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## Society Issues 200th Newsletter

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During a span of more nearly thirty-two years the *State Revenue Newsletter* has provided State Revenue Society members with information about their specialized field of study. This twenty page edition marks the 200th issue of this venerable publication.

The State Revenue Society was organized in 1955 but it was not until four years later that the need for a newsletter was realized.

The newsletter was established in August 1959 by SRS founder and member number one, Elbert S. A. Hubbard. The first issue was one-page mimeographed edition distributed to the active membership of 15. The Society reached member number 26 in October 1959 and three of these members, Hubbard, Ed Meyers and Mort Turner are still active society members.

Featured in the first issue were articles relating the death of two founding SRS members and the first news item about an Indiana beer stamp. Hubbard edited the first six monthly issues from Northridge, Calif., and then turned over the reigns to David Strock from Seattle, Wash. Strock continued the monthly publication from February 1960 until June 1964. His 53 issues mark the most published by any editor.

Strock's five-page issue number seven marked the first multi-page edition and also had the first illustrations. The cover featured articles and photographs about the tax stamps of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and Louisiana feed tax stamps.

Nelson Caldwell, Poplar Bluff, Mo., took over with issue number 60 but his stewardship lasted only five issues when illness caused him to resign in February 1965.

There was a lapse of more than a year before a new editor was found and publication resumed. Kenneth Pruess, Lincoln, Neb., took over in September 1966 and kept the newsletter

presses rolling for seven years. Pruess converted the issues to bimonthly and often included supplements to the Hubbard catalog. Pruess also presided over the newsletter as it reached whole number 100.

Ronald E. Leshner, Pineville, Pa., assumed the editorship in September 1973 with issue 108 and continued on until August 1975, averaging 12 pages an issue.

There was a brief lapse before David Drury, Fort Wayne, Ind., took charge in January 1976 with issue number 120. Drury's first issue also was the first for the SRS's new printer Dick Bilek, Pacific Press, Chicago, Ill. Bilek began the folded-stapled issues that SRS readers have become accustomed to and continues in his voluntary capacity today. Drury remained editor for the longest time period, editing 50 issues in his 10 year, three month reign. Drury had several issues on different colored paper, including blue, green, peach, pink and orange.

There was another brief lapse before Terence Hines, Chappaqua, N.Y., assumed the editorship in May 1986 with issue number 170. Hines continued the bimonthly issues until he turned over the editorship to Peter Martin, Springfield, Va., last December.

The eight editors of the *State Revenue Newsletter* have represented all regions of the

country except the south. Each editor changed the newsletter banner in some fashion.

From a one-page mimeographed flyer in the 1950s that served a small group of 15 members to the high-tech look of today's newsletter that serves more than 250, the *State Revenue Newsletter* has distinguished itself as a highly specialized publication.

(Harold Effner Jr. contributed to this report)

### *State Revenue Newsletter Editors*

#	Editor	Location	Issues	Total	Dates: From-To
1.	Elbert S.A. Hubbard	Northridge, Calif.	1-6	6	Aug. 59-Jan. 60
2.	David Strock	Seattle, Wash.	7-59	53	Feb. 60-Jun. 64
3.	Nelson Caldwell	Poplar Bluff, Mo.	60-64	5	Jul. 64-Feb. 65
4.	Kenneth Pruess	Lincoln, Neb.	65-107	43	Sep. 66-Jul. 73
5.	Ronald E. Leshner	Pineville, Pa.	108-119	12	Sep. 73-Jul. 75
6.	David Drury	Fort Wayne, Ind.	120-169	50	Jan. 76-Mar. 85
7.	Terence Hines	Chappaqua, N.Y.	170-197	28	May 86-Dec. 90
8.	Peter Martin	Springfield, Va.	198-200	3	Jan. 91-Present

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