

THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
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Greetings:

An old song comes to mind tonight as I write this, my last but one Bulletin for our beloved Federation - something about, "There's one more river to cross". It hardly seems possible that I have served you as president for two whole years, yet such is the case and as the time draws near for our next annual meeting, we look forward to it with mixed feelings. Feeling sad to have to lay down the reigns and yet glad to be free of the load for a time. Ah well! May Judge take hold and do his stuff, as only the Judge can.

The Annual Meeting, believe it or not, takes place next month in the city of Sheboygan. Mayhap most of you have seen the blue flier sent out recently by Ray Van Handel and Rudy Hoffman. The dates are: April 18th and 19th. Come on the 18th and stay both days. The lads in Sheboygan are making beau coup preparations for you, so don't miss the best meeting and exhibition our Federation has yet held - be there.

Ray reports that thus far Beloit, Milwaukee and Madison have donated several fine lots for the auction - Sid Frost says that Racine will be there with some - how about the rest?

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The Badger Precancel Club of Milwaukee has joined our Federation. The Wauwatosa Stamp Club officially paid their dues and are now official a member club. A glorious finish to a fine year.

COMING EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

1) The Tri-County Stamp Club continue to urge on me the fact that they are making the supreme effort of their lives in the banquet at Evansville next month - dates will be published in the next and last Bulletin from this office. Those of us who live within driving distance must plan to attend. They have secured a speaker of National fame, and Charley will be there - what more do they need to make a perfect time?

2) The University Stamp Club have perfected their plans for their fifth annual stamp show to be held at the Memorial Union (Madison, of course) on March 19th to the 22nd inclusive. From present indications, it will be their best effort. A banquet will be held on Friday, March 20th at the Memorial Union and a cordial welcome is extended to all stamp collectors to come and enjoy the feast with us. Following the banquet, a big auction will be held. Some fine material is promised.

3) The Beloit Stamp Club are going to hold a banquet at the Hotel Hilton on May 2nd. Col. Ralph Kimble will be the principal speaker - nuff said. Most of us who know Ralph would go a long distance to just shake hands with him, much less listen to him speak, for he is a man who has something to say and knows how to say it.

4) Fond Du Lac are holding a party March 21st and 22nd. This is their annual banquet, auction and show, and judging from those we have attended, it will be well worth going to. To those living in the Fox River Valley, I urge that you make plans to attend.

VISITS

On Feb. 3rd we attempted to visit with the South Milwaukee Club. As we left home it wasn't bad, but it got worse the farther we got from home, until by the time we had reached Oconomowoc, it was almost a blizzard and by the time we turned south on 27th Street in Milwaukee, it was snowing terrifically, or words to that effect. And until we pulled up in front of the High School in South Milwaukee, it was a

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a battle royal between the old Chevy, the wind and snow and the driver's endurance. The driver won this time but our fingers are crossed. And with drifting so bad, we took only time enough to shake hands with Pete Dinauer and W. S. Hoover, tell them our story, shake hands, but this time to say good by, and we were off. If the drive in was an epic, the return was something the cat would never think of dragging in. Believe it or not, we never hoped to get home all in one piece that night. But being of dogged German stock, we kept the wheels moving and finally rolled the car into the garage at 1:15.

On the 19th we drove in to Wauwatosa and got well acquainted with the folks there. A very fine group of people, if we do say so as shouldn't. Burleigh Jacobs, the prime mover was there with bells on, as were also Paul Segnitz, president of the Milwaukee Club and Fred Noske, our premier stamp dealer of the same city. We told the story of our Federation and met everybody present and enjoyed the visit immensely. That drive wasn't so difficult as the previous one, but it WAS cold before we got home.

And tomorrow evening we plan to drive down to Edgerton for the Feb. meeting of the Tri-County. They meet at Harry Ide's home this month. More about this later.

THE MAIL

Its plenty this month, so most of our cuttings will have to be short and sweet.

Philo Foote, of Fond du Lac has another word as to why Fondy cannot furnish donation material to Sheboygan. Its too bad we have to have bad feelings now and then, or club jealousy. The Fondy folks are working hard on their annual meeting, which we have mentioned before.

Albert Draves returned the certificate which Bill Wydallis proposed. The entire personall of our Executive Committee feel that such a thing is a metter for the host club to handle rather than for the Federation as a whole, also that this be made a matter of business at the Annual meeting. This leaves me the unpleasant duty to thank Bill for his splendid purpose and beg to decline until our annual meeting. Albert accepted one of the Judges jobs for the U.S.C., and when Albert in one of the Judges, its a good job.

Sidney Frost - Racine - tells us that they have a new set of officers - Pres. C.A. Wackman, Vice Pres. Lawrence Speeberg, Sec. Treas. Sidney Frost and Corresponding Secy. Miss. Nina Huie. They also ordered nine Year Books. How about some more orders from the rest of the clubs? Racine wants to be our host in 1937 and in view of this are asking for information on costs and the like. Sid, old boy, it'll cost plenty. I'll try to drop you a personal line later in the week.

Harry Zickert - Beloit - wants me to bring up their coming banquet, which we already have done. Tickets will be \$1 - get them from Harry Zickert, 1509 White Ave., Beloit. We will try to bring down a car load from Madison, Harry.

Paul Baumgardt - Statesan - sends another fine letter together with a story written by Emily Stady which I would that I could print and enclose - its really fine and worth reading. Pauls says as how they have plenty of snow up that way. Yes, I've noticed the abundance of frozen water this winter pretty much all over the state.

Minard Frederickson - Wausau - extends an invitation to us to visit them on March 11th. We are sorry that it begins to appear as tho we would be unable to make this trip. We shall not give up hope until we are sure that we cannot go. But with the approach of spring, work is piling up on us and how to slip in two evenings out of a full schedule is our present problem. Will write you, Minard, in a week or so.

Paul Segnitz comes thru with a couple of epistles that didn't take a great deal of effort to translate. Milwaukee wants the next Convention - praises be - they are planning an exhibit at the Home Show

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at the Auditorium. That the Milwaukee Club is sponsoring a series of radio talks on stamp topics over WISN Monday evenings at 7:30 P.M. If only the Tri-County could connect with the Janesville station. Paul has received several comments thru the publicity we gave him about his stunt of mimeographing his collecting habits for those who ask, "What do you collect?" That was a brilliant idea, Paul.

Olson - Green Bay - writes more than his usual ear full this month. Making up for lost time, I expect. He advances a fine point and one we should take up at the meeting. The same exhibit ought not be permitted to win grand honors more than once. Personally I believe that its not good practice to enter the same layout more than twice at most. The Green Bay Club is doing nicely this winter and expects to be well represented in the Sheboygan show. More power to them - my Club at Green Bay.

Ray Van Handel - Sheboygan - which same you ought to know by this time. They have rented the Eagles Auditorium for the show - "A fine place, large and roomy with an adjoining lounge for trading etc." The banquet will be held at the Heidelberg Club - what could be finer? Would suggest Col. Kimball of Chicago and Dr. Hennen, also of Chicago for your judges, Ray. But, why go on. Watch for the Sheboygan flyers - they are good, and Ray doesn't have to be forced to admit that he did the work on them - I'll tell the world that Ray is good and save him the embarrassment.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP AGAIN

It seems that there is some misunderstanding as to just what Mister President intends his cup to stand for. Just this - I want to encourage the general specialist, if I may coin a term to apply to collectors. The old general collector is disappearing and in his place is springing up a group of collectors who collect a wide variety of things, but keep each group distinct and separate as a unit. These we want to encourage this year. And another thing: your president will not compete unless there are at least three others in the competition.

INTERESTING COLLECTORS

Burleigh Jacobs of Wauwatosa. Rotund, jovial and withall a lover of stamps and good old German beer. His collection of the Bank Note issues and especially the 3¢ greens are a revelation. His desire to promote the kingdom of Philately is second only to his liking for his beloved U.S.

P.W. Dinauer of South Milwaukee. He says that when he leaves home he leaves the Mister behind and he's just Pete - so here's Pete to us. An earnest minded man who didn't let a bad blizzard keep him from a stamp meeting - a good man to know.

Lorelle Wolf, a member of the University Stamp Club. Inclined to the portly and dearly loves his reading matter. It has been said of Lorelle that he would rather sit down and read the Precancel Bee than look at his stamps.

Albert Schwarting of DePere, but more laterly of Madison. No question about Albert's nationality - he loves the Vaterland. Albert knows fine stamps and one can depend on him when it comes to furnishing first rate material.

Fred Noske of Milwaukee. Fred has been more or less on the sick list of late years, but this has not prevented his endearing himself to his friends and customers as a gentleman - even if he is a dealer.

And, as I said in the begining - "There's one more" to crow after that, I hope to meet all of you at Sheboygan and have the grand time of the year. Will you be there? Will you make every effort in your power to make the show, the business meeting and the banquet a howling success? Will you? Ah, yes, and you would.

Cheerio,

Charley Achtenberg, Pres. W.S. Fed. of Stamp Clubs

