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A BULLETIN OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

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The annual business meeting of the W. F. S. C. at Milwaukee on May 20 re-elected last year's slate of officers with one change; namely, Rev. J. Jansen, being named as our new secretary-treasurer vice Rev. L. Leitermann. The Federation lost a very capable secy, in Rev. Leitermann, but we expect Rev. Jansen will carry on very capably. The discussions were instructive, perfect harmony prevailed and a fine esprit de corps was shown by all delegates present.

A remarkably well-planned exhibit and bourse of the Milwaukee Council of stamp clubs was held at the Plankinton Hotel, Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, and the exhibits demand a few words of comment. The non-competitive display of mint private coils by H. E. Keebler was outstanding; the Burleigh Jacobs' nineteenth century U. S. was beautiful; M. O. Warns' specializing of U. S. Air Mails was in a class by itself, and the Ray Shroble collection of Xmas. seals was unusually interesting to all visitors.

In the competitive class the first grand award went to C. J. Gruhl for his 1909 Lincolns which were well-shown and neatly written up; second grand award to E. C. Nielsen for his fine display of Flag stamps with data and illustrations which attracted so much attention; the third grand award to Dr. S. G. Keller on Newfoundland who showed a remarkable collection of that country, but should have been written up for a better rating; the U. S. cancellation award went to K. F. Olson for an interesting display of cancellations, and the Air Mail award for a fine Air Mail display went to A. Thuermer.

The banquet on Saturday evening, well-attended and with a very capable toastmaster, Paul Segnitz, was enjoyed by all. Our So. Reg. Vice. Pres., C. J. Gruhl, gave us a sketch of the county council of stamp clubs and described the work of the county clubs. Major Max Juhl was the guest speaker, and he gave a very interesting talk on the design and printing of stamps, as well as the cancellation on U. S. stamps.

Much credit for this fine show should go to our Vice. Pres., Carl Steinhardt and his capable assistant, E. A. Roniszewski.

--- O. A. Olson, Pres.
W. F. S. C.

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W. J. [Name]
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Notes from the Secretary

Enjoyed the annual federation meeting beyond expectation. It was the first attended by your secretary. Was most pleasantly surprised with the manner in which the various delegates expressed their opinions, pro and con, on the various issues that came before the meeting. That shows real interest as to the future of the Federation and philately in general.

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Many new contacts were made by the new secy.-treas. at the meeting and afterwards. Hope to become better acquainted with many more at a later date.

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Note to Mr. Anderson: Please do not forget the stencils. Will be able to make use of them this fall. Thanks to you in advance.

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Although the new secy.-treas. has not as yet forgotten the sly work of the outgoing secy.-treas., a word of praise is due to Father Leitermann. After examining the records of the Federation, your secy.-treas. joins the delegates in giving him a rising vote of thanks for his excellent work during the past year.

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Hope to be able to present you with a real Bulletin in September. Notes, suggestions etc. will be most welcome. Help will be needed! Names and addresses of newly-elected club secretaries should be sent me promptly. Please address all communications;

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS HELD IN MILWAUKEE ON MAY 20, 1945.

The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was held at the Plankington House in Milwaukee on May 20, 1945 at 4:30 P. M., thru the courtesy of the Milwaukee County Council of Stamp Clubs, currently holding there a stamp exhibit.

President Olson called the meeting to order.

Because of an urgent appointment, Mr. Jacobs, National Federation Representative, was permitted to give his report. His comments concerned his contacts with the National Federation office and Mr. Lindquist in particular, relative to Philatelic projects, and the assurance of having Mr. Lindquist present for the 1946 convention.

The roll call revealed the following clubs represented:

Badger Precancel Club	E. W. Pheleps
Belle City Stamp Club	Alvin Anderson
Dubuque Philatelic Society	Harry Arndquist
Four Lakes Poster Stamp Club	Verne Kaub
Green Bay Philatelic Society	Rev. J. W. Jansen
Madison Stamp Club	Don Grady
Milwaukee Air Mail Society	Claude Degler
Milwaukee Philatelic Society	D. B. Laing
Oshkosh Philatelic Society	Charles Peirce
Rockford Stamp Club	Harry Arndquist
Sheboygan Stamp Club	Ray Van Handel
South Milwaukee Philatelic Soc.	Clarence Harris
Temple Stamp Club	Melvin Newman
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society	Merle Luper
West Allis Philatelic Club	Sylvester Kulik

The minutes of the 1944 annual meeting were read by the secretary. Without comment, it was moved by Mr. Steinhardt and seconded by Mr. Noske that the minutes be accepted. The motion carried.

President Olson, in his report expressed regrets that the 1945 convention could not be held in Green Bay because of ODT regulations, and stated that he would make plans to proceed for a convention in 1946. He stated that he was able to make a number of philatelic contacts, especially with clubs in Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Milwaukee and Chicago, where he usually favored members with his talk on the "Railway Mail Service".

Vice-President Steinhardt reported nine officials visits to clubs, three being outside of Milwaukee, united in effort with S. Reg. Vice-President Gruhl, he reported three new clubs gained in the southern region as members in the W. F. S. C., namely, the Rockford

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Stamp Club, Dubuque Philatelic Society, and the Falk Stamp Club of Milwaukee.

S. Reg. Vice-President Steinhardt reported nine official visits to clubs,--three being outside of Milwaukee. United in effort with S. Reg. Vice-President Gruhl, he reported three new clubs gained in the southern region as members in the W. F. S. C., namely, the Rockford Stamp Club, Dubuque Philatelic Society, and the Falk Stamp Club of Milwaukee.

S. Reg. Vice-President Gruhl reported visits to Dubuque, Rockford, Racine, Waukesha, and Oshkosh, outside of Milwaukee. An attempt was made to revive the Kenosha Philatelic Society but without success because of wartime conditions. A new club in the southwestern part of the state is expected to become affiliated with the W. F. S. C. soon.

N. Reg. Vice-President Peirce reported a fruit of his labor in the affiliation of the Sunnyview Stamp Club of the Sunnyview Sanatorium at Winnebago. As Postal History representative of Winnebago County, he displayed an unusual cover from Algoma, Wis., presently West Oshkosh.

In his capacity as Secretary, Rev. Leitermann high-lighted the activities of the past year, stating that he made a complete check of Federation records. The treasurer's reports were rewritten, and charts made of past officers, member clubs, and annual meetings and conventions. Bulletins were issued in Oct. 1944 and February 1945. As Treasurer he reported a cash balance of \$41.33 besides a stock of paper and stencils worth about \$33.00. Mr. Gruhl proposed and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion that the report be accepted and it was so carried.

In his report on the Wisconsin Postal History Project, Mr. Van Handel stated that a new recruit had been added to the list in the person of Charles Peirce of Oshkosh covering Winnebago County. A planned meeting of the Project workers was dropped because of difficulties which arose.

There was no old or unfinished business. In the line of new business, President Olson extended official greetings and welcome to the four new clubs which affiliated during the past year.

Discussion next centered on the convention for 1946. Rev. Joseph Jansen, delegate and president of the Green Bay Philatelic Society, bid for Green Bay as the convention city in 1946. Mr. Anderson stated that if Green Bay had not bid, the Belle City Stamp Club of Racine had planned to extend an invitation. Mr. Anderson then moved and Mr. Gruhl seconded the motion to accept the invitation of Green Bay as the convention city of 1946, and it was so carried.

Regrets were expressed because the convention could not be held in 1945. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gruhl and seconded by Mr. Noske that the Green Bay Philatelic Society proceed to hold an

Stamps Club, Dubuque Philatelic Society, and the Pale Stamp Club of Milwaukee.

A. Roy, Vice-President, reported nine official visits to clubs, three being outside of Milwaukee. United in effort with A. Roy, Vice-President, he reported three new clubs gained in the southern region as members in the W. H. S. C., namely, the Rockford Stamp Club, Dubuque Philatelic Society, and the Pale Stamp Club of Milwaukee.

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M. Roy, Vice-President, reported a trial of his labor in the affiliation of the Sunnyvale Stamp Club of the Sunnyvale Sanatorium of Winnebago. Assistant History representative of Winnebago County, he displayed a number of covers from Algonquin, Wisconsin, presently lost.

In his capacity as Secretary, Roy, further highlighted the activities of the past year, stating that he made a complete check of the Treasurer's reports were rewritten, and charts made of year office, member clubs, and annual meetings and conventions. Publications were issued in Oct. 1944 and February 1945. As the year he reported a cash balance of \$41.75 besides a stock of paper and supplies worth about \$23.00. Mr. Graphy agreed and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion that the report be accepted and it was so carried.

In his report on the Wisconsin Postal History Project, Mr. Van Handel stated that a request had been made to the list in the person of Charles Palmer of Oshkosh covering Winnebago County. A planned meeting of the project workers was dropped because of difficulties which arose.

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Resolutions were presented because the convention could not be held in 1945. After lengthy discussion, motion was made by Mr. Graphy and seconded by Mr. Roy that the Green Bay Philatelic Society proceed to hold an

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exhibit in 1946 and invite the W. F. S. C. to hold its annual meeting in conjunction; and if government regulations do not definitely forbid, then to expand to a full convention status. It was so carried.

Mr. Phelps requested full cooperation of clubs with the Federation Secretary in supplying the names and addresses of members, club news, and dues.

Mr. Van Handel moved a unanimous reelection of all officers, yet after the request of Rev. Leitermann, who declined reelection, the motion was withdrawn. After some discussion, Mr. Kaub moved and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion that there be a unanimous reelection of all officers, except that Rev. Joseph Jansen of Green Bay succeed Rev. L. Leitermann as Secretary-Treasurer. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt and seconded by Mr. Newman that the officers be empowered to spend a maximum amount of \$60.00 in the new year for the publication of the Bulletin. The motion carried.

Mr. Anderson offered to donate some stencils he had on hand, which the Federation accepted with thanks.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaub and seconded by Mr. Peirce that the Secretary keep in touch with delinquent and suspected active clubs by Bulletins. The motion carried.

Adjournment followed.

Rev. C. Luke Leitermann

Sec'y-Treas. 1944-45

At the 1943 annual meeting in 1943 and invite the W. F. C. to hold its annual meeting in 1944. It is suggested that if government regulations do not definitely forbid, then to extend the "all convention status". It was so carried.

Mr. Jones requested full cooperation of clubs with the Federation. Secretary in supplying the names and addresses of members, club news, etc.

Mr. Van Kester moved a unanimous resolution of the officers, yet that the request of Mr. Belknap, the resolution, the motion was withdrawn. After some discussion, Mr. Kester moved and Mr. Anderson seconded the motion that there be a unanimous resolution of the officers, except that Mr. Joseph J. van der Green, Jr. seconded Mr. Belknap's resolution. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Belknap and seconded by Mr. Kester that the officers be authorized to spend a maximum amount of \$50.00 in the new year for the publication of the Bulletin. The motion carried.

Mr. Anderson offered to don to some extent his own name, which the Federation accepted with thanks.

A motion was made by Mr. Kester and seconded by Mr. Belknap that the Secretary keep in touch with Belknap and suggested active efforts by Bulletin. The motion carried.

Adjournment followed.

R. V. G. Luke Fellowship

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