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THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
10th Year

Milwaukee, Wis.

May 23, 1941.

The tenth annual - and "homecoming" - convention of the W. F. of S. C. at Fond du Lac is now history, and those who attended agree that it was a cracker-jack, and right up to the record that this not-too-modest Federation has made for itself. Compliments to Broderick. Foote Sr. and Jr., Ochs and all the committee workers.

The Exhibition attracted hundreds of visitors. For the first time in W. F. S. C. history the exhibits were judged entirely without classification, each competing on its own merits with all the rest. A report of the winners appears elsewhere. Comments on the non-classified feature were mostly favorable, -your officers would like to hear by mail from those of you who did not express an opinion in person, on this matter. It was suggested that even if as seems probable, the non-classified system is retained for purposes of judging, some degree of classification in arrangement be maintained so that visitors can more easily find the exhibits that interest them most.

The business session of the convention under the chairmanship of Acting President Ray Van Handel, was disposed of in snappy fashion. It was definitely decided to continue Junior competition on a state-wide basis as a regular feature of future conventions. Member clubs are requested to take notice of this decision and make plans for elimination competitions in their several localities, so that every part of the state may be represented in the Junior Show in 1942. The Foot-loose Filatelists, under the leadership of Chief Hinge Licker Verne P. Kaub, have announced that they will undertake the sponsorship of the Junior Division of the State Exhibition for a second year. This year's Junior Show was a tremendous success and even keener competition is expected in 1942.

The following officers were elected to serve you for 1941-42.

President	Paul H. Segnitz,	Milwaukee
Vice President	Ellis Roberts,	Oshkosh
Secretary-Treasurer ...	Claude W. Dogler,	Milwaukee
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Northern Regional		
Vice-President	Alton R. Hansen,	Waupaca
Southern Regional		
Vice-President	Alvin H. Anderson,	Racine
National Federation		
Representative	Fred W. Noske,	Milwaukee (re-elected)

The judges for the exhibition were Mannel Hahn of Winnetka, Illinois, and Bert Powell of Chicago. J. Edward Vining of Webster Groves, Mo. who was to have been a member of the jury, found it impossible to attend and sent a telegram of regret which was read at the banquet. The Junior Show was judged by Fred W. Noske and Verne P. Kaub.

THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STATE CLUBS 1941 Year

May 22, 1941

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The business session of the convention under the chairmanship of Acting President Ray Van Handel, was disposed of in an easy fashion. It was definitely decided to continue Junior competition on a state-wide basis as a regular feature of future conventions. Many clubs are expected to take notice of this decision and make plans for future participation in their several exhibitions. As that every year of the state may be represented in the Junior show in 1942, the local clubs, under the leadership of District Junior League Vice Presidents, have announced that they will undertake the sponsorship of the Junior division of the state exhibition for a second year. This year's Junior show was a tremendous success and even better competition is expected in 1942.

The following officers were elected to serve you for 1941-42.

President	Levi E. Bogert, Milwaukee
Vice President	Ellis Roberts, Oshkosh
Secretary-Treasurer	Gladys L. Dwyer, Milwaukee
Northern Regional Vice-President	Alfred L. Hansen, Janesville
Southern Regional Vice-President	Alvin H. Anderson, Racine
National Representative	Frank W. Walsh, Milwaukee (provisional)

The judges for the exhibition were: Harold Kahn of Janesville, and Bert Lovell of Oshkosh. J. Albert Vining of Appleton, who was to have been a member of the jury, found it impossible to attend and sent a statement of regret which was read at the banquet. The Junior show was judged by Frank W. Walsh and Verne L. Kahn.

One of the popular features of the occasion was the printed program that was given every registrant: it not only supplied the information about the convention and the show, but was also a directory as nearly complete as it was possible to make, of all the Federation clubs in good standing, with name and address of every member on each roster. Nothing to equal this directory has appeared before: other state groups have not even come close to it. Congratulations to the Fond du Lac committees and workers on this, and the many other fine features of their show.

A few of these directories are still available. Write Philo Foote, Secy, Fond du Lac Philatelic Society, 79 South St., or to your new State Secy., C.W. Degler, address above. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE RETURN POSTAGE.

THE WINNERS

The four grand award winners were selected from among the ten first place ribbons, as follows:

- First Grand Award - The President's Cup - to H.E. Keebler of Milwaukee for his splendid and practically complete showing of the stamps of Russia, in 53 frames.
- Second Grand Award - The "Torn-Covers Levenick" Trophy - for the best display of covers - to Paul H. Segnitz of Milwaukee, for four frames of covers, featuring Milwaukee and Wisconsin, stamped and stampless, and some early cover classics.
- Third Grand Award - to Clarence J. Gruhl of Temple Stamp Club, Milwaukee for a beautiful display of U. S. Essays, Proofs and Color Trials, including many rarely seen pieces.
- Fourth Grand Award - to the Rev. C. Leitman of Two Rivers, for his very fine collection of the stamps of the Roman States, on and off cover, and with diagrams explaining the identification of counterfeits.

The other six winners of first place ribbons were

Verne P. Kaub - Madison
Mrs. J. B. Polo - Ft. Atkinson
Chas. A. Achtenberg - Madison
Ray Van Handel - Sheboygan
Carl H. Losse - Temple, Milwaukee
D. G. Jennings - Madison

To W. I. Clunie, of the Belle City Stamp Club, Racine, went the Founder's Cup, awarded for the best exhibit in the show using material valued at not over fifty dollars, catalog, or twenty-five dollars, net.

Ten ribbons each, in three other place classes, second, third, and fourth, were awarded to various exhibitors, and when the total point values were computed it was found that Belle City Stamp Club of Racine, had again won the traveling cup. This is Racine's second "leg" on the cup: one more such success, and it becomes Belle City's permanent Property.

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THE AWARDS

The four grand award winners were selected from among the ten first place ribbons, as follows:

First Grand Award - The President's Cup - to H. J. Smith of Milwaukee for his splendid and practically complete showing of the stamps of Russia, in 12 frames.
Second Grand Award - The "Eagle-Cover" Trophy - for the best display of covers - to Earl H. Smith of Milwaukee, for four frames of covers, featuring Milwaukee and Wisconsin, stamps and stationery, and some really cover classics.
Third Grand Award - to Clarence J. Smith of Eagle Stamp Club, Milwaukee for a beautiful display of U. S. stamps, covers and color prints, including many really good pieces.
Fourth Grand Award - to the Rev. C. L. Smith of the Eagle Stamp Club, for his very fine collection of the stamps of the United States, in and all covers, and with diagrams explaining the identification of countries.

The other six winners of first place ribbons were:
John J. Koss - Madison
Mrs. J. E. Koss - St. Louis
Glen A. Anderson - Madison
Ray Van Handel - Chicago
Carl E. Koss - Tempe, Arizona
D. C. Jennings - Madison

To W. I. Smith, of the Eagle Stamp Club, Madison, went the President's Cup, awarded for the best exhibit in the show rating material valued at not over fifty dollars, or twenty-five dollars, net.

Ten ribbons each, for three other place classes, second, third, and fourth, were awarded to various exhibitors, and when the total points values were computed it was found that Eagle Stamp Club of Madison had again won the first place. This is Eagle's second "leg" on the list: one more success, and it becomes Eagle Stamp Club's permanent trophy.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

The following thoughts were passed on to the Convention Committee and to your State Officers by Bert Powell of the Fond du Lac show jury. There is something here that should be talked over by Member Clubs in their own meetings: we would like to know how you feel about it

In every show there are two principal kinds of exhibits - those that are composed of material (stamps, covers, or illustrative material of whatever kind) mounted on album pages; and those in which the same or similar material is displayed on special backgrounds in the frames, often with a type of mounting that could not possibly be kept in an album. These two types of exhibit are opposed in significance: the first exhibitor by showing album pages (even though they be selected, and the very best he has in his possession) is permitting us to see HOW HE COLLECTS. The presumption in the spectator's mind is that this is a sample of the exhibitor's holdings, and that the rest of his collections, even though not necessarily on a par with what he shows, are worked out - or will eventually be worked out - along somewhat similar lines. The other exhibitor has frankly prepared something special to show the public. We know very well that he does not keep his stamps - not even a small part of them - permanently in exhibit frames on large cardboard backgrounds, or in any similar fashion. We have no idea how his collection looks, - only how he has prepared one special exhibit. Maybe he has no albums at all. Perhaps all of his material is in envelopes, on approval cards, or what have you, and is dug out and remounted for display, as occasion requires.

The pointed is this: Do we want to do anything to encourage the one, or the other? Is it the wish of the Federation that the exhibits should demonstrate what the collector is doing in his regular hobby, during the year? Or do we wish to encourage the preparation of special, and perhaps spectacular, displays that are torn down as soon as they have served their purpose? Or do we want to leave this question open, and let each do as he pleases?

Talk it over, and let us know if you have opinions.

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TEMPLE STAMP CLUB - MILWAUKEE

The following resolution was adopted by the Temple Stamp Club, Milwaukee, at its meeting May 9th, for submission to the Federation:

Resolved: That all entrants in W. F. S. C. state exhibits be required, for purposes of inter-club competition, to state on their entry blanks the name of EVERY member-club of which they are a regular, active member in good standing (NOT INCLUDING honorary or courtesy memberships); and that the points won by each entrant be credited to EVERY club to which such entrant belongs, in arriving at club totals.

THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB

The following suggestions were made on the 10th of May at the meeting held at the home of the Club. There is a feeling that the Club is in a position to do much more than it is at present doing.

It was suggested that the Club should have a more definite purpose and that it should be more active in its work. It was also suggested that the Club should have a more regular meeting and that it should be more open to the public. The suggestions were made in a friendly and helpful manner and it was hoped that they would be taken into consideration.

The meeting was held in a room which was very comfortable and the atmosphere was very pleasant. The members of the Club were very friendly and the meeting was a success.

Talk is over, and let us know if you have any suggestions.

THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB - CONTINUED

The following resolution was adopted by the Club at its meeting on the 10th of May.

Resolved: That all members of the Club should be encouraged to take part in the work of the Club and that the Club should have a more regular meeting and that it should be more open to the public.

Temple Stamp Club has elected the following officers for 1941-42;

President D. B. Laing
Vice President Carl Steinhart
Sec'y-Treas. Lester F. Malzahn
Members of the Board of Governors:
Clarence J. Gruhl, Paul H. Segnitz,
and Fred W. Noske.

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MILWAUKEE AIR MAIL SOCIETY

June 12th meeting is Ladies Night. Dinner at 6:45 at the Cudworth Post of the American Legion. Special guest speaker, motion pictures, etc. Visitors are always welcome.

July meeting, date to be announced later, will be held at the home of Leslie Markovich, and weather permitting will be a "garden" meeting.

ATTENTION - CLUB SECRETARIES

For the September number of this Bulletin we want to be able to make some mention of EVERY CLUB in the Federation. Club Secretaries, its up to you! Send in the news! Don't forget address changes, or names of new officers. —

Experience has shown that about one member in five is sufficiently interested to want to have a copy of this Bulletin to read and keep. They are distributed on that approximate basis. We do not want to waste them, and send no more than are needed. If you have REAL NEED of more copies than you are getting, inform the Secretary.

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- Secretary J. B. Linn
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MEMBER LIST

Some 11th meeting is under light. Dinner at 6:00 at the
Cathedral of the American Legion. Special guest speaker, nation
speaker, etc. Visitors are always welcome.

July meeting, 5th to be announced later, will be held at
the home of Miss. McArthur, and whether participating will be a "banquet"
meeting.

ATTENTION - OUR ORGANIZATION

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to make some mention of EVERYONE in the organization. Our Secretary
has, as you know, been in the hospital. Don't forget address
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SEEN ALONG THE BOURSE - CONVENTION SIDE-LIGHTS

Ben Reeves - the same old Ben who showed the Hotel Retlaw how to bounce their dishes around - proudly showing his latest rarity, just acquired, a Milwaukee precanceled wrapper "without period after Wis". Hope Ben hasn't gotten completely discouraged: by this time he has surely found out that this style of Milwaukee precancel NEVER has a period.

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Mannel Hahn and Paul Segnitz coming down the home stretch in the "Great Corn Cob Open."

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"Curley" Ochs, Exhibit Chairman, after 48 hours on his feet, and mostly wrestling with exhibit frames, turning up again bright and early Sunday morning, fresh as a daisy from 1- $\frac{3}{4}$ hours sleep, to admire his handiwork! And why not! It was worth getting up early to see.

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Wonder why so many of the men were running around with lip-stick-red collars on Sunday morning? Women are the only ones who know how to use paint, or how to get it off.

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The Bourse attracted the best assemblage of dealers and the finest selection of material that has been noted at a convention in a long time. Come again, boys.

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The Wheel-Horses of the Belle City Stamp Club were on deck again - bright and early Saturday morning this fine bunch of workers could be seen - and heard - toiling with the Fond du Lacers getting the exhibit in shape.

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Arrival at midnight! - Our President, Lt. Col. Leo Levenick, breezing in from Madison, and points South. Nothing can stop the Army.

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The Mayor of Fond du Lac was present in person to greet the delegates and offer the freedom of the City. The Police Department handed out courtesy cards to auto parkers - but refused to move any fire plugs.

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Don't forget
"stuff"
for the September Bulletin.

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SCENES ALONG THE BOULEVARD - CONVENTION SIDE-LIGHTS

Ben Heaver - the same old Ben who showed the Hotel Kellie how to dance their dances around - proudly showing his latest variety, just acquired, a Milwaukee professional waltzer "without period after" - how Ben hasn't gotten completely discouraged by this time he has surely found out that this style of Milwaukee professional WALTZ has a period.

Manuel Kahn and Paul Schmitt coming down the home stretch in the "Great Gettin' Out."

"Gurley" Ooba, Exhibit Chairman, after 48 hours on his feet and mostly wrestling with exhibit frames, turning up again bright and early Sunday morning, fresh as a daisy from 1-5 hours sleep, to admire his handiwork! And why not? It was worth getting up early to see.

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for the September Bulletin.