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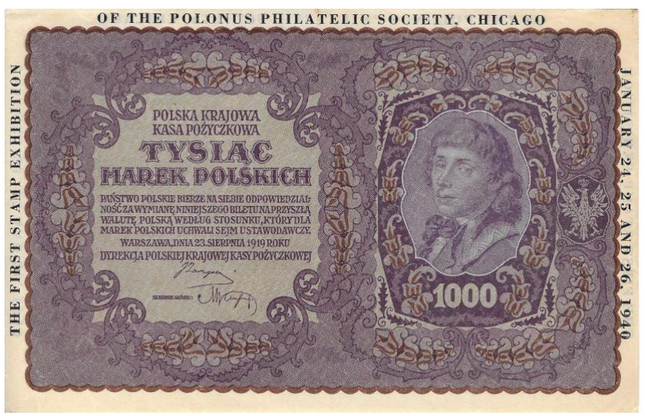
POLPEX 1940 – The First Annual Polonus Polish Philatelic Society Exhibition

1939 - The Founding of Polonus Philatelic Society
Polish philatelists gather in Chicago during the first ever meeting of Polonus Society.

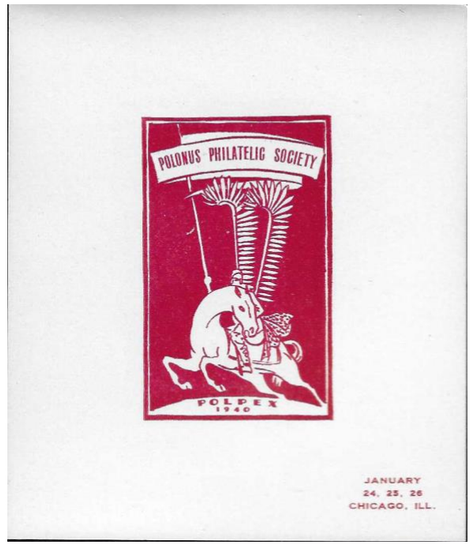
This bank note is from the period prior to the currency redenomination of 1924. Just 100 were overprinted.

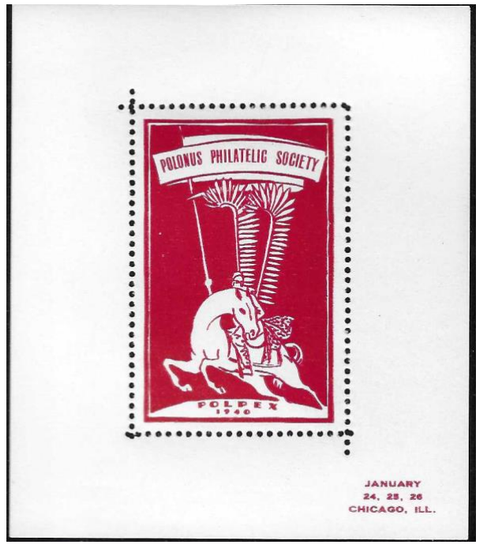
Overprinted 1,000 Mark Notes
Notes were sold for $1.00 each.

Reduced 50%



Souvenir Sheets
1940 began the custom of issuing souvenir sheets to commemorate POLPEX. There were two versions issued each year, typically perforate and imperforate. The design was drawn by J. Kupjack of Chicago.

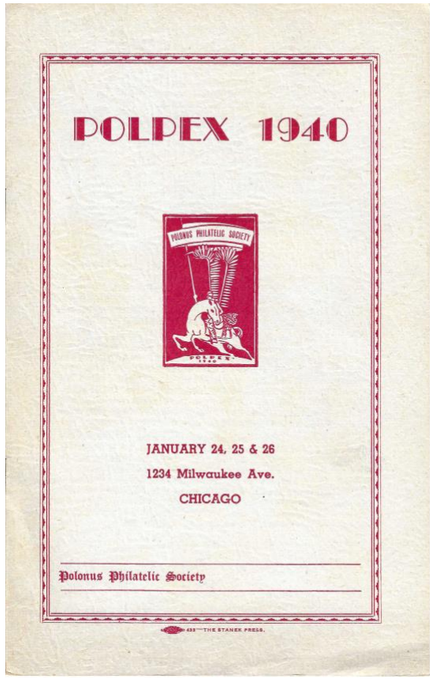




The souvenir sheet designed by Kupjack portrays a winged Polish Hussar, seated on a galloping horse, carrying his lance. This Polish soldier is famous in history for his exploits.

POLPEX 1940 Exhibition Cover
A cover was issued for the exhibition which was canceled on the first day of POLPEX.

This cover is addressed to Bert Powell who was a founding member of Polonus and a member of the 1940 POLPEX Exhibition Committee.



POLPEX 1940 Exhibition Program
The program lists an impressive array of exhibits entered in the exhibition.

2024 – The 85th Anniversary of Polonus Polish Philatelic Society
Continuing to build on a tradition of friendship, scholarship, and the study of Polish Philately.