

THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

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To the officers and members
of affiliated clubs,

Greetings:

Of all the months in the year, May is the best, at last in Ye Scribe's estimation, and with the coming of June, hot weather commences and stamp collecting declines. But spring and summer lassitudes with the attendant slacking up in stamp interest have other compensations, as many will be glad to testify. We have been a dirt farmer now for a full month and you just ought to see our two gardens - they are a sight for sore eyes and next fall there will be something more than just the memory of sore backs and aching limbs to testify to the labor of the summer - you've guessed it, we can our vegetables.

Having no especially important business this month to give you, we shall endeavor to make our last issue for the summer more of a news letter and then in September - watch your step, for most anything is apt to happen then.

I get more than the usual amount of news for this issue, we sent out cards to all secretaries but the returns would seem to indicate that very little active work is being done by the various clubs this spring and scarcely none for the summer. There are a few exceptions, of course, which will be noted in due time.

And now, taking the letters that have come to hand, as they lie in the pile here beside my typewriter, I find that the first is a long, typically editorially inclined epistle from Verne Kaub. He isn't a newspaper man for nothing, one observes. He reports:

"I have your frantic postcard appeal - etc" How could you Verne? Roosevelt Branch is planning nothing of especial interest between now and the fall picnic (by the way, Verne, let us know the date and we will make every effort to be up), but they do plan to continue regular meetings thru the summer at the usual time and place. They boast that they have never missed a meeting night, although but one member can lay claim to a perfect attendance record - Philo Foote.

Two members sent frames to the Beloit show and without doubt, their frames travelled the greatest distance. Ruddy Valin and Verne Kaub were the big hearted boosters and they got ribbons too.

It is reported that the Chicago boys are all het up over the idea of organizing an Illinois sector of the F. F. of W. Just in case you don't know, that stands for Footloose Philatelists of Wisconsin, a weery exclusive organization of Wisconsin boosters who are working all of the time to futher the cause of Philately.

So much for Fondy and Verne's effervescence.

Ah! Here is a letter from Mrs. W. J. Anthony - I almost wrote it Marjory - who is secretary of the Escanaba Philatelic Society. As you know, they joined the Federation just before the Meeting at the Bay as an Associate member club. This little club was organized last January and although their roster is not large, the members are all very active. Its certain sure that they didn't waste much time in joining our Federation. One of the really worth while activities of the Escanaba folks is the sponsoring of junior clubs in the schools and they boast that several such junior clubs have been formed, which is fine, that is paving the way for finer future membership, for unless we develop the juniors, we may be short of adult collectors later. So here's to the Escanaba clubs' activities and may they long be a member of the Federation.

What's this? Well folks, here is one of the exceptions we

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mentioned in our third paragraph. And what may all this be about, you ask? Listen - the Waupaca Philatelic Society is putting on an all state auction on the 10th of July and that isn't all, and I'm warning some of the more enterprising clubs that here is a real threat to any fond hopes that your particular clubs is the best in the state. Leo Martin says that - "we are determined to make our auction sales stand out above all others in the state, and also, we are out to make our society the largest per capita in the state". That's a mouthfull but said in the proper spirit - more power to you Leo and your members who are working to this end. We are for you both ways from the ace.

On May 8th - why didn't you let me know Leo that you were going to hold an auction on my birthday - they staged their second auction which consisted of 227 lots, catalogueing over \$300, practically all of it being U.S. 75 collectors were present representing 11 towns outside of Waupaca. Leo reports that already they have 150 choice lots of U.S. for the July 10th auction - wow, who isn't going to make an effort to get up and grab off a bite when such nice material is hung out as bait? I solemnly swear that I'll journey up from Madison for such an occasion and bring some boys from Baraboo and maybe Count from Ripon. How many more will we meet there. There, I guess that ought to give you a send-off Leo, and I hope you come thru like a million dollars. Remember folks, this auction is on the 10th of July, in Castle Hall, First National Bank Building. Sorta sounds as if some folks up Waupaca way were K.P.s.

And here is a second exception. A fine long letter from Jack Russell of Wautoma, the home of the Central Wisconsin Collectors Club. They are planning an auction on the 15th of June and again we hope to make this journey and visit the Wautoma folks in their home surroundings. Jack hasn't much dope on the auction material but does mention having some fine U.S. Hot dog! U.S. sure is coming into its own this summer here in Wisconsin. Come on you U.S. fans and lets make these two auctions something to be remembered.

Now Jack, don't worry about holding your own exhibition. They are a lot of hard work and until you are well on your feet, don't attempt one for your own good. Grow with the other clubs for a couple of years as the Beloit boys did, then you will be all the better prepared to hold a first class show. I'll talk to you about it on the 15th. And Jack, to answer your question, its the Precancel Stamp Society Exchange Department.

Here is a letter that I am mighty glad to get and give to my readers. A letter from Paul Baumgardt, secretary of the Statesan "Beacon Philatelic Society", that we took into the fold at Green Bay. Really, Paul, there is nothing you must thank us for - we did the only right thing in making your club a member of the State Federation and we are mighty proud to have you with us. Paul reports that they now have 28 members with Lawrence Eldred as president. Lawrence was the organizer of the club too. And we want the Statesan folks to feel that we are with you all of the time.

Neal Brigham never was famous for lengthy epistles, and so it no more than I expected when I asked him to give me some dope on the Beloit show to get the merest outline, leaving it to us to fill in the detail. And believe you me, we can do that little thing too. To begin with, the members of the Beloit Club staged their first stamp show early in May in the Hall of Arts of Beloit College. The finest place that any club ever had in which to put on a stamp show - lots of room, lighting perfect and a place for the ladies to sit and gossip while the men folks did their stuff - what could be finer? Neal states that they had 95 frames on exhibition housing 50 exhibits, their visitors register showed that 190 dyed-in-the-wool collectors visited the show. The grand prize was won by Dr. Meek of Madison with his exhibit "Grandfather's Trunk"

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which some of you may remember seeing at the Bay. A flock of us from Madison went down and take it from us, the Beloit boys did themselves proud with their first attempt at stamp shows - a fine job Neal and one to be proud of.

Ray VanHandel comes thru with a fine letter, a money order of sizeable dimensions, a list of the officers and members of the Sheboygan club for the next year book, to say nothing of a great big shout for Sheboygan next spring. More power to you Ray, we'll be seeing you. And may we suggest that you try to stage our annual meeting during the latter part of April, this has been suggested to me several times and I believe that its sound. Say the third week in April, Ray, would be about right, don't you think?

This puts Sheboygan away out ahead - they are the first to pay their annual dues and furnish us with material for the year book. I must urge that the rest of the clubs do so as soon as they can - we want to get that year book out in good season next fall.

Two weeks ago, Racine staged their annual spring banquet and auction in Geoley's. Sidney Frost extended us an invitation to be there and so we just had to run over and meet the Racine boys. We discovered that there were girls too. The banquet was very tasty and the auction had some fine items, unfortunately, we went unprepared to indulge in our favorite pastime, so couldn't buy very much. But never again. To say that we enjoyed the evening would be putting it mildly - it was a grand evening and we'd do it again anytime they give us the invite. Incidentally, the president of the Kenosha club was there and we are to receive a bid to go down there in the fall. We sure will - if we live that long.

We regret to report that - according to a form letter from Ed Seim of the Wausau club - several of the Wausau members became too heavily involved in the chain letter racket and almost had to discontinue their stamp collecting activities. Anyway, we had our share of the things too and our janitor found that they made fine kindling.

Harold Greenwood, secretary of the Tri-County wants to come in with a line this month. Harold says that they now have about 20 paid up members and an average attendance at their meetings of between 30 and 40. The Tri-County is a club composed of members from Dane, Rock and Jefferson counties and they hold their meetings variously from one town to another each month. I know that their meetings always are interesting for we have attended several.

Herbert Burgett wants to have me say that a new club has been organized in Oshkosh. The details are missing, so cannot go any farther than that. I hope that this new club follows the energetic steps of the dady Oshkosh club and joins the Federation.

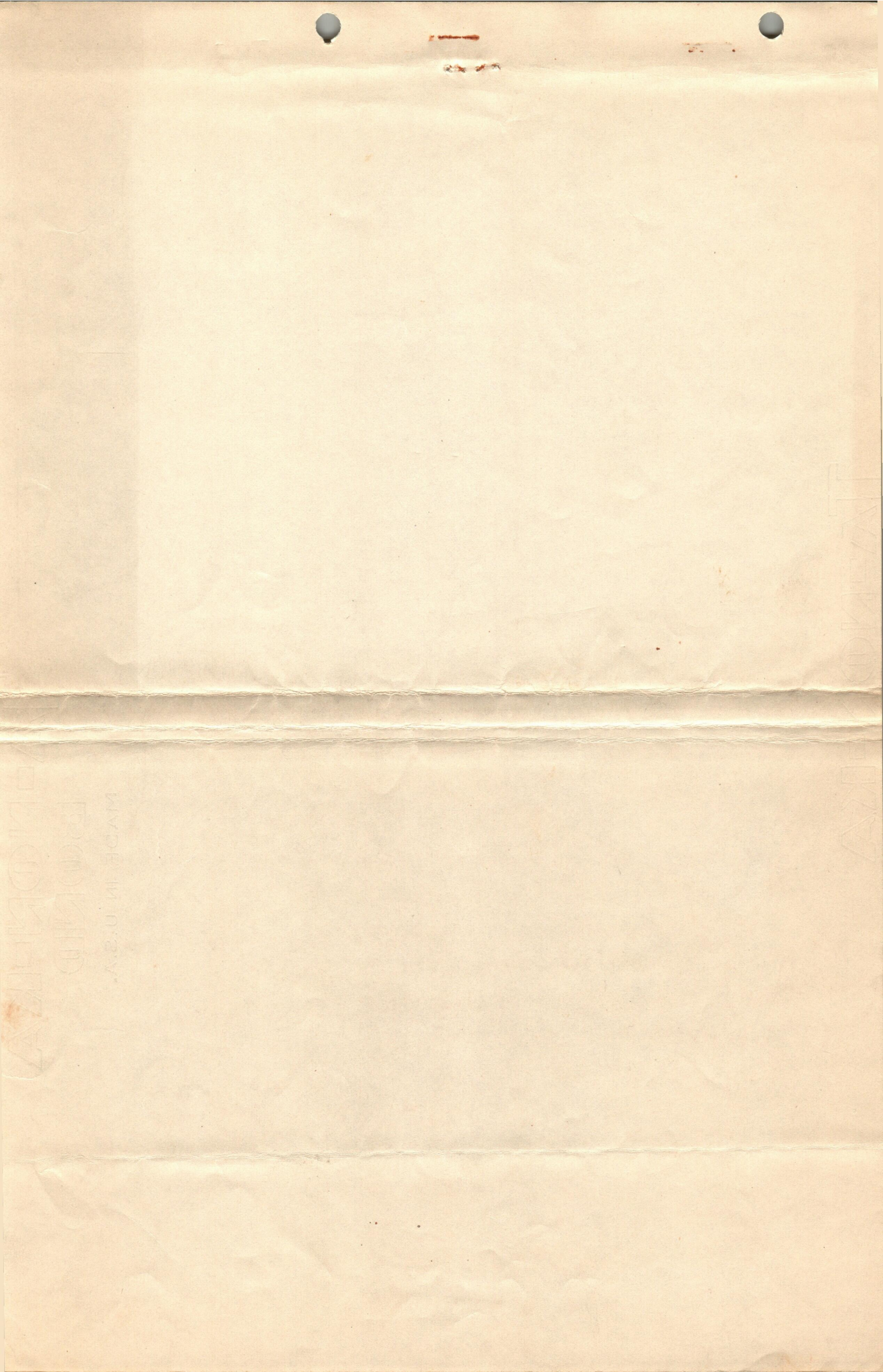
Here and there thruout this missive, mention has been made anent our attending various meets, or plans to do so. This is in line with our expressed purpose when we were re-elected as your president - namely that this coming year, I would, in so far as possible, visit all the affiliate clubs at least once before the Sheboygan meeting. To-date, I have visited Racine and Beloit. Plan a visit to Wautoma and Waupaca during June and July and Kenosha in the fall. If the other clubs will keep me informed of important happenings of their clubs later in the fall, I will make a serious effort to live up to my vows and pay you a visit.

I'd like to give Henry Goetzelt, of Black River Falls a little line. Henry has just been appointed the Wisconsin editor for the Hoover precancel catalogue. If you know Henry, you know what a prince he is, if you don't know him, let me tell you, he is well worth knowing.

And now we come to the end of the page. With our best of wishes for hot fish, sun tan, gardens or whatever it will be that you plan to interest yourselves in this summer.

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