



Walter E. Koons, long-time subscriber to STAMPS, is the proud possessor of a first day cover dated April 15, 1942 autographed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur some years later when he was the Supreme Commander in Tokyo 1946; copy of the cover is illustrated here.

attractive book published last year by the American Medical Association." He then told of some of the efforts Dr. Kyle and other doctors had engaged in towards the release of a blood donor stamp.

Dr. Bernice M. Hemphill, a member of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Blood Banks, gave an interesting talk outlining the economic, medical, and moral reasons why as much

as possible of the needed blood should come from voluntary donors.

The Hon. John R. Strachan, Postmaster of New York, then spoke briefly, expressing the gratification the New York Post Office felt over the fact that the City of New York had been selected as the site of first day issue of the blood donors stamp. He commended the American Association of Blood Banks for the role it had played in bring-

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ing this stamp to fruition, thus helping the Nation and the world to understand the vital role the donation of blood plays in over-all medical care. He commented that the New York Post Office has its own blood bank and its employees have always been encouraged to participate in its voluntary program. He added that over 4,000 employees on its roles are participating in the program at the present time, and mentioned that just the preceding week Melvin S. Scher, one of its carriers, had contributed his 82nd pint of blood. He then presented Mr. Scher with a certificate of recognition.

The Hon. Winton M. Blount, Postmaster General of the United States, made a few brief remarks, and presented albums of the new stamp to honored guest on the dais.

The benediction, by the Rev. Msgr. Kane, was so stirring that we quote his prayer here in full:

"O God, who is always pleased with men who remember the needs of their brothers, we express our thanks to You for the success with which You have blessed the voluntary blood donation programs in our Land.

"We ask Your continued blessing and a fitting reward for those who have carried on this crusade over the years, and especially those who have given their very blood for others.

"May we all be encouraged by their efforts to succeed in our endeavors, live well, laugh often, love much, gain the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children, and leave the world a bit better than we found it. Then we can always look backward with pride.

*Year, after year, after year...*

