

HOBBY PAGE

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The Young Citizen Stamp Club

Stamp collecting is an interesting hobby. It is a hobby that more people follow than any other hobby. At present, among the most popular stamps are those stamps which picture airplanes. These stamps are known as airmail stamps.

Do you know what airmail stamps are for? Regular stamps are issued to pay postage on letters carried by several kinds of transportation as the trains, automobiles, trucks or ships. Now, airmail stamps are issued to pay postage on letters that are carried by planes. But there is another purpose in issuing these airmail stamps. When aviators did some heroic deeds, stamps are issued to honor them. In the year 1927, Charles Lindbergh bravely flew across the Atlantic Ocean. It was Spain, three years after this flight of the "Lone Eagle," that issued a one peseta airmail stamp. This stamp carries the picture of Lindbergh, the plane "Spirit of St. Louis" and the Statue of Liberty in the harbor of New York.

Some airmail stamps show scenes of a country. An airmail stamp from Greece is an example of these stamps. This stamp shows a large mail and passenger plane flying over the ancient ruins of Athens.

It is interesting to collect these airmail stamps. These stamps show all kinds of planes. An airmail stamp from the country of Latvia shows a plane which was built in 1903 by the Wright Brothers. The Wright Brothers are the first two Americans that built the first successful plane in the world. These two brothers are often called the Fathers of Flight.

WHAT IS YOUR HOBBY?

Is your hobby collecting books, stamps, dolls, coins, stones, leaves, fruits, aquarium fishes; making albums, studying nature, music or dancing; making things with your tools or with your needle; taking pictures, drawing or painting? Or do you have some other hobby?

Write a letter to *The Young Citizen's Hobby Page* telling about your hobby. Remember, this is your own page—let us make it a good one.

Address your letter to *The Young Citizen's Hobby Page* c/o Community Publishers, Inc., 405 Padre Faura, Manila. Give your name, address and age. We will greatly appreciate it if you will send us your snapshot and a picture of your hobby.

All letters or pictures about your hobby will be published and answered in this page.

One of the most beautiful airmail stamps that was issued recently is the Trans-Pacific Airmail stamp. This stamp was issued only several months ago. This was issued to commemorate the flight of the *China Clipper* that successfully crossed the Pacific Ocean.

Have you many airmail stamps in your collection? And can you name all the planes they picture? The Young Citizen Stamp Club which is the title of this column is the Young Stamp Collectors' own page. Our Stamp Editor will be glad to answer any questions you may wish to ask regarding stamps. In your letter, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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treated his captives kindly such that at one time a captive said, "I feel as tho I were at home in my captivity."

His respect for justice and uprightness was shown when his elder brother accidentally ran over an old woman with a bicycle he was riding. Upon learning of the incident he ordered his brother to see the old woman and offer an apology or else he would be dismissed from the service and sent to prison. His elder brother was at that time a colonel in his brigade.

His respect for the rights of others was embodied in his order to his soldiers who were strictly forbidden never to rob, plunder, or violate women. Such were the virtues of this "young general" and for them we should love, honor, and respect his memory.

He died, Dec. 19, 1898 at the battle of Tila Pass, a hero's death. On his diary was found this quotation written just before he died—"I am surrounded by odds that will soon overpower me and my brave men, but I am content in the thought that I die fighting for my country." He was certain of his death at that battle but his courage never failed him. Inspired by his loyalty and devotion to duty, each of his sixty soldiers faced death as calmly and willingly as their illustrious general. For his bravery General March buried him with the military honors that was due his rank.

May our youth follow his unselfish devotion to his country.