

THE UNSOLVED MYSTERY
by Helen Bodiford

My stamp collectiing interest began one morning, several years ago, when my boss walked in the office thumbing through the bundle of mail he had picked up at our post office box. Pulling out a long envelope, he handed it to me saying, "This a beautiful stamp. If you want it, it's yours."

The stamp was an 8 cent U.S. Airmail picturing Amelia Earhart, American aviator, the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic. The stamp is a bright carmine color, and she is shown standing in front of her Lockheed Electria plane looking tall and slender. She is wearing trousers and her hair is cropped short (unusual for a woman at that time - 1935) yet she looks very feminine. Did she have a problem with the fact that she was a woman puruing a career in a man's world? I don't think so. She just did what came naturally.

She was born in Atcheson, Kansas and studied at Columbia University. She loved freedom, personal challenge, and grabbed any oppportunity for accomplishment and excitement. She took flying lessons in California and was the first woman graduate of the Curtiss School of Aviation. In 1921 she soloed.

Her first historic flight was made on June 17, 1928 from Newfoundland to Burry Point, Wales. She was also the first woman to make the transatlantic flight alone. This was from Harbor Grace, Newfoundland to Ireland on May 20-21, 1932. She was also the first woman to solo over the Pacific Ocean on January 12, 1935 when she flew from Honolulu, Hawaii to Oakland, California. She was the
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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show '96. June 1 is a very special day for the state of Tennessee. We are 200 years old! Yesterday the Postal Service issued a new stamp with a picture of the state capitol just for this occasion. Our state was the sixteen state to be admitted

in to the union. Many things have occurred in these 200 years - most were good and only a few bad. Tennessee has led our nation in many ways. During World War II in Oak Ridge, uranium was inriched to help end that war sooner. Tennessee was the first state to reenter the union after the Civil War. Join us in the celebration and have a lot of fun at the stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* NASHVILLE STAMP NEWS *

NEW FRAMES

In the last officers meeting, we agreed to purchase the new exhibit frames. We will buy enough to hold 1000 8 1/2 x 11 pages. We now have ordered them, and they should be here just before the show. They'll be easier to put up. You just unfold the legs, hook them together, and put the pages in. No more screws or splinters! We still have the old ones though. If you anyone who could use them, please let us know.

Nashville Stamp Show '96

On June 1 and 2, 1996 at the Day's Inn located on Briley Parkway, the club shall hold its annual stamp show. This year we shall commemorate Tennessee's Bicentennial. A special stamps shall be issued on May 31 for this occasion. The club shall have approximately 15 dealers in attendance. We will need members to help setup and take down. It will be much easier!

John DeFever is better

John DeFever underwent surgery in early May. He is still in the hospital and doing very well. The COLONEL informs me that he will be home by the end of the month. Come on, John get well soon !!!

Dues are still due

If you haven't paid your dues, PLEASE get them in soon. You may mail them to the address on this newsletter. They are \$7.50.

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:45 p.m., and Program at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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first woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Gold Medal of the National Geographic Society.

On July 13, 1937 she was on the last lap of a flight around the world. She took off from New Guinea with her navigator and was never heard from again. They vanished without a trace.

There have been numerous investigations conducted by Columbia Broadcast System, Scripps League of Newspapers, San Mateo Times, and Associated Press, and search expeditions by Fred Goerner (author of The Search For Amelia Earhart) and others. There is some evidence that they crashed at Meli Atoll in the southeastern Marshall Islands, territory mandated to Japan. It is believed that they were taken by a fishing boat to Japan's Military headquarters in the Pacific, Saipan, and were imprisoned or executed as spies.

There have been appeals for a Congressional investigation and confirmation. Were they actually on a spy mission for the U.S. as has been speculated? There have been numerous theories and speculations. The final chapter in this 58 year mystery is yet to be written.

Ernest Everett Just
by Ed Saunders

On February 1, 1996, the United States Postal Service honored Ernest E. Just with a stamp for the Black Heritage series. Ernest Just was born in Charleston, SC on August 14, 1883. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1907 magna cum laude. Dr. Just taught at Howard University in 1907. He received his his Doctor of Philosophy magna cum laude from the University of Chicago in 1916.

Dr. Just's legacy were his contributions on the physiology of development. He was also one of the authors of General Cytology, published in 1924. His name is among several eminent zoologists as a co-author. From 1920-1931, Dr. Just was the Julius Rosenwald Fellow in Biology of the National Research Council. He went into research under this grant as an adjunct researcher of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology. He has also worked in the marine biology laboratories in Naples and in Sicily. In 1930, Dr. Just lectured at the Eleventh International Congress of Zoologists, held in Padua, Italy. The lecture was on The Role of Cortical Cytoplasm in Vital Phenomena. This lecture was based on the fifty published papers written by Dr. Just.

Dr. Just showed all the characteristics of a true scholar in his work. He was not a pretentious man, but one of a modest personality. His inherent ability, scientific training, creative imagination, and work ethic were the basis for success in his field of zoology.

He was a Vice-President of the American Zoological Society, a Phi Beta Kappa, Editor of several scientific papers, and wrote several books. "If we are to judge his accomplishments by standards set up by men of science, it can be said that Dr. Just is an eminent scientist. If we are to judge his value to Negro education by what he as accomplished in the realm of science, it can be said that to Negro youth especially, he demonstrates the possibility of human achievement regardless of race or color. In the language of of Dean Kelly Miller in an appreciation of Dr. Just, what boots it that Euclid was a Greek, Newton an Englishman, Marconi an Italian, or Guttenburg a German? Their genius has enriched the blood of mankind regardless of place, time, race, or nationality."

George R. Arthur. Ernest Just, Biologist., The Crisis, February 1932, page 46.

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