Amon Carter Field is literally “the airport of the future” as visualized by aviation experts all over the world, James A. Haggerty Jr., author of an article on the subject in the current issue of Collier’s magazine, said Wednesday after visiting the installation with other members of the Aviation Writers Association.

The approximately 200 members of the nationwide writers’ organization were enthusiastic about the airport after an inspection tour and luncheon in the main dining room there as guests of Humble Oil & Refining Company. En route, the five-bus caravan had stopped for a tour of Bell Aircraft Corporation’s helicopter factory at Hurst.

“This terminal puts La Guardia Field in the shade,” George Carroll, New York Journal-American aviation editor, said. “It is one of the most beautiful I’ve seen here or overseas.”

Carroll’s comment was echoed by Ralph G. Platt, Cleveland News aviation editor who was re-elected president of the AWA in an afternoon business session at the field. Platt stressed the flexibility of the installation, enthusing over how easily it can be expanded when a need arrives.

Haggerty’s article, entitled “The Atom-Liner,” quotes aviation leaders as agreeing that “the airport of the future must be located farther from town because tomorrow’s high-speed aircraft will need long, unobstructed...
ed approaches, and because the powerful planes of tomorrow will be a good deal noisier than today's."

"This is the airport of the future the article was talking about," Haggerty said.

He also commented on Carter Field's accessibility from downtown Fort Worth and Dallas. He compared the 30 minutes' driving time from either city with more than an hour from Detroit to its airport, an hour at Chicago and an hour at Pittsburgh.

The day's activity ended with a dinner party at Shady Oak Farm, with Amon Carter Jr. as host, after a late-afternoon swimming-cocktail party at the Western Hills Hotel, with Bell Aircraft Corporation as host.

Thursday's schedule began with a breakfast at Hotel Texas given by Convair and then departure by bus for Dallas, where the next three days of the convention will center around the Adolphus Hotel.

In route, Chance Vought and Temco Aircraft Corporation plants at Grand Prairie were toured and a luncheon at the Naval Air Station was given by Chance Vought.

An air show during the afternoon and a "Cowboy Stomp" dance-extravaganza in the Adolphus ballroom in the evening completed the day's schedule.