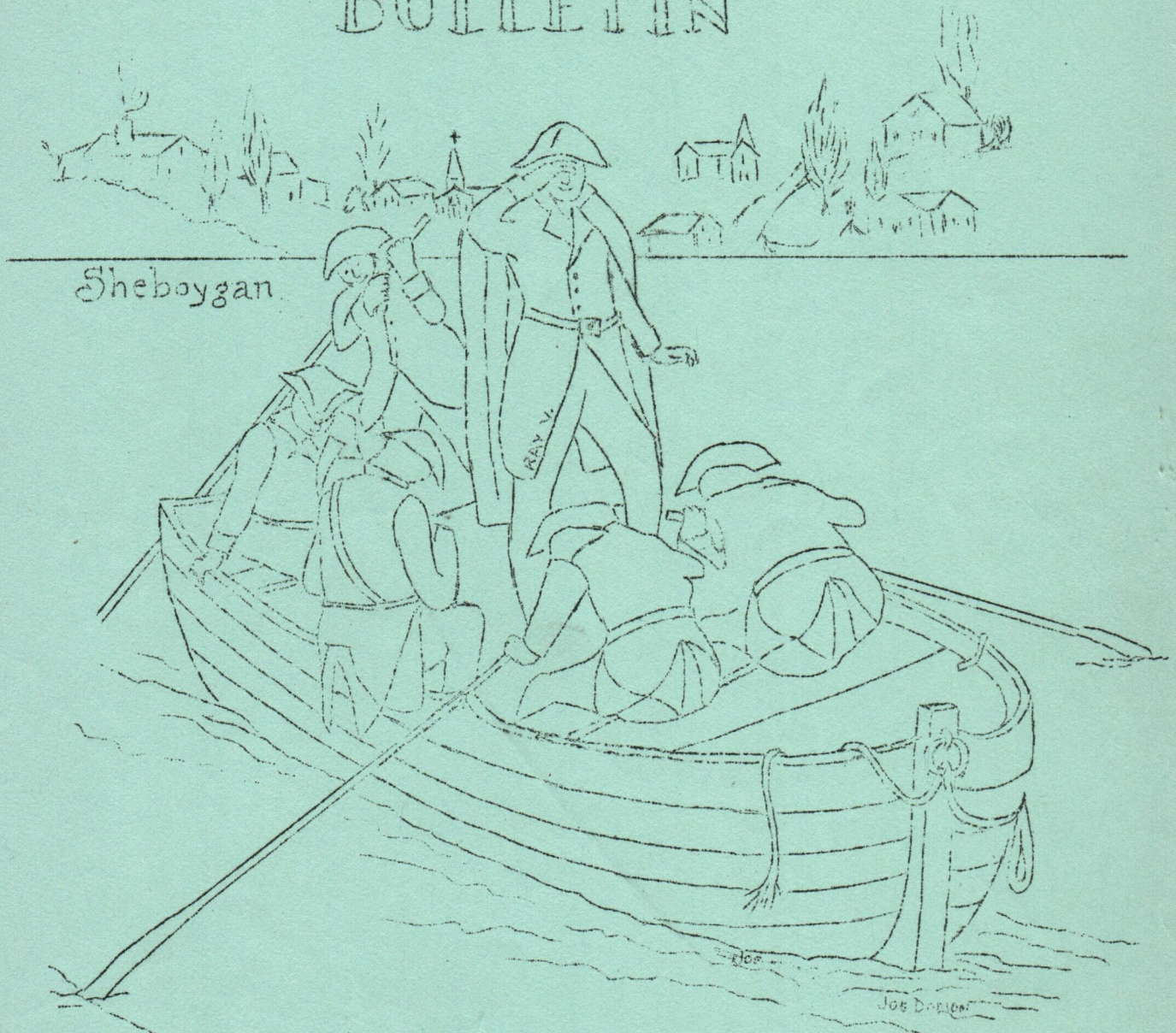


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W. F. S. C. CONVENTION BULLETIN



VAN HANDEL
CROSSING
THE SHEBOYGAN RIVER

TO MANITOVIOC
POSTAL HISTORY MEETING
JULY 22, 1951

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CONVENTION - ISSUE

CITY OF
MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN
Office of Mayor

April 4, 1951

Mr. Edward D. Hamilton, Pres.
Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
118 West Lincoln Avenue
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

The City of Manitowoc extends a most cordial invitation to your organization to hold your 1951 convention in Manitowoc.

We are aware that you held your last State convention here, but hope you liked our City and our citizens well enough to consider coming back again this year.

If you should select Manitowoc as your convention city we shall do our utmost to again make you feel welcome.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Walter G. Koepke

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TO ALL MEMBER CLUBS

GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND CLOSEST COOPERATION WILL BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY. SEE YOU AT OUR 20th CONVENTION IN MANITOWOC, JULY 20 to 22.

Edward D. Hamilton, Pres.

CLUB NEWS

Fond du Lac Philatelic Society: The new officers are:

Pres. Don Thurwathner, Oshkosh
Vice Pres. Elmer Foote, Fond du Lac
Sec'y-Treas. Philo Foote, 79 South St. Fond du Lac.

Escanaba Philatelic Society: Newly elected officers are:

Pres. Lester Duncan
Vice Pres. Chapman Smith
Sec'y-Treas. Victor H. Powers

This club made President Edward D. Hamilton a member.

Waupaca Philatelic Society: The new ~~members~~ officers are.

Pres.: Paul Waichulaitis
V. Pres. Charles Chady
sec'y. Leo Martin

meetings are 4th Wednesday each month at First National Bank Bldg.,
3rd floor.

Wauwatosa Philatelic Society: Newly elected officers are:

Pres. A. Schmitz
Vice Pres. Wm. Brown
Treas. B. Dahnke
Corres. Sec'y. R. Finken
Rec. Sec'y. M. Schmitz

Roland Finken is editor of a monthly Newsletter. He is doing a swell job.

Collector's Club of West Bend: This new club recently joined our
Federation. Officers are:

Pres. Erwin Franzel
Vice Pres. Ted Zuerin
Sec'y-Treas. Clarence H. Zimbrick
Librarian. Louis F. Kime

We take this opportunity to wish this club luck and success.

Lake County Stamp Club, Waukegan, Ill. has seen fit to again discontinue its membership in the Federation.

Oshkosh Philatelic Society: The Federation congratulates the O.P.S. on their 21st Anniversary.

Footlose Filatelist Society: Please be on the look-out for left marginal imperf copies of 1934 Wis. (No. 755). We need them for membership cards. If you have any, please contact "Curly" O.H. Ochs, 20 N. Boardman St. Fond du Lac, Wis. I will take them off your hands at current prices.

(signed) "Curly" O. H. Ochs
Sec'y. & Treas. F. F. Soc.

The following article was published in a recent "BOOSTER" of the Postal History Society, of Wisconsin. We found it so interesting that we thought we bring it to our many readers of the State Bulletin.

FOUND - ONE POST OFFICE

by

Ray Van Handel, Sr.

Sheboygan County, Wisconsin at one time or another had forty seven (47) post offices. Thirty two (32) of these have long been discontinued. Aside from my endeavors to acquire covers cancelled at all of these post offices, part of the project is to gather historical data about them, photograph the places if they still exist, collect and finally record their location on my reference map.

In many instances the task was easy. The old township maps in the old atlases usually showed the location of the post offices in the area. If the postmaster's name was known and the site not recorded sooner or later, with the help of the local Register of Deeds, the location of his homestead would be found and then a visit to the place usually verified the spot. In 1948 with diligent research forty six (46) of these post offices were located on the map. At that time it was possible to point to an old building, a stone foundation or old farm house and say "There it was". But one place defied all the tricks and efforts of research. The place had been discontinued before the first atlas of the county had been published in 1875. Old maps, Old maps, even in the archives at Washington, did not show its location. The records of the post office Department listed the place as CLINTON, established May 9, 1860. Then the name was changed to BAMBERG on January 15, 1864. The office was discontinued May 21st, 1871. The first postmasters name was John Holzschuh.

Now it happens that the northern half of Sheboygan County was settled in the early 1840's by the Germans, witness such post offices names as Rhine, Mosel, Erdman, Ada, etc. The Yankees and Irish names such as Winooski, Scott, Onion River, Hingham, Gibbsville and the like. John Holzschuh, being of German extraction the natural thing to do was to peruse the tract books at the courthouse dealing with the townships in the northern part of the country. No results.

Finally, after much correspondence with the National Archives at Washington, D.C. whose personnel certainly did their best to help me, the real break came in the summer of 1949 when a notation was found that showed the post office of CLINTON was located somewhere between Sheboygan Falls and Hingham. What was John Holzschuh doing way down in Yankee territory? Well, it was worth a try; so scanning my record map I selected one of those diagonal roads leading out of the "Falls" one of the roads laid out along the old Indian trails, and drove south.

After driving about four miles and eyeing every farm house for a clue I spotted a dignified old brick home set back from the road, one of those places with arched window casings, oak sills, and imposing porch along the entire front of the house and two front doors. A kindly lady answered the door and after I told her what I was looking

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for invited to come inside. It developed that she and her husband had recently purchased the place. One thing they had noticed and my attention was called to the fact that a long wall extended the entire length of the house from the front to the back with only one door between the two sections of the house. Also the two front doors were another feature. They thought in years past it had been a tavern as a gravel roadway had been encountered when a new lawn was made in front of the porch. The conversation lead to the fact that just recently the new owners had received the abstract to their new place, and it was produced so that I could look it over. Well - there it was - the second transfer from the original government land grant listed John Holzschuh as the purchaser. In my excitement I failed to note the date he bought the property but that is not important. The lady could not contain her enthusiasms and phoned her husband about the discovery.

I took several photographs of the place which has not been materially changed since the days that this German by the name of John Holzschuh ventured bravely into Yankee territory to dispense his hospitality and brew. He must have enjoyed his job because records given in the old postal guides state that at no time did his salary as postmaster of CLINTON and BAMBERG exceed \$8.00 a year.

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Your President visited the following clubs during the
past two years .

Veterans Hospital Wood Wisconsin.
Waupaca Philatelic Society, Waupaca
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, Wauwatosa.
Belle City Stamp Club, Racine.
Collectors Club of Fond du Lac.
Escanaba Philatelic Society, Escanaba, Mich.
Eau Claire Philatelic Society, Eau Claire.
Fond du Lac, Philatelic Society. F.d.L.
Gateway City Stamp Club, La Crosse.
Green Bay Philatelic Society, Green Bay.
Kettle Moraine Stamp Club, Hartford.
Madison Stamp Club, Madison, Wis.
Manitowoc Philatelic Society, Manitowoc, Wis.
Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Milwaukee
Monroe Stamp Club, Monroe, Wis.
Neenah-Menasha Stamp Club, Menasha, Wis.
Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Oshkosh, Wis.
Outagamie Philatelic Society, Appleton, Wis.
Postal History Society, Meeting Appleton.
Sheboygan Philatelic Society, Sheboygan, Wis.
South Milwaukee Philatelic Society, So. Milwaukee.
Temple Stamp Club, Milwaukee, Wis.
Out of State:
Philatelic Society St. Petersburg, Fla.
Miami Stamp Club, Miami, Fla.

I N M E M O R I A M

On April 25 the sad news came to us of the sudden passing of the life member of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society

Carl F. Knobla.

This shocked not only the members of his home club, but also all his friends throughout the state. Two days before he attended a meeting at the Outagamie Philatelic Society in Appleton.

Carl was always the first to volunteer for work and never missed an exhibit or convention. He was a charter-member of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society and in recognition of his faithful work he was presented with a lifemembership in 1949.

The officers of the Federation and many of the club-members will miss our old friend.

SEEDS OF DESTINY

by

NORRIS PYNN

President of the Gate Way City Stamp Club
La Crosse, Wis.

My research in Wisconsin postal history uncovers an occasional item which, although it has no immediate bearing on my special interests, has significance beyond the limits of the state borders. I find scarce first flights for an airmail specialist, non-Scott items for a friend in Madison, Minnesota covers for a Minneapolis collector, and odds and ends which will find their way into local historical files.

I have had requests for old Wisconsin license plates, autographs of Wisconsin celebrities, match book covers, buttons, picture post cards, and enough varied commodities to suspect that the human race may be remotely related to the pack rat - it would not surprise me to have a request for a dental plate autographed by Governor Kohler!

Several years ago, while reading an old letter found in an accumulation, I was struck by the writer's reference to "recent events here, of which you have no doubt heard" - there was nothing more to indicate the nature of the events. The letter was posted from Nauvoo, Illinois, on December 31, 1841. The name, Nauvoo, struck a responsive chord - I was curious, then eager to find the clue to the writer's reference. The letter was restrained, but underneath was a strong current of action the throbbing pulse of passionate conviction.

The letter lay in my accumulations of similar material, and I thought no more of it until one Sunday morning I tuned my radio to the fine program originating in Salt Lake City, the famed Mormon Tabernacle choir and organ. Listening to the soaring swell of music, I remembered the history of these people, how they carved an empire from a desert, and how they were persecuted in the Illinois town --! Nauvoo! Of course! The letter in my files! The original Mormon settlement from which they began the epic migration after enduring unspeakable persecutions - the writer's reference to "recent events here" was plain, and the cover assumed an immediate importance in my collection.

Lewis Siegler, the writer of the letter, was without question one of the original Mormon settlement, and correspondence with Joseph Fielding Smith, official historian for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints confirmed this. Realizing that the stampless cover, while tremendously interesting to me had personal as well as historic interest to the Mormon Church, I presented it to Joseph Schmidt for his files. After 110 years, a letter long delivered and forgotten was returned to the people to whom it belonged.

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GREETINGS

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

APPLETON, WIS.

Dr. C. W. Kornely, Pres.

Robt. C. Dressler, Sec'y.

MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday, 4th Monday
Room 201, City Hall.

See you all at the Manitowoc Convention

Dear Federation Members:

Again the Manitowoc Philatelic Society takes this opportunity to extend a most hearty invitation and welcome to each and every member and friend who will attend the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club's annual convention, to be held at Manitowoc, July 21st and 22nd. (Same place as last year, Veteran's Club, North 9th and York St.).

Seeing that no club made a bid for the 1951 convention, the Manitowoc Philatelic Society took the lead and is making plans for this convention with the idea that it will be a non-profit convention, and that all of you who will attend will have a wonderful time.

Elsewhere in this bulletin you will find entry- and reservation blanks. We are looking forward to have frames from every clubmember at the exhibit and hope that everyone of you will make an effort to be here in Manitowoc on July 21st and 22nd.

Our national representative, Burleigh E. Jacobs is the chairman of the rules and regulation committee. He has appointed a committee which will judge the exhibits on the point system, so that the trophies and awards may be won by a deserving exhibitor.

The entry fees will cover the expenses of the Convention.

We want to show the out-of-state judges that a large and fine exhibit can be shown in Wisconsin and we want to make more members convention-minded, so that each year a convention will be looked forward to as t h e event of the year.

The following Trophies will be awarded:

First, Second and Third Grand Award Trophies, donated by the host club.

The President's award, donated by the President, Edward D. Hamilton, to be awarded for the Exhibit judged the most interesting to the visitors.

The Milwaukee County Council of Stamp Clubs Traveling Cup, to be presented to the Club winning the greatest number of points, in accordance with the handicap schedule.

Four Junior Cups, donated by the Footlose Philatelists, to be awarded to the first and second best of both the Junior-junior and the Senior-senior groups.

Much effort was made to provide entertainment. We have also a special treat for all of you in store, inasmuch as we were fortunate enough to have as our speaker Prof. Darling from Appleton.

Last year we had some comments and complaints that no entertainment was provided for the ladies, but this year things will be different! We are trying to make this 20th convention one of the finest the Federation ever had. Let's see what you can do to make it a big success.

A very fine convention cachet is being drawn and will be placed on sale on the site of the convention, July 21 and 22, for the sum of ten cents. Free Philatelic literature and sample copies of stamp papers will be given to the visitors.

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On Saturday, July 21 at midnight, the Manitowoc Philatelic Society will be host to the regular "after glow" (Footloose Philatelists)

On Sunday morning at 9:15 the Postal History Society will meet for Breakfast followed by a meeting.

For all members, Sunday will be taken up by meetings and entertainment throughout the day.

All visitors will find a warm and hearty welcome in Manitowoc, July 21 and 22.

606 Jay Street
Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Wilber A. Symes
General Chairman

CONVENTION NEWS

Burleigh Jacobs, General Chairman of the judging committee has announced that he will be assisted by the following members:

Raymond Arndt, Dr. S. F. Darling, Erwin Franzel,
Ray Van Handel, Arthur Schmitz, Carl Steinhardt.

Master of Ceremonies at the banquet will be the well known Clarence Cary from Milwaukee.

Coats off in July! Last year the members of Congress reached the important decision to shed their coats during hot weather. Provided there is hot weather in Manitowoc, you can shed your coat.

The following slate of officers was sent in by the Manitowoc Philatelic Society:

President:	Wilber Symes	No. R. W. P. S. G. Norris Pym
Vice Pres.	Odin Christenson	S. E. R. V.P. James Winterhalter
Sec'y-Treas.	Lyle Hobbs	S. W. R. V.P. Stewart Kingston
Nat. Representative:	Burleigh Jacobs.	

This slate was endorsed by the following clubs:

Gateway City, La Crosse
F.d.L. Philatelic Society, Fond du Lac
Waupaca Philatelic Society, Waupaca
Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Oshkosh

DO YOU KNOW: that the first U.S. postage stamp was issued July 1, 1847 just 104 years ago?

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EXHIBIT * CLASSIFICATIONS

Section I United States and Possessions

1. Nineteenth Century Postage Stamps 1847-1902
2. Twentieth Century Postage Stamps 1902-1922
3. Twentieth Century Postage Stamps 1922 - to date.
4. Commemorative Stamps only - before 1932
5. Commemorative Stamps only - 1932 to date.
6. Commemorative souvenir sheets & special printing.
7. Coil Stamps and Booklets, or Booklet Panes.
8. Parcel Post, Special Delivery and Postage Due.
9. Revenue Stamps - including Postal Savings -
War Savings Stamps, state and unlisted. etc.
10. Military occupation issues.
11. Specialized study of any stamp, person or event.
12. Wisconsin cancellations - of cover.
13. Specialized cancellations - off cover.
14. Miscellaneous - not otherwise classified.

Section II. Covers and Post Cards.

1. Stampless covers.
2. Nineteenth century.
3. Twentieth century
4. Wisconsin postal history - including cancellations
on cover.
5. First day covers.
6. First flight covers.
7. War covers.
8. Hotel covers.
9. Railroad covers, R. P. O.
10. Steamboat (Paquet boat) covers - include all
maritime covers.
11. Any other specialized covers not otherwise
classified.
12. Government issue post cards.
13. Government issue, wrappers and letter
sheets and stationery.

Section III. Airmail Stamps.

1. United States.
2. Foreign.
3. Any specialized study of a single air mail
stamp, issue or group.

Section IV. 1. U. S. Local prints only.

2. U. S. Bureau prints only.
- (Precancels 3. Wisconsin cancellations only,
and Meters) 4. Any specialized study of any precancelled
stamp or issue.

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Section V. Foreign Stamps.

1. British North America.
2. Pan American.
3. Great Britain - Dominions - Colonies.
4. Scandinavian Countries and Colonies.
5. Central Europe and Colonies.
6. Balance of Europe issues and Colonies.
7. Asiatic issues.
8. Any other foreign issues not otherwise classified, (revenues.)
9. Any specialized group honoring any particular person or persons, event or achievement - U. S. and Foreign combined.
10. Any specialized issue or issues of stamps of any foreign country or countries.

Section VI. Topical.

1. (5) first awards.
2. (5) second awards.
3. (5) third awards.

Section VII. Seals and Poster Stamps.

1. Christmas or Charity seals of the U. S.
2. Christmas or Charity seals of any or all foreign countries.
3. Poster and Advertising seals or stamps.
4. Airmail seals or stickers.

Article 11. JUNIOR EXHIBITS.

1. The W. F. S. C. recommends that in the judging of all Junior exhibits the same standards be adopted by the host club together with its qualifications and percentages of values as adopted for the senior exhibits.
2. That the host club shall determine the percentage of value of each qualification, the sum of which shall total 100%.
3. That the Junior exhibits be judged separately on a sectional basis only, with three (3) awards; First, Second and Third.
4. The W. F. S. C. recommends that the score sheet be used in scoring the Junior exhibits as that used in scoring the Senior exhibits, and that these score sheets be clearly indicating, "JUNIOR EXHIBIT."

Section V. Foreign Exhibitors

1. British North America.
2. French America.
3. Great Britain - Dominion - Colonies.
4. Scandinavian Countries and Colonies.
5. Central Europe and Colonies.
6. Balance of Europe, Japan and Colonies.
7. Asiatic Russia.
8. Any other foreign nations not otherwise classified. (Reserved.)
9. Any specialized group honoring any particular person or persons, event or celebration.
10. Any specialized issue or issues of stamps of any foreign country or countries.

Section VI. Foreign

1. First award.
2. Second award.
3. Third award.

Section VII. Foreign and Foreign-Born

1. Citizens of Canada or other parts of the U. S.
2. Citizens of Canada or other parts of any of the foreign countries.
3. Foreign and advertising cards or stamps.
4. Special cards or exhibits.

UNION EXHIBITS

1. The W. T. B. G. recommends that in the judging of all Union exhibits the same standards be adopted by the host club for exhibits with the quality of the same and for exhibits of value as adopted for the Union exhibits.
2. That the host club shall determine the percentage of value of each exhibition, the sum of which shall total 100%.
3. That the Union exhibits be judged separately and awarded prizes only, with three (3) awards, First, Second and Third.
4. The W. T. B. G. recommends that the more merit be each in securing the Union exhibits as that used in securing the Union exhibits, and that these awards should be clearly indicating.