



News letter of The International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors

Vice President's Report

Since I wrote the last column at Futrell's in Pennsylvania I shall fill in the remainder of our trip, at least as far as club activities were concerned. Our itinerary led us through Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana where a number of members were contacted and attempts were made to talk to others. My wife, Maxine, and I spent a short time with Ariel Poling #76 in Bedford, Ind. If anyone is working with young stamp collectors and has run out of ideas, I highly recommend they contact Ariel. She spent at least an hour demonstrating a number of her projects for kids to us and they are super. I have asked her to share some of these ideas and projects with the rest of you through the pages of "The Circuit." It is in all collectors' interest to perpetuate the hobby by assisting young collectors to get started. In that same vein, I have received a few more requests from members and other interested persons since the last newsletter came out. Isn't it nice getting "The Circuit" on a definite schedule? Now you have that to look forward to the first of every other month. It certainly breaks the monotony of first of the month bills and I hope it cheers you up a bit. Why not help out our hard working editor fill up the space by sending her a letter or short article on your favorite stamp, whatzit, or collecting speciality. This sort of thing is needed if we are to continue to flesh out our newsletter with something other than the ramblings of the officers and the new members' lists.

I may have been a little slow in responding to some of my correspondence and maybe I even made a few faux pas' in what I wrote (#58, I am sorry I called an old charter member like you a new member). My excuse is that I was also in the process of moving to a different apartment. I am retaining my P. O. Box 2457 in Henderson for the time being, but I do have a different phone number in case anyone wishes to talk with me. It is (702) 369-6204.

I am getting questions from new members concerning what kinds of stamps we wish to receive as a portion of your annual dues (attn. #283). The answer is any kind, any number, and either on or off paper. Please don't send 100 copies of any one common stamp. (100 penny blacks are OK though). And remember, it is your dues that pay the postage to send all that paper on to the kids if you send on paper stamps to me. In all fairness, I would say that 80% of all I receive are off paper so no complaints, just responding to questions.

For those of you who have not heard or read about it, we now have an active sales circuit. Roger Berguson #132 of 1814 Viking Ave. in Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007 is the circuit manager and reports that he has a full stock of books ready to go out. The commission charged is only 15% to sellers and none to buyers. What better place to receive circuit books and help out the club treasury at the same time? That's right, all profits go to the treasury. Roger

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is a volunteer just like the rest of us and receives only his expenses. Those of you receiving circuit books through other clubs know that their charge is 20% which of course is reflected in pricing, so why not drop Roger a line and request some circuits. He is a resident of my old "home town" and I will be in Minnesota the end of this month to attend a 40-year class reunion so I shall see him then and try to contact other Minnesota members as well.

Before I close this column I must include a public apology to Dave Nelson. He feels that I unfairly criticized his PR efforts in a previous newsletter. That was not my intent and I am sorry if it was taken that way. I only meant that his primary business of earning a living was taking up the major portion of his time. We do need someone to assist him with PR so I hope that any member that wishes to help out either with club PR or especially at promoting collecting among youth will contact him or one of the other officers and tell us what you would like to do and your qualifications and ideas for accomplishing that objective. Incidentally, Dave Nelson has just made a deal with the director of the "Bay area Ben Franklin Clubs" to provide their "kids" with stamps. I have sent her a parcel and will send more as needed.

Ken Jenkins #15



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