

5-CENT

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP



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DECEMBER 16, 1964

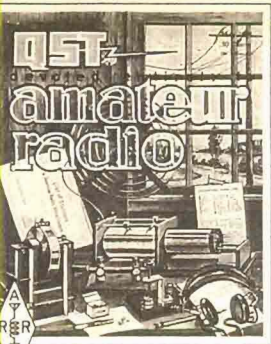
A 5-cent stamp honoring the nation's 250,000 amateur radio operators will be first placed on sale at Anchorage, Alaska, on December 15, 1964.

It was in Alaska that the "hams" wrote another chapter in a long public service record by maintaining communications following the recent earthquake. The Amateur Radio commemorative stamp falls on the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Radio Relay League.

This purple vertical stamp was designed by Emil J. Willett of Hartford, Connecticut. His stylized design combines a radio broadcast wave with a portion of a radio dial. This issue will be printed on the Cottrell presses, issued in panes of 50, with an initial printing of 120 million.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Postage stamps and personal checks will not be accepted in payment of the new issue. The envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers 5¢ Amateur Radio Stamp." Orders for covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps. Requests must be postmarked not later than December 15, 1964.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER
AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE



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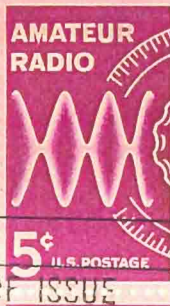
50th Anniversary

AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE
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AMATEUR RADIO

IS A SCIENTIFIC HOBBY of personal two-way short-wave communication, established by international agreement and practiced by 400,000 enthusiasts all over the globe. In the U. S. alone are more than 250,000 citizens licensed as amateurs by the Federal Communications Commission after completing tests in radio-telegraph code, theory and regulations. They engage in self-training, technical investigations, and other activities in the public interest such as providing emergency communications in the event of disaster. For example, in announcing the commemorative stamp, Postmaster General Gronouski said, "When telephonic communications were disrupted during a recent earthquake in Alaska, it was the hams who made contact with worried friends and relatives."

Amateurs originally were assigned to wavelengths thought by the government and professionals to be worthless. But they amazed the wireless industry by opening up a whole new field of short-wave communications. Today the bulk of all radio activity — f.m. and TV broadcasting, aeronautical, marine, military, etc. — takes place on these channels. Recently, amateurs helped evaluate a new method of "single sideband" communication, with the result that this efficient and revolutionary method is being adopted for nearly all forms of two-way commercial and military voice circuits. Today, pioneering amateurs are still in the forefront, bouncing radio signals off the moon and conduct-

ing space communications experiments through their own amateur-designed and amateur-built orbiting satellite transmitters.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, which this year commemorates its 50th anniversary, is a noncommercial association of 100,000 radio amateurs, bonded for the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation, for the relaying of messages by radio, for the advancement of the radio art and of the public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative matters, and for the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

