

ALFRED F. LICHTENSTEIN AWARD— BERNARD A. HENNIG 1987 RECIPIENT

The bard said it best: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. . . ." For Bernard A. Hennig, the "fortune" he derived was the satisfaction of a job well done. The reference, of course, is to his chairmanship of AMERIPEX, the international philatelic exhibition held in Chicago in 1986, generally conceded by most informed philatelists to have been the finest philatelic exhibition ever held in the United States. Among the kudos: "A goal for future exhibitions to emulate."

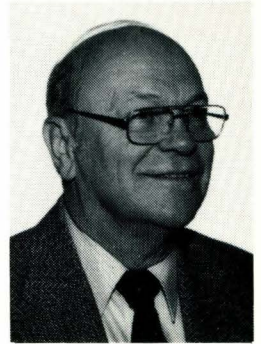
Bernard A. Hennig came well-prepared for that task, having been involved in organizational work for philately for many years. Along the way, he served as president of Chapter 5 of the Germany Philatelic Society, president of the national Germany Philatelic Society, president of the Collectors Club of Chicago, member of the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society, trustee of the American Philatelic Research Library and vice president of that same library. Also, for a number of years, he has served as the American Philatelic Society delegate to the Congress of the Federation Internationale de Philately (F.I.P.)

In judging work at philatelic exhibitions, he has served as a member and, more frequently, as chairman of the judging panel. He is, in addition, an accredited international judge and has been active in that capacity at numerous international exhibitions sponsored by the F.I.P. in many parts of the world. He is responsible, with several collaborators, for the widely-acclaimed *Manual of Philatelic Judging*. This book already has appeared in two editions, and has been commended and its ideas used as models in judging exhibitions in the United States and in other countries, too. His work on that book was a natural concomitant to his service as chairman of the American Philatelic Society's Accreditation of Judges Committee.

Bernard A. Hennig has built several philatelic collections, many of which have garnered high awards. His collections include German semi-officials, German East Africa, German submarine mails of World War I, Danzig and Vatican City. In the air mail field, he has formed collections of Danzig, Guatemala and the Vatican.

His collections have achieved grand awards in exhibitions sponsored by the American Philatelic Society, the Society of Philatelic Americans, the American Air Mail Society and the Germany Philatelic Society, plus other grand awards at various national exhibitions. In international shows, he has three large gold medals for Danzig, gold with special prize for Danzig air mails, vermeil for German East Africa, and vermeil for Guatemala air mails.

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Society, Canada and the Philatelic Congress of India. Other memberships include the Collectors Club of New York, the Collectors Club of Chicago and The Royal Philatelic Society, London (Fellow).

He has not neglected the writing field; his articles have appeared in the *German Postal Specialist* and in the annual *Complex Directory*.

For his achievements in philately, Mr. Hennig has received the following awards:

American Philatelic Society Luff Award,
Society of Philatelic Americans Lagerloff Award,
Germany Philatelic Society C.H. Hunt Award,
Chicago Philatelic Society Saul Newberry Award, and
British Philatelic Foundation Roll of Distinguished Philatelists.

In private life, Mr. Hennig is an attorney, having received his J.D. degree in 1939 from Chicago's prestigious John Marshall Law School. Today, he is semi-retired, acting as counsel to his own law firm. Before receiving his law degree, he was educated in both Europe and the United States, where he completed his college education.

"Bud" Hennig is married to Dolores, who has presented him with a daughter and four sons. All of the sons are lawyers; two help carry on the Hennig law practice.

In community life, he has been active in a number of professional and civic societies. He is especially proud of his membership on the Boy Scout Committee of Chicago.

The Board of Governors of the Collectors Club of New York is pleased to bestow its Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award on Bernard A. Hennig. The medal that is emblematic of that award will be presented to him on May 13, 1987 at the Annual Awards Banquet to be held on that date at the Tower Suite in Rockefeller Center, New York.

Philip Silver

**ACCOUNT OF THE DECEMBER 3, 1986 MEETING
THE SOWERS ISSUE OF FRANCE
RAYMOND GAILLAGUET**

Why collect the "Sowers", a relatively new issue? First, I prefer the French term, Semi-Classic to refer to this issue, and, second, I was attracted to it by its long usage and many types. From the 15c Lined Sower of 1903 to the 30c dark red cameo pre-cancel, withdrawn in 1941, this issue was in continuous use. Very few issues had such a long life.

1. 1840 to 1902 Victoria = 62 yrs—a reigning monarch.
2. 1891 to 1940 Wilhelmina = 49 yrs—a reigning monarch.