

# Personality Preview

UNUSUAL STORIES  
about USUAL PEOPLE

By ANNA TAMARRI

A cashier by day and a stamp enthusiast by night, Harry T. Markell of 507 Oakwood avenue has a world of stamps in his possession — including a three-cent stamp, valued at \$40, that made the first trip to Germany on the Graf Zeppelin, a stamp carried on the first flight of the trans-Pacific Clipper, and envelope stamp that was among the first batch cancelled by the Byrd Antarctic expedition on Jan. 31, 1934, two Washington bicentennial envelope stamps, each with different pictures of George Washington, cancelled on Feb. 22, 1932, on the only day the Mount Vernon postoffice was open.

Mr. Markell, who during the day is cashier at the Graybar Electric company in Chicago, relaxes with his stamp hobby in his odd moments. Especially proud is he of the vending-machine stamps which bear machine-made perforations in contrast to the modern uniform markings of United States engravers, the former naturally being older stamps and never sold at postoffices. He makes up many collections of stamps into books, and this is one respect in which he claims he differs from most collectors, who use only one book. Unique also is the pride he takes in his incomplete sets of stamps, he laughingly confesses. These include a set of 1893 Columbian exposition stamps up to the 50-cent denomination, a 1901 Pan-American issue, the Jamestown exposition collection, the Louisiana purchase commemoratives, and an 1869 gathering of stamps.

Monthly auctions, current issues of stamps, regular channels of mail, dealers, all furnish sources of stamp income, envelope stamps, postal card stamps, coil stamps, sheets of stamps in addition to United States ones.

Interesting among his foreign stamps is the Guatemala stamp gotten out for the 150th anniversary of our Constitution, which bears a picture of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, something never seen in America as the depicting of living personages on domestic stamps is forbidden. Nicaragua stamps in his possession carry the likeness of the late Will Rogers, issued in 1931. Coronation stamps for all the British colonies form a colorful array in his collections also. Mourning stamps for the Belgian Queen Astrid are unusual too in that their use was obligatory and the revenue from their sale was partly used for the erection of a memorial to the late queen's memory.

Because he buys and sells stamps also, Mr. Markell is really an expert at collecting. He deals in stamps at Larson's Stationery store. From observations of other collectors' work, he points out that there are numerous ways of collecting, the center blocks of sheets, the line which divides stamp issues into four panes as they come from the mint, coil stamps in pairs, miniature stamps with peculiarities.

In the latter class is one stamp he tracked down from a philatelic

magazine clipping—a stamp which has a dash in the number 7 on its face, which makes it the only one of its kind among the 400 issued. Two others of his have flaw lines and a double transfer of letters, unusual in stamp engraving history.

His start in this hobby came when he was 15 years old. During his boyhood at Palmyra, Mo., he ran across a boy who had two stamps with two Missouri bears on the face of each. With the only dime he owned, he bought one of the stamps. Hearing it was sought after, he showed it to a St. Louis stamp company which bought it for \$75. Because he had cut the perforations around the edges to make it neater, he cut off \$25. The neighbor boy got \$100 for his because it was intact.

Today Mr. Markell has an almost complete file of United States stamps which he intends to keep for their possible future value.

Mr. Markell is a past president of the North Suburban Philatelic society and won the first-award blue ribbon at the second annual exhibition sponsored by the group in 1938 with his display of Lincoln stamps. A Highland Park resident for seven years, Mr. Markell has collected stamps steadily for the past nine years.

## Falls From Curbing, Is Badly Bruised

Frederick Edwards, 645 Sunnyside avenue, was badly bruised last Thursday afternoon when he missed his footing and fell from the curb at the corner of First street and Central avenue. He received a scratch over the left eye, bruises on his arm and body and a scratch on the left leg. He was attended by Dr. Crossman in his office.

## French Government Purchases Painting of Local Artist

The Ministry of Fine Arts of France has just purchased the painting "Don Quixote" by Richard Aberle Florsheim of 888 S. Green Bay road, for the Jeu de Paume Museum, the unit of the French National Museums which is devoted to Contemporary Foreign Art. The painting is to be hung in the museum's permanent collection, according to M. Andre' Dezarros, the curator. This large canvas is one of the few acquired from an American artist by the French Government in recent years, and is an event in the rise of recognition abroad of American art.

Mr. Florsheim was born in Chicago, and has been painting for six years. He has studied independently both in America and abroad; has refused to submit himself to formal academic training. "Don Quixote" was painted in September of 1938, the artist then being 21 years of age, thereby one of the youngest foreign artists to be so honored by France in the entire history of such purchases.

Mr. Florsheim feels very strongly that art "cannot be taught, but must be learned by the individual." He says that the technique of painting is so unalterably a part of its expressiveness that to have a technique imposed from without is to falsify the values of art. "The museums are the true schools," he says, "for there, without the dilution of a 'teacher's interpretation' is the real message of the great of art; they are the living teachers, not the weak interpreters who quote without imagination." He feels that art is a complete way of life, and that the artist must maintain his dignity in the community and world in which he lives. In defying those who yearn for the contemporary to paint as though he were living 300 years ago, he hopes to make them see that we are "the descendants of the Old Masters, not their contemporaries."

## Funeral Rites for Mrs. Minnie Dugan Are Held Saturday

Mrs. Minnie Dugan, 83 years old, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, 17 S. Green Bay road. She had been a resident of Highland Park the greater part of her life and for the past 27 years had lived with her two daughters, Mrs. Fred Glader and Mrs. George Glader.

Mrs. Dugan was born April 4, 1856, in Germany, coming to this country when 14 years of age. Her husband preceded her in death many years ago.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Kelley Mortuary. Rev. F. P. Robinson of the First United Evangelical church read the service. Interment was in Elmwood Memorial Park cemetery.

The deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Heindel of Chicago, and Mrs. Fred Glader and Mrs. George Glader, both of this city.



John Biolo, Little All-American guard, member of the undefeated and untied Lake Forest College team, will play with the Green Bay Packers this Fall. Curley Lambeau thought so much of him that he outbid George Halas of the Chicago Bears.

## Firemen Respond to Auto Fire Tuesday

The Highland Park fire department responded to a call at the corner of Skokie highway and Prairie avenue, where an automobile owned by John R. Greeden of Kenosha, Wis., caught fire. The damage which amounted to about \$50 was believed to have been caused by an electric short.

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## Mrs. Cobb Wins Prize in Cheese Contest

Mrs. Daniel L. Cobb, 284 Park avenue, has just received a cash award as prize winner in the Blue Moon Cheese Products, Inc. "Rhyme the Line" contest in which there were many entries. The dealer through whom Mrs. Cobb entered the contest was Golden Meadow Dairy, 537 Central avenue, of which Volney E. Landkehr is proprietor. Mrs. Cobb has won several other prizes in similar contests.

A patent has been granted to Albert L. Arenberg, of Highland Park, for a combination lighting and ventilating fixture. He has assigned it to the Patent License corporation, Chicago.

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