

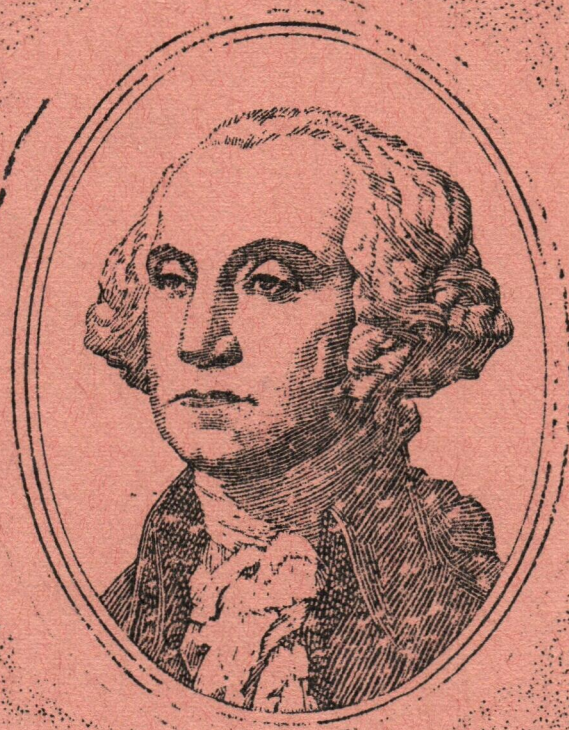
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A Salute to the
Collector's Club of West Bend, -

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs dedicates this issue of the Bulletin to the Collector's Club of West Bend, the third youngest member club of the Federation and the host to the 1953 Convention and Exhibition, for its outstanding accomplishments in the field of organization of a hobby club. Organized in October of 1950 by six ardent and 'never say die' collectors, the organization grew slowly. For more than a year the same six went on struggling for survival. By May of 1952 it's roster had increased to 11 members. Then came the 1952 Convention at Sheboygan. With no other club offering to serve the Federation as host to the 1953 Convention-Exhibition, the Collector's Club of West Bend offered 'to save the ship'. Inspired by this tremendous task which then confronted them, they set out seeking additional members with the result that by October of that year the total membership was announced as being 27 (including 4 ladies and two juniors). In October of 1952 the club held its first banquet, now scheduled as an annual event, at the West Bend Country Club, with Prof. Carl R. Oestreich as their speaker. Thirty-five persons attended making this a truly grand affair. On February 10th, 1953, the members together with their wives or husbands were the guests of the Miller Brewery Co., in Milwaukee. A guided tour of the brewery followed by a delicious buffet luncheon and FREE Miller High Life Beer was thoroughly enjoyed by a group of more than fifty persons. A lively auction followed with Fred W. Noske again doing a swell job as auctioneer. Two hundred colored 35 mm slides of interesting and educational material relative to Milwaukee, through the courtesy of the Milwaukee Public Library, served to entertain the ladies.

With the 1953 Convention but a little more than 90 days away, all advanced preparations have been completed to make this the largest and most successful Convention ever held. The housing for more than 125 expected guests has been secured. The exhibition hall, octagon in shape and measuring 125 feet across in either direction, is being completely renovated in two-tone knotty pine; a large wardrobe has been installed and a huge stage will house the Court of Honor (Invitational Exhibits). Special attention is being given the fact that many will bring their entire families to spend the week-end at beautiful Cedar Lake. Their children will be cared for by attendants at all times. Special games and other forms of Amusement are being planned as are baby-sitters for the younger ones. (Claude Degler has offered to look after all girls between the ages of 19 and 24, and no longer responsible to their parents). Thanks, Claude. All in all, a grand time is in store for those that attend. Why not start your plans as of today.

The Collector's Club of West Bend extends a most cordial invitation to all to attend any of their regular meetings. Meeting nights are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 8 P.M., in the East Room of the West Bend Public Library, West Bend, Wis., Stamps are always 'top billing' at the Collectors Club meetings.

Here's the Answer to Many a Collector's
Unanswered Prayers.

INTRODUCTION TO PRECANCEL COLLECTING

by

Carl H. Steinhardt

Precancels are for the collector who likes volume, who wants something different, or WHO HAS BECOME STYMIED BECAUSE EACH ADDITION TO HIS PET COLLECTION COSTS REAL FOLDING MONEY. Don't get me wrong - precancels can cost money too, but you can go a long ways on a little cash and still have a lot of fun with precancels.

You know the real thrill of collecting comes from the chase - looking for that elusive item - and finally finding it too or maybe another one just as hard to find or maybe one that another collector is looking for. You just can't go into your favorite dealers, or write him, with a "want list" and get anything you want in precancels - There are too many of them. No dealer can carry them all - would go broke if he tried to. Now maybe we should first find out what precancels are - many definitions can be given and there are exceptions to all, but for all practical purposes "A precancel is a used stamp which has been cancelled before use by a cancellor authorized for such use by the Post Office Department and which has not been used for regular cancellations. This covers both the "bureau" precancels which are precancelled at Washington at the time the stamp is printed and on the same press, and the "Local" precancel which are produced locally.

The local precancel may be printed either from a plate or from a machine or hand set type, handstamped from a rubber or metal hand stamp or even mimeographed or mutigraphed. Cancelling devices vary from a single, double or triple subject hand stamp to the more common 10 and 25 subject standard devices furnished by the Post Office Department.

Local precancels can be collected in many ways. First, there is the general collector, almost extinct nowadays, who collects all the different types of precancellations on all the different stamp issues from all the different towns issuing precancels. This is the best way to start a precancel collection taking all that come and sorting them out first by state, then by town, and then by issue and precancel type.

Some collectors limit themselves to one or more states but still collecting all precancels issued from other states. Very popular now among collectors are type and town collections. Type collections are limited to one specimen of each different precancel type from each town and Town collections are limited to just one precancel regardless of type or stamp issued from each town. This still leaves some 15,000 stamps to collect and there is no danger of completion spoiling the collection as from 5 to 10 or 15 new towns are authorized to use precancels each month.

There are many specialty fields in precancels also, closely following the specialty fields of general collecting:

1. Classics and fancy types (Before 1910)
2. Parcel Post
3. Air Mail
4. City type coils
5. Commemoratives
6. Double line Electros
7. Foreign Precancels
8. Dated Mail-order - Integral Handstamps
9. Colored Cancellations
10. Single Values or Issues
11. Synoptic (One precancel of each major Scott number.)

No precancel discussion, however short, would be complete without an appeal to other collectors to try it out, so here are reasons why you should collect precancels:

1. High cost of original stamp specialty.
2. Volume of Precancels readily available.
3. Wide range of appeal.
4. Travel in your own country.
5. Strange and interesting town names.
6. Cancellations.
7. Really localized stamps.
8. Wide variety of catalogues.
9. National Society - Local Clubs.
10. Friendliness of collectors.

Editor's note.

We not only thank Mr. Carl H. Steinhardt for this very fine article on precancels, but, personally urge you to heed his advice and begin your collection of that little something extra for that big bundle of fun. In doing so let us remind you, as well as invite you to attend a meeting or two of the Badger Precancel Society. They meet at 8 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month at the downtown Y.M.C.A. Branch Extension, 915 W. Wisconsin Ave. Furthermore, Mr. Steinhardt is able and willing to visit any club, within a reasonable distance and upon sufficient notice, and lecture on precancels and display his prize winning exhibit. For further information relative to above write to Carl H. Steinhardt, 2165 No. 68 St. Wauwatosa, 13, Wisconsin.

Green Bay Philatelic Society.-

The Green Bay Philatelic Society held their annual Banquet and a one frame per member exhibit, Monday, Jan. 26th. The dinner was at the Y.M.C.A while the exhibit was held at the Museum. Guests of honor were your Federation Prexy and Mrs. Franzel. An illustrated talk on the Postal History of Washington County and colored slides of the proposed Exhibition-Convention and housing preceded the judging by yours truly. The prize for the best showing in this one frame exhibit was awarded the Rev. Fr. Jensen for his display Roman Papal States.

A Friendly Reminder,-

There are still quite a number of clubs that have not sent in their ballot relative to the proposed changes in the Federation Constitution. Have your club act on this matter at your very next meeting. If you have misplaced your ballot write to your Federation Secty. C.H. Zimbrick, 530 Poplar St. West Bend, Wis., and another will be mailed to you immediately.

Temple Stamp Club.-

The fourteenth Annual Christmas Party of the Temple Stamp Club was held, Tuesday evening, December 9th, at the City Club in Milwaukee. Followed a delicious turkey dinner, at which Mr. Don Johannsen, Pres. Milwaukee Philatelic Society and Claude W. Degler, Secty-Treas. M.P.S. were the guests of honor, Mr. Earl Gile spoke briefly about the recent Red Cross Commemorative 3¢ stamp of the United States and gave some interesting information on their printing in the two colors on the new Printing Press now owned by our Government. A gift exchange followed as did a lively auction with Mr. Fred W. Noske serving as the auctioneer. Each member attending donated some stamps or other philatelic material for the boys at Woods Wisconsin.

Wauwatosa Philatelic Society.-

The newly elected officers of the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society are as follows: President, Larry Settergren; Vice Pres., Arthur Knorr; Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Keller, 9001 W. Cleveland Ave., West Allis, Wis., Treasurer, Mr. Paul Klumb. The society meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Wauwatosa Y.M.C.A. 7525 Milwaukee, Ave. The Wauwatosa group in a very friendly and hospitable group, - love company - and go all out to make your visit with them a most enjoyable one. Why not visit them on one of their meeting nights and see if we aren't right in making this assertion. The juniors meet at 7 P.M. while the senior group gathers at 8 P.M.

Oshkosh Philatelic Society.-

The 23rd Anniversary Party of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society will be held Sunday, February 15th, at 6:30 P.M. at the TOWN GRILL Restaurant, Your Federation Prexy will serve as the speaker for this occasion. The third annual meeting of the officers of the Federation will be held in conjunction with this Anniversary Party. We are all happily looking forward to this trip inasmuch as a good time is always in store in Oshkosh b' Gosh.

Outagamie Philatelic Society,-

The Outagamie Philatelic Society which meets on the second Wednesday of each month in room 201 of the City Hall, elected the following to office at their recent meeting. President, Bill Conrad; Vice-Pres., Robert Dressler; Secty.-Treas. Dr. Chester Hill; Chairman of Programs, Chas. Maahs. Editor's note.- If you are ever in need of full sheets of Commemoratives - this is the place to find them. The collector's at this Appleton Society are really 'loaded' with them. Furthermore, the sheets are superb sheets, inasmuch, as they have carefully been scrutinized by that College Professor, Dr. Darling, as only a Prof. can and would.

American Topical Association
Wisconsin Chapter,-

The Wisconsin Chapter of the American Topical Ass'n. will hold its annual meeting during the week-end of the Federation Convention-Exhibition in the dining room of Vivian's Big Cedar Lake Resort, at 1:30 P.M., Saturday May 23rd. Officers of the Wisconsin Chapter are as follows: President, August Pinske; Vice-Pres., Ed. Glaubitz; Secty-Treas., Tony Jacque, 785 No Cass St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Directors, Jerry Husak and Al Paruzynski. Visitors are welcomed at this meeting.

We Almost Forgot,-

With the portrait of George Washington on the cover of this issue of the Bulletin, we almost forgot all about our good friend, Abe. And did you know that,- the first appearance of the portrait of Abraham Lincoln upon a United States Stamp was NOT on the 15¢ black of 1866, (Scott's number 77), but was on the Newspaper and Periodical stamp, (Scott's number PR 3, issued in September, 1865. And did you know that,- the Scott's number 77, was issued on the first anniversary of death of Abraham Lincoln? (there's no charge for this information).

Milwaukee Philatelic Society,-

Personally, I don't know just why we are placing this little news item concerning the Milwaukee Phil. Society along side of the portrait of Lincoln. It certainly isn't reason of comparison. At any rate, the members of the Milwaukee Club enjoyed a very fine evening, Sat. February, 7th in that they had the pleasure of the company of Col. Max Johl who gave them a fine illustrated talk on flag cancellations. Max won one of the Grand Awards at the Sheboygan Exhibition last year and truly has what it takes in his showing.

Madison Stamp Club,-

The members of the Madison Stamp celebrated Christmas with a very fine program at their meeting of December 18th. Through the courtesy of the Madison Telephone company, who loaned them a sixteen millimeter projector and several hundred feet of sound film, the members learned all about the construction of our transcontinental and transatlantic telephone cables. A luncheon was served and the members exchanged gifts. Your Federation president, who always manages to be present whenever coffee is being served, then entertained the members with a jumbled word contest and donated prizes to the winners. Lorelle Wolf, our Librarian at the U.W. naturally, took top honors. Philatelic terms were used and the object was to unscramble the words.

Your most important message in this Bulletin,-

As we embark into a new year, your Federation again wishes to remind you that your club dues to the Federation are now due and payable. For the benefit of those who may not know, the dues are computed as follows: Twenty centy (20¢) per paid up member in your club with a minimum of \$2.00 per club and a Maximum of \$10.00 per club. It is the desire of your present administration to issue a financial statement at the time of the annual convention to be distributed among delegates and guests present. Your assistance in the prompt payment of your dues would certainly help matters. It will also, shall we say, look better on the record. Fortunately, your federation still has money in the bank and should show a profit for the past year. Make all checks payable to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs and mail them to C.H. Zimbrick, Secty. 530 Poplar Street, West Bend, Wisconsin. He will be looking forward to receiving your dues.

Your 1953 Exhibition,-
Limit and Open Class defined,-

Again we come to that time of the year when we, interested in the hobby of philately, must turn our attention to the greatest event of the year, the Annual Convention and Exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, May 23-24, 1953.

Many of our fine collections, representing the work and study of almost a lifetime, have been retired. Retired, only because of the good sportsmanship that always goes hand-in-hand with our hobby. As is the case with most of us,- there just isn't enough time left in our lives to begin anew on some other phase of our hobby and as a result we just sit back to watch others. We have become, what they term in other sports, 'has-beens'.

It is the purpose and desire of the Collector's Club of West Bend, host to your 1953 Convention and Exhibition to again bring back into competition those immortal collections by creating an 'open' class in the forthcoming exhibition. It would not only serve as a reunion of the members of the 'Hall of Fame', but, it would give the younger exhibitor the encouragement and learning that can only come with the viewing of our great collections of the past. Those entering the 'open' class will compete against one another as will the winner of the Grand Award of the 1953 Exhibition who automatically becomes a member of the 'Hall of Fame'. The winner of this select group will then be declared the Grand Champion and winner of the Best in Show Award, the President's Trophy. In addition to the President's Trophy, since the Collector's Club of West Bend will by Convention time become a Chapter of the American Philatelic Society, the A.P.S. Medal of Award will be given the display of an A.P.S. member depicting the greatest amount of philatelic research. This award will be open to exhibitors in both the open and the limit class.

The open class is ONLY for those exhibits that have previously won a W.F.S.C. First Grand Award, a Regional Award or a National Award.

The limit class is ONLY for those exhibits that have never won any of the above mentioned awards.

We are counting on YOU to help make this the 'Greatest Show on Earth', if not, then the finest ever staged in Wisconsin with a real 'Parade of Champions'.

Convention Housing,-

The next issue of the Bulletin will give a detailed sketch of the housing facilities as well as a sketch of the interior arrangement of the exhibition hall, meeting rooms, cocktail lounge, arrangement of bourse tables, cloak room, stage and banquet hall, together with a reservation blank for housing.

Program Advertising,-

For the benefit of those clubs and individuals as well as dealers desiring advertising space in the Convention Program and Directory, the Collector's club cordially solicits your advertisement. The rates are the same as what they were last year. That makes it a bargain since everything has gone up in price. A full page ad,- \$20.00; one-half page ad \$11.00; one quarter page ad, \$7.00 and one-eighth page ad \$4.00. Remember,- advertising is deductible from your income tax.

A detour is the roughest distance between two points. Collector's detouring from their chosen fields of stamp collecting soon find their way back to the regular route.

The Prospectus of the 1953 W.F.S.C. Exhibition.

Rules and Regulations.

1. Entries shall be open to all collectors affiliated with a member club of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs wherein both must be members in good standing as of May 23, 1953.
2. All entries must be the bona-fied property of the exhibitor and said exhibitor must be a legal resident of the State of Wisconsin, other than members of the Lindquist Stamp Club and the Escanaba Stamp Club of Iron Mountain and Escanaba, Michigan, Respectively.
3. All entries to be classified in either of one of two classification, Limit Class or Open Class.

A. Limit Class: For all entries or exhibits that have not been awarded a Grand Award at either a W.F.S.C.- Regional- or National Exhibition during the past five (5) years.

B. Open Class: For all entries or exhibits as referred to in Limit Class and/or all exhibits that have previously been awarded Grand Awards at either a W.F.S.C.- Regional or National exhibition.

Note.- It is the purpose of the host club to decide upon a Grand Champion Exhibit to be determined between the first Grand Award winner (Limit Class) and a previous Grand Award Winner (Open Class). The final winner to be declared " Best in the Show)!.

4. Entry forms and payment must be received by the Chairman of Exhibition not later than Monday, May 18th, 1953.
5. There will be no limit to the number of frames in any exhibit.
6. Entry forms not accompanied by fees will be disregarded.
7. Please make all checks or other forms of remittance payable to the Collector's Club of West Bend, Address same to Erwin J Franzel, Exhibition Chairman, Slinger, Wisconsin.
8. Any standard 22" x 28" frame or any frame previously used at a W.F.S.C. exhibition will be acceptable.
9. Any frame that is to be shown in a vertical position will be accepted at the rate of 35¢ per frame entry fee.
10. Any frame that is to be shown in a horizontal position will be accepted at the rate of 50¢ per frame.
11. The exhibition Committee reserves the right to transfer any exhibit into its proper classification if improperly entered.
12. Each entry blank must be signed by the exhibitor or his agent and such signature shall signify the acceptance of these rules. No entries under a nom-de-plume will be accepted in either class and will be regarded as strictly invitational and non-competitive.
13. No liability shall attach to the Collector's Club of West Bend, its members, committees, or appointees or any of its employees for any loss or damage in any exhibit arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
14. All exhibits will be covered by Blanket Insurance starting at 6 P.M. Friday May 22nd, 1953 and continuing until 5 P.M. May 24th 1953. Guards will be on duty at all times from 5 P.M. May 22, 1953 until Sunday May 24th. at 5 P.M.

Rules and Regulations Continued.

15. Any and all exhibits sent to this exhibition not mounted in frames must reach the Exhibition Chairman no later than Wednesday May 20th, 1953, said exhibit must be mounted on loose-leaf album pages and in a suitable binder, shipped prepaid with insurance to cover damage while in transit.
 16. Any and all exhibits brought to this exhibition not mounted must be mounted by the exhibitor himself.
 17. No exhibit or any part thereof may be removed from this exhibition prior to 5 P.M. Sunday May 24th, 1953.
 18. The decision of the judges of this Exhibition shall be final.
 19. The Collector's Club of West Bend, host to this Convention-Exhibition reserves the right to make any substitution in the way of judges for any reason whatsoever even after the names of the proposed judges have been released.
 20. The awards will be on an "Open Basis" and certificates of awards will be awarded as follows:
 - 9 First awards for the 9 best exhibits in the limit class.
 - 9 Second awards for the next 9 best exhibits in the limit class.
 - 9 Third awards for the next 9 best exhibits in the limit class.
 - 9 Fourth awards for the next 9 best exhibits in the limit class.
 - 1 First Grand Award for the best exhibit in the limit class. (Trophy donated by host Club)
 - 1 Second Grand Award for the second best exhibit in the limit class (Trophy donated by host club)
 - 1 Third Grand Award for the third best exhibit in the limit class (Trophy donated by host club.)
 - 1 Best in Show Award for the best exhibit in the entire exhibition (Winner of First grand Award vs entries in the open class) President's trophy donated by Erwin J. Franzel.
 21. Junior exhibits and awards. All junior exhibit entry blanks must be signed by the junior and by a member of the club sponsoring the junior.
 22. Junior exhibits will be classified as follows:
 - a. Junior-Junior (5th to 7 grade, incl.)
 - b. Junior (8th and 9th grade)
 - c. Senior-Junior (10th, 11th, & 12th-grade)
 23. Trophies for the juniors will again be donated by the Footloose Philatelists.
 24. All exhibits must be at exhibition hall, Vivian's Big Cedar Lake Resort before 9 P.M. Friday May 22nd.

All exhibits arriving after 9 P.M. Friday, May 22nd, 1953, will not be considered by the judges unless under special circumstances not the fault of the exhibitor.
 25. The exhibition will open at 9 A.M. with the judging starting at 10 A.M. Saturday May 23rd. 1953.
 26. The exhibition will close at 5 P.M. Sunday May 24th, 1953.
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Entries
Close
May 18th

ENTRY BLANK (JUNIOR EXHIBIT)

Entries
Close
May 18th

22ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION-BOURSE, WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS. MAY 23-24, 1953.

I hereby make application to enter my display in the class indicated hereon, - please reserve space for me.

Junior-Junior

5th-6th-7th
grade student

Junior

8th or 9th
grade student

Senior Junior

10th-11-12th
grade student.

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed
vertically at 35¢ eachtotal _____

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed
horizontally at 50¢ eachtotal _____

I wish to rent _____ frames at 35¢ eachtotal _____

total Amt.
enclosed .. _____

I am being sponsored by _____ club,
a member of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

(Signed) _____
member of sponsoring club.

(Signed) _____
Name of junior exhibitor.

My age is _____

The same rules, other than classification, apply to junior exhibits as do to the Senior exhibits.

Junior exhibits are NOT in competition with senior exhibits and all Junior Awards are donated by the Footloose Philatelists.

Make all checks or Money Orders payable to THE COLLECTOR'S CLUB of WEST BEND.

Mail all entries to ERWIN. J. FRANZEL, Slinger, Wisconsin

Date. _____ 1953.

_____ please print name here.

Entries
close
May 18th

ENTRY BLANK (SENIOR EXHIBIT)

Entries
Close
May 18th

22ND ANNUAL EXHIBITION-BOURSE, WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

THIS IS IMPORTANT.-PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Collections and correlated philatelic material that is to be mounted by the Collector's Club of West Bend MUST BE ON ALBUM PAGES and must be in our hands no later than Wednesday, May 20th, at 6 P.M. All exhibition material in Frames must be delivered to Vivian's Big Cedar Lake Resort, Highway 144, Big Cedar Lake, Wis., not later than 9:00 P.M. Friday, May 22nd in order that the exhibition will be in readiness for the judging early Saturday morning. Absolutely no material will be accepted after the time and date mentioned. If you live more than 75 miles from Big Cedar Lake, you may make special arrangements with the exhibition chairman for delivery of frames. In the event that you wish to bring your material to Slinger, Wis., before the above date, contact,-

ERWIN J. FRANZEL, EXHIBITION CHAIRMAN.

DRUG STORE

SLINGER, WISCONSIN,

PHONE 45

I hereby make application to
enter my exhibit in the class as
indicated to the right.....

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Limit
class

☐

Open
class

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed
vertically at 35¢ each..... total _____

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed
horizontally at 50¢ each total _____

I wish to rent _____ frames at 35¢ each total _____

Mail entries to Erwin J Franzel and _____ total Amount enclosed _____
Make checks or Money Orders payable to Collector's Club of West Bend.

The title of my exhibit is _____

Description of my exhibit (not over 25 words)- (for news publication)

Are you a member of the American Philatelic Society (APS)

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Yes

☐
NO

Your APS number is _____

Give the name of your affiliated stamp club, _____

Signed, _____
(please print)

Address _____

(Use a separate entry
blank for each type of
exhibit. Your Secty. has them.)

