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HAPPY NEW YEAR
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WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS - BULLETIN - VOL. XIV - No. II.

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HOLIDAY - GREETINGS from THE OFFICERS

Let us start the second half of the twentieth century with the hope of understanding between all nations. When groups like our member-clubs and club members are united, why can not large groups of people be unified either?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Edward D. Hamilton, Pres.

May the joy of the Christmas and New Year Season be extended throughout the coming year.

Wilber Symes, Vice Pres.

Cheery greetings come at Christmas
With a wish that's most sincere
May the blessings of the season
Bring you joy throughout the year.

Odin Christenson, Sec'y-Treas.

From Monroe, Wisconsin, I am sending to all of you my heartiest Christmas greetings.

Happy New Year,

Stewart Kingston,
S.W. Reg. Vice Pres.

The collectors from Southeastern Wisconsin extend Holiday Greetings to all Federation officers and members.

Erwin Franzel
S.E. Reg. Vice Pres.

A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all.

Dr. Ernest V. Smith
No. Reg. Vice Pres.

At the First Convention of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs in Washington, I was asked to give a talk on our Wisconsin Federation. It was well received by all those present.

Wishing you all the Season's Greetings.

Burleigh E. Jacobs
Net'l. Federation Rep.

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From information which we have received, we find, that the National Stamp Collecting Week. November 13th to 19th was well received and brought a fine response. Many of the Clubs throughout the State showed a number of very fine exhibits of stamps and postal material

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We have recently received from Chaplain Harry A. Kerkow of 1308 W. Cottage Place, Milwaukee 6, Wis. an appeal for stamps for the wounded. Many of the clubs throughout the State have contributed a number of lots of stamps and other material for this worthy cause. Indications are that there are now a number of stamp-collectors in the Veteran's Hospitals. Unfortunately, there is a not sufficient material arriving and we strongly urge each and every club to contribute as much material as possible. This is, after all, a small effort on our part comparable to what the recipients will obtain for all that they have done for us. Send your material to the Chaplain, whose address is mentioned in the forepart of this paragraph.

CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the death of the following stamp-collectors and wish to extend sympathies to their relatives and friends.

Dr. Carl Felton, Sheboygan
Alfred Knauer, Sheboygan
Erwin Karl, Sheboygan
W. O. Thiede, Appleton

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Wilber Symes visited the Chicago Philatelic Society's show in November and enjoyed the fine exhibits.

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A RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF SENATOR
ALEXANDER WILEY.

Quite often a stamp club will find that they are in need of some subject to fill in their program. We have been informed by Senator Wiley that there is now available a movie film which would perhaps be of interest for a part of the club's program.

The subject matter contained in this film is as follows:

- (a) What their Government in Washington is like
- (b) What major problems we now face
- (c) The background to the Korean war and communist aggression.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS: To obtain a print of the film - please write or wire these details to Sen. Alexander Wiley, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

- (a) Name of your group or club
- (b) Date or dates you want to show these films
- (c) Number of folks you expect to see film

Be sure to specify whether you wish to have a 16 mm. or a 35 mm. There is no charge for the use of this film. A small postage charge for forwarding the film.

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We received the following letter from the Madison Stamp Club:

Edward D. Hamilton
118 W. Lincoln Ave.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

At the November second meeting of the Madison Stamp Club a motion was made by Mr. Ingold and carried that the Madison Stamp Club write you and ask you to see if some other club would be willing to have the 1951 convention.

The reason for this move as given at the meeting was; "Due to the unsettled world conditions and the fact that the convention chairman Mr. Edward Lightbody, a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve has been called to active duty. Also, the club president Mr. Arthur Boyce and the Club secretary Mr. Arthur Cizmowski are both members of the Wisconsin National Guard and are liable to be called to duty any time.

Your consideration of this problem will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

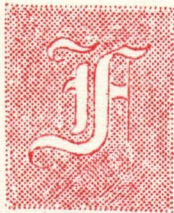
Arthur Boyce.

Your President has made an effort to have another club take over the 1951 convention. However, to date he has been unsuccessful. If there is any club that would like to step in and take over, please send a telegram to W.F.S.C. secretary. We hope, however, that Madison will find ways and means to put on the 1951 convention.

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A circuit of stamps from Hamburg, Germany, will soon be available to member-clubs. If any club is interested in seeing them, write to Edward D. Hamilton, 118 W. Lincoln Ave., Oshkosh, Wis. The net proceeds of commissions will be turned over to the Treasurer of the Federation.

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OR ALL OF US —

WHAT'S MORE HEART-WARMING THAN SHARING
OUR STAMPS WITH OUR WOUNDED?

WHAT'S MORE INTERESTING THAN COLLECTING
WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY?

WHAT HOBBY OTHER THAN STAMP COLLECTING
GIVES SUCH CONTINUOUS YEAR-AFTER-YEAR
PLEASURE AND GOOD-FELLOWSHIP?

YOU, FELLOW-COLLECTOR, ARE PERSONALLY INVITED
TO BE OUR GUEST AT ANY OF OUR MEETINGS ANY TIME AT
THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY, CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND
FLOOR, EAST, THE FIRST SATURDAY OR THIRD TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 7.30 P.M.

THE MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Following an invitation from Paul Segnitz of the St. Petersburg Philatelic Society, your President attended a meeting in September and had a very enjoyable evening. Paul Segnitz, former President of the W.F.S.C. and now President of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs sends greetings to all his old friends in Wisconsin.

Frank Pfeiffer of Miami, Fla., a member of the Temple Stamp Club, now President of the Miami Stamp Club was also visited by your President. The Miami Stamp Club is unusually active.

Both of these clubs have a membership of about 75 collectors.

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DUES - NEWS

At the present time, only two clubs have paid their dues. Your Secretary likes to urge every club to pay their dues as soon as possible. In figuring your dues, please figure on your membership from LAST year. Other Federations have found this to be the best way to determine what you should pay. Following this plan will simplify the work of the secretary and enable you to send in your dues promptly. Dues are based upon 20¢ per member, Minimum \$2.00 per club and maximum \$10.00 per club.

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Your President, Edward Hamilton attended meetings of the following clubs:

Eau Claire, Madison, Wauwatosa, La Crosse, Kettle Moraine.

He expects to visit other clubs in the near future.

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DO YOU KNOW--

that Brazil issued a stamp in 1935 shortly before Christmas, symbolic of the three wise men and the star of Bethlehem. ----

that Queen Isabella of Spain has seventeen different hairdoes on the stamps of that country.

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We would like to thank the following clubs who have each inserted a \$5.00 ad in this issue;

Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Oshkosh Philatelic Society,
Sheboygan Stamp Club,
Wisconsin Postal History Society.

Any club who wishes to have an ad in the Valentine issue, please contact the Secretary. Your contributions make this bulletin possible and are appreciated.

Season's

Greeting's
from

The
Oshkosh Philatelic Society
and

The
Women's Auxiliary

Joe Damon

CLUB - NEWS

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY held their 51st annual banquet on September 23rd. The speaker was Ray Van Handel who talked on Wisconsin Postal History. Guests were present from Madison, Oshkosh, Racine and other Cities.

We wish to congratulate this club upon its 957th meeting. We are sure that this is a record for any club within the State.

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The following officers have been elected by the BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB.

Mr. Harold Gressing, President
Mr. Robert Jackland, Vice President
Mrs. Florence Williams, Sec'y and Treas.

Meeting Dates: 1st and 3rd Friday evenings in the month at the Y.M.C.A. at 4th and Wisconsin Ave., Racine.

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New Officers of the EAU CLAIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY are:

Joseph Grasser, President
Fred Gloede, Vice President
Ken Sund, Secretary, 606 So. Farwell St.
Eau Claire, Wis.

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KETTLE MORaine PHILATELIC SOCIETY: This very busy club under the able leadership of James Winterhalter as President, have their meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Central Hotel in Hartford, Wis.

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Neenah-Menasha STAMP CLUB's new officers are:

Chas. Abel, President
Geo. Rasmussen, Vice President
John Backes, Secretary.

Their speaker on December 6th was Charles Peirce, of Oshkosh, Wis., President of the Wisconsin Postal History Society.

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OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY elected the following officers:

Dr. C. W. Kornely, President
William Konrad, Jr., Vice President
R. C. Dressler, Sec'y- Treas. 615 N. Oneida St.
Appleton, Wis.

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FOND DU LAC COLLECTOR'S CLUB: If you want any information about this club, please write to: Mr. Fay Coffen, County Treas., Fond du Lac, Wis.

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TEMPLE STAMP CLUB: Members of this club enjoyed a very interesting talk by Amory W. Krauthoefer about "South Africa Today". New elected officers are:

Ray A. Arndt,	President
Byron L Hagensick	Vice President
G. R. Rankin,	Sec'y - Treas.

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New Officers of the MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY are:

Clarence Martin,	President
C. W. Degler	Sec'y-Treas.
Roland L Hustis,	Vice President.

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WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY had their annual banquet in October. Carl Steinhardt showed slides from his trip through the Grand Canyon and Colorado.

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WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY members are pursuing their studies as diligently as possible. Thier fame is becoming known throughout the country. Inquiries have been received from interested groups in Kentucky and North Carolina. Collectors in these areas are starting Postal Histroy Societies and have asked for information.

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY members heard a very interesting talk and demonstration of stamp collecting by Mr. E. E. Steere of Appleton. On Sunday, December 10 the club had their annual Christmas party. The President of the Federation spoke on "Symbolism as indicated in the design of the U.P.U. stamp issues of the world". Ed has given this subject a great deal of study and everyone present enjoyed his talk very much. Arrangements for this party was done by the Auxiliary of the club.

Each one present brought a gift. These gifts were collected and sent to the Veteran's Hospital at Wood, Wis. showing that these unfortunate people were not forgotten.

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SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB. We understand this club is putting out stamp books to be used for sale or exchange of stamps. There are two sizes. One book holds 120 stamps, the other 500. These books are to be used to enable collectors to dispose of their duplicates. For further information write to: Ray Van Handel, 221 Park Ave., Sheboygan.

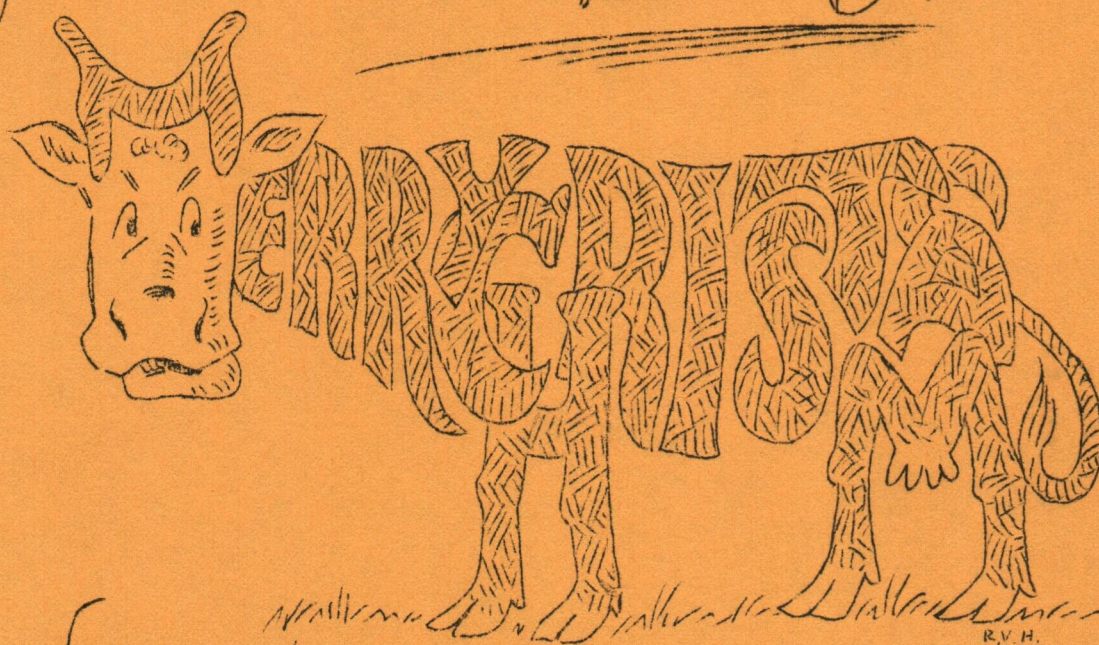
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We wish to express our thanks to Joe Damon for his work and efforts and the cover of this issue.

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TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES: Please keep us posted on all club news. We have to depend on you for news in the next bulletin.

This is no Bull!



from the members of the....
SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB...
...who also wish to remind you that
the 1952 Convention of the
Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
will be held in SHEBOYGAN.

Point System

You all have heard so much about the point system for the last year and one half that I would like to tell you some of the experiences that I have had for the 19th Annual Exhibition held in Manitowoc.

The points for this system were as follows:

1. Philatelic Knowledge	30%
2. Condition	25%
3. Originality & neatness	20%
4. Reasonable completeness	20%
5. Rarity	<u>5%</u>
TOTAL	100%

With these percentages, one person exhibited a frame of covers with the centenary cancellations from all the post offices that used them. He also had information of the distance from his home to the cancelling post office with a chart telling the length of time that was spent before they were returned to him.

Three of the best judges in the U.S. judged this exhibit and returned with the verdict thus (there were many like this example)

Philatelic knowledge - condition - originality and neatness and completeness was over 90%

As for rarity he was given three (3) points because he had used 1-1/2 cent stamps that was equivalent to second class mail, postal regulations were that these cancellations were to be used only on first class mail.

Our old friend Ray Van Handel of Sueboygan had his Postal History Exhibit that took a life time to collect had a total of only about 70% because some of his old material was not in the best of condition and a person could never have their exhibit complete because this is such a big field in classification.

Because of the vast amount of work bestowed on the Judges they were unable to finish their duty until almost the time of the banquet and also gave the clerks a great amount of work, to total the tally cards that many of the ribbons were not placed on the exhibitions until almost closing time. With this system there would have been very few awards given out so the exhibition committee agreed to double the points and award ribbons accordingly.

After the convention there were many letters asking for an explanation about this point system. The worst was, the abusive letters and statements that were made about the 19th convention was terrific. For 8 months previous to the convention much mail and person appearances were made throughout the state by a new member of the Federation. At the time of his appearance in Manitowoc the Manitowoc group was in favor of some merits of his system until they received letters of contradiction from other clubs. The judges, Harry Weiss, Ben Reeves, and Walter Brink stated that this was the hardest exhibit they have ever judged.

These statements are made through me and not any other office of the WFSC. I am sure that the Federation has been operating long enough and there were more capable men in office that would have started a system of judging if it was in the constitution of the WFSC. All rules judging had been set-up by the host club.

I certainly hope that no convention chairman or host club has to go through the work a convention entails only to receive such rude criticism as was given the 19th annual convention held in Manitowoc.

Wilber A. Symes
Vice President W.F.S.C.
Convention Chairman 19th Annual

The preceding article was written by the "veep" of the W.F.S.C. who was general chairman at the last convention. It was decided on the convention floor to give consideration to this matter by a special committee. This committee saw the total failure of the judging by pointsystem, which was already used many years back, and was used last year by two large groups. The result was the same.

We certainly hope to bring to you the opinion and conclusion of this committee in our next bulletin. Committee chairman is Burleigh Jacobs.

Ed Hamilton

Greetings of the Season

WISCONSIN POSTAL
HISTORY SOCIETY



