

SUPPORT OUR PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS

BY JOHN PELTZ

The stamp paper is a necessary thing to stimulate and keep philately alive, and it is the duty of every philatelist to strive to support philatelic publications. There are many ways by which he can do this—becoming a subscriber to the papers and answering advertisements in their columns (if he can), so that dealers will continue to patronize them with their advertisements. Then, too, you should interest your fellow collectors in the papers and induce them to subscribe.

Perhaps, and very likely, you cannot subscribe to many of the papers, but you can at least—and it is your duty—become a subscribers to at least one or two good stamp publications, such as this one. The money spent thereon is not thrown away. You can often save the price of a year's subscription to a good philatelic paper by taking in the market value of stamps, and thus keeping posted.

There are many benefits to be derived from subscribing to a good paper, too numerous to be mentioned here. Stamp collecting would never have been recognized as a science if there had been no stamp papers to foster and further the interest of our hobby, now science.

All honor to him who dares to launch a newspaper on the perilous

sea of philatelic publications, not knowing whether he can make a success of his venture or to lose by it. Every number of a good stamp paper does just so much good to our science, and collectors should not heed those croakers who wish to have the number of stamp papers cut down to a few, simply because of shortsightedness or selfish reasons.

Rally, philatelists, and help to support our stamp papers, as they all work for the onward progress of our science. MR. DOAK.



MR. R. L. DOAK.

Mr. Robert Luther Doak, whose picture appears above, is only 19 years old and one of United States' best philatelic workers. He first collected when only 10 years old and has now an excellent collection.

Mr. Doak is a member of several philatelic societies, and is serving at present his second term as secretary-treasurer of the Junior Philatelic Society. He is also the counterfeit detector of the Canadian