EDITOR'S NOTE

A new editor for the newsletter has been selected. Rev. Thomas F. Elliott, C.S.C., Provincial Archivist for the Indiana Province of Holy Cross Fathers, will become editor-in-chief beginning with the January, 1975 issue. During the Chicago meeting several people offered to assist with editorial duties. Tom will need to have others be responsible for specific areas of the newsletter and we are sure he would welcome all the help he can get. If you wish to volunteer or have an idea you want to discuss with him, write: 1304 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana 46617. Tom's telephone numbers are: (219) 233-2179 or 283-7754.

We have been asked to remind you to complete and return the questionnaires in the last issue. The data is important both for future MAC planning and for scholarly research.

Please note also that dues should be paid as of May 1 and that the annual rate is now $3 (see p. 14).

Speaking of dues, we want to again urge all of you to join the S.A.A. Your editor is chairman of the S.A.A. committee on Regional Archival Activity and our work this year has made it absolutely clear that archivists need to work together on all levels if our profession is to develop. If there are things in S.A.A. you don't like, join and change them. The Society is in the process of hiring an executive secretary and if the necessary funds are obtained, we could begin to undertake projects formerly beyond our means. For further information write Judith A. Koucky, Acting Secretary, The Society of American Archivists, Bentley Historical Library, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105.

Originally we had planned to write an article on "Public vs. Private Ownership of Officeholders' papers. But the existing size of this issue and an invitation to present a paper on the same subject at an S.A.A. session this Fall made it impossible to include such an article. For those interested in the subject, however we would like to recommend two items to read: The President's "Papers Deduction" prepared by Taxation With Representation, 2369 N. Taylor St., Arlington, Virginia 22207 (price $5) and The Congressional Record (Senate) for March 26, 1973, pp. S5623-S5635. The former is a detailed, legal analy s of the events surrounding President Nixon's gift of his Vice Presidential papers to the National Archives. The Record analyzes the catastrophic effect on manuscript donations caused by the elimination of tax deductions in the 1969 tax law.

Those interested in manuscript donations will want to pay careful attention to the report on "Ethics and the Archivists," beginning on p. 12. Our other attempt at improving the moral tone of MAC is the reprinting of "The Archivist's Code" written by the late Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States.

Finally, we would like to extend our appreciation to our colleague and associate editor, Patrick Quinn, who is leaving June 1 to become archivist at Northwestern University. Pat has devoted countless hours to the production of the newsletter and I am hopeful that he will find time to continue to assist me on the next two issues. Any help from you would also be appreciated. Please let us know how we can improve the newsletter.

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