

## Report of the Executive Secretary / Treasurer

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### ***Lost Sheep***

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to send me word of our poor "Lost Sheep." We still have too many members who have fallen astray, so please take the time to check this month's "Lost Sheep" column and see if you can't help find someone. Members are classified as "Lost" when first class mail is returned as undeliverable for some reason or another.

### ***On Dues Notices***

If you keep getting dues notices *AND* you think you have already paid, then *PULEAZE* write to me post haste! When I send out notices, I simply tell the computer to send them to everyone who has not as yet paid. Ergo, if you get a notice, the computer thinks you haven't paid! Remember that although computers rarely make mistakes, there is at least one loose nut at the keyboard!

### ***The Waters Rose***

I appreciate the many inquiries as to the flood damage in the Monroe area. I am extremely happy to say that my house, and consequently, the I.D.R.S. office, had absolutely no damage. Monroe was hit rather hard with some places in the area having water as much as six feet deep *inside* the houses. I am lucky in that with the bayou so near, only about 500 feet, it would take a major break in the levees for me to have much flooding problems.

### ***Changes of Address***

You may have noticed that recent issues have been mailed with the following endorsements on the envelope:

Forwarding and Return Postage Guaranteed  
Address Correction Requested

This change makes it possible for you to receive your issue sooner since it does not have to be returned to me prior to being forwarded on to you. At the same time the issue is forwarded to you the postal service sends me an address correction. Therefore, if they have done what they are supposed to do, I will have received your new address and you have received your forwarded issue. You then do *NOT* have to send me another notice of the change. Also be aware of the fact that labels are printed quite some time before the issues are mailed, so it is possible for you to send in a change and still receive one more issue via the forwarding process. The one thing which I do *NOT* get from the Postal Service, nor frequently from you, is the new phone number.

### ***New Membership***

The membership in the Society seems to be reaching some kind of plateau. I still do *NOT* understand why we lose a considerable number (3 - 400) each year. I am also positive that we have many prospects who have never joined for one reason or another. Any thoughts on this would be appreciated. I really wonder what would happen if each member took the responsibility of getting just *ONE* new member!