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October 23, 1950



Soaring Society of America, Inc.
3778 Marion Avenue,
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Attention: Eugart Yerian, Editor.

Gentlemen:

Can you help us? We are dizzy trying to keep up with the address of the Soaring Society of America. This address need not bother us if we received our issues of SOARING regularly, but since we do not and are always having to write and ask for them we find ourselves at quite a disadvantage.

We received the Mar-April issue on April 17. In July we began writing to find out about the May-June issue. We had had addresses in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Wilmington, Delaware. Then in August we received a card from the Society, from Weston, Mass. In Sept. we received a card from Elmira, N.Y. We wrote to both addresses. Then on October 14, we received the July - August issue # 8. We are still without the May-June issue. Can you tell us how we can get it and to whom we should write when we do not receive our issues.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Newberry

(Miss) M. A. Newberry,
Head of Acquisition Dept.

MAN:HBR

Miss Newberry will really be confused when she receives this May-June issue printed in November and edited by an editor appointed in July. She is not alone in her confusion—we have baskets of letters similar to the above. Confused also are the Memphis postal authorities who refuse to understand how we can ask to mail a magazine with the issues all out of sequence. They also refuse to accept our double numbering system for the issues, so be prepared for that minor change.

No attempt has been made in this issue to avoid anachronisms. Great expectations, high hopes and prophecies seem a bit foolish in the after knowledge of what happened to them, so some optimistic content of articles and letters has been deleted.

To avoid looking foolish and over-optimistic, the editor makes no promises about when this publication will be on a current basis. If it takes as many letters per reply in the future as in the past to get you jokers who read this magazine to contribute to it, it may never get on a current basis. Just as a faint whispered hope, we're trying to get out of the woods by New Year's Day.

The editor invites your contributions in any form—gripes to the editor, news of clubs, or technical articles.