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So, with a Convention in sight once more, now is the time to prepare your list of nominees for officers; resolutions and new business to be taken up at the business meeting; make your plans for entries in the show and to find the ways and means to be on hand for two glorious days under the direction of Padre Dushold - he knows how to show us a good time, as a good many fans can testify. PLAN TO BE THERE.

I would like to ask for three patriotic members to donate prizes for the show - something that will arouse interest and stimulate competition. Don't all speak at once and on the other hand - don't wait for George to do it. Three is what we want - three.

Only one visit this month, but another top-notch. That gang at Sheboygan are nothing else but live wires and one can always depend on their being up and at 'em all of the time. We received an invitation to come up and speak to their club the fore part of the month and if there is one thing your president is anxious to do, it is to accept all invitations tendered him to visit member clubs, so we made the trip and enjoyed it immensely. Since we promised not to divulge a secret, we cannot tell you this month the exact nature of the surprise the Sheboygan boys are hatching up for future development of interest in the hobby, but what I mean, it's a dandy and I miss my guess badly if it doesn't get good results before the year is out. Next month, we will tell you more about this plan.

As we drove into Sheboygan, we lost one of our cylinders and it took a garage mechanic about five minutes to discover that we had blown the head out of a spark plug, but those five minutes were enough to make us late for the meeting, so we came in after the program had started and had the pleasure of listening to one of the nicest "home-made" talks on a member's own collection that we have heard for years. Incidentally, this member spoke on his Germans and that was right up our alley. After the meeting we compared voluminous notes and found much in common to talk about. If more of could find congenial spirits this way to talk with, we would enjoy our collecting a lot more.

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Sheboygan Stamp Club	:	The Tri-County Stamp Club
Meetings on the first and third	:	meets on the second Friday of each
Wednesday evenings in the Knights	:	month here and there in Dane,
of Columbus Club rooms.	:	Rock and Jefferson Counties.
	:	Harold Greenwood, Sec.
Sheboygan, Wis.	:	Edgerton, Wis.
A royal welcome to all visitors	:	You will enjoy visiting our little club

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Precancel lots and old collections					
Cash or trade					
Leon Gordon	1510 N. 3rd St.,	Sheboygan, Wis.			

We have two bids for the month of January which we hope to make. The first came from Wauwatosa to be with them on the 11th and baring a blizzard, we'll be there.

A couple of weeks ago, our old friend, Erwin Endlich of Beaver Dam dropped in for a swap and gave us a nice bit of news. They have organized a stamp club up there in his home town and want yours truly to come up on the 9th and tell them why they should join the State Federation. So here we have the opportunity to admit a brand new club, so wish us luck and a gift of gap for the 9th.

And to any other clubs - remember that your Federation President is always ready and willing to crank up the old Dodge and pay your club a flying visit whenever he is asked if he can make the trip after 5 P.M., or any time on Saturdays or Sundays.

I've tried - no kidding - I've tried, but no soap.
Seems as how nobody has any Wisconsin
precancels they want to swap.
But - I still want 'em

Charley Achtenberg 104 S. Mills St., Madison, Wis.

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future. Likewise, perhaps and possibly, a few good stories about some of the better collections in each club. Mrs. Wæse helped us in a big way on the last mentioned item and many thanks to her. so, without further ado, lets get at what the mail man dropped into our mail box this month.

APPLETON

Prof. Frampton gave our idea a name - "blow-your-own horn issue". Thats sompin and thank you John.

The Appleton Club is composed almost entirely of business men of that city and so, they had had but little opportunity to hold regular meetings this Fall. However, this did not prevent several of them from "gadding" about and giving neighboring clubs a boost. Would that other clubs would try this stunt and visit other clubs more. No definite plans for the winter but after the Xmas rush has subsided, we hope to hear more from the College City on the Fox. Speaking about Colleges, say Prof. when I went to Lawrence there were several boys there then who collected stamps. Maybe there are more there now. Couldn't they be given a helping hand and maybe a party this winter? Try it. When a boy is away from home, he appreciates such things as that.

BELOIT

Up-and-at-em Neal Brigham answers our appeal with a fine letter.

The members of Beloit Stamp Club have been receiving A.P.S. sales circuits this Fall and have made good use of them at their meetings. Which is not a bad idea. Nick Carter showed some of his choice Wisconsin covers at a recent meeting. (How we wish Nick would show us some of his Elkhorn D.L.E.s) Ted Florey showed colored films taken on his trip to the A.P.S. Convention in New Orleans at another meeting. Neal gathered together a few kindred spirits and visited the new club at Burlington the other day. Hope Neal convinced them that a membership in the State Federation would be quite the proper thing. We are also asked to send a copy of this Bulletin to C.G.Black of Burlington, which same will be done. Greetings to the folks at Burlington. And Neal says that they expect to run over to Monroe soon. Let us know when you plan to go and I'll run down too, Neal.

Ed Powers boasts that his general collection has now turned the 20,000 mark and that doesn't include his covers of which he has a wonderful showing.

ESCANABA

H.F.Kirstin, Secretary of the Escanaba Philatelic Society does the honors. Like everybody else, he is busy, but he did a good job, nevertheless. They still remember the visit that Count Masche and yours truly made them a couple of months ago. This little club has a fine working combination. They have their regular adult members and junior members who are between the ages of 14 and 17 and thereby are building for the future. At a recent meeting they held a bingo party with stamps as prizes. And from past experience, bingo parties are a lot of fun - try it sometime.

Earl Brown lays claim to a near complete collection of Bureau Prints. Congratulations Earl - its the last five that hirt the hardest and especially Liberty 102. Have you got that baby, Earl?

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APPLICATION

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EXCERPT

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RECAPITULATION

St. Francis Secretary of the Macomber Philatelic Society does the honors. Like everybody else, he is busy, but he did a good job, never less. They still remember the visit that Gordon Macomber and Joyce made there a couple of months ago. This little club has a fine working combination. They have their regular adult members and Junior members who are between the ages of 12 and 17 and thereby are building for the future. At a recent meeting they held a bingo party with stamps as prizes. And then past experienced bingo parties are a lot of fun - try it sometime. But Brown lays claim to a most complete collection of Bureau stamps. Congratulations Earl - its the last five that hit the hardest and opened the 103. Have you got that baby, Earl?

Escanaba - continued:

E.W.Andrews has a good general collection and specializes on post marks and Ed Lucas lays claim to a fine general collection too and specializes in Bicentennials. Precancelled, Ed?

GREEN BAY

The Collectors Club of Green Bay

This little club meets every second and fourth Tuesday at the homes of the members. A majority of the members also collect coins, accordingly their meetings do not lack for variety of display.

E.S.Williams as the Secretary, is doing a good job in keeping us informed of the club's activities and we fully agree with him - there are enough collectors in Green Bay to make a Gee-whizzer of a club.

Green Bay Philatelic Society

And here comes Natalie Wiese and her fine efforts to help.

Thus far this season they have held three business meetings, a supper party at Mr. Thew's cottage as a sort of "pep" meeting, a get-together meeting with the Manitowoc club and on Nov. 20th held their first dinner meeting at the Y.M.C.A. They plan about four of these dinner meeting for the season - fine and dandy.

Meeting nights are: first Monday and third Tuesday evenings.

A fine piece of work is being carried on which Mr. Bardeen has been handling alone up to this time, is a radio program every Sunday afternoon from 5:30 to 5:45 over W T A Q. How many other clubs are doing as much to promote the good work?

Here is a passage from their minute book:

"There was some discussion about classifications for the annual convention exhibits. It was the general opinion that a standard classification, to be good for not only one year, but to hold for every year. It was moved and seconded and carried that the Green Bay Philatelic Society go on record as favoring a standard classification for every year, for all clubs in the Wis. Federation, to be made a by-law of the Federation - - and any additional entries or classifications not to be considered for the Nocolet Cup."

It might be added here that after a hot and heavy fight in Green Bay, such a classification was adopted and made a part of our constitution but somehow or other, it has not been strictly adhered to the past two years. It will be, however, this spring.

And here is a short description by Sallie Ann Fisher of her own collection of Germany. My, Oh my! That makes three high powered German collections we know of in Wisconsin now. Now Sally is the newest and youngest member of the Green Bay Club but that has not prevented her and her mother from assembling a collection of Germany (the Empire and Republic) which lacks only seven stamps to be complete. Does this include the airmails, semi-postals and officials, Sally? They are collection both the mint and used, trying to show a collection of each type - she says: 30 stamps are not represented mint and 120 are missing among the used. Thats swell Sally Ann and I hope we can compare notes some day.

M.T.Onstad writes a very interesting story on his Norways. His collection is almost complete and must be something to look at. I'd like most awful well to give you his story of Norway, but we have too much material to put it all in.

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Meeting nights: First Monday and third Tuesday evenings.
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Mr. Orstedt writes a very interesting story on his Norway. His collection is almost complete and must be something to look at. It is the most well to give you his story of Norway, but we have too much material to put it all in.

Mr. Onstad tells of the location of Norway, some of its historic background, its industries and commerce and very little about his stamps. He does say this however, "Norway has never issued any colored or showy stamps until the last 5 or 6 years. They have brought some commemorative stamps of Norway's noted men, as, Amundson, Isben, Abel, Holberg and Saint Olaf."

Manitowoc.

Without question, our good friend, Padre Dushold takes all ribbons when it comes to promptness and a mastery of words. Well, in a way, that's his business, so we rather expect him to do things without consulting his dictionary. He begins by stating that at their next meeting, the matter of plans for the Convention will be taken up and threshed out, and will let us know at once what they are. He also has written to Ray VanHandel, which Ray verifies by mail today. Well anyway -

The Manitowoc Philatelic Society holds its meetings on the first Friday evening of each month. During the summer they met in the Community room of the Manitowoc Savings Bank and during the winter in the lounge room of the Catholic Center building.

The outstanding event of the year so far, was the chicken dinner held in September at the C.J.Hessel resort in Francis Creek, a little hamlet about 8 miles from Manitowoc. That was the time when we first learned the meaning of mor'nfull. Yea man! We will never forget that dinner or the meeting - it was a honey.

Padre gives us a very good description of his collection and the background of his collecting. He started collecting over 55 years ago (I'd have taken my oath that Padre was no older than myself), when as a boy, he accumulated all of the stamps he could find, beg or borrow wherever and whenever he could find them. Since that day, he has grown in stature and the Grace of God and the wisdom of man and his collecting habits have changed somewhat, but the seed took root and grew to a lusty tree, for which Allah be praised - we need the workers. Today, he estimates that his general collection numbers well over 40,000 copies. Each European country has its own album, for which purpose he states that he has found the Elbe and Linn binders quite satisfactory.

His greatest interest centers in the stamps of our own U.S.A., which is as it should be. One bit of observation he makes that is worth commenting on: he says, "It seems to me, in years ago, stamp collectors were more concerned with the pleasure and enjoyment they derived from the hobby than from any possible monetary return. One's collection included stamps that had a right to the name - that had found postal use and were not merely pictured bits of gummed paper. Little did the old-time collector of ordinary means care about mint stamps, pairs or blocks of four." Amen.

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Pa sends us a mimeographed program for the entire season's activities. So, I shall just pick out a few high lights.

The first one is Nov. 21st. A talk by the Rev. Leiterman on "The stamps of the Roman States". That ought to have been interesting.

Dec. 19th was a luncheon meeting with members from Fondy as guests.

Jan. 3rd will be a meeting devoted to seals and poster stamps. Now here is an interesting field we hear little of. This ought to be good.

Feb. 20th is a luncheon gathering with guests from Ripon, Berlin and Omro. Wonder if Count will be there? Ellis Roberts will talk on "Postal service thru the ages". He ought to know.

On April 4th Shirley Robertson will discuss "Mounting your collection". A timely topic and one which most of us could profit by.

Running thru the entire program we see Silas Spengler playing hide and seek with the auctioneer, or maybe Silas is the auctioneer.

The Oshkosh Philatelic Society meets in the basement assembly room of the First National Bank on the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month from 7:00 to 10:00.

Following the Dec. 19th luncheon meeting, so much satisfaction was shown over this new idea that it was decided to hold such a meeting once ever two months. They were heartily in favor of holding the Convention at Manitowoc.

As to a description of some outstanding collection in the club, Pa says that he rather thinks that Shirley Robertson takes honors there.

Pa also asks, if he will send us a supply of their yearly program, will we enclose a copy to each club? Yes Pa, and How. Mighty glad to, and that goes for any other clubs that might wish to have us send out stuffers for them.

Racine

Lots of answers from Belle City Stamp Club. Henrietta Ontko, in her capacity as secretary and W.L. Clunie as a friend and fellow worker.

The Racine folks seem to be having some difficulty in getting the matter of our yearly dues settled. Now, as I see this matter, the annual dues to the State Federation run from Convention to Convention, but at the last Convention we passed a resolution to the effect that dues did not become over-due until after the first of the year. However, both Harold Greenwood and yours truly have enough to do trying to get the Year book started to have to stop after January 1st and work at the job of collecting dues, so we went out after them while we yet had the time. Personally, I see no reason why, when dues should be paid, they cannot be so without waiting until the last dog is hung. Which is putting it baldly, I will admit. But a little cooperation helps the officers more than we can say.

Another point is brought up. Each club has to pay their dues to the National Federation if they propose to belong. Your State Federation pays dues only as one unit.

New officers just elected are:

Joseph Maushammer, - Pres.

Alvin Peterson, President

Joseph Maushammer, Vice-president

Mrs. Henrietta Ontko, Sec. Treas.

George Kundert, Auctioneer

Mrs. Clarence Smith, Librarian

is sends us a mimeographed program for the entire season's activities. So, I shall just pick out a few high lights. The first one is Nov. 21st. A talk by the Rev. Letterman on "The stamps of the Roman States". That ought to have been interesting. Dec. 19th was a luncheon meeting with members from Fondy as guests. Jan. 5th will be a meeting devoted to seals and postage stamps. Now here is an interesting field we hear little of. This ought to be good. Feb. 20th is a luncheon gathering with guests from Ripon, Berlin and Orono. Wonder if Count will be there? Ella Roberts will talk on "Postal service thru the ages". He ought to know. On April 4th Shirley Robertson will discuss "Mounting your collection". A timely topic and one which most of us could profit by. Running thru the entire program we see Elias Spangler playing hide and seek with the auctioneer, or maybe Elias is the auctioneer. The Oshkosh Philatelic Society meets in the basement assembly room of the First National Bank on the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month from 7:00 to 10:00. Following the Dec. 19th luncheon meeting, so much satisfaction was shown over this new idea that it was decided to hold such a meeting once over two months. They were heartily in favor of holding the Convention at Manitowish. As to a description of some outstanding collection in the club, I say that he rather thinks that Shirley Robertson takes honors there. He also asks, it he will send us a supply of their yearly program. Will we enclose a copy to each club? Yes, yes, and how. Mighty glad to, and that goes for any other clubs that might wish to have us send out letters for them.

Racine

Lots of answers from Belle City Stamp Club. Henrietta Onko, in her capacity as secretary and W.L. Glumie as a friend and fellow worker. The Racine folks seem to be having some difficulty in getting the matter of our yearly dues settled. Now, as I see this matter, the annual dues to the State Federation run from Convention to Convention, but at the last Convention we passed a resolution to the effect that dues did not become over-due until after the first of the year. However, both Harold Greenwood and yours truly have enough to do trying to get the Year book started to have to stop after January 1st and work at the job of collecting dues, so we went out after them while we yet had the time. Personally, I see no reason why, when dues should be paid, they cannot be so without waiting until the last day is hung. Which is putting it badly, I will admit. But a little cooperation helps the officers more than we can pay. Another point is brought up. Each club has to pay their dues to the National Federation if they propose to belong. Your State Federation pays dues only as one unit. New officers just elected are:

Joseph Mannheim, President
Alvin Peterson, Vice-president
Mrs. Henrietta Onko, Sec. Treas.
George Knudsen, Auctioneer
Mrs. Clarence Smith, Librarian

Belle City meets on the first and third Friday evenings. I think, at the Y.M.C.A., but am not sure. Anyway, they know there and I always hit for the Y when I go to Racine. Its easy to find.

South Milwaukee

The South Milwaukee Philatelic Society meets on the first and third Monday evenings of each month at James Boden's store, 1206 Milwaukee Ave.

C.W.Harris, Pres.

E.B.Hansen, Vice-pres.

P.W.Dinauer, Sec.-treas.

J.J.Boden, Librarian

Since their first meeting in September, they have held two bingo parties, with stamps for the prizes. Fine work. The secretary, Pete Dinauer, says further: "At times, things become so interesting (at their meetings) that some of the members forget to take their hats off (or maybe its to keep their bald heads warm), and as one of the good fellows said one evening upon entering, "Hey, what is this, a synagogue?"

The Club had over 15 frames entered in the Wisconsin Hobby Exposition at the Milwaukee auditorium in November.

Clarence W. Harris, one of the outstanding members, has been collecting since he was eight years old. He still has the first album that he started. (And I'll bet he thinks a lot of it too). In 1916 he got his first International album and started collecting generally. Clarence specialises in Luxemburg, Germany and the United States, all three countries being in the near complete class. He is especially active in his work with the Junior collectors of South Milwaukee. More power to you Clarence, keep up the good work.

Alfred W. Poppen goes in for a little different type of specialization. His greatest interest lies in mineature sheets, of which he has an almost complete collection. He also collects first day covers and number one stamps of the different countries. He has about 200 of these number ones.

WEST ALLIS

Roman Urbaniak, Secretary of the West Allis Philatelic Club wishes a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to the officers and all the members of the Wisconsin State Federation of Stamp Clubs. Thats saying a mouthful.

He also sends us a club roster. Thank you Roman, thats a big help.

Waupaca

A short letter from Pepper Martin to let us know that they are more than willing to let the Manitowoc Club act as host for the next Convention.

The boys of Waupaca also are having trouble with our call for dues. Its needless to say - I regret that there has been a misunderstanding in this matter and a little later I am proposing a constitutional amendment which I hope will solve this difficulty once and for all.

Wauwatosa.

I have two letters here from Merle Luper, secretary of the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. In the first he asks Mister President to be present at their January 11th meeting, which we have already commented upon. At that meeting they plan to install new officers.

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Waukegan

I have two letters here from Vera Lacy, secretary of the Waukegan Philatelic Society. In the first she tells about their plans to be present at their January fifth meeting, which we have already commented upon. At that meeting they plan to install new officers.

Their new officers are:

Ed. Feidler, President
Alfred Gegeman, Vice-president
Arthur Knorr, Treasurer
Merle Luper, Secretary

Murle asks if I have found that copy of Liberty, Mo. 102 yet. Not even a smell, old timer.

As to club activities, Murle states that they have been holding their regular semi-monthly meetings with good attendance and interest at every meeting. They also have discovered that a Bingo party now and then is good for what ails them. Somehow or other, Bingo does help. I see that there has been a change in the date and that party is to be held on Jan. 12th instead of the 11th. Make a note of this and try to be there - January 12 at the home of Murle Luper, 2605 North 70th St., Wauwatosa. Praises be - Murle tells me that they have precancel collectors in their little club. I'll come early and often, if that's the case. You may look for me on the 12th, Murle.

Sheboygan

Just received a nice rambling letter from Ray VanHandel this afternoon. And since I am at the last page of the Bulletin and not finished yet, I shall give Ray the place of honor - the tail end.

Last Wednesday evening the boys held their annual Xmas party in the K.C. Club rooms with a large turnout to make it a great success. Each member was required to bring one stamp catalogueing over 50¢ as his contribution to the festivities. These were all placed on their large Xmas tree and lots were drawn for them. Fritz Hoffman officiated as Santa Claus and Dr. Felton made a permanent record of the party with his movie camera.

They are planning a two day stamp exhibit a little later but I am afraid that we shall not be able to give you the exact date if it is to be held in January. And three cheers - Sheboygan puts in the first order for 25 Year Books.

Ray says that he has started correspondence with Padre anent the coming Convention and with Spark Plug Ray behind the scenes, we know it will move along on well oiled wheels. He has also started work on the cover for the Year Book, so we can promise you something a bit more artistic than our two previous efforts.

Ruddy Hoffman wants to know how many members of every club would care to have some indication placed after their name in the Year book to show that they want to swap stamps and if they might be interested in an Exchange Service. There's a thought. How many would? Lets hear from you.

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Alfred Gogman, Vice-President
Arthur Knorr, Treasurer
Marie Luper, Secretary

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As to club activities, Maria states that they have been holding their regular semi-monthly meetings with good attendance and interest at every meeting. They also have discovered that a Bingo party now and then is good for what ails them. Someone or other, Bingo does help. I see that there has been a change in the date and that party is to be held on Jan. 12th instead of the 11th. Make a note of this and try to be there - January 12 at the home of Marie Luper, 2805 North 70th St., Wauwatosa. Please be - Maria tells me that they have purchased collectors in their little club. I'll come early and often, if that's the case. You may look for me on the 12th, Maria.

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Treasurer's report as of Dec. 9, 1938

Balance received from Claude Degler	- - - - -	\$56.95
Dues received to date	- - - - -	22.10
Adds paid for as run in the Bulletin	- - - - -	7.23
Subscriptions to the Bulletin @ 25¢ each	- - - - -	1.25
Total		<u>\$87.53</u>

Cost of Bulletin to date (Paper, envelopes, postage, etc.)	- -	\$ 7.72
General postage (Secretary and President)	- - - - -	7.45
Stationery and miscellaneous	- - - - -	15.26
Total expense	- - - - -	<u>\$30.43</u>
Leaving a balance on hand of	- - - - -	\$57.10

There is one thing which I would like to call your attention and that is the fact that we are practically making our little Bulletin pay for itself. And may I ask - isn't it worth while? Personally, I think that it is and especially when we can show that it is not costing us enough to worry over.

At every Convention we have raised our voice trying to make the Bulletin a permanent proposition, even to the extent that we make an office of Bulletin Editor and elect some member to this job each year who can and will see to it that we have something every month during the collecting season.

And remember - with this issue, your copies of the Bulletin stop if your dues have not been paid. This is definite and final.

Christmas has come and gone and New Years is upon us as this is being typed. With the rest of our old world in turmoil, one cannot help but reflect upon the spirit of Xmas as we observe it here in the United States. Would that we could carry this spirit to all lands and people. "Peace on earth, and good will to man". May we, in the year that is ahead of us try our best to exemplify this spirit to others about us. We may not always make it stick - but - we can try. And may I close by expressing the hope that everybody who belongs to our great brotherhood in Wisconsin, enjoyed a very merry Xmas and will have a Happy New Year. I thank you.

With my sincerest best wishes,

Charles A. Achtenberg, Pres.,
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