



Stamps

by Larry McInnis

Last week I told you about the deal to print and market the Wayzata \$1 Newfoundland airmail stamp of 1932 to promote an airmail flight from North America to Europe. The printing turned out to be the easiest part of the soon-to-unfold drama.

The stamp that is now called the Wayzata was so named for the place where the transatlantic

flying boat flight was to begin: Wayzata Bay on Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis.

The aircraft was to go from Wayzata to Toronto, Montreal, St. Pierre and Miquelon, St. John's and Holyrood, across the Atlantic via Greenland, Iceland, and Norway, and then on to Sweden, Germany, Denmark, and Britain.

The Minneapolis firm printed the stamps and they were duly delivered to the bank.

The deal, between Aerial World Tours Inc. (AWT) and Newfoundland, was that 300,000 of the total printing of 400,000 stamps were to be released to AWT in lots of 25,000, with the firm paying \$5,000 in Canadian funds for each package delivered.

Part of what happened next hinged on the tricky wording of the AWT-wording of the AWT-Newfoundland agreement:

"The said bank (in Minneapolis) shall deliver to the Bank of Montreal as agent for the government of Newfoundland the remaining 100,000 of the said stamps which said stamps will be sold by the Newfoundland Postal authorities."

The key word seems to have been the word "remaining", as we shall see.

On Thursday, August 11, 1932, the day following delivery of the stamps, AWT picked up the first package of 25,000 stamps and paid \$5,000 in Canadian funds to the Minneapolis bank.

AWT Secretary Lawrence Clark maintained years later that the money was transferred from the Minneapolis bank to the Bank of Montreal, which credited it to the Newfoundland government.

The Minneapolis bank then attempted to deliver 100,000 copies of the stamp to the Newfoundland government.

No way, said Newfoundland. AWT had to sell 300,000 stamps before the government would accept any. It would then take the remaining 100,000 stamps.

"This was an original interpretation and entirely not in accord with the original intent and wording of the contract," Clark complained when recalling the incident in 1949.

Meanwhile, there were other problems. A group of Wayzata businessmen had allegedly told project promoter Partrick McCarty they would spend \$50,000 on stamps, which would go a considerable way toward a down payment of \$66,000 on a four-engine "Clipper" flying boat (as shown on the stamp).

But when it came time to ante up, they invested only \$500.

The result of this was that the best AWT could do was get a twin-engine Sikorsky- from the Walgreen drugstore chain. It was named the *Newfoundlander*.

The problem here was that although the smaller aircraft could make the overseas flight eventually, it could not carry passengers, and the mail load would be considerably limited.

To drum up interest, the plane was flown by pilot Carl Vickery from Chicago to Wayzata in late August, and on Aug. 31, 1932, to the Minnesota Fair, where it was exhibited for ten days.

It was all in vain. The Newfoundland government put an end to the project.

The pain of it all was increased when AWT learned, not from

the Newfoundland government directly, but from an article in a St. John's newspaper, that it had been abandoned.

On Sept. 13, 1932, the St. John's *Evening Telegram* reported "The Newfoundland government has cancelled its special issue of 400,000 stamps which were to be sold during a world flight sponsored by Aerial World Tours Inc. of Minneapolis. This action was taken because the flight has not started and it was officially stated today about 25,000 stamps have been issued and the government has demanded their collection and return."

Of course the 25,000 referred to was the package picked up Aug. 12, 1932, by AWT and for which \$5,000 was paid to the Minneapolis bank.

So how long could the Newfoundland government demand "Their collection and return"? AWT hadn't broken the contract.

Letters

Letters are invited. Please send enquiries to the writer at P.O. Box 40, Beauharnois, Quebec, J6N 3C1.

Winnie's Scribbles

By Winnie Campbell

The Chimo Club held their win-dup supper on May 19 at the Restaurant LeBlanc with a turkey supper. Prizes were given for the year:

Men's High Average- Geno Caccamo; *Ladies' Average-* Bena Welbourne; *Men's Low-* Huck Gerow; *Ladies' Low-* Ann Needham; *Men's High Single* is Pat Guina; *Ladies' High Single* Ann Needham; *Best Attendance for the year-* Ladies'- Helen Wallace; *Men's-* Martin Ryan; *Lucky Numbers at the Banquet* were Bena Welbourne, Gloria Mullins and Alice Sparks.

All went over to the Chimo after the supper and played bridge. *Men's High-* Al Slater; *Ladies' High-* Ann Needham; *Men's Low-* Martin Ryan; *Ladies' Low-* Juanita Gellert.

Retiring President Alice Sparks thanked all who helped and assisted her in her term- officers for 1987 are Al Slater, president; Alex Furyk, treasurer.

A good-bye tea was held in the Anglican Church basement for Rev. and Mrs. Le Grand. Hostesses were Joan Le Blanc, Nancy McLatchie and Elizabeth MacKay.

Kitchen were Alice Sparks, Marg Morrell- waitresses were Sean and Kabrina McKay and Shirley Hamilton; Tea Pourers

were Mavis Slater and Irene Harness and Flora Bryson and Edith Birch.

Mr. McKay presented the money tree and a bouquet of flowers to Rev. and Mrs. Le Grand. They thanked all with tears. They are going to Blind River. We shall miss you. Good Luck in your new home.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clavelle were Madeline Clavelle and Fernande Fuentes from New York and brother John Clavelle from Montreal.

Rev. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson are back from their visit to visit their relations in Alberta.

The Fun Run on May 25 was a lovely evening and many attended. About 800 walked or ran the miles. Giving out the participation buttons were Mrs. Larivee and daughter. Workers at the door were Irene Borutski and Jack Handel and other helpers.

Youngest child winning the prize was Lindsay Tremblay and the oldest man was Fred Harness and Lady, Winnie Campbell. Marg Nesbitt and Winnie Campbell carried the 'Chimo' Banner.

Get Well in hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Smart and Huck Gerow and Mrs. Isabelle Borutski and Geno Caccamo and Verna Le Blanc.

Mr. Jack McIsaac from Thunder Bay is visiting his son John here.

Mrs. Kenny's tanning tips

(The following was submitted by Terrace Bay's Elise Kenny).

Sunless Tanning Tips

-apply lotion thinly and evenly; for a darker look, repeat the application the next day rather than applying one thick layer.

-allow lotion to dry thoroughly before going to bed or putting clothing over it so it doesn't get rubbed off.

-if you use the lotion on your face, also apply it to your throat if you'll be wearing an open-necked blouse or shirt.

-use only a very small amount around knees, ankles and elbows; you need less in those areas.

N.B.- Always use a "sunscreen" over the "sunless tanners" when

you're outdoors. Neither the lotion nor the resultant skin darkening is meant to provide protection from the sun's rays.

These tips were published in the January, 1987, *Prevention* magazine issue. *Prevention* staff were asked to try some of these sunless tanners including Avon, Lancome, Biotherm and Clarins products.

The review was "Super product. Just what I was waiting for." Most of the testers' comments ranged from mildly to wildly enthusiastic.

So look for these sunless tanners mentioned above. They are the best on the market.

Keep healthy and smiling, Elise Kenny.

Confederation College celebrating its 20th Anniversary in May 1988

1988 marks the 20th Anniversary of Confederation College in Thunder Bay and also is the 20th Anniversary of the Broadcasting-Radio and Television program.

A 20th Anniversary Broadcasting Reunion is being planned for the long weekend of **May 20-23, 1988**. We are trying to contact all former Broadcasting students (graduates or not) in the hope that they will attend.

For further information, we invite them to immediately contact the BRT Alumni Reunion Committee, c/o The Placement Office, Confederation College, P.O. Box 398, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7C 4W1.

Thank-you for your co-operation, sincerely Murray Corbett President

BRT Alumni Reunion Committee

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