

---It makes us very sad to announce the untimely demise of Lee Combs Jr. in early July, and Bill Vitale in mid-July. Lee died about three and one-half hours after side-swiping with a truck in Claxton, Georgia (near Savannah). Bill died after a heart attack during the night.

---We are looking forward to a visit from George T. Turner in September when the APS meets in Los Angeles (Northridge is a northwest district of L.A.) Will look for others of you SRS members who will be here. \*\*Drop me a line and let me know your plans.

---Indiana has issued her vertical design beer stamps, the 12-32 ounce case and  $\frac{1}{2}$  barrel stamps, in a rich reddish brown. Hard to keep up with these 'beers'.

---Charlie H. Hermann had a vacation trip into Georgia and up to New York State mainly to look for 'rocks' but we expect that he turned up some new "States" or "Locals" in revenues for his other hobby. Charlie wrote the "State Revenue" column in "Gossip" for many years, in case you don't remember.

---Those Kansas Secured Debt stamps are becoming 'impossible' to obtain. Other Kansas stamps which were plentiful, such as the Feeds etc., are also becoming very hard to come by. Our reference collection lacks the Secured Debts 20¢, 80¢, 90¢, and \$11 thru \$15 altho we sold some of them to Frank Applegate for his denomination collection in one of our weaker moments. Can anyone help us with these stamps?? --Look for some new rare varieties of the Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Remedy stamps-- we have found some and will put out a new list for SRS members very soon.

---We now have a Board of Governors as follows: David C. Strock, John E. Theil, F. A. Senecal, Walter M. Brewer, Dr. Francis J. Scully, George T. Turner, and Herbert Cross Jr. Hope that these gentlemen will have some good suggestions for the SRS and for a Treasurer, Secretary, Librarian, Editor, Publicist etc. Colin Mac R. Makepeace has reneged as a Governor since his interests are limited to early colonial revenues and he is very busy. George T. Turner 'read us off' for not asking him if he would accept the position before appointing him, but he hasn't said as yet that he would refuse the post. His time is pretty well taken up with his post as Philatelic Director of the Smithsonian Institute.

---A single copy (used) of the \$11 Maryland Documentary stamp has reached your writers hands. What can I get for it in trade from my want lists?

---California cigarette stamps come into use about August 20th and are to be sold by the banks-- we don't know of any limitations as to who can buy, and haven't yet tried ourself. They are black and orange and about half the size of the defunct federal cigarette stamps.

--Incidentally, the new 'in lieu' stamps on the packs are interesting and will no doubt find their way into many collections.

---We hold some interesting early New York Stock Transfer documents for a stamped reply envelope from those interested in getting them. --Also have some Democratic promotional poster stamps from the last California State election. "Sweep the State in '48" is the motto on the stamps which feature an outline map of the state. Try to send some "States" or "Locals" in return if you can.

---You may be interested to know that SRS members will hereafter receive preference on stamps which your writer obtains. Needless to say, the 'Outsiders' won't have much of a look at the rare stuff, unless they can produce something rare for the reference collection.

---James Seville has given up dealing in stamps, on the doctors orders, and is now in the business of tulip bulb raising commercially. His stock is being absorbed by Hubbard's Cupboard. This makes the "Cupboard" the possessor of two of the best three State Revenue stocks in existence.....altho the owner is primarily interested in collecting the stamps.

---The State Revenue catalog is still inching along toward completion with the printers still 'dragging their feet', as they have done for the past ten years. It is a shame that the printers have not lived up to their many many promises of this period.

---We will welcome comments and news for our little newsletter, which we hope to produce monthly from now on. ... We are saving our small treasury for permanent lists now.