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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Greetings:

Now that the summer season is about over, picnics, vacation trips behind us, it was a fine summer one of the best, we can now look forward to fall activities.

The fall is really the kick-off to the Philatelic year. All the bigger and national societies hold their exhibits and conventions in late summer or fall. You should try and attend one, if you never have, it will be a new and great experience. It will also give you some new ideas to use in planning your exhibit for our own convention in spring, which is something to think about, beginning now.

Would like to see this the best, biggest of all conventions and exhibits, this being the 25th Anniversary or Silver Jubilee Convention of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. As you know, the W.F.S.C. was founded in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, this year's convention city.

Conducting an exhibition and convention is not easy, so let's help the Fond du Lac folks put this one over.

Also, would like to see as many of those people at this convention who were farsighted and founded this federation twenty-five years ago. They took a long step forward in making Philately what it is today. Many other state federations are based on ours, the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is truly the father of this movement. I personally and believe the entire Federation, "Thank You, Charter Members, for what you have begun." Try and be with us at this next convention in Fond du Lac.

Have attended a number of dinners and picnics, and every one was a success and enjoyable. I think these social affairs are an important part of stamp collecting - bringing our families together - proves to them there is something else beside albums, and catalogues in stamp collecting.

Until next time,

Carl

JUNIOR EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

One set of exhibits which has especially interested me at the last four or five Federation Conventions is that submitted by the budding junior collectors throughout the State. After spending considerable time among the Juniors' frames, studying their material and manner of presentation and conversing with many spectators who also found them interesting, I've reached the conclusion that the purpose of a Junior section in our Federation shows evidently must be one I don't understand.

It had always been my opinion, and also the opinion of the club I belong to (a group which has long sponsored Juniors), that the reason adult collectors sought to work with young collectors was to teach them the fundamentals of collecting and to give them a real start in our favorite hobby -- an understanding of the how's, why's and wherefore's of Philately. And the best way to give them this background, I'd assumed, was to see that they had proper guidance and leadership, some material to work with, a little incentive in the way of an occasional "contest" or show, proper understanding of their abilities and help in preparing an exhibit of their own material, with emphasis on the qualities youngsters understand -- neatness, interesting display of their chosen subject matter, basic philatelic knowledge of their subject -- and all of the actual work to be done by the Junior himself, since it's the thing we work out ourselves which teaches us the most and gives us the most satisfaction.

However, it has been apparent that the results of Junior exhibits in the past few years are not based on what the youngsters work out for themselves. Quite the contrary! In most instances the award winners are kids whose sponsors or parents know a draftsman who does their art work and lettering, and who have ready access to a type of philatelic material not generally in the possession of the average Junior collector.

It seems to me that it's about time the Federation members give serious thought to the Junior collector and his place in our annual exhibits. Why can't all clubs who sponsor Juniors decide on a set of standards for the kids? As things are handled now, many Juniors are so disappointed and disillusioned when they see the type of exhibits they're forced to compete against that they just don't care to continue in the hobby which means we're defeating our own purpose in sponsoring young collectors. It's bad enough when adult collectors find themselves competing with material way out of their class, but adults can generally "take it" a lot better than the youngsters.

How do some of the other Federation members feel about this situation? Won't you "air" your opinions via a future bulletin? Sure would like to hear some of your views on this subject of Junior Collectors.

By: Ruth Keller - President Wauwatosa Philatelic Society

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Article from the Beverly Times News, Beverly, Mass. - May, 1955

Many communities have very active stamp clubs, but none more alert and progressive has come to my attention than the one in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. I noticed a cachet advertised by the Oshkosh Philatelic Society which I thought would be worth having, so sent for one. It arrived very promptly, and it was one of the most attractive I have seen.

The club was selling them to bolster the treasury. But the really interesting thing was this, that in the mail the next day was a large envelope containing a lot of publicity material of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society. Now this wasn't a bid for a new member - Beverly's too far away. It was just standard procedure for a live club which believes in spreading the gospel of philately. And they really are alive.

There's a four page announcement mimeographed of the club's organization and program of the season. On the cover is noted that the club is affiliated with no fewer than three philatelic groups of national scope. The list of officers follows and at the bottom it says, "Club Library, 330 Main St., Free to members" - their own library mind you, where they doubtless have stamp magazines, reference books, various specialty catalogues and perhaps a reference collection of stamps.

And Oshkosh isn't much larger than Beverly - a little over 40,000 as against Beverly's 31,000. Inside this folder is the program of meetings which are held once a fortnight. The first meeting is listed as "Kick-off Auction". Lots of fun there. Then six weeks later there will be a "Pot-luck Dinner at Museum" and a speaker to be announced. Some of the other meetings will be "Maximum Cards", "Junior's Night", "Philatelic Quiz", "Rummage Night", and so on. The whole thing is beautifully planned out; I see a note at the bottom of the page which reads: All club meetings with the exception of the dinner meetings, will be held in the Club Room of the First National Bank. Obviously they don't lack support. On the back page are listed the officers of the Women's Auxiliary of the club.

And finally there are two numbers of the Oshkosh Stamp Collectors News. Each is a single mimeographed sheet, but well written and full of lively items. All in all, it would seem as though this well organized and strongly functioning club might be an inspiration where interest is lacking.

The above is copy from a photostat sent to Mr. Hamilton by the Beverly Evening Times, Beverly, Mass.

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

On Saturday, August 13th, the Sheboygan Stamp Club held its annual picnic in beautiful Evergreen Park. The weather was pleasant, the bratwurst well done, and the "Gemutlichkeit" that Sheboygan is so well known for was evident throughout the entire proceedings.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Maresch headed the committee that did such an able job in making this event one of the finest in the clubs history. The club members and families were honored by the presence of the president and secretary treasurer of the Wisconsin Federation, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Light. Carl and Olga sampled quite a few of the "grate-wonders" during the day and it may be safely assumed that they enjoyed themselves in the "Wurst City" of the world.

The bingo game, horseshoe tournament and the "super" foreign mixture thrown on the table at the mercy of all provided the fun had by all.

Ray Van Handel, Jr.

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Thanks for the news item, Ray, we certainly had a most pleasant time visiting with your stamp club members and families. The games were fun, and the bratwurst, home baked beans and the yellow soda water really hit the spot. Thanks again for inviting us.

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An orchid to "Gossip Printery" for their July 23rd issue, the "Junior Writers Edition". Really fine work by these juniors. Let's help our juniors keep their enthusiasm and interest high, so they will continue to collect as they grow up.

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OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Fall programs of the Oshkosh Club are as follows:

September 6th - Kick-off Auction - Erwin Weideman

September 19th - Name that stamp - Herbert Burgett

October 4th - Mrs. Ernst Metz and her Youth Group

October 17th - Matt Laudolf - Watermarks and Perforations, Pick'n Poke

November 1st - Smorgasbord, Oshkosh Museum - Dr. Steve Darling, Appleton

November 21st - White Hippopotamus Sale - Charles Pierce

Sixty-eight members and guests attended the O.P.S. picnic on July 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith had charge of the arrangements.

WEST ALLIS STAMP CLUB

President: Elmer Sponholz, 2190 South 92nd Street, West Allis
Vice President: Tony Shaefer, 302 South 78th Street, Milwaukee
Secretary: Frank Maslowski, 1031 South 28th Street, Milwaukee
Treasurer: August Pallo, 1505 South 81st Street, West Allis

This club is now meeting at the beautiful new Y.M.C.A. building at South 70th and National, West Allis. We attended their August 9th meeting held in one of the upstairs clubrooms, what a room - comfortable chairs, perfect lighting, and air conditioning. This is truly a stamp collector's dream of a perfect meeting place.

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We also attended the first meeting of the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society in the beautiful Wauwatosa Y.M.C.A. building. The clubrooms were not yet completed, so the club met in the spacious lounge.

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The Light's had interesting company in the past two months, Mr. and Mrs. Tallman of Saudi-Arabia, spending a two month stateside vacation, gave us a visit. Mr. Tallman brought along his specialized collection of Saudi-Arabia and Mrs. Tallman showed us her topical collection of Lebanon Airmails and flowers on stamps. Need I tell you we had an enjoyable night of stamping that lasted till the wee hours of the morning.

Also, my niece and her husband were home for a two month vacation from Bermuda. Her husband is both a stamp collector and camera enthusiast. They showed us a three hour movie in colored film of the island. The floral beauty is hard to describe, acres of lilies and their Easter parade of floral floats is something to behold. He also showed some very fine pictures of the Queen's visit to the islands and the arrival of officials for the three power meeting in Bermuda, 1955.

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Stamps and cameras seem to go well together - received the 1955-56 program of the Oshkosh Camera Club of which our Nat. Fed. Rep., Mr. Hamilton, is president and Mr. Pierce, our past Fed. Sec'y, and Treas., is Vice President. The club meets the second Monday of the month at the Vocational School building, Oshkosh. Guests are always welcome.

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Appearances can be deceptive. For instance, the dollar looks just like it did ten years ago.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Introducing the 1955-56 officers:

President: Roland L. Hustis, Milwaukee
Vice President: Raymond Wood, Racine
Secretary-Treasurer: Charles J. Pierce, Oshkosh
Directors: Burleigh E. Jacobs, Milwaukee - one year; Lorelle A. Wolf, Madison - two years; Clarence E. Cary, Milwaukee - three years; Arthur Van Vlissingen, Illinois - four years

A THANK YOU - Ray Van Handel, who has been Secretary-Treasurer of the W.P.H.S. since its inception, and now upon the advice of his doctor has decided to retire from that position. Words alone are inadequate to express the sincere thanks of all the members of the W.P.H.S. for the long years of unselfish work in their behalf. May we add, not only the W.P.H.S., all your many friends wish you health, happiness and continued association in philatelic interests.

The Winnebago County Historical Society recently unveiled a four by six foot aluminum marker commemorating the site of Knagg's Ferry at Oshkosh. Here for nineteen years from 1831 to 1850, the mail trail from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien crossed the Fox River. Prominent people who crossed here include Governor Dodge on his way to Kaukauna for the treaty of the Cedars. About 250 people attended the dedication July, 1955. Our member E. D. Hamilton, Vice-President of the Winnebago County Historical Society, was in charge of the program. Articles from the June issue of The W.P.H.S. Booster.

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COVER COLLECTORS CIRCUIT CLUB

The 1955-56 officers of Chapter No. 4 of the C.C.C.C. are:

President: Maurice Schoepke
Vice President: Mrs. Dorothy Sandholm
Secretary: Lawrence Schall - 1014 Washington Road, Kenosha
Treasurer: Charles Koenes

Their fine bulletin is edited under the combined efforts of the above officers and Jack Larsen. Was pleased to receive their July issue of "The Curier" with interesting club news and articles on collecting interests. Their summer activities mentioned were: A monthly cover contest at which mint stamps are given as prizes. Stamp Bingo - this sounds like fun - only commemoratives are used in the kitty, which are used as prizes. Also auctions, trading and feature nights, such as by country. This club really makes a meeting enjoyable.

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The First Annual Exhibition of the 4-State Federation of Stamp Clubs will be held at the Connor Hotel - Joplin, Mo. - October 7, 8, 9, 1955 - in conjunction with the Third Annual Exhibition of the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society.

The new 4-State Federation was organized in 1954 and takes in the clubs in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Mr. Hamilton our Nat. Fed. Rep. has exchanged many letters with the new Federation and states - their constitution and by-laws are much like our own Federation.

The show will be honored with the first day sale of the \$1.00 Patrick Henry.

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs extends all good wishes for a successful convention.

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\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ - The 1¢ 1851, Type 1, in unused condition is generally known as the most valuable United States Regular issue and listed in Scotts catalogue at \$7500.00. The R. H. Weill Co. announced they sold this stamp to a 12 year old Texas lad, who by the way also owns such things as the U. S. Air-mail invert, etc.... They even do things big in Philately down Texas way, wonder how many oil wells this lad owns.

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NOW YOU KNOW - When the first official issue of postman's uniforms was made in 1793, one of the reasons given was that "It would make the men readily recognisable if frequenting ale-houses". Incidentally trousers were not supplied.

"from Philatopic Magazine"

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ATTENTION All Clubs: Kindly mail at once to your Secretary, Mrs. Carl Light, 10705 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin, a list of the officers of your club, also dates of club meetings, and where club meetings are held. We must have this information for the bulletin mailing list and any correspondence that we may have with your club.

We would like to give voice to all clubs in future bulletins, so keep your secretary informed of the activities of your club. Your ideas and suggestions are invited, articles, notes, and any other items of philatelic interest are welcome. More material, bigger bulletin.

In mailing the Federation Bulletins to the various member-clubs it becomes necessary to mail an estimated number. Should it be found the number received is not adequate to supply the interested members, we would appreciate hearing from you as to the number of bulletins required to supply the demand.

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CLUB PRESIDENTS - Please Note: As in years past - all Club Presidents are called on to bring up under new business - that your club advertise in the next Bulletin - in the form of Christmas Greetings.

The price of one whole page is \$5.00 and proof of advertising. For individuals 1/2 page is \$2.50. Combine your greetings with advertising of what you have to sell or want to buy.

Dealers affiliated with a member club are invited to advertise in the Federation Bulletin.

One of the nice things about the Christmas season is the privilege of a Holiday call by way of your bulletin when a preferred personal visit with your philatelic friends is not possible.

ALL COPY for the Christmas issue must reach us by NOVEMBER 20TH. Send it to: Mrs. Carl Light, 10705 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee 16, Wisconsin.

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Money - Money - Money - Have you checked your mad money lately? Stamp collectors usually don't have \$10.00 bills laying around, but should you have -- check them. Two bills have been found printed \$10.00 on one side and \$1.00 on backs. The Mint states these bills are worth ten dollars and not one. I'm not a coin collector, but something tells me the Mint is wrong about the value of these errors....Yes????

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