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WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC SOCIETIES  
FEBRUARY BULLETIN

To the officers and members of affiliated Clubs,

Greetings:

Whata month! Whata month! The longer I live, the busier we get and the end cannot possibly come until the sixth of April. Awa, awa, awa.

This month, there is so much to say, so little space in which to run it, and the time limit is past - we sure are up against it. But lets make a start.

Our Vice President, Albert Draves wishes space, so he comes first.

"Member clubs of the Association have been urged to join the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. Thus far, the stamp clubs of Wisconsin which have joined the Federation are: South Milwaukee, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Wautoma, Fond du Lac, Madison and the Wisconsin Association. In order to prevent two Wisconsin organizations, it is advised that all association member clubs join the Federation individually, thus promoting harmony.

"National Bulletin No. 4 is now being sent out. Will member clubs discuss this bulletin at their meetings and be prepared to vote on its contents at Green Bay, April 6th?

"In the Exhibition Classes, Class A is the normal competition class usually held at State Conventions. The classes have been based on 200 entrants, allowing four competitors to each class. The rules have been codified from National Exhibition rules - 1934, New York, in order that Wisconsin may follow the general rules of competition and progress along National lines. In this manner, our medalists will be ready for National Competitions.

"Classes B and C were added to encourage Wisconsin interest. Mr. Verne Kaub, Chairman of the Class C Competition will announce how each member club should send in its entry. Class B is self explanatory. This class has splendid possibilities for publicity and we feel confident that most newspapers will assist in spreading local philately from an historical standpoint.

"The Vice-president wishes to report that in the execution of his duties, over a period of three years, he has received and replied to many complaints, all of which have been adjusted pleasantly and beneficially to the interests of our Association. No organization has ever been perfect, nor have any clubs progressed under traditional rules or dictatorships, but the agenda of our Association has been to promote successfully, organized Philately in the State of Wisconsin. Each member should do everything possible to bring those groups in their vicinity to become members of the State Association".

Signed: Albert W. Draves

Next comes another book from Verne himself. I'll have to shave some of this to get it all in - but not the spirit or meaning thereof.

"Roosevelt Branch Cup, offered for competition for the first time, last year at Oshkosh, and won by the Oshkosh Philatelic Society, will again be in competition at the Exhibition at Green Bay. And on the same point basis. The Exhibition Committee shall arrange for the compilation of all points won by the various affiliated and the club cup shall be awarded for one year to that club whose members win the largest number of points. If an exhibitor is a member of more than one club, he shall advise the committee in advance, as to which club shall receive credit for points won by him. The point schedule is as follows:

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| Class prizes - first | - 10 points |
| second               | - 8 points  |
| third                | - 5 points  |
| fourth               | - 3 points  |
| Grand prizes - first | - 15 points |
| second               | - 13 points |
| third                | - 11 points |
| fourth               | - 9 points  |





"Competition for the Sevard Cup - Award in Class C.

"Nominations for the honor of being named as the Wisconsin collector who has made the most important outstanding contributions to Philately will be made by the affiliated clubs of the Association. Each club desiring to make a nomination shall appoint a committee to draft a brief stating all the reasons why it is believed the nominee should be accorded this honor. This brief will become a permanent record of the Association, but any supporting documents, books, pamphlets or certificates will be returned after the award has been made.

"All nominations with the accompanying briefs shall be forwarded to the chairman of the special award committee to reach him on or before March 15th, to give the committee time to examine them and give each careful study prior to the Convention date, as the award will be made solely upon the briefs and accompanying material. Announcement of the award will be made at the Association Banquet at Green Bay, Saturday night, April 6th.

"Albert W. Draves, President of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society is the donor of the cup. He is quoted as saying that the "underlying idea of this award is to give official recognition to any individual who is working to beat all H - to put across Philately in the State of Wisconsin, but moreso, by advancing the importance of Wisconsin Philately into American or even International Philately".

"Suggestions for the nominating committee include (from the Year Book) manuscripts, catalogues, contributions to Philately and Philatelic office incumbancy. To this has been added organization of clubs, chartering clubs in State or National Federations or National Societies and securing members for National Societies. The list is not closed and the nominating committee may add any other reason or facts which in their opinion, add to the qualifications of their candidates".

Signed: Verne P. Kaub, Chairman

Class C Award Committee.

Mr. M. J. Kralovec, President of the Green Bay Philatelic Society must come next with a flock of things for the Convention.

The Green Bay Philatelic Society of Green Bay, Wisconsin, extends a cordial invitation to the Wisconsin Association of Philatelic Societies and its affiliated clubs and to all members of the Stamp Collecting fraternity, whether they belong to this Association or any other, to come to Green Bay for the fourth Annual State Convention to be held April 6th and 7th, 1935.

Program for the Convention:

April 6th

Exhibition and Bourse will open at noon at the Hotel Northland.

Annual Business Meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Banquet at 6:00 P.M., with outstanding speakers on the Program.

Auction at 8:00 P.M. A live and out-of-the-ordinary auction is promised.

April 7th

Bourse and Exhibition all day.

"All collectors in Wisconsin are eligible to exhibit and compete for prizes. Two fine cups are thus far up for competition.

"Banquet reservations will be one dollar. The Northland Hotel has a fine reputation for its cuisine.

"For further information, write our Secretary, Mrs. M. W. McDonald, 1131 S. VanBuren St., Green Bay, Wis.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) M. J. Kralovec.

And thats that. Now we can spout some of our own stuff.

The Fond du Lac Philatelic Society came forward with a flock of whereas'es and wherefore's - too many to enumerate, so we will give you the gist of it.





They think that our Association is coming along famously. The Year Book (while not exactly a wow), is a great piece of work, and that now is the time to get in a list of nominees for the Association's officers, so and therefore they did resolve to nominate the following:

Charles A. Achtenberg, President  
 Hon. Silas Spengler, Vice President  
 Walter W. Miller, Sec. Treas.  
 O. A. Olson, Northern Regional V.P.  
 Wilson Free, Southern Regional V.P.  
 Rev Charles Starkweather, Chaplain

The University Stamp Club, not to be outdone, did likewise and here is their slate:

Charles A. Achtenberg, President  
 Hon. Silas Spengler, Vice President  
 Walter W. Miller, Sec. Treas.  
 O. A. Olson Northern Regional V.P.  
 Sindy Frost, Southern Regional V.P.  
 Rev. Charles Starkweather, Chaplain  
 Albert W. Draves, National Federation Representative.

Oshkosh has a slate that they also wish to have presented and here it is - its a good one:

Hon. Silas Spengler, President  
 Charles J. Pierce, Vice President  
 Walter W. Miller, Sec. Treas.  
 Ellis Roberts, Northern Regional V.P.  
 Rev. Charles Starkweather, Chaplain

There is one thing I would like to ask all clubs to consider when they make up a slate of nominees for the Association's officers. To promote a better working team and more harmony, the president and secretary really should reside in the same town. The president will have plenty of grief if the secretary lives away from there and he must transact all his business by mail.

It seems to be the general desire that new business should be proposed some time before the Convention and in this, I heartily agree. In accord with this sentiment, here are some items for consideration - be sure to give each one careful study and instruct your delegates as to your stand on each, as well as any new business which he is to present at the Green Bay meeting.

1. It is proposed that we create the office of Chaplain for our Association.
  2. We shall have to have a representative to the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. This will also require a new office.
  3. Some amendment to the Constitution should be made, specifically stating methods for so amending it.
  4. The proposed list of new business sent out by the Oshkosh Philatelic Society should be brought up and acted upon.
- And next month we will have some more.

Had a fine letter from O. A. Olson, general chairman at Green Bay, on the progress they have been making. It is a really fine letter and I'd like to run all of it, but space prevents.

In accordance with the custom established last year by our genial President, Verne Kaub, there will be a President's cup awarded again this year. But its going to be different. It is to be awarded to the most outstanding precancel exhibit, regardless of classification. We feel that all too many collectors look down upon this field of Philatelic endeavor, and so, to support and encourage precancel collectors, we place this cup up for competition for them. The only strings to this award are that the exhibit must be the sole property of the entrant; it must be complete as presented - no albums will be considered and





the mounting must be his own work. The doner is not eligible.

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We wish to report another visit to the January meeting of the Tri-County Stamp Club. A wonderfully live little club and we are doing all in our power to foster them and put their feet upon the right path in Philately. How many other clubs could assist in helping similar small units getting started?

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The University Stamp Club announces that plans are fully prepared now for their spring show - this being their fourth annual show and auction. The dates for this event are - March 7th to the 10th. The auction will be held Friday evening, March 8th. The exhibition will be open to all collectors in southern Wisconsin - you will be more than welcome.

One of the features of this show which is a new departure, is the addition of a Junior section for all boys and girls under 18 years of ages. The same types of prizes will be awarded for this section as for the adult contestants. They hope for some fine junior showings.

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We owe a very humble apology to the Sheboygan Club for failing to list all of their members in the Year Book. Somehow or other, we failed to note that both side of the sheet had names on it - we copied only those on the front side. It is a difficult matter to work up and edit a book like this and not make some mistakes or omissions, and believe you us - we don't like to have it happen any more than you do. We ARE sorry.

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Some more good news. The Wausau Club has voted to join the Association and will be with us at the Green Bay Convention. Wally told me confidentially the other day that the Ashland Club was also going to come in this spring. Albert Draves reports that Wauwatosa is to join very soon, if not already. Thats what makes us feel like going out and spending five cents on a glass of Cocoa Cola and three aspirin tablets. If you get what I mean. And say, Sidney, where is your report on the Kenosha club? They ought to be brought in.

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Whew! This was a job and I'm glad it's done. But more power to our Association if we have done it any good.

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Charley Achtenberg

