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THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
February Bulletin

Dear Friends:

It has been brought to my attention that a severe cold wave swept over Wisconsin during the month of January, 1936. Have any of you noticed it?

President's call

By virtue of the power vested in me as President of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, I officially make a call to convention for the said Federation. This Convention will be held in the City of Sheboygan, on the shores of Lake Michigan and approximately 50 miles north of Milwaukee. The dates set for this meeting are Mar April 18th and 19th. All affiliated clubs are hereby notified to elect or appoint two representatives and notify our Secretary, Vernon Davies of the selections made. If delegates cannot be sent, give your proxy in writing to some club that will be represented - let us have full representation this year.

Donation Auction

This year to aid the host club defray the expenses of the Convention, we have asked all affiliated clubs to furnish the Sheboygan boys with several good lots to be sold at the annual auction the proceeds to be the property of the host club. To date, only Beloit and Madison have responded - what's the matter with the rest of you? Got fish hooks in your pockets? Remember that it costs the host club very real money to put on our Convention - is it not a matter of civic pride for us to see to it that we help them in sharing the burden? Lets have a reply from every president before the next Bulletin - be sure.

Nominations

By the Oshkosh Philatelic Society:

President	Silas L. Spengler
Sec. Treas.	William F. Wydallis
Hugh Lawrence	Northern Regional V. P.
O. A. Olson	Vice Pres.
Charles Achtenberg	National Federation Representative

New Business

Bill Wydallis, God bless the man. And how we dreaded the name when we went north to Green Bay last year. Well anyway, Bill comes forward, representing Oshkosh, of course, with some pointed and well thought out suggestions - very good indeed Bill - and here they are:

- 1) Resolved that all future admittances of any club or society to the W.F.S.C. be approved by the member clubs by a two thirds vote of the majority. Tell me, Bill - how many would that be?
 - 2) Be it further resolved that the application of club or society desiring membership in the W.F.S.C. be posted in the W.F.S.C. Bulletin and sixty days from the publication thereof, the vote of each club be posted in the W.F.S.C. Bulletin.
 - 3) Be it further resolved that the club or society requesting admission to the W.F.S.C. post their list of officers, dates of organization and number of members on club or society roster.
- To stimulate competition in our annual show, Bill further suggests that we present, officially, every entrant with a certificate of entry, properly signed and sealed. To further show that he knows what he is talking about, Bill has had printed such a certificate and even went so far as to have it copyrighted. Its very nice, and we shall send it to the members of the executive committee with our recommendation that the plan be adopted for the Sheboygan show and that Mr. Wydallis be instructed to have printed a sufficient supply therefor.

The Year Book is out!

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we announce that the Wauwatosa club has voted to join our Federation and the Milwaukee Precancel Club has signified its intention to do likewise just as soon as they have completed their constitution and complete organization. We promised Burleigh Jacobs that we would run in and visit the Wauwatosa club last Thursday, but a severe cold hit us along with the sub-zero weather, so we perforce had to postpone the trip.

On February 3rd we hope to visit with the South Milwaukee Club. In this connection, we wish to announce that Peter W. Dinauer is thier new secretary. Baring a return of the severe cold of the past week, and and our personal cold continues to respond to treatment, we sho nuff will be there.

Tri-County urgently want me to broadcast the fact that they have big things planned for a little later in the spring, with a great big surprise to be sprung later. Since we attended their last meeting at Stoughton on the 3rd, we know what this surprise, but we are not saying a word - Harold Greenwood please note. I wish to say that I know the Tri-County will put on one swell party at Evansville sometime during the latter part of March or early April. Personal invitations will, in all likelihood be sent to most of you, and I assure you, you will miss a fine time if you don't come over "to our house" and visit with us. Harold says I'm an honorary member of Tri-County, so I can say anything I please. Maybe thats why we like the folks so well.

The University Stamp Club has organized for their spring show with the dates set for March 19 to the 22nd inclusive. The show is open to all collectors in southeastern Wisconsin from Eau Claire to Beloit. This year they have one of the finest rooms in the state - the main lounge of the Memorial Union which is large enough to permit a display of several hundred frames.

Tri-County are having a party on February 7th at the home of Harry Ide in Edgerton. Bring your wives, sweethearts or just a girl friend, but come prepared for a good time. Harry said to bring your own sandwiches and he will furnish the coffee.

And now the letters.

Philo Foote - we told you about him last month - writes us a friendly letter from the Fondy folks. They don't want to furnish any donation lots for the Convention. Too bad. Not enough friendly cooperation in that feeling. They are holding their annual banquet, show and bourse March 21st and 22nd. And thats another meeting we would like to meet but cannot on account of conflicting dates - the U S C. has their show at the same time and we shall have to be at home on that date.

Peter Dinauer, the new secretary of the South Milwaukee Philatelic writes us his first letter. Greetings Peter and we hope that our associations will be long and pleasant.

And here is one from Leo Martin. We had almost reached the conclusion that Leo had got completely snowed under with all the winter we have been having. Leo reports the death of B.F. Egan of Wisconsin Rapids. Although B.F. lived in the Rapids, he yet was an active member of the Waupaca club and took part in all of their activities. Leo says, "He was one of the most unselfish dealers I ever came in contact with, as he liked stamps most of all for their beauty and not their value". And from our acquaintance with B.F., we know him to have been an ideal friend. Leo reports good turnouts at all their meetings - thats fine.

Art Reichstein, president of the Beloit Club came thru nobly this month with the news from our most sutherly club. Also sent some material for the donation auction at Sheboygan. They are planning a banquet in late April or early May and hope to have Maj. Kimbæ as guest speaker. At their recent auction, he reports some excellent prices and a general good turnover of all lots. He also says that Nick Carter hasn't missed a meeting yet on account of the weather - good for Nick. Ed powers is doing a fine job of editing a weekly article in the Beloit News. Thats well worth hearing about.

The Year Book is out!

How about your order for a copy of the Year Book.

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And here is one of Paul Segnitz's usual letters, and when I say usual, I don't want to be misunderstood - Paul writes an ear full when he writes his usual. The Year Book is very popular in Milwaukee - they took an initial order of 40 and are coming back for more. The Milwaukee Precancel Club is fast nearing the point where it can take its place among Wisconsin stamp clubs and demand recognition. Paul has a stunt that is well worth passing on. He has prepared a bulletin - mimeographed - outlining his collecting activities. How nice it would be if each of us had such an outline - then when, as we so often are, asked, what do you collect, all one needed to do would be to present the questioner with this bulletin. Neat, to the point and no lost motion.

Ray Van Handel in person. Tells me that Burleigh Jacobs visited him and that the Wauwatosa club had voted to join the Federation. We danced a jig when we got that letter. We wish to criticize Ray's efforts in their first broadcast. Ray forgot to put the creases in my trousers properly. Now I'll have to take them to the cleaners again.

Oh! Oh! Oh! Here is another letter from Bill Wydallis that I overlooked under the heading of new business - but - better late than never, so here are some more items to consider before we go to Sheboygan:

- 1) Proxies. It is suggested that any club that votes by proxy, give their proxy in writing (endorsed by the club officers) to their representative, or representatives.
- 2) Bulletin Manager. That the office of Bulletin Manager be created. Duties of said office are to publish and furnish publicity matter pertaining to the Federation (State and National) and affiliated clubs. All items published subject to the approval of the president.

And this is all, thank you, that comes under this heading.

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ordered your
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INTERESTING PEOPLE

Space being limited this month - we shall not be able to give you many, so here goes for what we can make room for.

Harry Lindquist - president of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. And we, by virtue of our office, do hereby make him an honorary member of the Wisconsin Federation - do we hear any objections? Harry is the smoothest talker on stamps we ever listened to - he always has something to say. A gentleman, a scholar but how well he can judge his whiskey, someone else will have to say.

Fred Cummings of Racine. A rather tall, distinguished gentleman, who takes his stamps seriously and his home club even more so. He is a good pal and a fine friend - get to know Fred. My mistake - Fred is from Kenosha, but once these damned stencils are typed they can't be changed.

Unfortunately, we don't know any of the fans personally in the Marathon County Philatelic so we hope they will not feel badly towards us for omitting them for the time being.

Louis Bermeester - Milwaukee. And does Louis ever know his stamps. His albums are as near perfection as one may ever hope to see.

And here is a blond haired boy we'd like to have you meet. The auctioneer at Green Bay last spring - Count Lawrence Masche. Count is a real fella, all wool and a yard wide, two yards in some places. But he has one fault - his own words for it - "It's H- for the fellow who trades with me."

Jack Smith of Ft. Atkinson is a very pleasant chap to meet. Collects Canada and we tried to get him started on Bureaus but no soap. Jack is a hard worker and well liked in the Tri-County.

And this completes our humble efforts for the month. Get set for the big meeting at Sheboygan and don't forget - those donation lots - new business suggestions - news for the next Bulletin and any suggestions you may have.

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Charley Gottberg

