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Tempus fugits - or sompin. It don't seem no time a'tall since we rolled, skidded and slid into Appleton for that momentuous meeting, which was fully covered in the last Bulletin. And it is now just one more month until the Spring Convention at Manitowoc.

Have you planned an entry for the show? Did you send the Manitowoc folks a donation for the auction? And are you planning to attend the banquet and auction on Saturday evening, May 6th? Are you, have you and will you?

Around the fifth of March a letter was written to every club secretary in the Federation asking for something for our last general Bulletin to be issued before the Convention and while we have several reams of answers, we were grievously dissapointed in that all of the clubs did not have something for this issue of the Bulletin, even if it were only a greeting card. So, if there are no notes from or about your club, give your secretary the whatever for not being in the news.

And since there is very little general news, lets begin with the letters and notes we have on the table. Here we go:-

Manitowoc

The Manitowoc Philatelic Society is all ready to welcome the visitors to the eighth annual convention of our Federation. Our city is eminently adapted to function as a "convention" city. It is situated on the shores of Lake Michigan with its ever changing vista; it is reached by excellent highways. Manitowoc is the home of several "world's greatestes" which will provide excellent sight seeing possibilities for the "stamp widows" who will accompany their husbands or sweethearts to the convention.

The convention, exhibition and banquet will be held at the "Catholic center", on the corner of York and North Ninth Streets. Built originally as a club house for the Knights of Columbus, it has since passed into other hands but still retains its original name. Besides the exhibition hall, the building will afford a spacious room for the business session of the the convention, a lounge room for the ladies and a beautiful dining room - the caterer gives the assurance that he will serve a tasty meal and "plenty to eat". Our only regret is that we cannot take the convention out to Francic Creek for one of their famed chicken dinners (amen says ye ed.), but we shall invite you in the fall for one of those.

There are a number of good hotels in Manitowoc offering accomodations to suit everybodies taste and pocket book. Reservations should be sent to Miss. Viola Krainik, 102 N. Eighth St.

The following committees have been active for some time:

Arrangements: Charles H. Tills, 715 N. Eighth St.

Publicity: Lester Pew, 1608 New York Ave.

Program: Mrs. Florence Rudie, R.F.D. #2

Entertainment: Mrs. Florence Rudie

Auction: Arnold Croll, 1712 New York Ave.

Hotel Reservations: Miss. Viola Krainik, 102 N. Eighth St.

Registration: Miss Elsa Framm, 909 Park St.

Exhibition: Reuben Kock, 1209 S. 14th St.

The dead line for the entry of exhibition frames has been set for ten o'clock, Saturday, May 6th. The frames will be set in the new steel stands which are the invention of L.J. Schuerer, instructor in the Sheet Metal Department of the Manitowoc Vocational Schools. The judges will be Albert Draves, Ellis Roberts, Alton Hanson and Leon Gordon. (Eds. note: What would we do without Albert on the judging).

The banquet has been scheduled for seven o'clock of May 6th (Saturday). Entertainments will be short but pleasing; speeches few, and long winded orators will meet with instant death. Banquet tickets will be \$1 each and may be had at the registration table, or ordered by mail.

After the banquet, the customary auction will be staged. To avoid tedium and irksomeness, the number of lots is to be limited to 100. Collectors who wish to submit items for sale are asked to do so before April 29th, in order that lots may be listed and catalogued properly. Leo, alias "Pepper" Martin will do the honors as auctioneer. (Ye Ed gets in another note: its worth the price of admission to see Pepper and his cigar in action - be there.)

For those collectors who like special things, philatelic seals have been issued which will be sold to visitors, besides which, a special cachet has been prepared and covers will be addressed and stamped for 10¢ each or three for a quarter.

The local Boy Scout organization has promised to detail a number of the scouts for duty and the guests at the convention are invited to avail themselves of their services for errands and directions.

Every effort is being made to make you feel at home and to those of us who know the Manitowoc group, we know that just this feeling will be felt by everybody - you will be at home when the guests of the Manitowoc Philatelic Society.

Sheboygan

"You ask for dope. Use your own judgement and let your conscience be your guide - you may use all or any part of what follows."

Last Wednesday we held a Bingo Party on our meeting night at which time we called for donations of stamps from our members. Due to bad weather, we had only a fair sized crowd and cleared \$10.03 for the Manitowoc Club, as our contribution to the Convention fund.

(Ray thinks this paragraph is of no interest to other clubs, but there is a fine inspiration for other clubs here that need peping up)

We have a membership of 56 paid-up members with dues at 50¢ per year. We meet twice a month the year around in the K.C. Club Rooms for which we pay rent. Accordingly, we have to raise money from other sources than from our dues. The Club was organized in February, 1932 with 13 members, of which, 12 still are members and very active. We think this is a good record and especially as our membership turn-over is very small.

Our club is not "U.S." stamp crazy. When a new member is taken in he is given a serious talk on the importance of general collecting and diversity of interest in his collecting, with the result that the great majority of our members collect plenty of other things besides general U.S. This fact also tends to add more interest to our meetings and stamps for the members thru trading. I think that if other clubs would adopt this idea, they would soon forget the meaning of such stock phrases as, "Why should I go to meeting tonight, I cannot trade anything or find

.....
enough new stamps for my collection to make it pay". This spirit has ruined many a promising stamp club.

We stress the trading angle very strongly and most of our folks would rather trade than sell. When a club exists for the sole benefit of a few of its members who do nothing but sell stamps, then the end is near. (Eds. note again: Ray is preeminently right - we have one prize example that we could mention).

Our Club is making every effort possible to help the Manitowoc folks make this a successful convention and since we are so near to them, this is not a hardship for us in any way. Our members have been driving over to their meetings and generally peppering the good Padre and his fine crew. Sheboygan will send over between sixty and seventy frames for the exhibit, mostly foreign - we are out after that trophy this year.

We propose the following men for officers for the coming year:

Alton Hanson - - president

Pepper Martin - secretary

See you at Manitowoc -

Ray

Monda Ligo Club

Well! We pried Rudolph Pape loose for a line this time.

The Monda Ligo Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at Halls Cafe, 817 N. Water St. across the street from the city hall in Milwaukee. Out of town visitors are always welcome. At our last meeting, Frank Brandenstein was elected president and Rudolph Pape secretary. We are having from 40 to 60 members at each meeting and are trying hard to put stamps on the map in Milwaukee.

Just a word at this point - there is no rhyme or reason to the order in which these club notes are inserted - they are run just as they come in the monthly file.

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County you collect.
Madison, Wis.

Charles Achtenberg

104 South Mills St.

Madison

Leo Levenick writes asking that their spring high lights be given a little publicity - of course, why not?

The Madison Stamp Club will hold its annual meeting and exhibition on April 15th and 16th in the Loraine Hotel, Madison. A classification covering all phases of stamp collecting has been arranged and we hope to have an exhibit of more than 100 frames. The annual dinner, installation of officers, awarding of prizes and a good auction will be held on Saturday, April 15th, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Loraine Hotel. All interested collectors will be welcomed at the show and banquet. The show will be judged by a nationally prominent Philatelist.

Several Madison Stamp Club members have indicated that they will exhibit at the annual show to be held in Manitowoc, May 6th and 7th and of course, hope to win their share of the prizes.

Following is a schedule of meeting dates for the balance of the spring season:

April 13	Program
April 27	Auction and swapping
May 11	Program
May 25	Program and auction

Tri-County

The annual banquet and spring jollification will be held in Edgerton, May 12th, at the Highway restaurant dining room. Plans for the program have been started but Harold Greenwood says, "At this writing I don't know what they are." It is rumored that they will have a nationally famous character actor give half an hour of character sketches, but this is wholly unofficial and not definite as yet.

Other than this, Tri-County has been jogging along at their usual leisurly pace, enjoying the passtime of stamp collecting.

Waupaca

Sez Pepper Martin:

Your recent letter was just handed to me by Emil Schmitz, our secretary, for me to answer. We have not had anything out of the ordinary happen since we last had contact with you. Of course, we are looking forward to the Convention at Manitowoc and best of all, we are compiling our next auction list. This auction will take place on the afternoon of May 21st, which falls on a Sunday. The place will be the ~~a#tern~~ usual 3rd floor of the First National Bank Building. I am not a great hand to brag, but this will be our finest auction as far as really fine material is concerned. It will be all U.S. and will contain about 70% mint commems, running from the Columbians up to and including the Parks. So if you wish to give us some kind of a writeup in the next Bulletin, we will be unusually grateful to you. (But why Leo - its your Bulloting, don't you know). I notice in the Year Book that our meeting date is given as the first Wednesday in the Month, whereas it should be the second. (Our apologies and mighty grateful that you didn't climb down our throat for this ommission). By the way, Father Dusold has asked me to be their auctioneer at the Convention so we will try tosnap it up.

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Dear Pepper Martin:
 Your recent letter was just handed to me by Bill Schmidt, our secretary, for me to answer. We have not had anything out of the ordinary happen since we last had contact with you. Of course, we are looking forward to the convention at Manitowish and hope it will be a smashing one with a new auction list. This auction will take place on the afternoon of May 25th, which falls on a Sunday. The place will be the usual 5th floor of the First National Bank building. I am not a great hand to brag, but this will be our finest auction as far as really fine material is concerned. It will be all U.S. and will contain about 100 mint common, ranging from the Continental to the 1861-64 issues. So if you wish to give us some kind of a writing in the near future, we will be immensely grateful to you. But my two cents? Well, don't you know? Nothing, don't you know? I notice in the book that you have given us the first Wednesday in the month, whereas it should be the second. Our apologies and kindly grateful that you didn't give down our threat for this commission. By the way, Farnon Dubois and me to be their auctioneer at the convention so we will try to make

more than has been our custom. Hope you are feeling better. And say - business has sure been picking up since we had a change in governors, hasn't it? Like Heil!

Milwaukee

In this year of 1939, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society can look back upon an existence of 40 years. While it is the oldest organization in the State of its kind, it is out-ranked by a number of others in different sections. But its age gives it place among the first 12, and in its continued growth and development has always been among the leaders of the hobby.

The M.P.S. had the good fortune to have as members such outstanding Philatelists as Dr. F.A. Kraft and Wm. J. Uihlein, who have done more than their share towards the promotion of our hobby and whose influence exceeded their immediate environments.

Among the reasons why the M.P.S. has been able to make progress is the splendid fellowship and hospitality, noticeable to even the occasional visitor. The officers are carefully chosen and consider themselves in the service of the entire group and in that manner exercise the will of the majority.

The M.P.S. meets in the Trustee's room of the Public Museum on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month and where everybody is invited and welcome. In the early fall, a dinner and banquet with auction following is held in one of the larger hotels.

At the regular meeting held March 21st, the following names were offered in nomination for offices in the Wisconsin Federation:

President Fred Noske
Secy. Treas. C.W. Degler

Badger Precancel Club

The Badger Precancel Club of Milwaukee has instituted a series of special programs for the coming season. It is planned to have some special event once each month. The first program dealt with "Methods of Collecting". The discussion being led by Byron Hagenseck and illustrated with several different types of collections. The second program was a study of the life of "Benjamin Franklin - First Postmaster General". The speaker being C.A. Wackman of Racine.

Mr. K.H. Zap, one of our members, is spending several months in the south. He has promised to be on the alert for new issues and expects to bring back a stock book well filled with interesting material.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Murdock, who have been active members of the club for years, have moved to Columbus, Ohio. They write us that a new precancel club is just being organized there and that they plan to take an active part in it.

All visiting precancel collectors are urged to attend the meetings of our club whenever they are in Milwaukee. Regular meetings are on the second Monday and fourth Tuesday of each month in the offices of the Milwaukee Stamp Co., 4th floor of the Alhambra Bldg. This welcome is out to all collectors, whether you collect precancels or not.

now than has been our custom. I hope you are feeling better and any
concerns we have been picking up since we had a change in government
won't be a problem. (John Hall)

My dear Mr. Hall,

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President: Fred H. Baker
Vice-President: C. W. DeGroot

Secretary: Robert J. Galt

The Budget presented by Mr. Galt has been found a source of
special programs for the coming season. It is planned to have
special events once each month. The first program dealt with "Hobbies of
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Appleton

Appleton reports nothing new as to local activities, but would voice her pleasure in meeting familiar faces at the Executive Committee meeting. This passed off so harmoniously that everyone must have really enjoyed it. Oh yes, evrybody came determined to do his (or her) best to secure justice as far as his or her society was concerned, only to discover there was no need for memorializing Congress for bigger and better navies and flying machines. Nor was there found to be any need for the ambulance parked just around the corner in case of emergency.

You have asked about some Appleton collections. There are several rather remarkable ones. Possibly it would be proper to speak of our president's - Wilmer Schlaefer. And just a mere listing, as follows: Newfoundland - all but 10 stamps; Canada - all but three or four; Germany - simply wonderful (And we will add, amen - we saw part of it); Czech and Luxemburg - nearly complete; U.S. general - a most remarkable lot; and topping it all, his British Colonials. His air-mail contains many a gem of the first water - there is even a penned letter from Lindy to a friend, saying that he intended to fly the Atlantic and signed "Slim". A wonderful collection and a fine collector.

Racine

Your letter received regarding the last general Bulletin before the Convention. Sorry to say, there are no suggestions or nominations for next year's officers at our last regular meeting - too much going on I guess.

You will hear from Mr. Clunie, our Social Program Committee Chairman about our banquet in May and your proposed visit.

At our last meeting we had a party, since it was St. Patrick's Day. Of our 52 members, 34 were present and a nice number of visitors. We held a short business meeting after which a Philatelic Bingo game was played and a luncheon served. A door prize was also given which was won by one of the visitors. All in all, a grand time was had by all present. Another thing of interest which brought plenty of laughter and fun was the "Declared Dividend" the club paid to all members present and in good standing - a shiny new penny in an envelope - no one knowing what the "Dividend" was to be until the time of distributing.

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(Your Federation President wishes to say that a visit to Racine Philatelically is always enjoyable and long to be remembered)

South Milwaukee

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Waukegan

Mr. Kistner was too busy to write, so he sent us a clipping from their local Gally. We will give you a few high lights. Waukegan stamp collectors had the rare privilege of seeing the

finest collection of Lindbergh airmail covers in existence on Sunday evening when W.D. Schlaefer of Appleton, Wis. spoke and displayed his famed collection at the annual banquet of the Escanaba Philatelic Society. Other Guests were: Ole Olson of Green Bay, Martin Onstad also of Green Bay and Paul Schlaefer, son of W.D. Schlaefer.

Mr. Olson invited the local stamp collectors to attend the Convention of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs on May 6th and 7th at Manitowoc.

Plans are being made for a local exhibit to be held here some time next month.

Beloit

As secretary of the Beloit Stamp Club, I am writing to extend an invitation to the annual banquet of our club. We have reserved the Wagon Wheel Colonial dining room at Rockton, Illinois for May 13th and promise an excellent evening. There will also be an entertainment and an auction. Tickets will be \$1 and may be had from any of the officers.

(Yes - we are always glad to give mention to special meetings - such things are the life blood of our hobby and to share the enjoyments and pleasures of our friends is one of life's greatest blessings. From past experience, we know that the folks at Beloit do things in a royal manner and you always have a good time)

This ends the notices and letters we have received from club secretaries, but we still have two more missives from individuals which are worthy of mention and a little space before we close for the night - and I mean good night.

Here is one from a member high up in the ranks of Wisconsin Philately and to save him any embarrassment, his name will not be given.

I am fishing for information relative to candidates for Federation offices. I have heard rumors, but nothing certain.

The American rule in Philately has always been to deny a stamp dealer a high position in society matters. This should have serious consideration in our own Federation.

If you were to suggest successors who would you name?

(Well, I'd give you John R. Frampton for President
W.D. Schlaefer for Secretary)

And the other letter is from Harry Kerkow, 1308 W. Cottage Pl., Milwaukee. He wants to know:

Remember when we were kids - say about fifty or seventy years ago - (Oh Harry, how could you - but I remember just the same) when every one was collecting cigar bands, and it got to be a good hobby until Germany sent over many millions of bands that surely were beautiful; of presidents and flags and ships and everything under the sun that were never intended for cigars or cigarettes. And how mother or sister used to line glass ash trays with them and cover with green felt? Remember? About a year ago people began getting our those old collections of cigar bands and we find that it has taken hold again. I am one of those and now have about 2500 different cigar bands and want to get some more - (just like a collector, wanting to get some more - who wouldn't). So I'd like to hear from any fans who are interested in this particular branch of the collecting hobby.

With the forms closed and we get set to close off with a fiery editorial, here come two more epistles worthy of notice, so we shall throw a bucket of water on the editorial and make it shorter and a little snappier.

Green Bay

At a meeting of the Green Bay Philatelic Society, held Tuesday evening, March 21st, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Green Bay Philatelic Society sponsor the following list of candidates for the offices on the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs for 1939 - 1940.

Ellis Roberts	President
Ray Van Handel	Vice President
Chas. Pierce	Sec.-Treas.
Alton Hanson	Northern Regional V.P.
Neal Brigham	Southern Regional V.P.
O. A. Olson	National Representative

And signed by Mrs. Wiese, Secretary.

Got a letter from Albert Draves with some pertinent remarks, some of which are worthy of publication. The rest being more of a personal nature.

Regarding the judges for the Convention, he is well pleased.

Regarding past grand award winners, Albert feels that only those who have won the first grand award in past competitions should be excluded, whereas he states, there are others who feel that all those who have won grand awards should not be allowed to enter.

He says that he shall run up to Manitowoc all by himself after elections and see what's to be done. Leave it to Albert to think of last minute wants.

Regarding his remarks about past grand award winners not exhibiting again, I feel (this is Charley speaking for himself now) that no one should be excluded from exhibiting providing he does not enter the same, or revamped exhibit a second time. If the member has worked up an entirely new exhibit, he ought to have the right to exhibit it.

And so endeth another year in Wisconsin Philately under our guidance, such as it was. Next month at this time (or at least by the time you read this), the Convention will be history and a new slate of officers will be at the helm.

Looking back over the year just past, there are no regrets nor apologies for what some might consider wrong doings. We made errors to be sure - we are human, and for these we are sorry. We did what we thought was right and best for the greatest number - that's our story and we shall stick to it.

Our Federation has improved, there is no doubt about that. The first half of the season saw a vastly improved morale and a tempo among the member clubs that was health and prosperous and had it not been for the misunderstandings of one or two non-cooperatively minded individuals, we would have had the best year in our history.

Next month, the Bulletin will take the form of a condensed report on the year's activities and will be mailed to you as usual. Special notices will be received gladly.

Cheerio,

Charley Achtenberg, President.

