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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF CLUB ACTIVITIES

1946-47 OFFICERS OF THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

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13, Wis.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is the sincere wish of your Federation Officers, that the Holiday Season just past was most joyous for you and that the New Year will bring you Good Luck, Good Health and much philatelic pleasure.

SECRETARY'S SECTION

A FINE START

We begin 1947 with two new clubs and a new member-at-large added to our ranks. It is a pleasure to WELCOME the Eau Claire Philatelic Society, The Collector's Club of Fond du Lac, and Miss Phebe B. Booth, member-at-large at Waukegan. We will be looking forward to meeting many of their members at the coming Federation Convention in July should we not have the opportunity to do so before that time.

THE PAST YEAR

During 1946, three Clubs which were previously affiliated with us, reaffiliated. They were the Escanaba, Kenosha, and Waupaca Philatelic Societies. Several others who have not rejoined are expected to do so in the near future.

PHILATELIC 1947

The most outstanding show of the year, will be the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition, to be held in the Grand Central Palace, New York from May 17th to 25th. A number of Wisconsin Collectors are planning to attend. Plans for chartering a plane from Milwaukee to New York and return, at a special rate, are mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin.

In addition, there will be the National Conventions, and of local interest to each of us, our own Federation Exhibition on July 11th, 12th and 13th at the Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee, where the Milwaukee Philatelic Society will be our host. With reference to the latter, if you have not already made plans for entering an exhibit, why not do so now?

STAMPS FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS Last Fall one of the Milwaukee Clubs made contact with the Veterans Administration Center at Wood, Wisconsin, which resulted in the formation of the Wood Stamp Collectors Club on October 16, 1946. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. A general meeting is held with the ambulatory patients and individual visits are made to the bed patients.

Last month the Milwaukee County Council of Stamp Clubs, which is made up of representatives from eight of the Milwaukee County Clubs, voted to take over the sponsoring of this activity and elected me to be Chairman of the Committee.

Stamps, philatelic supplies, catalogs and stamp magazines were previously furnished to the veterans and distribution of additional supplies, etc., will be made at their coming meetings.

If you should wish to contribute any old stamp album, stamps, etc., and will address them to me, marked "Stamps for the Veterans", I will personally see that they are delivered and that you receive an acknowledgment of the receipt of such material.

ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARYS

In order that I have on file a complete list of the names, addresses and towns of each of the members of the various clubs associated with the Wisconsin Federation, will you please furnish the information as it applies to your club, as soon as practicable. You may want to include your 1947 Federation Dues with your list in case you have not already remitted them. Dues are ten cents per member, with a minimum of \$1.00 and a maximum of \$5.00 for any one club.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY PROJECT

HELP! HELP!

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY PROJECT, Bulletin No. 2 is "cookin" and the Editors need the help of every Federation member to complete the data. It will deal with Wisconsin County and Postmaster cancellations. Through courtesy of Dr. H. K. Thompson of Boston, leading collector of this class of markings, we have a pretty comprehensive list, supplemented by contributions from our members already received. But we want to show EVERY item that is known, and the ones in YOUR collection may be new to the record. Send in the dope IN FULL, like these samples:

OSCEOLA MILLS./Polk Co., Wis.	purple	83	CI
CROSS PLAINS, WIS./F.K. FREDERICK, P.M.	black	84	OvDF

First entry is the actual wording of the postmark; pay attention to capitals and small letters, and to all punctuation. The diagonal strokes separate the different lines of the legend. Then comes the color. The numerals are the last two digits of the year date; if known for more than 1 year name them all. The last entry is the shape of the marking according to a simple code. Plain circle, single outline, CP. Plain circle, double outline, CD. Plain circle, with smaller inner circle, text between, CI. Fancy circle (scalloped, sawtoothed or the like) CF. The Cross Plains mark description means, Oval, double, and fancy. You can figure the code out all right from different combinations of these abbreviations. If in doubt describe in full.

Mention of other details, like what stamp used, what kind of killer, if any, or other unusual details, are always welcome, but the samples above show what is absolutely needed.

Send list to Ray Van Handel, Sr., 221 Park Avenue, Sheboygan or to Paul H. Segnitz, 6191 Third Avenue South, St. Petersburg 7, Florida.

Do it for the Federation -- and DO IT NOW.

MORE HELP NEEDED

Additional workers are urgently needed in connection with our Postal History Project and volunteers will be welcomed to assist in this interesting phase of our hobby. Ray Van Handel will supply all needed information to help you get started. Why not write him today?

PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS

SEASONS GREETINGS

to you all and may 1947 be a huge philatelic success for each and every club and all its members.

NEW CLUBS

Welcome Eau Claire Philatelic Society, Fond du Lac Collectors Club and Kenosha Philatelic Society. For details see elsewhere in this bulletin. The "grapevine" tells us that there are rumblings in the Southern Region too, so look for another affiliation announcement in the next bulletin.

CONVENTIONS - N. Y.

We hear that at least one collector has sent in an entry blank to the Centenary International Exposition, none other than our own National Federation Representative Burleigh E. Jacobs of Wauwatosa. That makes just one more incentive for Wisconsin Federation Collectors to visit New York in May. Only 4 more months - it's not too early to plan your vacation now. Details of a proposed excursion to N. Y. are on another page.

- MILW.

Don't forget our own Federation Show and Convention July 11, 12, and 13. The Milwaukee boys are trying to outdo themselves for this meeting. We are hoping to receive some advance "dope" from them in time for this bulletin.

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We have on hand official invitations from the Belle City Philatelic Society (Racine) and the Oshkosh Philatelic Society to hold our 1948 Conventions in their respective towns - and what a healthy condition it is to again have competition for the convention city! You will probably remember the Green Bay Convention voted to table these invitations until 1947. However, since the '47 convention will be later than usual and since Hotel convention bookings are so much heavier, it seems desirable to award the convention as soon as possible so that the winning club may make reservations while desirable dates are still open. The proper constitutional procedure would be to call a meeting of the "Executive Committee" which consists of the Federation officers plus the "Directors" (one elected or appointed representative of each club). This appears to be a needless expense and would deprive some clubs of the opportunity to voice their preference. Therefore we are asking each club in good standing to indicate its choice by mail.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR MAIL VOTE
WFSC 1948 CONVENTION CITY

The member clubs are hereby directed to designate their choice of 1948 Convention City (Racine or Oshkosh) and notify WFSC Secretary in writing of the result before March 1, 1947.

C. H. STEINHARDT
Pres. W.F.S.C.

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If in doubt that your club is good standing, vote anyway. Secretary Newman will let you know if your 1946 dues are paid or not.

Philatelically,
"C.H.S."

OUR VICE PRESIDENTS

Charles J. Peiree, Vice President, and Lyle A. Hobbs and W. Leigh Clunie, Northern and Southern Regional Vice Presidents respectively have been doing a lot of traveling and fine work in connection with Federation activities as evidenced by their getting new clubs to affiliate with us. We also have been advised by them that they hope to bring in some more new clubs before the next State Stamp Convention.

CLUB NEWS

APPLETON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

In December a meeting was held in Menasha and collectors from Neenah and Menasha together with the Postmasters of those cities were invited to attend. This month's meeting is scheduled at Little Chute, where likewise the collectors and Postmasters from Little Chute and Kaukauna are invited to be present. Such joint meetings are becoming more and more popular each year among our Wisconsin Clubs and do much to broaden our philatelic friendships.

COLLECTORS CLUB OF FOND DU LAC

Maybe the correct name is the Fond du Lac Collector's Club, (I'm not sure but I'll soon learn) but whichever it is, we welcome them to our Federation. Their present membership totals ten and Dr. E. V. Smith, Jr. is the President; Jim Gormican, Jr., Vice President; and Joe Rupp, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

EAU CLAIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Eau Claire Philatelic Society held its organizational meeting on October 3, 1946. About 25 collectors young and old answered the invitation, and those of us who had a hand in the plans felt well repaid. At the following meeting, the Constitution and by-laws which the committee had drawn up were accepted and the following officers elected:

Pres. - ALTON G. SHOGREN, 615 Summer St.,
V. Pres. - DONALD M. WAHL, 720 So. Farwell
Sec'y. - MRS. EDWARD J. KLAES, Dells Park
Treas. - VICTOR G. GILBERTSON, 21½ S. Barstow

On November 21, we joined the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday evenings at 7:30 of each month except during the summer months. Membership is open to all collectors 10 of age and over who have a mounted collection of at least 250 items. The members between 10 and 16 are the Juniors. The community room of the Union National Bank has been our home, but with the increasing size of the club, we now have 49 members, we, like much of the rest of the nation are house-hunting.

Our meetings are well planned in advance and consist of a short but complete business session, a talk, discussion, or an auction and end up with the informal good fellowship of swapping stamps, yarns, and looks at albums.

Our welcome is likewise extended to this club.

- GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY On October 27, Carl H. Steinhardt, President and Melvin E. Newman, Secretary-Treasurer, two of the Federation Officers, together with Mrs. and Ken Steinhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Murle E. Luper all from Milwaukee (pardon me, the Steinhardts and Luper live in Wauwatosa) visited at a meeting held at the home of F. Stampson. A very interesting talk was given by Mr. Albert G. Schwarting, regarding his experience during a visit to Puerto Rico.
- KENOSHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY The club was organized in 1935 and a member of the Federation from 1935 to 1942. Club activities were curtailed due to the war and they dropped their Federation membership but rejoined us last year. Present officers are Ed. Judd, President; Donald C. Buck, Secretary-Treasurer; Wm. Earl, Chairman Program Committee; and Ernie Zimmerman, Chairman Auction Committee.
- MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY Held its ninth annual chicken supper October 13. 106 participated. Federation officers in attendance were President Steinhardt, Vice President Peirce, and Northern Regional Vice President Hobbs. Members from other clubs were from Appleton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Waupaca and Wauwatosa.
- The annual election held December 2, resulted in Stanley Kresal elected President; Edwin Erwin, Vice President; Mrs. Florence Rudie, Secretary; and John Haws, Treasurer.
- OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY Charles J. Peirce keep us well informed as to the activities of his club and from the things he tells us they certainly have some interesting meetings.
- OUTAGAMIE COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY The fiscal year started last September and at an election held during that month Steve Darling was elected President; Nathan Spector, Secretary-Treasurer. Dues will be \$3.00 per year until a good balance is available in the Treasury. At the October 16th meeting, Past President O. A. Olson gave his interesting talk on Railway Mail Service. Other visitors from the Oshkosh and Manitowoc Clubs were present and included Charles J. Peirce, Vice President and Lyle A. Hobbs, Northern Regional Vice President of the Federation.
- SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB Members of the Manitowoc Philatelic Society were guests at the November 20th meeting. After a brief business meeting a stamp auction was held and Count "Talstory" Hoffman doing a swell of it.
- TEMPLE STAMP CLUB The Eighth Annual Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 13th at the Milwaukee Press Club. About thirty members and guests spent an enjoyable evening. After the dinner, gifts were exchanged and attendance awards were won by several of the lucky ones. A stamp auction with Fred Noske as auctioneer climaxed the activities of the evening.
- WAUPACA PHILATELIC SOCIETY Like all the stamp clubs, Waupaca also has added several new members to their list. Officers for the year 1947 are as follows: Ed Hart, President; Dave Shambeau, Vice President; and Johnny Hanson, Secretary-Treasurer.

In connection with the Postal History Study of Wisconsin, Mr. Olaf A. Olson, 838 Oregon St., Green Bay, Wisconsin, (who has been a Railway Postal Clerk for the past 25 years is making an intensive study of the R.P.O.'s and needs help in completing his collection. He would like to hear from those having any Postmards contained in the list below.

Abbotsford & Mpls
" & St. Paul
Antigo & Appleton
" & Milw
Ashland & St Paul
Bruce & Mpls
Cable & Hudson
Chandler & Hudson
Chi & Chippewa Falls
" & Elroy
" Freeport & Dubuque
" Orene & Dubuque
" & Janesville
" & Milwaukee
" & Neenah
" & Prairie du Chien
" & Rugby Jet
" , St Paul & Fon du lac
Clayton & Hudson
Crystal Lake & Williams Bay
Duluth & Abbotsford
Duluth & Larimore
Eau Claire & Wabasha
Eland & Marshfield
Elgin & Whitewater
Elroy & Eau Claire
Elroy & Harvard
Elroy & New Ulm
Elroy & Sleepy Eye
Ellsworth & St Paul
Escanaba & Chi
Florence & Hurley
Fon du lac & Harvard
Fon Du Lac & Junction
Fon du Lac & Milw
Fon du Lac & Mpls
Geneva & Elgin
Green Bay & Chi
Ft. Howard & Milw
Green Bay & Grand Rapids
Green Bay & Wisc Rapids
Horicon & Portage City
Horicon & Berlin
Hurley & Monico
Iron Mt & Green Bay
LaCrosse & Flandreau
LaCrosse & Madison
LaCrosse & Jackson
LaCrosse & Mankato
LaCrosse & Milwk
LaCrosse & No. McGregor
Lake Geneva & Elgin

Laona & Clintonville
Madison Freeport & Dodgeville
Madison & Lancaster
Madison & No McGregor
Mankato & Wells
Manitowoc & New London
Menominee & Green Bay
Menominee & Milw
Milton Jet & Monroe
Milton & Monroe
Milw & Adams
Milw & Beloit
Milw & Chi
Milw & Columbus
Milwke & Detroit
Mil & Hor
Milw Lanc. & Galena
Milw & Madison
Milw & Monfort
Mpls & Prairie du Chien
Mpls & Sparta
Minoqua & Tomah
Montfort & Galena
Neenah & Mpls
New London & Milw
Phillips & Menasha
Platteville & Galena
Portage City & Madison
Portage City & Chicago
Racine & Freeport
Racine & Miss
Rhineland & Mpls
Rice Lake & Chipp Falls
Rice Lake & Eau Claire
StPaul & Portage City
Sheboygan & Chicago
Sheboygan & Fon du Lac
Sheboygan & Janesville
Spooner & Eau Claire
Stevens Pt & Portage City
Summit Lake & Milw
Taylor Falls & Minn
Tomahawk & New Lisbon
Two Rivers & Milwaukee
Watertown & Madison
Wausau & Tomah
Worcester & Menasha
Woodman & Galena

OUR APOLOGIES

We recently learned that the Minutes of the Federation Meeting held at Green Bay on May 4 which were published as a part of the May, 1946 Bulletin, failed to mention the Waupaca Philatelic Society as being represented at the annual meeting. The original copy of these Minutes will be corrected so as to include them and we want to assure each club that any errors made are not intentional and that we certainly appreciate their being brought to our attention.

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS PHILATELIC EXCURSION TO NEW YORK MAY 18th TO 24th

The previous plans for chartering an airplane from Milwaukee to New York and return failed to materialize due to the "Airlines" being unable to quote a special rate.

However, the Pennsylvania Railroad will furnish a private coach for the trip from Chicago and return -- providing 50 reservations are received. A special rate of \$38.41 will cover the round trip fare from Milwaukee and return. They have also informed us that they will arrange for hotel reservations for the group at a hotel within a few blocks of the Grand Central Palace.

The train will leave Milwaukee Sunday, May 18, at noon, arriving in New York at 9:00 A.M. Monday. Returning it will leave New York on Friday at 4:05 P.M. and arrive in Milwaukee Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 A.M.

Special arrangements can be made for those who wish to start their journey at other points and join the party at Chicago or Milwaukee.

Reservations must be made before March 15th and those desiring to make this trip should fill in and mail the Reservation Application below as promptly as possible

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(Detach and Mail)

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Mr. Erwin C. Nielsen
735 N. Water Street
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Date.....

Please make reservation(s) (from Milwaukee to New York) for the International Centenary Philatelic Exhibition Excursion leaving Milwaukee, Sunday, May 18th.

Enclosed is a check or money order, made payable to the Pennsylvania Railroad, at the rate of \$38.41 for each ticket ordered.

Please have a hotel reservation made for me as follows:

(If you do not wish a hotel reservation, please state "none desired")

Name

Address

City

