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CALIFORNIA'S CIGARETTE STAMPS come in two sizes, one a small square decal and the other a larger rectangle of almost identical design. Both are black and yellow. Meter stamps also are in use on the cellophane wrappers.

POPULARITY OF VARIOUS REVENUE GROUPS is shown by an examination of the 1959 ARA membership roster. First in popularity are the United States Federal issues, with 197 members listed as collecting them. Second comes U.S. State Revenues, with 63 members listed under this category. Third are Match and Medicine stamps, 50 collectors; fourth taxpays, 43 collectors; fifth Canada 38, and sixth General Foreign 35. The balance of the revenue groups are divided as follows: Precancelled U.S. revenue stamps 18, U.S. Possessions 16, Great Britain and Colonies 12, Mexico 9, France and Colonies 7, Argentina 6, Balkan States 5, and Germany and Colonies 5. Many other countries are also listed, however only 4 or less collectors are listed in each of these. --Odd that the field which receives the least publicity in the AR publication is the second most popular-- U.S. State Revenues.

FLORIDA has authorized the use of meter stamps to pay the Documentary Tax and a few have come to hand-- as well as a few MARYLAND documentary meter stamps. These stamps have the county name shown on them also.

PENNSYLVANIA'S beer stamps were changed to double size, but included the center panel only of the last design. We have seen the  $\frac{1}{2}$  barrel stamp. Who has seen others??

FREE STAMPS, AS A BONUS, are included with this issue of the NEWSLETTER. Hope that you like them. We will be trying to do this often, so if anyone can contribute some bulk items for this purpose-- please send them along.

MARYLAND'S Harford County has "20 cig." (2¢) meter stamps. Any others known from there?

KANSAS EGG STAMPS have appeared in quite a variety and now have a border which is the outline of the state. The state seal and stars are featured in the design.

TAXES WHICH RAISED LAST YEAR include Kansas cigarette up to 4¢ from 3¢, Montana cigarette up to 8¢ from 5¢ (earlier in the year this was raised from 4¢), Michigan cigarette up to 5¢ from 3¢, Wyoming to 3¢ from 2¢, Vermont up to 5¢, and Nebraska to 4¢ from 3¢. --Oh yes, Wisconsin to 5¢ from 4¢.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY State Revenue collectors who might join our small group, please send along their names and we will send them some literature and free stamps. Also, if you have any news on State Revenues, send it along too. We would greatly appreciate seeing any examples of current stamps used in your State, County, or City and neighboring governments. We would also like to get current lists of stamps available in each State etc.

HERE IS A SPECIAL OFFERED BY THE SRS: Latest catalog of eleven states are available at \$1.00 for the package. These states are CONN., DEL., D. OF C., ME., MD., MASS., MONT., NEV., N.J., ORE., and WYO. Any stamp collector in any of these states may have a copy of his State free for a stamped reply envelope.

DELAWARE DISCONTINUED CIGAR TAX STAMPS back in 1956 and refunded cash for all unused stamps returned. These stamps are 'scarcies'. We would like to find a source for some of them. --Also for the scarce beer stamps which were printed in black.

LATEST ISSUE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA is the same familiar design "BEVERAGE TAX PAID" but with the bottle size in gallons printed in a separate process and color. So far the 1/5 gallon green with value in violet. The carmine stamps have the value printed in black. We lack a correspondent to supply us with these stamps, so would appreciate any help with these issues that SRS members can afford.

MISSISSIPPI NOW HAS A REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX of \$1.25 per \$500 of sales price. This tax went into effect on July 1, 1958, however we have seen no stamps as yet. We are wondering what effect this has on the old "MINERAL TAX" documentary stamps.