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As your 24th President of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs I am deeply appreciative of this honor given me and will do the best I can to keep what is known as the first Federation and the best Federation in the nation just what Mr. Franklin Bruns remarked in his talk. When one stops to look over the list of names who has held this office through our 30 years, it is indeed an honor and I humbly accept the challenge. This list of Past-Presidents has been printed many times, each year adding another name to the list; but I wish to beg of you to endure with me for a few names which also should have some recognition.

They are Burleigh Jacobs, Ray Van Handel, Sr., Walter Brink, Arthur Van Vlissingen, Claude Degler, Roland Hustis. In my book of philatelic GOLD AWARDS these members all stand out. Many are the SILVER AWARDS too numerous to mention, including some very fine women members. No President ever made it alone. It was the able support of all who made what we have today so successful. With your help we will go on to a better and larger Federation.

I know the members and officers do agree with me on this, so let us all keep up the good work.

Respectfully,

O. H. "Curly" Ochs

P. S. My personal thanks to last year's W. F. S. C. officers.

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So you haven't started your exhibit for next year's convention? Well, cheer up -- neither have I! But I'm starting on it tomorrow, just as soon as I finish mowing the lawn.

Time is running short -- only 317 days left! Only with your help can we make the 1961 W. F. S. C. convention a success as the biggest convention ever. The Sheboygan Club is planning a bratwurst fry for the occasion, but this alone will not make the convention -- we need exhibits, frames and all members!

Your Northern Regional Vice President, Mr. Les Otto, and your Federation Vice President visited the West Bend Collectors Club June 14, to attend a lecture presented by Ray Van Handel, Sr. In an effort to help our President, Mr. "Curly" Ochs, other trips to member clubs by your Vice Presidents are contemplated in the future.

Oh, yes, one last item -- would all club secretaries please notify Mr. Ray Van Handel, secretary of the Sheboygan Club, how many frames each club has, either owned by the club or by the members. This information is vital to decisions being made by the rules committee, and should reach Mr. Van Handel as soon as possible.

Hope to see each one of you at the convention, if not before.

Vern H. Witt

Vice President, W. F. S. C.

Minutes of the 29th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs held on May 14, 1960.

The 29th Annual Meeting was held in the Empire Room of the Hotel Schroeder in Milwaukee. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 29th annual exhibition and bourse of the W. F. S. C., with the Milwaukee Philatelic Society acting as host club, for the two days -- May 14 and 15.

President Arthur Kipp called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. His opening remarks included a hearty welcome to the clubs represented by the following delegates:

American Topical Association	Edwin Glaubitz
Belle City Stamp Club	Ray Wood
Collectors Club of Fond du Lac	E. V. Smith
Collectors Club of West Bend	Frank Schroeder
Fond du Lac Philatelic Society	Oscar Ochs
Lake County Philatelic Society	Phoebe Booth
Madison Stamp Club	Charles Imgold
Manitowoc Philatelic Society	Ralph Huebner
Milwaukee Philatelic Society	Del Schilz
Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club	Carl Skupski
Oshkosh Philatelic Society	Edward Hamilton
Outagamie Philatelic Society	Dr. S. F. Darling
Rex Philatelic Society	Walter Jaglowski
Sheboygan Stamp Club	Verne Witt
Temple Stamp Club	Henry Hunter
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society	Harvey Reichert
Wisconsin Postal History Society	Charles Peirce
Wood Collectors Club	Chaplain H. A. Kerkow

The minutes of the 28th annual meeting were accepted as corrected. The corrections pertained to Regional Vice President Edward Lawrence's territory being the Southwestern section not the Southeastern.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. It showed a balance on hand of \$170.65. The Treasurer reported all 24 member clubs were in good standing, and they had a total of 618 members.

Following the reading of the Treasurer's report the Officers of the W. F. S. C. made the following reports:

President Arthur Kipp - Visited several clubs in Milwaukee and also the Sheboygan Stamp Club and the Oshkosh Philatelic Society. The club members were very nice and he enjoyed meeting them. It was too bad the weather prevented him from attending more club meetings.

Vice President Oscar Ochs - Visited the Oshkosh Philatelic Society and the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. He also was hindered by the bad weather from attending other club's activities.

Southwestern Regional Vice President Edward Lawrence - Made appearance at the Janesville Stamp Club and the Madison Stamp Club. He reported that the Janesville's show was very nice. The dealers did a good business from the more than 300 people that attended. 50 frames were entered in the show. Their cachet featured the Tallman House at Janesville. He reported that Madison had a 60-frame exhibit and over 500 people attended. Their cachet was based on the soil conservation stamp.

Southeastern Regional Vice President Elden Hunter & Reported that because of the bad weather we had this last winter and because of being publicity chairman of the M. P. S. convention committee he was unable to attend meetings of other clubs. His publicity campaign included several television appearances.

Northern Regional Vice President - Ellsworth Behling - Was unable to attend the convention. He sent a letter of congratulations and best wishes on the convention.

National Federation Representative Dr. S. F. Darling - Reported that he had several communications with Mr. Lindquist regarding People-to-People program. All questionnaires have been answered. Dr. Darling also donated the annual National Federation dues.

Unfinished business == In 1959 the subject of a charter was discussed. At this 1960 meeting several samples were passed around. After a discussion it was moved and seconded that Mr. Van Handel's sample be accepted. The motion carried. Mr. Van Handel, Sr., will do all the work free of charge and forward a sample to the Federation Officers for final approval. He will also fill in the names of the respective clubs. The cost of the Charter will be \$1.00.

New business == Mr. Richert reported on the Southeastern Vatican Society which was organized in May 1959. They have 30 members. They cannot join the W. F. S. C. because of their parent organization although he is corresponding with them on the subject.

Mr. Ray Van Handel, Sr., read a letter from the Janesville Stamp Club regarding a Federation sponsored exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair. After a discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that the matter be brought up in 1961 in accordance with the by-laws, which state that each club be notified of any subject that requires a vote at least 90 days before the annual meeting. Mr. Wood of the Belle City Club introduced the subject of mounting frames. His club is in favor of the horizontal frames, mounting 6 pages in each. During the discussion it was brought out by the Federation Exhibition Committee that the horizontal-vertical question depends upon the host club. He made a suggestion that hereafter vertical and horizontal mountings be provided, as some exhibits were not shown because of all vertical mounts.

The Sheboygan Stamp Club invited the Federation to have its 1961 convention and exhibition in Sheboygan. It was so moved, seconded and the motion was carried.

The election of officers was the next order of business.

For President - Mr. Kipp and Mr. Ochs were nominated. Mr. Kipp withdrew and Mr. Ochs was unanimously elected.

For Vice President - Mr. Vern Witt, the only nominee, was unanimously elected.

For Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. Alex Kaiser, the only nominee, was unanimously elected.

For Regional Vice Presidents except Northern - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to elect all to their respective Regional territory Vice Presidency.

For Northern Regional Vice President - Mr. Lester Otto of the Sheboygan Stamp Club was unanimously elected after Mr. Bert Hauer declined.

Report of Standing Committee on Exhibitions - After a discussion of the method of classification and judging, the Committee Chairman Mr. Ochs stated that the Committee is only an advisory body. Both should be in the hands of the host club and that the judges should be instructed but let the judging to the judges.

Mr. Peirce made a motion to give a vote of thanks to the Milwaukee Philatelic Society for putting on the convention and exhibition. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Hamilton made a motion for a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers. It was seconded and passed.

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn at 4:00 P.M., seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Levinson, Secretary-Treasurer

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Note: Your Secretary does not have a list of Senior exhibitors or winners so we cannot furnish this information as of this date.

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Mr. Ray Van Handel, Sr., has informed us that he is working on Charters and will have something for approval shortly. A hearty "thank you" to Ray for planning and past work on the Bulletin cover and the W. F. S. C. stationery for this year.

JUNIOR NEWS FROM THE MILWAUKEE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION -- The ladies of the Fancy Free have requested that we send out a plea to the clubs asking that each club make an effort to have more junior girls interested in exhibiting at the Federation shows. The ladies do furnish a large cup for winner of junior girl exhibit. No junior girls exhibited in the last show. Mrs. Geri Atchison, who is the Fancy Free Secretary-Treasurer, has requested we put in this word to the various clubs

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The Footloose Filatelists has the following report on awards to junior exhibitors at the Milwaukee show:

1st Award - Senior-Junior	Jerome Fahres, Sheboygan, Wis.
2nd Award - Senior-Junior	Andrew Plasz
1st & 2nd Awards - Junior	No entries
1st Award - Junior-Junior	David Lee, Madison, Wis.
2nd Award - Junior-Junior	Jerry Van Der Kreeke, Sheboygan, Wis.

We, too, must get busy as this year we also have cups left for the lack of entries. We should promote more junior exhibitors.

Thanks, also, to Mr. Claude Degler for keeping a sharp eye open for imperf Wisconsin Tercentenary stamps. The supply will be adequate for use on the membership cards for some time to come.

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On June 14th, four of us from Sheboygan attended the West Bend Collectors Club, not a big unit but a very active one. They have a very interesting bulletin called "The Informer" and it is just that, besides listing special events for future meetings.

On June 22nd we had at our meeting Mr. "Curly" Ochs and Mr. Alex Kaiser, Federation President and Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Atchison and Dick Schultz as visitors. Some preliminaries of future activities were discussed.

On Saturday, July 9th, we held our Annual Picnic with all the trimmings. Some lightning from the West struck twice in the same place -- on the horse-shoe peg. The bolts were furnished by Ray Atchison and "Curly" Ochs who beat all opposition and reached the finals. Our Sheboygan finalists, Ray Reinhart and Vern Werneke had a commanding 20 to 15 lead, then the lightning struck. Atchison threw a double ringer and turned almost certain defeat into victory. Hurray to the champs. We are looking forward to regaining the cup next year.

I would appreciate clubs in the Northern Regional area have their secretaries mail me their meeting nights and places. We will visit all units this year.

Lester Otto, Your Northern Regional V. P.

ATTENTION!

Would the members like to have a dinner or a picnic at a place centrally located and by reservation only? If so, please let me know and I will personally answer all mail and be happy to do it. I am sure a good time could be had by all. We may get a preview of the coming Sheboygan show as they are already laying the groundwork and I understand have made some new additions to enjoy.

"Curly"

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ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES:

Your president requests the following information as soon as possible:

- (1) A list of officers of your club.
- (2) Number of members in your club.
- (3) Number of Bulletins required.
- (4) Schedule and place of your meetings.

If I know this information in advance and with a little planning, I can possibly visit a goodly number of the Federation clubs. I would certainly like to visit them weather and time permitting.

"Curly"

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Do you know of clubs which meet but do not at this time belong to the Federation? If so, please contact "Curly" Ochs at 20 North Boardman Street, Fond du Lac, as I will make it a point to call on them or have one of the officers of the Federation pay them a visit in the near future. Also will be glad to send them a copy of our rules and by-laws. Let me hear from you.

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The Fond du Lac Philatelic Society, second oldest club in Wisconsin, celebrated 31 years of collecting as a club on March 17, 1960. Mr. Philo Foote has been the secretary-treasurer all these years and was commended on his job. The club had its picnic at Lakeside Park on Wednesday, July 6, 1960.

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At a meeting held in March, the Manitowoc Philatelic Society elected the following officers for 1960:

President -- Ralph Huebner

Vice President -- Lyle Hobbs

Secretary -- Ralph Remeschatis, 1612 New York Ave., Manitowoc

Treasurer -- Roy Peronto

The Belle City Stamp Club had an exhibit between April 2-17, 1960, in the Racine Art Association Galleries in Wustum Museum. Mrs. Carl H. Sanders was the chairman and Mr. Bruno Melitz and George Bronson were her two capable associates.

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On Sunday April 24, 1960, the Oshkosh Philatelic Society had a banquet at the Raulf Hotel to celebrate their 30th birthday. Mr. Arthur Kipp, President of W. F. S. C. was the guest speaker. Mr. John Levinson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation, and Mr. "Curly" Ochs, Federation Vice President, were guests also along with members from Fond du Lac, Appleton, Port Washington and Milwaukee.

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The Collectors Club of Fond du Lac celebrated their annual Spring dinner meeting on May 24, 1960, at the Club Luco with 20 members present. Steaks and lobsters were the fair. Guest speaker, Mr. Austin Meekin, showed colored slides and narrated on Alaska. A very enjoyable meeting was had by all.

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The new officers of the Lake County Philatelic Society are:
President -- Charles H. Hinks
Vice President -- Karl H. Fenner
Secretary -- Mrs. H. Fenner, 1212 Wadsworth, Chicago, Ill.
Treasurer -- Mrs. Ruth A. Hinks

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Mr. Reed of the Rockford Stamp Club and Mr. Levinson of the Northwestern Stamp Club were the judges of the Janesville Stamp Club's first venture into an exhibition. There were quite a few entries with Mrs. Westfall taking the best in the show.

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July 9, 1960 -- The Sheboygan Stamp Club picnic at Evergreen Park was attended by the following from Fondy: Mr. & Mrs. Dick Schultz and son, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Atchison and son, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Friess, Mr. Alex Kaiser and Mr. & Mrs. "Curly" Ochs. Mr. & Mrs. Ray Van Handel, Sr., rolled out the welcome mat. The hospitality of the Sheboygan members will long be remembered. The refreshment committee was second to none, the brats were made as they in Sheboygan only know, I'm told. The burgers were also most appetizing, the rabbit food was fresh, crisp and delicious. There was plenty of amber fluid provided to wash down the goodies as this tap seemed to have a never ending supply. The children had a tap also but the fluid had a root flavor.