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Dear Fans:

Rentless didn't like this here, now, musketeer title, so we are trying a different one on you this month.

Now that the turkey is stowed away, the mince pie has been washed down with a dash of sherry - or was it coffee?, and all of the other incidents of Thanksgiving Day are over, I wonder how many of us have taken thought or paused for a moment to give thanks to the Giver of all good and perfect things for the many things we have to be thankful for this past year.

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Our post cards last week for news brought beau coup replies. And since we received more than the average number, the briefs will have to be short.

First, lets mention two letters that came just a minute too late for last month's bulletin. O. A. Olson favored us with a nice long letter - he always does when he takes his pencil in hand - telling how he has been working on a couple of new clubs in the upper peninsula, hoping to bring them in before next Convention date. We can well be proud of our friend and vice president Olson up at the Bay.

And Philo Foote did his best in about six lines, to give us the news of the month. Mustn't be harsh on Philo - he is a hard worker - ever notice how that cigar of his smokes when he's thinking? Unfortunately, we were unable to make the Nov. 9th meeting at Fondy, but we have word that it was a fine meeting. Philo also says that they are working on the plans for their annual dinner in March and its going to be a "humdinger".

Neal Brigham and Harry Zickert, of Beloit both kicked in with much appreciated letters. Neal has been moving, which accounts for his lack of something or other. Beloit is staging a campaign for more members - and getting them too. How about the rest of you?

The last time we heard from Sid Frost was when we were down to Kenosha in October. He was well then and a letter this week tells us that he continues in the same general vein. You have to know Sid personally to appreciate his sterling qualities - you do for a fact. The Racine folks don't half appreciate what a good man they have there. Racine is planning on a show in the spring - fine business. They also made good use of Stamp Week with displays of stamps in forty business houses, including the library and the lobby of their biggest bank.

Incidentally, although we do not mention it, practically every letter speaks of special activity during Stamp Week. Spreading the word.

Harold Greenwood is our most prolific correspondent this month - his pen is sho nuff well broke in by now. A note this afternoon tells us that they have boosted their membership to 22 - thats real news and how Greenwood and Ide are working to make our baby stamp club a real live member of the Federation - you ought to know these two men. Their next meeting - Dec. 6th, will be held in Janesville - the impossible has been accomplished and the Tri-County has cracked Janesville - more power to the boys. The post-master, Mr. Ford, has promised to speak and I wouldn't be at all surprised if our Mr. President was on hand for the festivities.

Mrs. W. J. Anthony, secretary of the Escanaba very graciously grants our request with a letter about the little club up there. It is a very real regret that Escanaba is too far away for me to make them a visit. During Dec. they are planning to hold a Junior club exhibit with prizes an' everything for the kids. We cannot urge too strongly, the encouragement of the junior collectors.

Miss. Holterman - I almost said Natalie, and that never would do - gives us a fine letter about Green Bay and environs. She tells about a number of them going down to Judge Sprengler's "Philatelic Picnic" at Menasha last summer. Now, Judge, why didn't we get an invitation? And so, the Green Bay folks returned the compliment and had the genial Judge come up as guest speaker for their Stamp Week Party. At another







meeting, the Rev F. H. Seifert, of Daggett, Mich. spoke on a trip that he made to Honduras. The Green Bay club hold their meetings every second monday.

Jack Russell - good old Jack - takes his pen in hand, or sompin, to tell us the news up Wautoma way. Unfortunately, Jack is over at Princeton trying to win a new Ford, but he thinks his chances are good and so we may soon expect to see Jack soaring by in a Jewish Packard. Anyway, the Wautoma club has been functioning, and thats something, and are making every effort to keep going this winter.

Rentless Rudolph Hoffmann has honored us with several missels this month and when we returned the compliment and paid his own private stamp club a visit last Wednesday evening, he had the bad grace to quit dieting and catch a cold. Lay off the diet and try Peruna, Big Boy. More about that particular visit later.

Leo Martin, the only stamp auctioneer in captivity who can smoke a cigar and sell stamp at the same time - just comes under the wire with a nice long letter. He wishes to let me know that there were collectors present at their auction from Appleton, Wautoma, Berlin, Wausau, Stevens Point, Ripon, Milwaukee but he forgot Madison. That shows one thing quite forcibly - the Wautoma auctions are attracting attention and the fans are coming long distances for them - a word to the wise is sufficient.

#### VISITS

\*Nov. 1st at Evansville with the Tri-County. This meeting was, bar none, the best that the Tri-County have yet staged, thanks to the untiring efforts of the Evansville folks. A nice exhibit was on display and that high powered stamp was shown - Scott's No. 55 - look it up for yourself. About ten of us from Madison went down and enjoyed the meeting.

\*Nov. 2nd and 3rd at Milwaukee. After all of the cautious words we have heard about the Milwaukee club we were more than agreeably pleased and surprised at the cordial and friendly greeting we received on our visit with the Milwaukee Philatelic. And in line with their size, we were honored with a turnout that would make most of us open our eyes in wonder. Something over 75 were present - and take it from the world's greatest Philatelic public speaker - its an inspiration to have an audience like that to take into camp. We learned of the organization of the Milwaukee Precancel Club and hope to have it listed in the Federation before April. Plans were also made to work on the Wauwatosa Club. The genial president of the club, Paul Segnitz invited us to stay the night with him and put in Sunday swapping stamps. Does a duck swim? We stayed and what I wish to infer is - its been many a long year since we enjoyed such true hospitality and fine friendship as we did with Paul and his pretty wife and daughter. Happy days, Paul.

\*Nov. 13th at Waupaca - via Ripon. The nicest little club in the state - they always give the Federation President a hand when he comes a'visiting. They do - and they are. This particular evening, they staged their fall auction and was it ever a honey. I picked up some dandy Germans for my own collection - didn't know that I collected something beside precancels, did you? If you want to find some real bargains, you must attend their next auction. I'm promising that I'll come up with \$25 myself next time and some of those juicy items will not go so easy. So here's to the Waupaca Club - a bunch of live wires.

\*Nov. 27th at Sheboygan. Another bunch of live wires, including Ray VanHandel and Rentless Rudolph. We had rain to compete with going up, so were a little late but we found a fine group assembled. One very noticeable thing about the Sheboygan club is that they encourage the juniors to attend their regular meetings - more clubs should do this. Lorell Wolf and Georger Morris went along and we picked up Count Masche at Plymouth to make a foursome going in. There were about thirty assembled and we met several new friends. On being called upon, we took the floor and spoke fluently for several hours of this and that - we only hope what we said was worth the trip. After the meeting,







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a few of us retired to a convenient place, partook of refreshment and discussed plans for the coming Convention. Folks, don't let anybody tell you different, that is going to be some meeting. Great exhibit plans are perfected, wonderful prizes are all ready - purchased, what I mean - the meeting place is tentatively picked and everything is in readiness for a record breaking crowd. Begin now laying aside your pennies so that you can make this meeting. Look closely a little later for the dates.

### CONVENTION DATES

Sheboygan, Wis., April 18th and 19th.  
Be there.

### AUCTION DONATIONS

President and Secretaries, remember that you are the duly appointed committee in your club to get donation lots for the Convention Auction. Are you working on your job? Get busy - now is the time to get it out of the way. We would like to see every club furnish at least five good lots and ten if possible. Mail your lots to: Ray Van Handel, 221 Park Ave., Sheboygan. This is important - don't fall down on us.

### THE PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

The President announces: He will set up a cup as good if not better than his cup last year for the Sheboygan Exhibition and here are the rules for those who wish to contest for it.

The contest is open to anyone or no holds barred.

The cup is to go to the individual showing the most diversified collecting habits by means of his exhibit and collections.

Contestants must show one sheet from each individual collection.

Contestant must be prepared to show each collecting so represented.

All stamps shown must be the sole property of Exhibitor.

A title page must be mounted with the exhibit indexing each collection and telling something about it - only a few words are necessary.

Judges will be instructed to mark on neatness of mounting, condition, knowledge of each subject and other points to be announced later.

Album pages can be the contestants choice - no differentiation will be made between commercial pages and home made sheets.

Contestant must show at least three types of precancel collections that he is working on.

And if we can think up some other tough rules before next month we will put them in.

### YEAR BOOK

Time is no respecter of persons and we must get busy at this year's edition of the Year Book. I regret to announce that not all of the Secretaries have sent in the membership lists and a few have not yet paid this year's dues. This must be done during the next two weeks - without fail. Get at it now.

### NOMINATIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

Thus far no resolutions or new business to be transacted at Sheboygan have been presented. Have you anything for the next Bulletin?

The University Stamp Club presents for your consideration, the following roster of officers for next year:







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|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----|---------------------|
| For president           | - - - | Silas Spengler  | - - | Oshkosh and Menasha |
| Vice president          | - -   | O. A. Olson     | - - | Green Bay           |
| Secretary               | - - - | Alfred Brechlin | - - | Oshkosh             |
| Northern Regional       |       |                 |     |                     |
| vice president          | - -   | Ray Van Handel  | - - | Sheboygan           |
| South Northern Regional |       |                 |     |                     |
| vice president          | - -   | Sidney Frost    | - - | Racine              |
| National Federation     |       |                 |     |                     |
| representative          | - -   | Albert Draves   | - - | Milwaukee.          |

INTERESTING PEOPLE

Here is a new departure for your approval. Every one of the following people are well worth knowing - have you met them all? We expect to continue this department next month.

Max Schnell - Sheboygan. Don't be deluded by the glasses. Max is such a wild collector that he doesn't begin to know where all his stuff is - as any of the Sheboygan fans.

W. O. Thiede - Appleton. To meet him, you'd never suspect him to be other than a prosperous Doctor. W.O. is fiendly and strong for the State Federation.

O. A. Olson - Green Bay. Just a tall bundle of nerves. And can he work. To see him smile is an event in itself.

M. J. Kralovec - Green Bay. Quiet, un-assuming but some pumpkins nevertheless. You should see his collection of U.S. Its a honey.

Neal Brigham - Beloit. Tall, slim and debonaire. Neal is one of the friendliest chaps one could hope to know.

"Pop" Davies - Beloit. Another successful banker until you know him better. Pop like precancels, especially Bureau Prints.

Paul Segnitz - Milwaukee. A whirling dervish when he starts to work on you. And his hospitality is something to remember.

Leo Martin, Waupaca. Give him a good cigar, plenty of room, and someone to sell to, and he is Wisconsin's premier stamp auctioneer.

Verne Kaub - Madison, late of Fond du Lac. Why go any farther - everybody knows Verne. The main spring of the F. F. of W.

Ray VanHandel - Sheboygan. An artist in more than name. You will agree after the next Convention has come and gone.

Verne Davies - Madison. Our secretary. A news paper man who isn't much of a publicity artist but he likes his stamps.

Sidney Frost - Racine. Sid's smile comes easier, is more dazzling and friendly than any I have evry met.

And thats enough for this month. Next month we will try to find space for another group for you to meet. Our aim - know your Federation membership.

Wishing you all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, for one more month I am

Fraternally yours

Charley Robertson



