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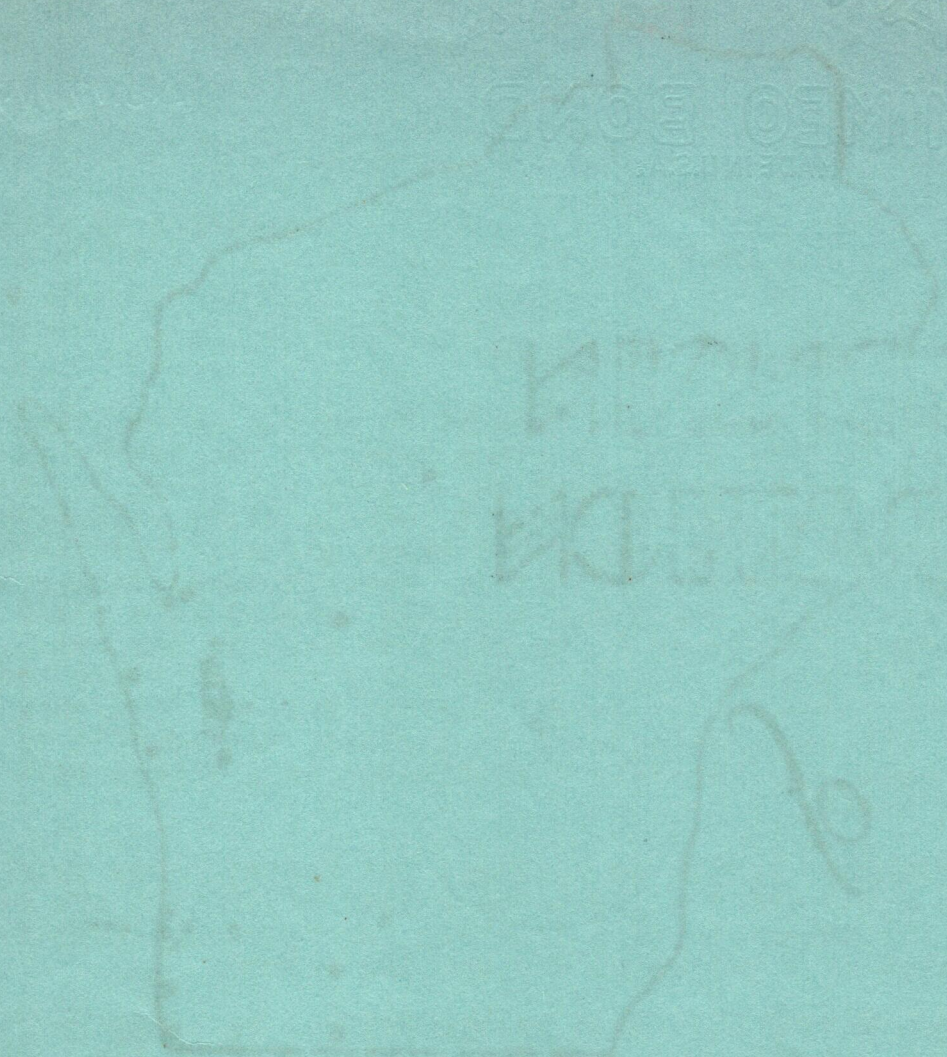
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Monda Ligo Club of Milwaukee
Shorewood Stamp Club
South Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee
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West Allis Philatelic Society

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Vice-President's night, at the Milwaukee Philatelic Society (November 18th) with Vice-Pres. Warns presiding, brought out a program of fine western travel pictures, showing many of the scenes that have appeared on our National Parks and other commemorative stamps. Also, a tribute to our deceased fellow-member, William O. Staab, his collection of 19th Century U. S. postage stamps was permitted to be displayed, for the last time before being broken up, by the courtesy of Mrs. Staab. Bill had some of the finest imaginable pieces of early issues, the fruit of more than forty years of discriminating collecting. Though it is not easy to see such a collection dispersed, it seems fitting that some of the outstanding items now pass to the albums of Bill's old friends, where they will always bring back memories of a well-loved fellow-collector.

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President Wilmer Schlafer of the APPLETON PHILATELIC SOCIETY was guest speaker at the November 18th meeting of the TEMPLE STAMP CLUB of Milwaukee, bringing with him a suitcase full of choice philatelic material for display. Among the subjects shown were a collection of CUI one of CANADA and NEWFOUNDLAND, and most important of all, the display of Lindberghiana, a magnificent collection known throughout the country. Mr. Schlafer possesses an autograph letter of the flyer written some 28 months prior to his great Transatlantic hop, which shows definitely that this was not a spur-of-the-moment attempt, but an undertaking long and secretly planned.

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The WAUKESHA PHILATELIC CLUB has an excellent printed program of its projected activities through June 1942. Collectors who can arrange to be in Waukesha from time to time should secure a copy and plan to drop in on one of these meetings. Officers of the Club are William Christoph, President; Robert Scott, Vice-President; and Marjorie Beck, Secretary-Treasurer, 217 So. Charles Street, Waukesha.

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BADGER PRECANCEL CLUB of Milwaukee held the first of its meetings under its newly arranged system, and drew a record attendance, on November 26th. The Club now meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month 7:15 P.M. (but the December meeting will be on the 17th to avoid the Christmas conflict), and the place is in Library Room 2, Wisconsin Avenue Social Center, West Wisconsin Avenue at North 27th

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WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY is holding its annual Christmas party, Thursday December 18th in the Field House of the Wauwatosa Athletic Park. Officers of the Club for 1941-42 are Carl Steinhart, President; Arthur Knorr, Vice-Pres; Frank Buetow, Treasurer; and Miss C. L. Victor, Secretary, 2434 No. 72nd Street, Wauwatosa.

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