

Fiftieth Anniversary Issue

Introduction

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PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERING AND REMOTE SENSING

RETROSPECT. (ret-ro-spekt) noun, a looking back; survey of past events." As used in the Art World, an exhibit of the broad phases of an artist's life-work. In this issue the Committee has endeavored to give the readers, in retrospect, a broad sense of the past of American photogrammetry. The recent past is better documented than were the early days of Photogrammetry and is not covered in detail.

Morris Thompson, Chairman of the Publications Committee of ASP, called our Sub-Committee a "Blue Ribbon Committee" and certainly it is, so far as the members who worked with me are concerned. This is an unquestionable fact. Our thanks are due to Bob Colwell, Bob Lyddan, Al Quinn, Carp Tewinkel, and most especially to Harry Tubis, who solicited, reviewed, and edited the portion on our pioneers.

In looking back we discover many facts which may surprise some of our present members, a large number of whom, I suspect, have been members for less than twenty years.

EXAMPLES, TAKEN FROM THE NEWS NOTES

At the first meeting (29 July 1934) of the 12 founders, there was a discussion as to whether there might be as many as a hundred persons in the United States who would pay annual dues of \$3.00 to \$5.00 to have a publication of live news and discussions of photo mapping.

W. N. Brown, one of the founders, commented on the new attitude toward planning: "... proposals for the planned development of several large river valleys, ... forest belts to modify the climate of vast areas; ... to prevent soil erosion" "Correlated ... to the thought of extensive planning is the thought of extensive mapping of physical data." "In the hands of the inept, the cost of making the map may be many times what it should be. ... officials tell us that it is next to impossible to lot (sic) it to any other than the low bidder, even though ... he has failed to deliver on some previous work." This has a familiar ring—it could be a quote from last year!

C. W. Collier listed government aerial mapping activities of the past year (1934) or underway:

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Number of Projects</i>
U.S. Forest Service	17,547 sq. mi.	21
Geological Survey	44,240 sq. mi.	15
C. & G. S.	6,500 sq. mi.	—
Corps of Engineers	5,940 sq. mi.	8
Hydrographic Office	several thousand	—
Soil Erosion Service	<u>28,000 sq. mi.</u>	25
	102,236 sq. mi.	

The first regular meeting of the American Society of Photogrammetry was held in the auditorium of the Department of the Interior on 28 August 1934. Constitution and By-Laws were discussed. The next meeting was set for 25 September 1934.

It was noted that Lt. Reading and Mr. Eliel are attending the International Society for Photogrammetry (ISP) Congress in Paris in November.

At the meeting of the Society on 8 June 1935, Col. Birdseye reported that, at the recent Congress of ISP, the American Society of Photogrammetry was admitted to membership.

May, 1935. The first Annual Meeting of ASP was held on 22 May 1935. Seventy-two were registered. Most of the sessions were attended by 100 or more. In this issue is a Treasurer's report, revised to the date of 15 June, stating:

Paid Membership to date 217 @ \$3.00	\$651.00
Total disbursements	<u>527.37</u>
Balance	\$123.63

July-Aug., 1935. An award of \$5.00 will be made to the designer of an emblem adopted for the Society. (No record of designer's name.)

Vol. II, No. 1, Jan.-Feb.-Mar., 1936 displayed, for the first time, the emblem of the Society on the cover.

Vol. II, No. 2, April-May-June, 1936, contains the list of Sustaining Members. This is the first time these names were published: (The fee at that time was \$50.00.)

Abrams Aerial Surveys, Lansing, Mich.

Aero Service Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.

Agfa Anscop Corp., Binghamton, N.Y.

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Rochester, N.Y.

Miss Louise A. Boyd, San Francisco, Calif.

Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y.

Edgar Tobin Aerial Surveys, San Antonio, Tex.

Fairchild Aerial Surveys, Los Angeles, Calif.

Fairchild Aerial Camera Corp., Woodside, N.Y.

Maj. W. Sidney Park, Louisville, Ky.

Southwestern Aerial Survey, Austin, Tex.

Wallace Aerial Surveys, Spokane, Wash.

At the Annual Meeting on 18 January 1937 it was announced that the Texas Section, with a membership of 65, had been approved. Approval for the Society's Code of Ethics was announced. Retiring President Scott Reading announced that the year closed with a membership of 632. It was also recommended that, "While it may later become desirable or necessary to increase dues to \$5.00 per year, it is recommended . . . a special effort be made to hold to the present figure (\$3.00)."

Vol. III, No. 1, Jan.-Feb.-March, 1937 was the first issue under the new name, *Photogrammetric Engineering*.

50th ANNIVERSARY SCRAPBOOK

During 1983, Mrs. Gerry Loving requested and received from members photographs and notes showing what they were doing 50 years ago, in 1934. Many members responded and sent in some very nostalgic photos.

Mrs. Loving took the photographs, prepared captions, and mounted them in a scrapbook whose pages were displayed at the 50th Annual Convention in March.

Rather than print the usual filler material in this 50th Anniversary Issue, we have selected, at random, photographs and captions to complete the pages of this special issue.

Mrs. Loving's introduction to the Scrapbook is printed below.

March 1, 1984

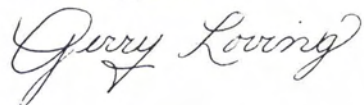
Dear Members of ASP,

Here is your ASP Family Album, your treasured memories of days gone by! Here you will find depicted yourselves, your families, your pets, your awards and distinctions in photogrammetry and in other fields, all centered as much as possible around the year 1934.

Your response to this project has been overwhelming. Many of you submitted great quantities of material from which a single entry had to be selected, and we still look forward to receiving photos from the rest of you. The captions were not meant to be biographies, just bits of folksy information about you and what you were doing in the year 1934, if indeed, you were around at that time!

I sincerely hope that the joy and amusement you experience while perusing the pages of the Album will be as great as that of the staff of ASP and mine as we assembled it.

Nostalgically yours,



Gerry Loving