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Oh wad some power o' giftie gie us,
To see ourselfs as ithers see us.
Burns.

And thats not entirely for the gitter bugs either.

How many of us have patronised those public spirited members and clubs who have helped support our Bulletin this past year? HOW MANY? It has cost them real money and they are entitled to some return.

The fiscal year of 1938 - 1939 of the Wisconsin Federation draws to a close. It is not our intention to draw any lurid pictures or try to paint a glowing picture of progress. It has been a good year despite what some may say or think. We have made progress, even tho it has been thru dissention and misunderstanding. And methinks other factors might enter in. Suffice it to say - we have a more up-and-coming spirit now than we have had for at least two years past and if our poor efforts as President this year have done nothing more - they have caused a definite awakening to certain facts, not the least of which is that no one club or clique can dominate this Federation as they see fit.

Some there are who may think that your President has tried to run the Federation to suit his own sweet fancy, which same is so far from the truth as to require no comment. He believes in cooperation that really cooperates and not works behind his back. He has tried to give everything he had and asked no return other than the satisfaction of doing what he considered right for the greatest number.

As your President for the past year, I wish to close my term with a word of thanks to those who have so loyally stood by me in our recent unpleasantnesses. Despite what has been said and done, these events have left a mark on our heart that can never be erased nor forgotten. Nor can we entirely forgive certain individuals for their selfish attitude in certain matters. May God forgive us.

It had been out intention to make this last Bulletin of 1938-39 a general report of our stewardship. There has been so little in the way of correspondence this month as to leave us but little else to fill the pages with. So here goes.

The year started off right on the heels of the '38 Convention with banquet at Racine on May 5th. A very inspiring meeting and enjoyable to all who attended.

On Friday, May 13th, the Tri-County held their annual banquet at Stoughton. This being our home club, it goes without saying, we wouldn't miss this.

Just two days later on May 15th we visited with the Beloit folks at their spring formal - so to speak. This was another very fine meeting. These three meetings made May a festive and spirited month and one long to be remembered.

Following the summer let-up, the first matter of importance was the

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Precancel Stamp Society's Convention at St. Louis, the latter part of August. Wisconsin was well represented by seven or eight precancel hounds who did full justice to the fun.

Manitowoc staged their now famous chicken dinner on Sept. 15th at Francis Creek. And we have a letter from the Chairman of their arrangement committee that they have arranged another for Sunday noon, May 7th - same place and same quality - some fun - we're telling you - be there. Sept.

Milwaukee Held their annual fall banquet on Sept. 20th at the Astor Hotel of that city. A fine turnout and an excellent time.

On Oct. 9th, the Badger Precancel Club held open house at the home of Dr. Brumbaugh. 17 out of their 20 members were present. Several visitors made it a well worth while meeting. Dr. Brumbaugh served a nice dutch lunch after the meeting.

On Oct. 20th we paid the Waukesha Club a visit. No special event was scheduled but an enjoyable time was had by all present.

During November, your president made two official visits. Nov. 12th the West Allis Club staged their Fall shindig - see the December Bulletin for complete details. It was a honey. Waupaca pulled off their fall auction on the last Sunday of the Month. As usual, a mighty fine display of stamps and a good crowd attended.

The Sheboygan boys invited the President up for a visit on their 1st meeting of the month - unfortunately, we failed to record the date. It was here that we learned that there were other collectors in our fair State who collected Germany. Also received the usual glad hand. Its always out for you at Sheboygan.

In January the fireworks started. Believe it or not. But despite the untoward actions of one oily individual, we did manage to visit the new Club at Beaver Dam on Jan. 9th and got their membership to the Federation. On Jan. 12th we visited the Wauwatosa club who met at the home of Murle Luper. Murle demonstrated that he could do other things besides collect stamps. Jan. 16 saw us driving over to South Milwaukee where we renewed old acquaintances and found a good healthy spirit prevailing. We also visited the Beloit Club during January, but this particular meeting was too painful for words.

On February 19th, the hosts gathered at Appleton to thresh out the much discussed and bitterly debated action which so nearly caused a headache for all concerned. The result of this meeting was that the Manitowoc meeting was upheld and sanity restored for the moment. The Year Book was issued during this month in spite of the many and varied distractions your officers had to contend with. And what we mean - the Year Book shows a healthy condition of the Federation.

No visits were made during March or April.

Did you get your copy of the Year Book? Its only 25¢.

Now there are a few letters which deserve notice, so lets have a look at them.

Mrs. Florence Rudies, Sec. of the Manitowoc says that to date, 600 card invitations for the Convention have been mailed and 29 letters to collectors in Manistee and Ludington, Mich. As she states, "The time is growing short and the local pace is growing faster".

I see that an error has been made. On March 29th we visited the newly admitted Monroe Club. Not a large gathering, but very enthusiastic. We hope to hear and see more of these folks in the future.

Mr. Kirstin, Secretary of the Escanaba Club sends us a short note together with a clipping from the local paper regarding the attention the locals made with their stamp exhibition in the store windows, prior to the meeting of Sunday, April 2nd. Several out-of-town visitors attended this meeting, making it a very successful one for the Escanaba folks. Mr. Kirstin also says that they are working with the club at the Senior High School for an exhibit in the near future - which is a step in the right direction and a good one too.

Here is a note from Roman Urbanick, secretary of the West Allis club letting us know that their spring party has been postponed. And we were all set for a large and plentiful evening too. Don't forget to let us know the new date Roman.

W.L.Clunie (Bill to us) writes that the date of the Belle City spring jubilee has been changed to the evening of May 25th and will be held in the Nelson Hotel. Here folks, is going to be a real party and if you can get over to Racine on evening, by all means be there. We will break a leg to get there. If you want further details, write to: W.L.Clunie, 1435 Owen Ave., Racine, Wis.

And this seems to conclude the festivities for this month and our last number of the Bulletin. With one exception, our Secretary has prepared a preliminary report for your consideration - here it is:

Balance received last May	\$56.94
Money received for adds - - - - -	9.73
Dues received - - - - -	54.80
Subscriptions to the Bulletin - - - - -	1.00
Sale of the Year Book - - - - -	13.25
Total receipts - - - - -	\$136.22
Disbursements	
General supplies - - - - -	\$21.57
Printing (year book) - - - - -	28.00
Postage - - - - -	18.50
Cost of bulletin - - - - -	17.92
Total disbursements - - - - -	\$85.99
Balance on hand as of Apr. 25th	\$50.23

By the time most of you will see this Bulletin, the Convention will be over and a new setup of officers will be at your command.

In looking over the likely list of candidates to hold the honor of the Presidency, Ole Olson of Green Bay stands out as being the best, hardest worker and greatest all around hustler we have. Might I make this plea for "Ole" - give him a hand and the reward he so richly deserves for his past efforts.

We could go on for pages but, what is the need. Our work is finished and as we view it, not so bad as some may think. I harbor the hope that it has had some little favor in your eyes.

And here is a greeting to the old friends and friends we would have liked to have made. May we meet again - hail and farewell. May you never want for stamps and albums.

Charles A. Achtenberg, President
Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

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Mr. Kistler, Secretary of the Bismarck Club sends us a short note regarding the local paper regarding the attention the locals made with their stamp exhibition in the store windows. Several out-of-town visitors attended this meeting, making it a very successful one for the Bismarck Club. Mr. Kistler also says that they are working with the club at the Senior High School for an exhibit in the near future - which is a good idea in the right direction and a good one too. Here is a note from Roman Ulanick, Secretary of the West Side Club letting us know that their spring party has been postponed. We were all set for a large and splendid evening too. Don't forget to let us know the new date Roman.

W. L. Kistler (Bill to us) writes that the date of the Bismarck Club's 10th Anniversary has been changed to the evening of May 25th and will be held in the Nelson Hotel. Here folks, is going to be a real party and if you can get over to Kistler on evening, by all means be there. We will break a leg to get there. If you want further details, write to W. L. Kistler, 1235 Owen Ave., Racine, Wis.

and this seems to conclude the festivities for this month and our last number of the Bulletin. With one exception, our Secretary has prepared a preliminary report for your consideration. Note it in the Bulletin received last May. Money received for ads. - \$2.75
 Ads received - \$4.80
 Subscriptions to the Bulletin - 1.00
 Sale of the Year Book - 13.25
 Total receipts - \$21.80

Disbursements
 General supplies - \$21.50
 Printing (year book) - 29.00
 Postage - 18.50
 Cost of Bulletin - 17.00
 Total disbursements - \$86.00
 Balance on hand as of Apr. 25th - \$65.00

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We could go on for pages but what is the need. Our work is finished and as we say it, not so, and some may think. I know that those that have had some little favor in your eyes and have a feeling for the club and friends we would have loved to have with us. May we meet again - and farewell. May we never meet for stamps and all that.