

Irregularity of IMH Mailings, 1933 and 1973

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The above paragraph first appeared in the *Indiana Magazine of History* in June, 1933, during the editorship of Professor William O. Lynch. The present staff, in its zealous exertions to make the irregularity of the magazine somewhat less regular, has taken steps to make delayed mailings somewhat less common than those experienced by Editor Lynch. Ideally, subscribers will receive numbers during the month for which they are dated, and the editor would be glad to be informed whenever such is not the case. Meanwhile, the staff has derived much consolation and extracted no little comfort from the realization that the frustrations of importunate deadlines and the vicissitudes of a capricious mail service are not peculiar to the current generation.