the next edition. So, get those dues in here early so your name will be on it, and lots of good trades will keep coming your way, as well as more great newsletters.

Now for some routine business: Consenheim (#260) is dropped for debt owed to the club.

Address Changes:

Cukier (#302) to 9633 W. Broward Blvd., Suite 2A

Cleveland (#66) to 704 Colsean Rd., Roswell, New Mexico 88201

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It is with thanks that we acknowledge the following donations:

Schatz (#362) \$8.00

Waterman (#485) .80

Carver (#493) 3.80

It is understood that Pat Olsen (#433) has written a definitive study of the 1967 Canada regular issue. Len says, "hi, Pat."

We will try to print more member's interests next month. Space precludes it this time.

I'll close with two personal comments: 1) We were away for two weeks in Alaska in August, so if I was slow in answering mail, that's why. Should do better for awhile now. 2) I recently straightened up my files of about 500 current and former members' records and it was quite an emotional time for me. So many good folks! So many I would like to trade with, given the time! So many I would like to correspond with, given the time! So many who have written kind notes that I should have answered better! Maybe some day! Happy stamping.

••• Herb Holland (#31)

President (Continued)

receive philatelic mail at home and haven't for over twenty years. There are entirely too many mailing lists being sold and also, no one will come looking to steal you philatelic holdings if they don't know where you live. To further insure your privacy, your address need not appear in either the phone directory or the City Directory.

Be sure to participate in your club and if we don't offer what you would like, let us know. Maybe no one has thought of it yet. Anyone who can serve as a translator, please let Herb (#31) know and it will be noted in the next directory. ••• Ken Jenkins (#15)

Auction Manager Comments on Mail Sale #3

There are fewer lots in this auction (189 vs 280) than in Mail Sale #2 but the quality is at least as high. There is not a bad lot, no philatelic junk, in the sale. Responding to my previous remarks about poorer results from USA and better results from packets, there is a relative paucity of US material and a large increase in packets. I probably should avoid such remarks in the future, as my aim is to encourage submission of a broad pan-philatelic pot-pourri. Changes for this sale include policy on single bids and minimum bids and permission for irregular bids (odd amounts). ••• Wallace D. Johnson, MD (#212)

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RAECH'S RUMINATIONS

This is being written in mid-summer and my tomatoes and cucumbers are doing quite well, thank you. My stamp collection is doing just as well, if not better. Strange, but my enthusiasm has not waned as it usually does during the summer. In fact, it's moving into high gear.

For years, I've been hinging new additions onto blank pages (my albums stop at 1972). It's a pain in the whatever checking to see whether or not I've got a stamp after soaking, drying and sorting a batch or two. At least I was smart enough to identify each mounted stamp with its Scott catalog number. I am now rearranging the mess and remounting in Scott order. I thought I had a lot of stuff, but it seems I'm missing a lot more. The problem now is to find what's missing and fill up those empty spaces.

Basically, I get my stamps from commemorative mixtures, trading partners (fellow ISWSC members) and two "formal" exchanges. Buying commemorative mixtures generally excludes definitives and the higher value commemoratives. Buying definitive mixture would most likely result in getting a bunch of low values (many of one kind) and a few of the higher values. It seems I'm caught between a rock and a hard place. My trading partners and the exchanges have been very helpful in plugging the holes but there's still many more to fill. As our editor pointed out last issue, dealers are mainly into mint original gum and don't see any profit in "cheap" stamps. Maybe it's up to us to fill our own gaps.

How about some sort of round robin swap system? Let's say a group of us (5-8-10 or whatever) got together. I'd send 50 stamps to # 1 on the list. He'd take out what he needed, add 50 of his and pass them all on to # 2, etc. When the bunch of stuff finally got back to me, I'd take out what I needed and those I originally placed in the circuit (if I could find them), put back the number I took out, and start the circuit going again or the remainder could be donated to our auction. I know there's no guarantee that I'd find what I was looking for, but I bet I'd fill a good many gaps. Possibly, a certain group of countries could be rotated and different group of countries substituted for the next go around. Sound feasible? Let me hear from you. S'all for this time.

Don't forget to give the ISWSC Mail Auction a shot. I will.... ••• R.H. (# 363)

Give Stamps to Kids

Observant Member Notes ISWSC Award Winners

I should have written this letter months ago, but you know how time flies in the summer. It seems like this summer has passed quicker than usual. I'm happy to see the officers and members appreciate the work you put into *The Circuit*. Please add my name to that list. *The Circuit* keeps getting better each issue. I enjoy it immensely. It really makes my day.

Belated Congratulations should go out to at least two of our members. John Hotchner (# 62) won The Reserve Grand Award at NAPAX '90 for his exhibit "Stamp Separation — Its Development from 1840 to Modern Times." At the same time, Bunny Kaplan (# 134) was winning a Silver Award at TOPEX-RIPEX '90 for her "Rabbits and Philately" exhibit. I hope I didn't miss anyone. I don't make a habit of reading awards columns, but these familiar ISWSC names caught my eye.

Concerning Herb Holland's Code System (July - Aug. issue) - I think it's a great idea. One suggestion, though. I would eliminate category "F." I believe "A" says it all.

In closing I would like to say that the editor and ISWSC Officers are doing an excellent job. I know it's not easy and it takes a lot of dedication. It's very much appreciated. Keep it up. ••• Ed Hyde (# 157)

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