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SEASON'S
GREETINGS

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS.

DECEMBER

1955

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

It's with great pleasure that I greet the coming holiday season. I take this time to wish you and yours the happiness and pleasure the season affords.

I sincerely hope that "Peace on earth good will to men", are not only dates on the calendar but extend for 365 days every year.

The past three months have been hectic but enjoyable, visiting a number of clubs for a social evening or as guest speaker, it was indeed a pleasure.

In my visits to the various clubs I noted the growth of the hobby. The number of young people present proves the point. For one reason or another, the older members drop off and the younger and newer ones take over. It's from these that the innovations of our hobby spring. First it was cancellations, then pre-cancels - blox of 4 - plate blox - meters - slogans - and now topicals. All sum and substance of philately. And there will be newer things coming along or may be here already. It's these that make the hobby grow, "The King of Hobbys - The Hobby of Kings".

Fond du Lac your host city for 1956 has really swung into action. The dates have been set for May 5th and 6th, 1956. Co-Chairman and committees have things under control and are bending every effort to make this the Silver Jubilee convention and exhibition an outstanding event. They do have some surprises in store for you, so plan now to attend and exhibit. It's not too early, as time passes all too fast, and May will be here.

So until then,

Carl

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Your president will make every effort to visit as many clubs as possible within reasonable driving distance.

Clubs visited in the past six months:

Temple Stamp Club
Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Wisconsin Chapter American Topical Association
West Allis Stamp Club
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society
West Bend Collectors Club
West Bend Collectors Club - Dinner - Guest Speaker
Lake County Philatelic Society - Waukegan - Guest Speaker
Fond du Lac Philatelic Society
Northwestern Stamp Club

CONVENTION

NEWS

The Hotel Retlaw of Fond du Lac has been chosen for the site of the 1956 Silver Anniversary Convention and Exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, to be held May 5th and 6th, 1956.

The co-sponsors of the show are the Fond du Lac Philatelic Society and the Collectors Club of Fond du Lac. The convention preliminaries and business are being handled by the Joint Convention Committee, comprised of 3 members from each sponsoring club. The above committee has appointed O. H. "Curly" Ochs, representing the Fond du Lac Philatelic Society, and Dr. W. G. Kendell, representing the Collectors Club of Fond du Lac, as General Co-Chairmen of the convention.

Several meetings have been held by the Joint Convention Committee, and plans are well under way. The various committees appointed by the Joint Convention Committee are also at work, each doing its part to help make this, our Silver Anniversary Convention, one which will be long remembered by those who attend.

On the program after the banquet on Saturday evening, May 5th, will be Harry Weiss and his new philatelic laboratory show. Those who have not seen Harry before have a real treat in store for them, and anyone who has heard him in the past certainly will not want to miss this new show of his. Harry Weiss, who is Managing Editor of Weekly Philatelic Gossip, will also act as one of the judges for the exhibition.

We have also been promised a special edition of Weekly Philatelic Gossip for our Convention, and we would like most of the articles in that week's edition to be written by members of the W.F.S.C. We hereby issue a call to any who would like to prepare an article for this special issue, to get busy on your manuscripts. Anything of a philatelic nature is wanted---a glance through a few issues of Gossip should give you the general idea.

IMPORTANT: In order that they may be included in the Convention Program, we ask the cooperation of all member clubs in getting their slates of officers and rosters of members and their collecting interests, to Olga Light, W.F.S.C. Secretary, at the earliest possible date.

All correspondence in regard to this Silver Anniversary Convention and Exhibition should be directed to the Secretary of the Joint Convention Committee, Philo Foote, 79 South Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, who will distribute it to the proper sub-committees.

EXHIBITION CLASSIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

The senior competitive exhibits will be divided into the following classifications:

- I. United States
- II. Foreign
- III. Postal History
- IV. Topicals
- V. Specialties

First, second and third awards will be given in the above five classifications. Two sets of 1st, 2nd and 3rds will be awarded in the U.S. division, and two in the Foreign division, and one set of awards in each of the other three divisions.

In addition, six unclassified awards will be given for the six most outstanding exhibits in the show, regardless of classification.

One Grand Award will be presented for "Best In The Show."

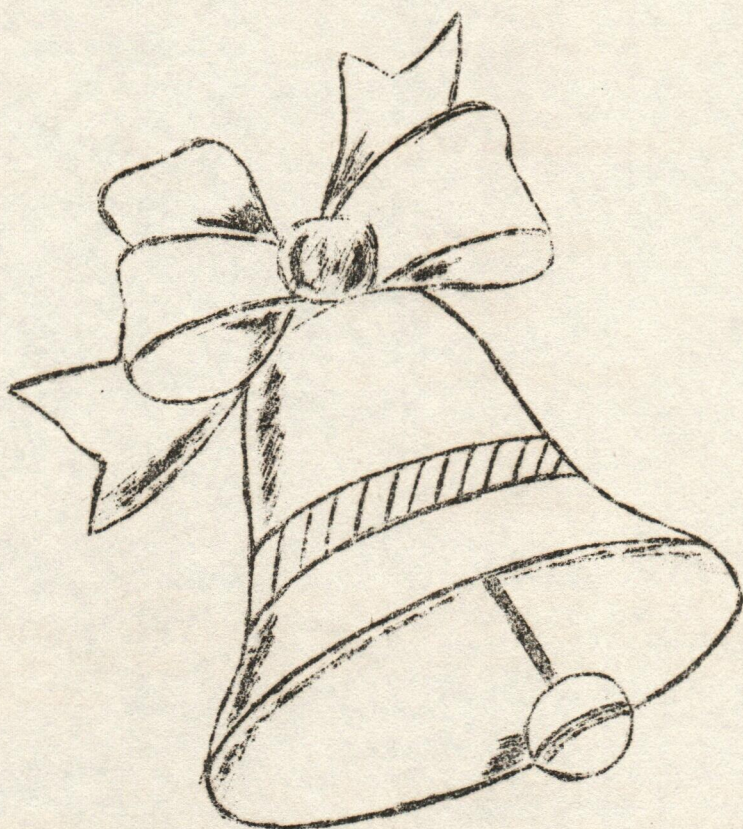
A more complete list, including other special awards, junior awards, etc. will be given in a later bulletin, along with exhibition rules and entry blanks.

PLEASE NOTE: This being the Silver Anniversary Exhibit of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, we believe that nearly everyone will want to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event. Due to the fact that space will limit the exhibit to approximately 240 frames, and to give all a chance to exhibit, there will be a limit of 8 frames for any one person.

REMEMBER, IT'S...

FONDY

IN '56



SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM

THE BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

Letter received by Mr. Hamilton from H. L. Lindquist, in part:

"I believe I have had several opportunities to welcome you as Representative and we have much enjoyed the relationship with the Wisc. Fed. of Stamp Clubs over the years. I do not know whether you are aware of the fact that the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was named so following the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. Originally it was organized as the Association of Wisconsin Stamp Clubs, but they changed this to conform with our own at one of the meetings at Green Bay, Wisc., which I had the pleasure of attending. The Wisconsin Federation is also one of the oldest of the successful federations, and was started much before the time that the National Federation itself was organized. Over the years you have done a splendid work, and I have always pointed with pride to the fact that I was born in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, just adjoining your state, and lived as a youth in upper Wisconsin for a while. I have many relatives and friends in Wisconsin, and my brother-in-law was in the State Legislature for a good many years."

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The Cover Collectors Circuit Club displayed about a dozen frames at local places of business during National Stamp Week.

The Kenosha Cover Club meets every second Sunday of each month at Hesse-foot Hall, 2831 Roosevelt Road. Time 7:30 P.M. Visitors welcome.

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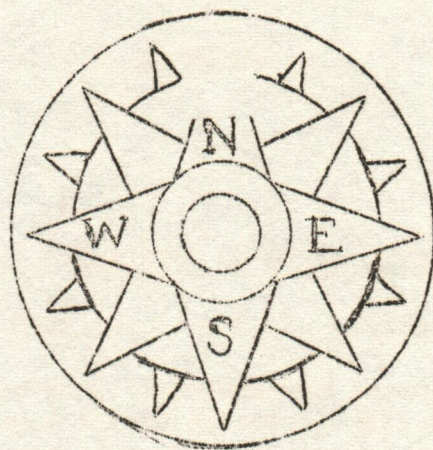
The Wisc. Chapter A.T.A. meets bi-monthly in members homes and enjoys a better than 80% attendance. The program for the year is - the host topic-talk, swapping, and pleasant visiting while enjoying coffee and cake.

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Your President and secretary were guests at a joint meeting of the convention host clubs of Fond du Lac, at the home of Mr. Ochs. Reports are the convention plans are coming along on schedule. We hope to have more news from the Fond du Lac Clubs before the November 20th deadline.

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The Welcome Mat is Out for the Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club of Milwaukee to join the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Your president and S.E. Reg. Vice-President were guests at their November 16th meeting. Carl's talk was on "How to Display Stamps" and Mr. Franzel spoke on the benefits of the Federation.



TO ALL
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
The Oshkosh
Philatelic
Society

W. F. S. C.

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Ed. Hamilton, Nat. Fed. Rep., and his wife vacationed in Florida during the month of October. Ed. managed to take time out to attend the pre-convention meeting of the Palm Beach Stamp Club. He was called on to speak and gave the W.F.S.C. 1956 Convention some advance publicity.

At a recent meeting of the Eau Claire Philatelic Society, Mr. Hamilton gave a talk and travelogue of "Through Two Continents". The meeting was well attended.

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Burleigh Jacobs, Past President of the A.P.S., spoke at a recent meeting of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. His interesting talk covered Stockholmia and Norwex, and highlights of his tour of several European countries.

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Clarence Martin, a member of the M.P.S., was the guest speaker at the West Bend Collectors Club. His talk was on Railway Post-offices and showed interesting pages of his extensive collection.

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Dr. Steven Darling was the guest speaker at the Oshkosh Philatelic Society "SMORASBORD PARTY", November 1st. The Ladies Auxiliary were in charge of the eats.

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A fine new magazine enters the philatelic field. Club secretaries may request sample copies to distribute among members. Write to: Stamp Digest, Box 257, Nashua, New Hampshire.

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There never was an authentic portrait of "Ethan Allen" so states an article in the Milwaukee Journal, about the tall and brainy backwoods strategist "Outlaw" leader of the Green Mountain Boys who took Fort Ticonderoga from the British. The American Revolutionary hero was born at Litchfield, Conn., January 10th, 1737, and died near Burlington, Vt., February 12th, 1789.

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TO YOU

AND

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ARTHUR KIPP, PRES.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The annual banquet and installation of officers was held October 1, 1955 at the Plankinton House.

The 1955-56 officers are:

Arthur J. Kipp, President; Carl Light, Vice-President; A. W. Draves, Hon. Vice-President; C. W. Degler, Secretary-Treasurer; George R. Rankin, Librarian; Governors: Elden Hunter, Roland Hustis, and Henry H. Hunter.

An excellent dinner was followed by entertainment by Edith H. Quade. Her talk on Wisconsin Folkways and Byways was illustrated with an interesting colored motion picture.

An auction followed. There were cards with prizes for the ladies. Erwin Franzel took over the important part of the program, that of Emcee.

Visitors are always welcome at their meetings. A trading session from 7 to 8 precedes a short business meeting and usually a feature program. Meetings are held in the Jefferson Hall, 2617 West Fond du Lac Avenue on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

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EAU CLAIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

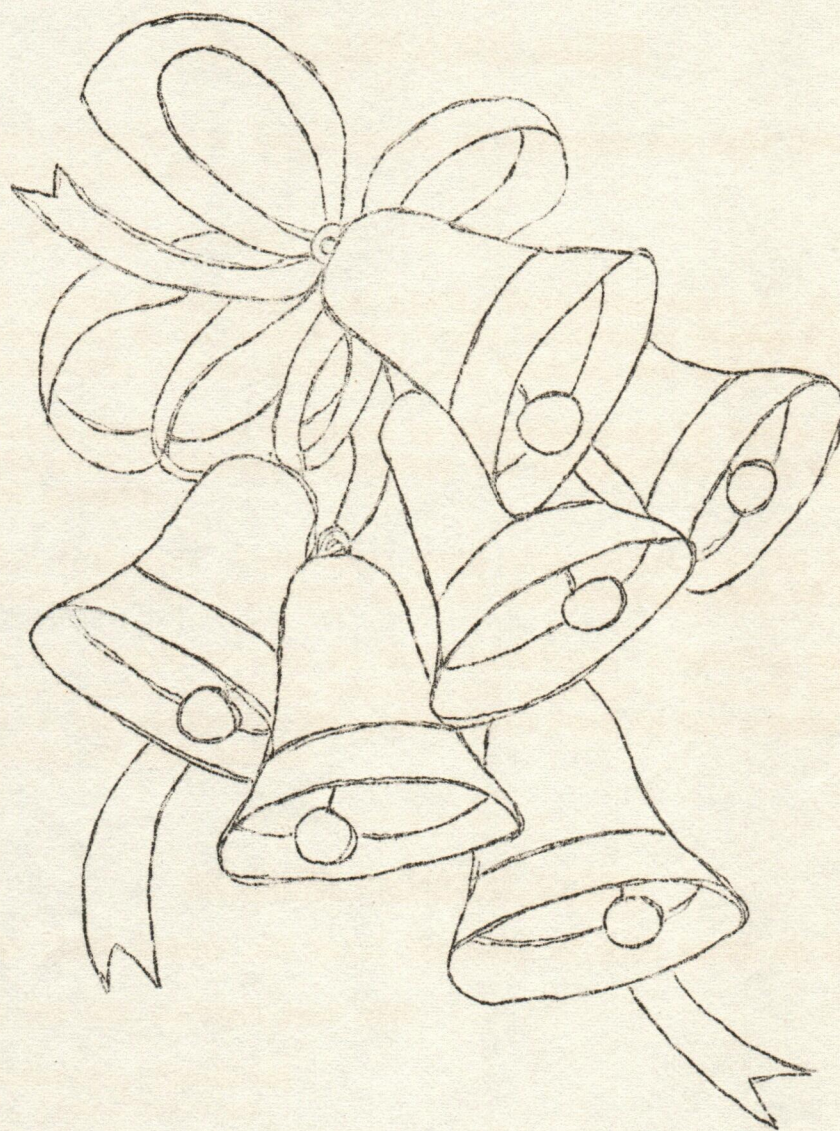
Meets the first Monday and third Thursday of each month at the Y.M.C.A.

Officers for the current year are:

Victor Anderson, President
Don Wahl, Vice-President
Kenneth Sund, Secretary-Treasurer - 128 North Michigan Street,
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

The collectors in the club have diversified interests, ranging from naval covers, specialists in Germany, Canada, Norway to topical and general collectors.

The club welcomes any visitors from other clubs in the State and hopes any visitors to Eau Claire will avail themselves of the club meetings if they are in town on those particular nights.



With EVERY GOOD WISH FOR
YOUR HAPPINESS THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The first of two dinner meetings of the Executive Board of the W.F.S.C. was held at the Republican House - Ripon, Wisconsin, September 25th, 1955.

Present were: Carl Light, President; Olga Light, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. S. F. Darling, N. Regional Vice President; L. A. Wolf, S. W. Regional Vice President; E. J. Franzel, S. E. Regional Vice President; E. D. Hamilton, National Federal Representative.

Also attending this meeting by your president's invitation, the 1956 Convention Co-Chairmen Mr. Oscar Ochs and Dr. William Kendell, and Committeemen E. V. Smith, Ray E. Atcheson and Ronald Terrell.

The Regional Officers gave reports on their district activities. Suggestions and discussions in the interest of member clubs followed. Mr. Hamilton presented a letter from H. L. Lindquist, Chairman of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs which was read. The letter recommends a clearing house for setting up dates of exhibitions and conventions. The purpose to file convention dates is to avoid conflicting exhibition dates by neighboring communities and to help dealers to establish their itinerary. This plan was approved by unanimous vote.

The Fond du Lac Convention Chairmen gave a report on activities to date, and are sparing no effort in making the 1956 - 25th Anniversary Convention a big success.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed by the officers and their ladies.

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Three links dropped from our chain of philatelic friends....

Carl Steinmann, a 31 year member of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, passed away in August, 1955.

William Christoph, of Waukesha, also a M.P.S. member, passed away in July, 1955.

Mrs. Clyde Terrell, member of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society, passed away after a short illness in September, 1955.

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs wishes to extend their sympathy to families and friends.

Sincere
GREETINGS

The

LADIES AUXILIARY

Of The

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Greetings & The Best

To All

your
National Representative

Ed. Hamilton

and

Edith Hamilton



WISHING YOU —
A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

COLLECTOR'S CLUB OF WEST BEND.

C. H. ZIMBRICK, PRES.

.....COLLECTOR'S CLUB NEWS.....

FIFTY PERSONS ATTENDED THE 5TH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE COLLECTOR'S CLUB, WED. OCT 14TH AT TIMMER'S HOTEL RESORT ON BIG CEDAR LAKE. MR. CARL LIGHT, PRES. OF THE W.F.S.C. WAS THE PRINCIPLE SPEAKER GIVING AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON THE PORTRAITS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON AS APPEAR ON U.S. POSTAGE AND CURRENCY. A CARD PARTY FOLLOWED WITH LADIES ENJOYING A FULL EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT WHILE THE MEN PARTICIPATED IN A LIVELY AUCTION LED BY THE EVER GRACIOUS C.W. DEGLER AS AUCTIONEER.

AFTER FIVE YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE COLLECTOR'S CLUB E.J. FRANZEL DECLINED THE NOMINATION FOR RE-ELECTION. DURING HIS TENURE OF OFFICE THE COLLECTOR'S CLUB SERVED AS THE HOST CLUB TO THE W.F.S.C. CONVENTION-EXHIBITION (1953),— BUILT UP A MEMBERSHIP OF 40,— AND AT PRESENT THE CLUBS ASSETS TOTAL OVER \$200.

THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

C. H. ZIMBRICK, PRESIDENT

FRANK A. SCHROEDER, VICE PRES.

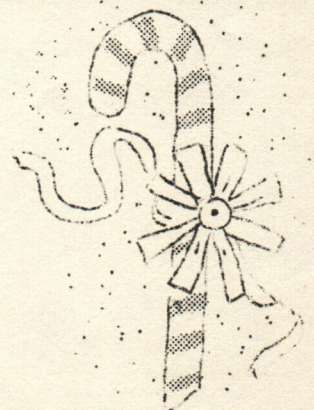
MRS. HY. O. SCHOWALTER, SECTY.— TREAS.

PHILIP RAPP, LIBRARIAN

MEETINGS: 2ND MON. EACH MONTH,— WEST BEND LIBRARY, VISITORS WELCOME

THE
SEASON'S GREETINGS

ERWIN J. FRANZEL, S.E. REG. VICE PRES.



SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO ALL STAMP COLLECTORS

AND

THEIR FAMILIES

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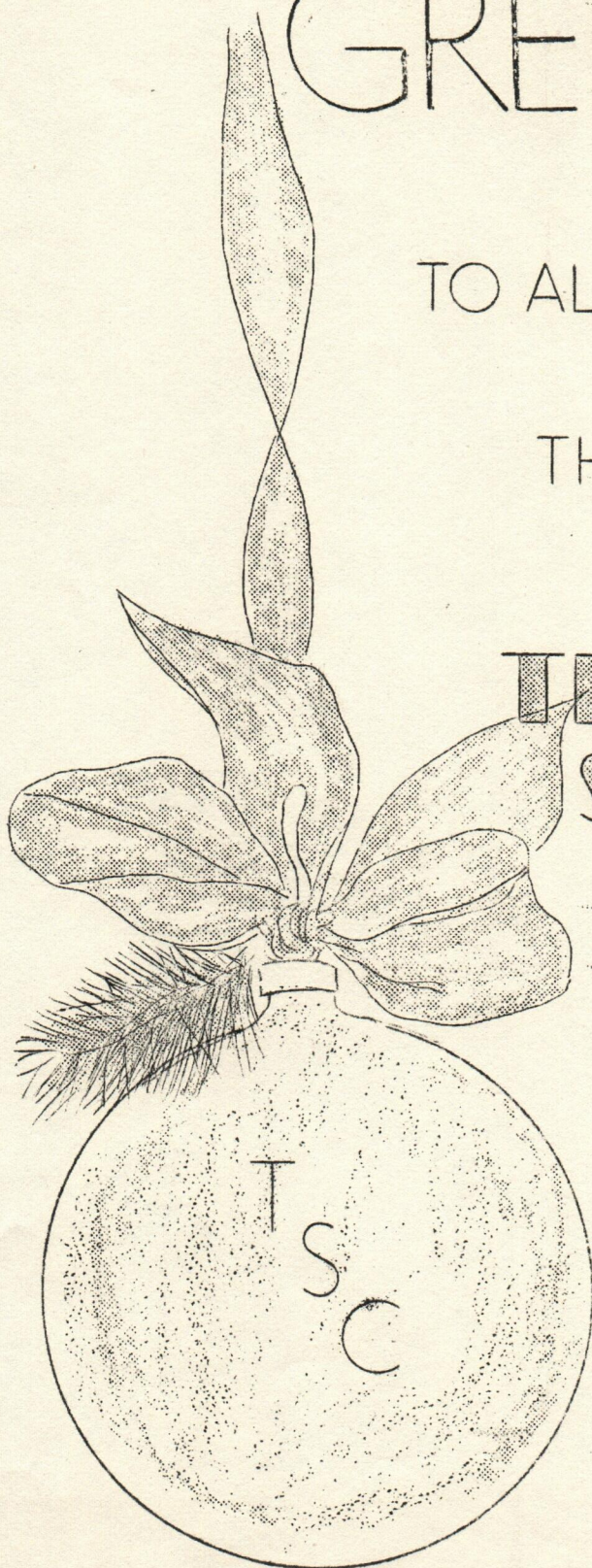
THE TEMPLE STAMP CLUB

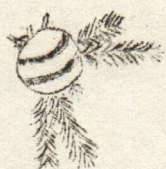
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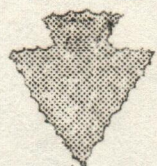
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

AND ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF THE



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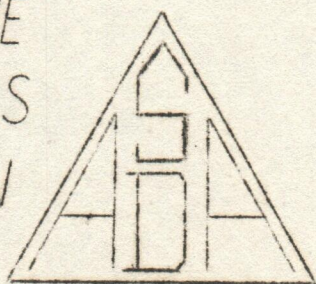


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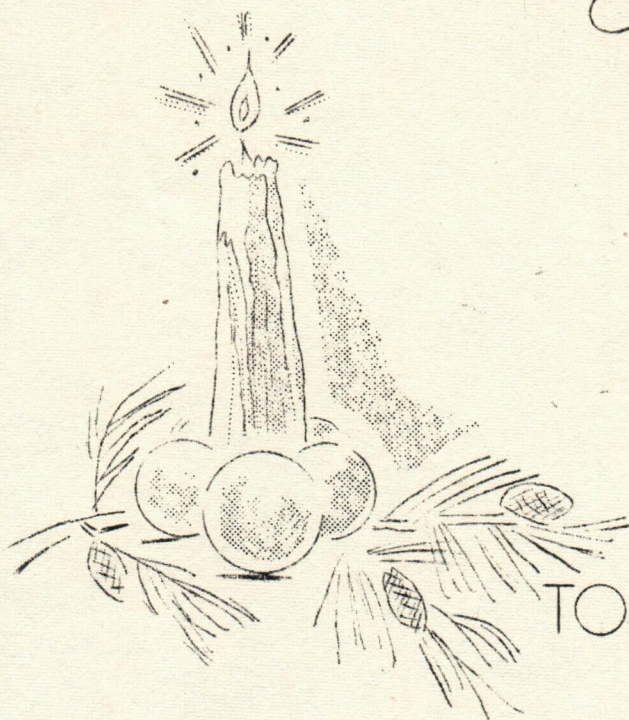
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MON.-FRI., 6:30-10:00 P.M.; SAT., 2:00-5:00 P.M.;
OTHER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT.



*Sincere Good Wishes
for all the joys
of a*

HAPPY

Holiday

SEASON.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER, NO. 5
AMERICAN
TOPICAL ASSOCIATION.

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In behalf of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, thanks for the Holiday Greeting ads. The stencil copies were a big help, and very much appreciated.

OUR THANKS-

To Mr. Franzel for the very attractive Santa cover, and the several mimeographed pages in this bulletin, which would not have been possible without his help.

To all member clubs-

"It's That Time Again" - Your Federation dues will be welcome after the first of the year. Please send them to - Mrs. C. Light, 10705- West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, 16, Wis.

Sincere Thanks-

Your Secretary wishes to thank all for the many get-well wishes. It certainly was nice of you to be so good to me.

To all- Best wishes for Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Olga Light, Secty.

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