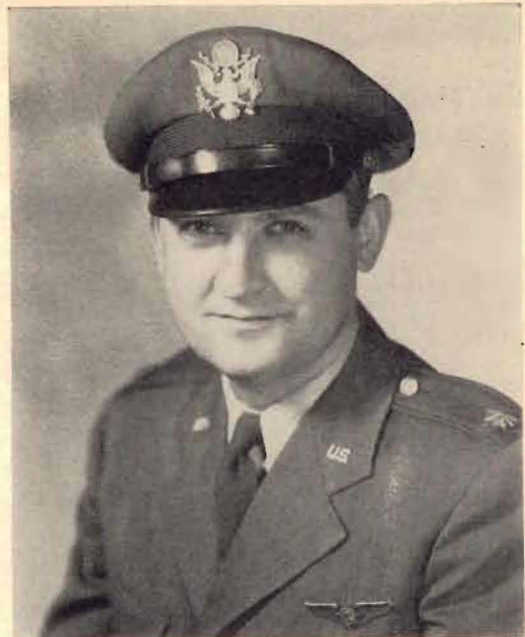


# EDITORIAL

The Board of Directors of the Society made a most important decision at its last meeting, one which should have a far-reaching effect. To give the Members of the Society the service which they desire and need, the Board authorized the employment of a full-time Executive Secretary. Fortunately, an exceptionally well-qualified candidate for the position was almost immediately available. More about our new Executive Secretary, Lloyd M. Licher, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The task of organizing an executive office and setting up the routines for conducting the day to day business of the Society will not be easy. After all, it has been sixteen years since the Society has enjoyed such a service. Neither is it to be expected that in a trice we will be able to give complete service to our Members on the myriad of requests we are now getting.

It is expected that much of the work presently carried out by committees will continue. Hopefully, the burden being shared by your President and Secretary should be reduced, giving more time for planning and follow-up on matters of general interest to the well-being of the Society; more time, we hope, for effecting changes to Civil Air Regulations covering glider airworthiness, pilot certificates, towing, and airspace allocation; also to seeking an expansion of gliding among members of our Armed Forces, CAP, schools, colleges and private groups.



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This action on the part of your Directors does not mean that we can relax and look forward to a boom of activity, SOARING on a monthly basis, and the fulfillment of all our dreams. On the contrary, now is the time we shall most need the complete support from everyone. We must improve our financial position three-fold to reach our goal. Doubling our membership will go a long way toward helping and can be done if each Member will pledge himself to signing up one new Member! Perhaps there is a former member you can get to rejoin.

It is hoped that the remainder will come from additional income from advertisements in SOARING, sanction fees and gifts from interested benefactors.

Your Directors have taken the action you have all wanted. It is a calculated risk based upon assurances that the Members of the Society will back them. Let's not fail!

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