

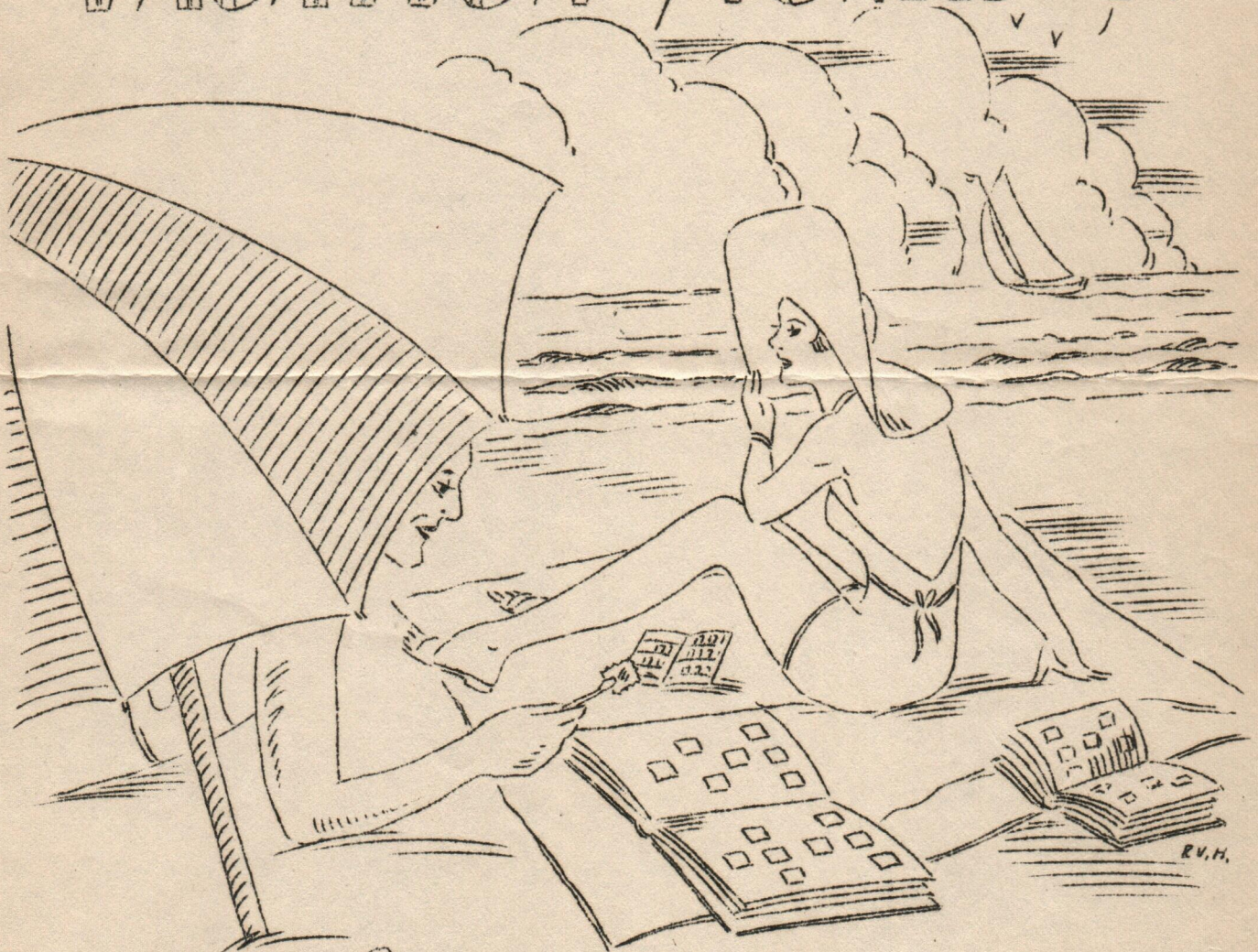
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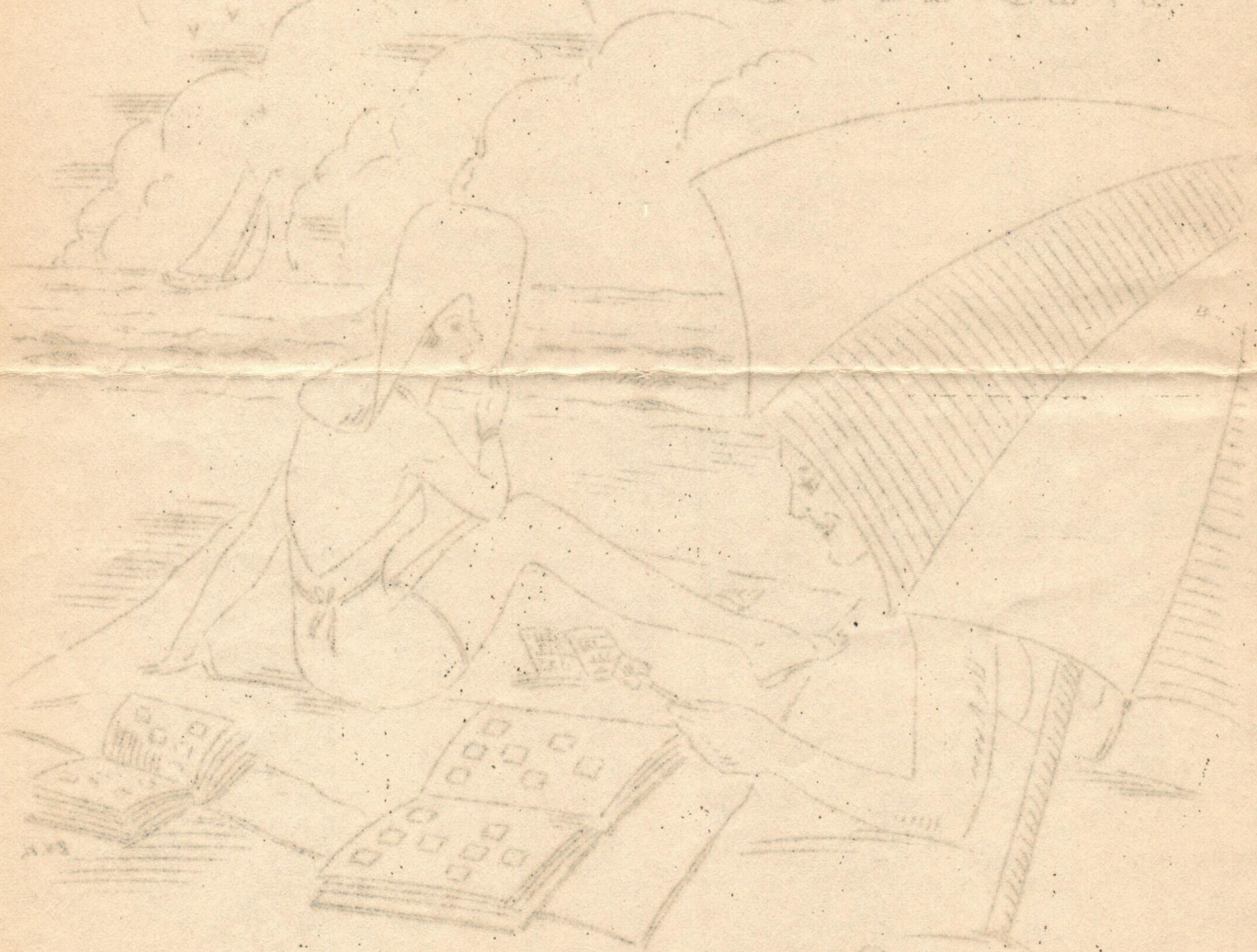
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The WISCONSIN STATE FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
May Bulletin - 1938

Dear Friends and fellow Philatelists:

We are free to confess - we didn't expect this, not nohow a'tall. But here we are, big as life and just as important, and for eleven more months we shall try our little best to make you as happy Philatellically as lay in our power and under the hood of our Dodge. Its running sweet right now but there's no telling how it will be doing next May, so lets make the most of it now.

The new suite of officers hadn't been in charge a week before we were deluged by two letters from Pepper Martin and W.O.Thiede. Good news and everything. Pepper, of course, can always be expected to come thru in the pinches and we did our best to reciprocate by promising a visit to the Waupaca Castle Hall (Albert's designation, by the way) at our earliest convenience next Fall.

Next in importance was a welcome and friendly letter from our very good friend (and when I say our, I mean the Federation as well as personally) Harry L. Lindquist for the National Federation. We can safely expect good things this coming year from the National Federation, so don't wait until the last minute to pay those National dues.

With our induction into office as president, a flood of requests for our presence at club meetings began and to the best of our ability, we have tried to fill all of them. The first meeting was with the Belle City Stamp Club at the Nelson Hotel in Racine. A mighty fine crowd, good eats, a punk speech and lots of fun later with keeno, or bunco or whatever. Anyway, we found an extremely healthy condition existing in Belle City Club - very healthy and we prophesy that they have a big year ahead of them for 1938-39. P.S. We gave the speech.

This happened on Thursday evening, May 5th. About 60 people were present, including Keene and Cummings from Kenosha. Fred was his usual self, if you get what I mean and we might add, he got his customary hand during the bunco games at our own expense.

On Friday, the 13th, and no bad luck came of it either - the Tri* Country held their annual get-together at Stoughton. I disremember the name of the church where the meeting was held. Judge Darling of Fort Atkinson was toastmaster and Albert Draves of Milwaukee, the principal speaker. And believe it or not, but Albert has made the Tri-County his greatest ally as a result. Anyway, when Albert talks about stamps, there is no gainsaying the fact, he knows his onions. And when he has finished you are forced to admit, you too have learned something. We estimate that about 50 rabid fans were present with and including their wives or sweethearts. Mrs. A. came home with something she could appreciate better than stamps - a cutting of Chinese roses and a couple of smilax sprigs - she stamps aren't everything, and I guess we have to agree sometimes. (Pardon the error, I meant to say - she says that etc.) You see, once these darned stencils are typed, they can't be changed.

And on Saturday, May 15th we left home early and drove to Beloit to see the boys down there again. Their meeting was held in the dining room of the Morgan Golf Club house. To be perfectly frank, we must admit that never have we attended a stamp club jamborie or get-together that was held in more appropriate or beautiful surroundings. That little dining room with its individual tables and shaded lights was beautiful - no less. No attempt was made to carry a connected program other than some good music and an excellent bit of ledgerdmain but still in all and nevertheless, it was unique and very enjoyable. A fine auction followed and Art Richstein proved himself to be one of Wisconsin

premier auctioneers - Art can sure pull 'em. And so many old friends were present as to make it almost like old home week.

One thing is evident thus far - there is a much better feeling existing among the clubs, better comradeship and good cheer. One doesn't need to be hit with a brick to see it. Let us hope that it will continue thruout the coming year and produce for us our banner year.

Pepper Martin sends us a hurried post card telling of the fine meeting they held at Waupaca. Folks came from miles around, seems as though: Oshkosh, Appleton, Manitowoc, Stevens Point and Ripon. Good auction (which anyone might know would happen in Waupaca) and a good time by all. More power to Pepper and his "gang". Pepper also wants to know if they can have the 1940 Convention. I'd say, "And How". How does it strike the rest of you?

Of course - we have plans for the coming year. Perhaps not "big" plans that will set the world on fire, but still methinks we can take a page from the current play of our worthy Governor and show him a few things about being progressive.

One thing sticks in my mind - make our Federation an instrument for good for Wisconsin collectors - first, last and all the time. There is no need to explain this stand. Wisconsin first, last and all the time. Patronise Wisconsin dealers all you can, know your fellow collectors here at home before you pat Tiny Tim of New York City on the back as being your best friend. It is always well to try to live the Golden Rule and be friendly.

We will endeavor to work up a small business for the Bulletin in the way of advertising from some of our Wisconsin dealers during the summer too. We will develop the cost of the Bulletin and charge on that basis for small adds. We well realise the drawbacks that such advertising may present to the dealer and yet I cannot help but feel that we can make it pay some of the expense both ways - for them and the Bulletin.

Ray Van Handel promises to enliven the sheet from time to time with catchy cartoons and pictures - nothing dresses up a magazine like a timely picture now and then. That ought to create some interest.

We shall have a new Year Book this coming season, so you secretaries get busy when "school" opens in the fall and get your club rosters build up so that it will be a good one. Incidentally, Ray will do the art work for this book, making it something with more eye appeal than our first two attempts.

And may we ask that whenever anything of more than local interest occurs in your club or locality, drop us a line. A good news paper is always looking for news.

With this as a starter on the new year - lets all pull together and put over a good one.

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Charley Achtenberg, President
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WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT MADISON, WIS.
April 30, 1938.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Albert Draves at 2:50 P.M. at the Loraine Hotel. After roll call, Mr. Broderick moved that we recess at 3:45 P.M. in meeting continued beyond that time. Motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the order of business be reversed and that election of officers be the next order of business. Motion carried.

Election of officers.

For President - - - - - C.A. Achtenberg, Madison
For Vice President - - - - - Ray Van Handel, Sheboygan
For Northern Regional V.P. - - O.A. Olson, Green Bay
For Southern Regional V.P. - - Neil Brigham, Beloit
For Secretary-Treasurer - - - - Harold Greenwood, Edgerton

Invocation was given by Rev. Dusold.

Minutes of the 1937 Convention were read and approved.

Report of the President was read and upon motion was accepted and filed with the Federation records.

3:50 P.M. Recess declared until 4:35 P.M.

4:50 P.M. Meeting continued. Mr. Olson, Vice President reported verbally on several visits made to northern clubs.

Mr. Leo Martin as No. Regional V.P. reported verbally on several visits made in his district.

The Treasurer's report was then read and placed on file.

Mr. Achtenberg moved that the Northern Michigan clubs (now associate members) be given full voting memberships in the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs with full membership privileges. Seconded by Mr. Rude and carried.

Mr. Martin moved that dues be payable annually on Jan. 1st. Seconded by Mr. Achtenberg. Mr. Martin accepted an amendment to the motion that the dues collectable shall be of the club roster as of Jan. 1st. The motion was carried.

Mr. Broderick read letters from the Association of Commerce, The Hotel Retlaw and the City of Fond du Lac, inviting the 1939 Convention to that city. He also stated that the Fond du Lac Club would be pleased to have the 1939 Convention. On regularly made motion, the invitation was accepted.

Mr. Bardeen proposed that the Secretary write a letter to station W. T. A. Q. thanking them for the use of their station facilities for broadcasting by the Green Bay Club.

Mr. Achtenberg moved that a rising vote of thanks be given the Madison Stamp Club for their generosity and hospitality in presenting this years Convention, and to all of the officers of the Madison Stamp Club, our heartiest congratulations and best wishes. Carried unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned.

By: Claude Degler,
Secretary.

