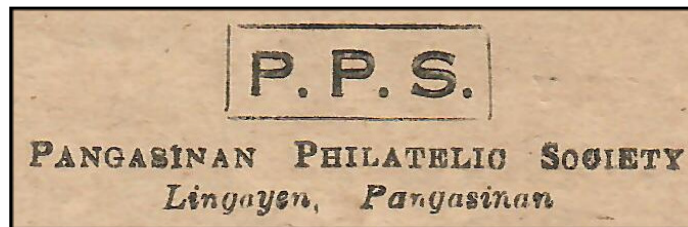


PANGASINAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Little information is known about the Pangasinan Philatelic Society (PPS). There is known correspondence by Armando Panlilio in 1943 from the Lingayen Stamp Club, which is believed to be the precursor for the Pangasinan Philatelic Society. It is believed that the PPS was established in early 1944, and remained in existence during the Japanese Occupation period. Armando Panlilio is recorded as vice-president of the PPS in 1944.



The PPS was instrumental in creating the PAPEX philatelic exhibition on December 8, 1944 in conjunction with the date to mark the Third Anniversary of the East Asia War.

The circumstances surrounding the extremely restricted issue of the Souvenir Postal Card issued on December 8, 1944 is described in the May-June 1953 issue of the Philippine Journal of Philately:

"Pedro V de la Cruz, the PPS president, prepared ten covers. They were printed especially for the occasion [of the PAPEX Exhibition]. Armando Panlilio, vice-president of the PPS, was requested to prepare a design for the cachet. Through with the design, another member prepared the rubber stamp. In 24 hours the cachet was ready.

Early in the morning of December 8, 1944, the president of the PPS, accompanied by seven members, called at the Post Office. The club president brought along with him the covers to be treated with the special cachet.

There were exactly fifty postal cards (2c Rice Planter) and ten covers treated with the special cachet. The covers were franked with the 5c blue Rizal stamp. After having been cacheted the covers and cards were postmarked, with postmaster Norberto Dalmacio, as an interested on-looker."

It is interesting to note that there must have been additional covers cancelled at the same time as those stated above, on the evidence that the 5c Pre-Stamped envelope was also pre-printed and the same cachet and cancels applied as Souvenirs for the PAPEX Exhibition.
