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STAMPS FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

When the national "Stamps for the Wounded" movement was first publicized, the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee voted to support it by carrying on such activities at Wood, Wisconsin. A committee was appointed and stamps were donated for distribution to the veterans. From a stamp auction of donated lots, forty dollars was raised for the purchasing of such philatelic supplies as may be required by the veterans. Newspaper publicity on the subject resulted in duplicate stamps being sent in by interested outsiders.

The committee was not at first successful in its visits to Wood, due to difficulty in finding the veterans who were, or might become, interested in the hobby. The special fund had not been drawn upon and the majority of stamps were still on hand, so on September 24, 1946, Mel Newman took it upon himself to call the Veterans' Administration Office at Wood. He informed them of what the club was trying to accomplish and the little success they had had up to that time. He was referred to their Special Service Section and learned that they were making plans for a special recreational program for the veterans and would welcome having the club sponsor the stamp activities and would assist in every way they could.

Arrangements were made for the first meeting to be held on October 16, with future meetings twice each month. Mrs. L. V. Clark of the Recreational Center at Wood, assisted in the formation of the Wood Stamp Collectors Club by preparing notices for the bulletin boards and also by articles in the Wood "Tattler", the hospital publication. These resulted in 20 of the veterans sending in their names.

The following "Temple" members were present at the initial meeting: president C. A. Distelhorst; E. G. Jones, committee chairman; C. F. Bierman and J. W. Dooley, committee members and M. E. Newman. A general meeting was held with the ambulatory patients, and individual visits were made to the bed patients.

In-as-much as the majority of patients were bed patients, and in order to have enough members available to visit them and spend more time with them, the Milwaukee County Council of Stamp Clubs took over the sponsorship in December, 1946. Mel Newman was appointed general chairman of the committee and requested each of the local stamp clubs to appoint a committee to help carry on the work.

This year marks the third year at Wood, with an average of thirty "Wood Collectors" being visited twice each month by members of the Milwaukee County Council of Stamp Clubs. Mr. Carl H. Steinhart (whom most of us know) is now general chairman of this group.

Through the wonderful idea and the great efforts given by the members of the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee other clubs throughout the state are now sponsoring drives to get philatelic material for these hospitalized veterans.

Within the last two years the Oshkosh Philatelic Society has

sent about one hundred pounds of material to the different hospitals. The Manitowoc Philatelic Society has sent their first shipment to various hospitals and has received some very nice letters in return.

Anyone having any material that he wishes to donate may send it to any of those listed below.

Mr. Carl Steinhardt, w165 N. 68th, Wauwatosa 13
Mr. Melvin E. Newman, 3065 N. 51st, Milwaukee 10
Wilber Symes, 606 Jay St., Manitowoc

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Postal History Note

"Flag Cancellations of Wisconsin Post Offices" is the third bulletin from the Wisconsin Postal History group. Illustrated and described are various flag cancellations which were applied to mail in automatic canceling machines from 1896 to as late as 1938. A check list for each of the types telling what towns or cities and the years of issue is included.

A must for the specialist and an interesting item for anybody, it may be obtained at a cost of 25¢ from Ray Van Handel, secretary: 221 Park Ave., Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

If you missed the two previous bulletins: "Straight Line Postmarks of Wisconsin" (15¢) and "County and Postmaster Postmarks of Wisconsin" (25¢), they also are still available. Your purchases of these bulletins will assist an important philatelic project.

Bulletin Local News Department

Mr. H. J. Robitshek, president of the Green Bay Philatelic Society almost made the first page of Linn's Weekly Stamp News.

Page 3 is pretty close, though. It was in the November 15, 1948 issue that Linn's published a letter of his in which he stated he was enclosing the subscription price of the magazine for sending to a Green Bay postal employee. The post office employees have promised to read the magazine, and H. J. feels that in time the local post office will show a different attitude to collectors when they come into the P.O. Who knows, maybe there will be new stamp collectors issuing from the P.O. The bug gets its work in mighty fast sometimes.

Wauwatosa Philatelic Society

The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, the home of our National Federation Representative, Mr. Burlleigh Jacobs, is holding its meetings regularly at the Wauwatosa High School. They always see to it that they have an interesting meeting, including such as speakers, movies or auctions. This is one of the few clubs that has the WFSO secretary on its mailing list.

OCCIDENTAL NORTHWESTERN REGIONAL MEETING

Meeting was called to order by northern regional vice president Dr. E. V. Smith at 2:30 p.m. Minutes were recorded by Federation secretary Wilber Symes.

The following clubs were represented:

Appleton Philatelic Society
The Collectors Club of Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac Philatelic Society
Green Bay Philatelic Society
Manitowoc Philatelic Society
Oshkosh Philatelic Society
Outagamie Stamp Club

For old business the following clubs mentioned the success they had in sponsoring their Centennial cachets:

Oshkosh Philatelic Society
Collectors Club of Fond du Lac
Manitowoc Philatelic Society

All the clubs that sponsored these cachets commented that their club had benefited by it very much.

Under new business the question arose about what clubs were doing for "Stamps for the Wounded". A suggestion was that each club contact business places for stamps and that they send them to different veteran hospitals in the State of Wisconsin.

A suggestion was made by W.F.S.C. vice president Edward D. Hamilton concerning the progress that is being made in regard to the junior members. The Oshkosh Junior Philatelic Society holds a meeting every two weeks at the local high school, with a member from the adult club acting as an advisor. These meetings are from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and are found very interesting, even to the adults that are speakers of the evening.

W.F.S.C. president Lyle Hobbs suggested that all clubs that have any members that have prepared talks send their names to the W.F.S.C. secretary so that their names may be placed in the next bulletin. By doing this it may help some club solve its problem for entertainment.

Several members suggested that they would like to place an advertisement in the bulletin. This was discussed and found that this may be a good source of revenue to the Federation. The prices for advertising in the bulletin will be as follows:

One page	\$8.00
Half-page	5.00
Quarter-page	3.00
Eighth-page	1.80

Another regional meeting will be called about the last of March. The city where the meeting will be held is to be Fond du Lac.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

NOTES FROM THE POOR SECRETARY

As many of you are wondering what has become of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs bulletins, this makes the second bulletin issued since the Oshkosh convention. In the last bulletin I asked that each secretary send me any news or information that he had so I could put it in the bulletin. I am sorry to say that I am not receiving full cooperation from some of the member clubs.

This bulletin is your publication, and in order to have it interesting everybody should try to see that this information is sent to the Federation Secretary.

The next bulletin will be printed about the last of February, and I hope that at that time I have more news than I have now. The February bulletin will be important because it will have the details of the 1949 convention at Racine.

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With inauguration over, postal rates increased, and no stamps issued in the last three days it must be very quiet in Washington, D.C. As you check with your stamp catalogue you will find that every four years there are always more commemoratives issued, and the years are always the same year as election is held. So as a gypsy fortune teller would say - save your money for the next couple of years so that you can buy the U.S. Commemoratives of 1952.

You can't blame Jim Farley for the 5¢ New York Airmail issue. You might just as well blame it on the 1948 election.

With all the stamps that never see postal duty and the post office department losing money, this is the reason why they are printing such nice colored stamps.

While talking about losing money, the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs will, if the affiliated clubs don't pay their dues. The dues are 20¢ per member with the maximum of \$10.00 and the minimum of \$1.00, so let's be 100% paid up by the next bulletin.

NOTICE

With the special efforts from a "member at large", there may be a new club to join the Federation by the time of the Racine Convention.

The Oshkosh Philatelic Society are holding their regular meetings at the homes of the members, with a good attendance at each meeting.

The annual Xmas party was held at the American Legion Club House, with a fine attendance and lots of well prepared food. With help from the members and the Yuletide decorations the party was a great success. After dinner Mr. Ed Hamilton gave a review of the club activities of the past year. Presents were exchanged, with cards to follow. The better card sharks were the ones that carried home the prizes.

At another meeting Charles Peirce gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Mistakes on Stamps". Mr. Peirce has devoted much time and effort in locating mistakes found on stamps.

The O.P.S. publish a bulletin that has been mailed to a large number of non-members of the club. At the last meeting of the Society it was decided to make a charge of 25 cents a year to the non-members in order to help defray expenses of mailing. Any one that wishes to receive this bulletin may send his remittance to the Editor, Herbert Burgett, or ~~xxx~~ to the club secretary.

Odin Christenson
275 Irving St.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

The Appleton Philatelic Society was second to pay their dues for 1949. From all reports the club has started on the up grade and hope to increase their membership this year.

The Escanaba Philatelic Society, the most northern club in the federation, are holding their meetings and getting more active. Mr. Ole Olson paid a visit to some of the members this fall.

Milwaukee Philatelic Society are holding their regular meetings in the Milwaukee Public Library. Conference Room the first Saturday and third Tuesday of the month. From a report given me, the pictures and the articles about stamps in the Milwaukee Journal Green Sheet are to be credited to this Society.

Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee are really making a name for themselves in the "Stamps for the Wounded" drive. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will see what other clubs are doing through the efforts of Melvin E. Newman and the Temple Stamp Club of Milwaukee.

The Fond du Lac Philatelic Society have not been as active as they hoped to be, but with cold weather and more philatelic spirit they are getting back more of their old members.

Gateway Stamp Club of La Crosse are our most western club in the Federation and are holding some very interesting meetings. For the February meeting they have invited W.F.S.C. Vice-President, Mr. Edward Hamilton, for one of his interesting talks.

Monroe Stamp Club, the "Swiss Colony", at their January 6th meeting, had Mr. Edward Hamilton talk about Switzerland. "Ed", as most of us know him, had traveled this country for many years and can give you some first hand information.

Madison Stamp Club

The Madison Stamp Club has been very active since they had their centennial exhibit.

At the December meeting Mr. Tony Russo, an outstanding philatelic speaker from Chicago, spoke about the "Black Jacks" and showed pages from his collection to illustrate the different types he has.

The entertainment that follows the meeting is usually movies, stamp auction, refreshments or card playing.

The Madison Stamp Club will hold a Junior auction on Jan. 20th. The material for this auction is to be donated by the adult members, which shows that there are still some people in Madison that have the giving spirit even though it is coming closer to March 15th.

The officers for the coming year are:-

President	Mr. Samuel Myrant
Vice-president	Mr. P. Reynold
Secretary	Miss Marion Huston
Treasurer	Mr. Charles Ingold

Green Bay Philatelic Society

The Green Bay Philatelic Society are holding their meetings Sunday evenings at the homes of their members every two weeks. The Green Bay club has launched the "Stamps for the Wounded" campaign and has received some first hand information from one of their own members who was also a patient at Wood, Wisconsin. He is Mr. Fred Stimpon, who nearly every one knows.

At a December meeting WFSO president and secretary were guests of the Green Bay club at the home of their president Herman Robitshek. A very interesting meeting was enjoyed by all and especially the wonderful lunch that was prepared by Mrs. Robitshek.

Anyone wanting information about the Green Bay Philatelic Society may write to the club's secretary, Mr. Ernest Fruehauf, 612 S. Broadway St., Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Manitowoc Philatelic Society

The Manitowoc Philatelic Society holds its regular monthly meetings in the community room of the Manitowoc Savings Bank the first Monday of each month. For the last two meetings much of the business transacted was in regard to the "Stamps for the Wounded" drive. With the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and local business places many parcels of stamps were sent to the various veteran hospitals.

Another feature of business was to appoint a temporary committee in regard to the 1950 convention, if Manitowoc should be the host. Mr. Edward "Red" Turek, 5214 N. 10th St., is club secretary.

Belle City Stamp Club (Racine)

1949 Convention City

The Belle City Stamp Club is getting ready to be host to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs' 1949 convention. At this convention you will see many of your friends such as the officers of the Belle City Stamp Club:-

President	Mr. R. Metz
Vice-president	H. Grossing
Secretary-treasurer	Mrs. Florence Williams
Corresponding sec'y	L. R. Vahce
Librarian	O. Huppert
Auctioneer	D. Erickson
Philatelic Agent	W. L. Clunie
Sargeant at arms	O. Huppert
Chaplain	Rev. Kolonda

(Editor's Note)

In February the third WFSC bulletin will be printed and at that time arrangements and classifications will be more complete.

The Collectors Club of Fond du Lac

The Collectors Club of Fond du Lac meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the room of the local Association of Commerce (S. Main St.) and usually have a good attendance.

At one meeting WFSC Northern Regional Vice President Dr. E. V. Smith gave a very interesting talk about plate blocks and it was enjoyed by the members and also several guests from Manitowoc. They also plan to have somebody once a month talk about the various subjects concerning stamps. Some thought was also given for sending duplicate stamps to the veterans recovering in hospitals and also to promote the stamp hobby among the school children.

The officers for the coming year are:-

President	Joe Rupp, Jr.
Vice-president	Math Laudolf
Secretary-treasurer	Renato Segre
Publicity	Roy Atchison

Outagamie Stamp Club

The Outagamie Stamp Club is really giving itself a name. Since the last bulletin they had an exhibit in Prange's Hall Nov. 13-18, which was education week. It was their main bid for new collectors.

At the January meeting past president of the WFSC Charles Pierce of Oshkosh gave a very interesting talk on "Mistakes of Stamps" which was well attended.

Outagamie, cont.

Several meetings ago they raised their club dues so that each member would get a years subscription to a weekly stamp paper. By the club doing this there was a great saving in the subscription price. This may be a good idea for other clubs to follow.

The secretary for the Outagamie Stamp Club is:-

Mr. Louis E. Zell, Jr.
615 N. Sampson St.
Appleton, Wisconsin

Sheboygan Stamp Club

The Sheboygan Stamp Club is rapidly growing back to where they were a few years ago. Many old members are now rejoining.

At a recent meeting they organized a Junior Club. The meeting was called at 6:30 p.m. and lasted until 7:30 at which time the Senior Club took over. At the next meeting the youngsters elected officers, but have three or four senior members present to help the juniors. Over fifty boys and girls attended at one meeting.

About a month previous to the organization meeting the adult members filled approval books with stamps. These were a donation to the junior group. At the first meeting the stamps were sold for one cent each. This money will be used to defray expenses for any displays that the juniors may have at the WFSC annual convention. At the first meeting \$5.49 worth of stamps were sold and this amount was put in the Junior Club Treasury.

Kettle Moraine Philatelic Society

Twenty eight enthusiastic stamp collectors attended the second annual banquet of the Kettle Moraine Philatelic Society and enjoyed a very fine dinner at the Central Hotel at Hartford. A special cacheted block of six stamps of the Volunteer Firemen was given to each person attending as a souvenir. E. J. Franzel, toastmaster, introduced WFSC's National Federation Representative Burleigh Jacobs, who talked about the workings of a stamp club and its relation to both the state and national Federations.

The talk was followed by an auction with Claude Degler of Milwaukee as auctioneer.

The officers for the incoming year were elected as follows:-

President	Mr. Harry Thayer
Vice-president	Mr. Jim Winterhalter
Secretary-treasurer	Mrs. Alex Rumble
Librarian	Mr. Hy Faust

As many of you know, W.F.S.C. Vice-President Edward D. Hamilton is a very interesting speaker to have at your club meetings. He has also offered to speak at any club meeting that gives him enough time so that he can plan his trips.

On January 6th he attended the Monroe Stamp Club and spoke about Switzerland. Last week he was at Eau Claire and spoke about Europe. In February he is invited to the meetings of the Gateway Stamp Club (La Crosse) and the Manitowoc Philatelic Society.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs are going our best wishes to the world, for peace and better understanding between all nations on earth. God bless our country and people and a Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

Edward D. Hamilton
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Oshkosh, Wisconsin

As many of you know, I am a very enthusiastic collector of stamps and also often to speak at various meetings and conventions no that he can give his views.

On January 6th he attended the Morris Stamp Club and spoke about Switzerland. Last week he was at San Diego and spoke about Europe. In February he is invited to the meetings of the Gateway Stamp Club (La Grange) and the Milwaukee Philatelic Society.

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