

BULLETIN
WISCONSIN
FEDERATION

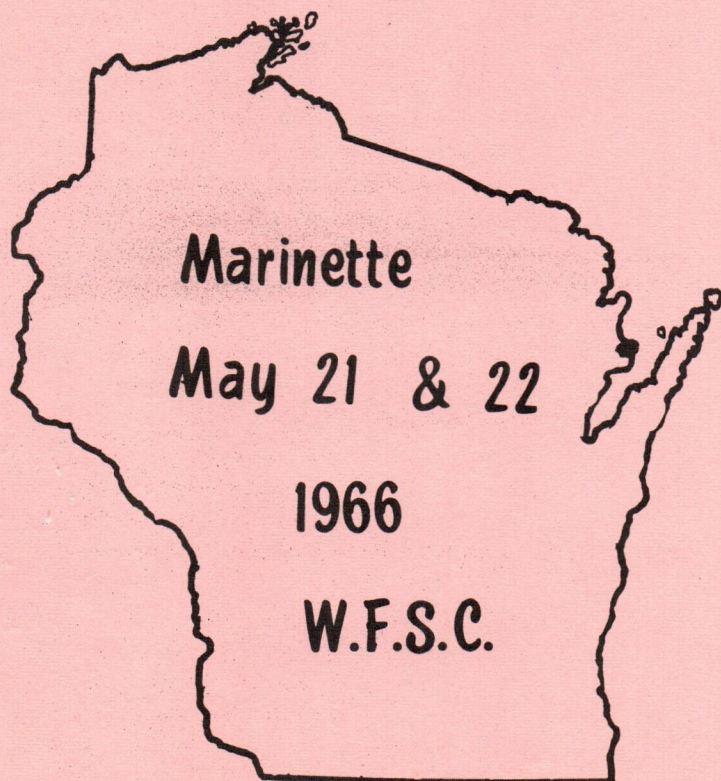


OF

STAMP
CLUBS

FALL

ISSUE





BULLETIN

WISCONSIN

FEDERATION

TO

STARS

CLUBS



March 1961

Vol. 1, No. 1

1961

223

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF
STAMP CLUB BULLETIN
FALL EDITION VOL. 35 NO. 2
OCTOBER 15, 1965

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Summer is past, vacations are over, and all good WFSC stamp collectors are turning to thoughts philatelic. I would like to give you a few things not only to think about but to do for the furtherance of our great hobby. I ask each and every one of you as individuals to do the following three things this year:

1. Attend every meeting that you possibly can of your stamp club and engage in their activities.
2. Bring a non-member stamp collector or prospective collector to one of your club's meetings and urge him or her to join.
3. Give serious consideration to exhibiting in and/or attending your state federation show at Marinette next May 21-22.

To help you achieve these goals I charge each WFSC member club to do the following:

1. Provide your members with interesting and informative programs for all meetings.
2. Engage in some special activity to further interest in your club, such as an exhibition, auction, or banquet.
3. Promote and support WFSC and the Annual Convention at Marinette.

Your WFSC president and secretary stand ready to assist member clubs in achieving these aims. We would like to attend a meeting of every club, however we must limit our visits to those clubs that specifically invite us. The following members have volunteered their services to speak at your club meetings: Louis R. Vance, Racine; Mrs. Carl Sanders, Racine; Ray Van Handel, Sr., Sheboygan; Herbert Burgette, Oshkosh; Claude Degler, Milwaukee; Harry Kowalewski, Fond du Lac; Ray Atchison, Fond du Lac; Dr. E. V. Smith, Fond du Lac; Lyle Hobbs, Manitowoc; E. C. Lawrence, Madison; T. E. H. Eickemeyer, Janesville; Mrs. Henry O. Schowalter, West Bend. Full addresses can be found in the 1964 Fall Issue of the WFSC Bulletin. Please contact these persons direct. Your Regional Vice-Presidents also will be happy to attend a meeting and give helpful information.

Now, a couple of things on a National level to think about and take appropriate action. I urge each club to write letters of protest to the Postmaster General and to their Senators and Congressman concerning the closing of the U. S. Philatelic Agency and the

(continued next page)

minimum \$25. orders to the Philatelic Sales Unit of the Washington City Post Office. In my opinion this is a step backward for both the Post Office Department and our hobby. Also, how about a letter urging issuance of a memorial stamp for General Douglas MacArthur. Surely less prominent Americans have been honored by a stamp. Let me know your thinking on these two matters so that your Federation may send official letters, a post card from your secretary will suffice.

Your Federation is growing as we welcome the Cudahy Stamp Club and the Commodore Preble Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. There are a couple of other good prospects for WFSC membership. Do you know of a stamp club that should be a member? Our visit to Marinette last month showed us that the Queen City Philatelic Society is going to put on a real bang-up show next May. Reports from various clubs around the state indicate that stamp collecting activity is going strong. All in all it looks like a real good philatelic season ahead for Wisconsin.

Leon Christiansen
President, W.F.S.C.
Clinton, Wis. 53525

FROM YOUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Fall is here and the progress of the clubs in the WFSC can be noted. President Leon and I traveled to Marinette and had a fine conference with the convention committee. Plans are progressing nicely and I note that the dates for the 1966 convention and exhibition have been set. Reserve May 21st and 22nd, 1966 for the show in your little black book. Will enclose a DOME folder and will attempt to reproduce their rate schedule and reservation request.

The December issue of the WFSC Bulletin will contain a list of active members of each of the clubs. Send your membership lists now to H. C. Koeppen, Clinton, Wis. 53525. This issue contains only one article about philately. HOW COME? you ask. Easy, no one sent in any. Get busy and write one for the December issue. The deadline for copy is November 22 and that is a final deadline. The Pre-Convention Issue will have a March 1st deadline. This bulletin will only be as good as you make it.

Had an interesting time compiling the How Does Your Club Rate table. Note that many didn't get the credits due them, because the reports were not received by October 1st. Looks like Sheboygan Stamp Club leads the pack with Oshkosh Philatelic Society and Janesville Stamp Club following close behind. I'm sure others would have been in the running, but no report, no credit.

(continued next page)

minimum \$25. orders to the Philatelic Sales Unit of the Washington Post Office. In my opinion this is a good backward for both the Post Office Department and our hobby. Also, how about a letter writing issuance of a memorial stamp for General Douglas MacArthur. Surely, past prominent Americans have been honored by a stamp. Let me know your thinking on these two matters so that your Federation may send official letters, a post card from your secretary will suffice.

Your Federation is growing as we welcome the Quakertown Stamp Club and the Commodore Fredrick Chapter of the Universal Stamp Cancellation Society. There are a couple of other good prospects for WWS membership. Do you know of a stamp club that should be a member? Our visit to Marinette last month showed us that the Green City Philatelic Society is going to put on a real bang-up show next May. Reports from various clubs around the state indicate that stamp collecting activity is going strong. All in all it looks like a real good philatelic season ahead for Wisconsin.

been Chairman
President, W.S.C.
Clinton, Wis. 53525

FROM YOUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Bill is here and the programs of the clubs in the WWS can be noted. President Leach and I traveled to Marinette and had a fine conference with the convention committee. Plans are progressing nicely and I note that the dates for the 1966 convention and exhibition have been set. Reserve May 21st and 22nd, 1966 for the show in your little black book. Will enclose a LHM folder and will attempt to reproduce their schedule and reservation request.

The December issue of the WWS Bulletin will contain a list of active members of each of the clubs. Send your membership lists now to H. G. Koopman, Clinton, Wis. 53525. This issue contains only one article about philately. How COME? you ask. Well, no one sent in any. Get busy and write one for the December issue. The deadline for copy is November 22 and that is a final deadline. The re-convention issue will have a March 1st deadline. This Bulletin will only be as good as you make it.

Had an interesting time copying the How Does Your Club Rate table. Note that many didn't get the credits due them, because the reports were not received by October 1st. Looks like the Oregon Stamp Club leads the pack with 340000. The Society and Janesville Stamp Club following close behind. I'm sure others would have been in the running, but no report, no credit.

(continued next page)

We are happy to welcome two new organizations into the Federation. On Sunday, October 24th, President Leon and I shall attend the meeting of the Cudahy Stamp Club and present them with their Charter. On Saturday, November 13th, we will present a Charter to the Commodore Preble Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. This group of Madison area ship cover collectors is meeting in Milwaukee to help encourage the forming of a chapter of the USCS in the Milwaukee area. All interested collectors are invited to attend at the home of Mr. Richert (Wauwatosa and Vatican Clubs) at 135 North 91st Street, Milwaukee.

Following a precedent set some time back, the Janesville Stamp Club is having the covers of the WFSC bulletins printed. This has been made possible by the fine response to our show which resulted in a handsome profit to the club. We thank the Janesville Club for this fine service to the Federation.

Howard C. Koeppen
Secretary-Treasurer
Clinton, Wis. 53525

Make your reservation now for the WFSC Convention on May 21st and 22nd, 1966.

THE FABULOUS NORTH COUNTRY RESORT

Phone 735-7493

Marinette, Wisconsin

MOTOR HOTEL RATES

Single (1 person - 1 bed)	\$8 to \$10 per day
Double (2 people - 1 bed)	\$12 to \$14 per day
Twin (2 people - 2 beds)	\$14 to \$16 per day
Three Adults (2 or 3 bedded room)	\$15 per day
Four Adults (2 or 3 bedded room)	\$18 per day
Special Family Room (For a combination of children and adults)	\$15 per day

FREE Year-Round Swimming Pool Privileges
For All Registered Guests

Supper Club Dining Rooms Open Noon to Midnight Daily

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURED NIGHTLY

Bowling Lanes Open Every Afternoon and Evening

We are happy to welcome two new organizations into the Region-
 tion. On Sunday, October 21st, the Wisconsin and I shall attend
 the meeting of the Council of the Wisconsin and I shall attend
 Chapter. On Saturday, November 1st, we will present a Chapter to
 the Comodore People Chapter of the Wisconsin Ship Canal
 Society. This group of Madisonians and other collectors is
 meeting in Milwaukee to discuss the formation of a chapter of
 the USS in the Milwaukee area. All interested collectors are
 invited to attend at the home of Mr. Robert (Hans) and Vastian
 (Linda) at 135 North 21st Street, Milwaukee.

Following a precedent set some time back, the Janesville Stamp Club
 is having the covers of the WSSC bulletin printed. This has been
 made possible by the fine response to our show which resulted in a
 handsome profit to the club. We thank the Janesville Club for this
 fine service to the Federation.

Howard G. Koopman
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Clinton, Wis. 53525

Make your reservation now for the WSSC Convention on May 21st
 and 22nd, 1966.

THE PARADISE SOUTH COUNTRY RESORT

Phone Y4-Y493 Marinette, Wisconsin

MOTOR HOTEL RATES

Single (1 person - 1 bed)	\$8 to \$10 per day
Double (2 people - 1 bed)	\$12 to \$14 per day
Twin (2 people - 2 beds)	\$14 to \$16 per day
Three Adults (2 or 3 bedded room)	\$15 per day
Four Adults (2 or 3 bedded room)	\$18 per day
Special Family Room (For a maximum of children and adults)	\$15 per day

FREE 100-foot Swimming Pool Privileges
 For All Registered Guests

Supper Club Dining Room Open from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM Daily

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT EVERY NIGHT

Bowling Lanes Open Every Afternoon and Evening

HOW DOES YOUR CLUB RATE?

CLUB	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
ATA#5					3								3
BelleCSC					3	3							6
CC FdL		1			3		4						8
CC WB					3								3
FdL PS				2	3								5
GB PS		1							5				6
Jan.SC		1			3	3		4					11
LC PS					3	3							6
Mad SC					3	3							6
Man PS		1		2	3		4						10
Mil PS					3								3
NWM SC		1			3	3							7
O PS	1	2			3	3		4					13
QC PS		1			3		4						8
OC PS					3	3							6
RexPS													0
Roc.SC		1			3	3							7
She SC		1			3	3	4		5				16
"Jr													0
TemSC					3								3
WauPS		1		2	3								6
WPH S		1			3	3							7
WV SC													0
WC S					3	3							6
KM C&SC		1			3								4
SWVatPS													0
Bad SC		1			3	3							7
Cud SC		1							5				6
ComPro.		1											1
TOTALS	1	16	0	6	66	36	16	8	15	0	0	0	164

KEY TO NUMBERS AT TOP OF CHART. 1. Membership Gain, 2. Quarterly Report to Secretary, 3. WFSC dues paid by March 1st, 4. Interclub visit, 5. Delegate to 1965 WFSC Convention, 6. Exhibitor 1965 WFSC Show, 7. Extra Club Activity, 8. Club Membership in National Society, 9. Sponsoring Jr. Club, 10. Club Philatelic Library, 11. Periodical for Club Members, 12. Public Exhibition and Show. Details of the above points can be found in the Post-Convention Issue of the Bulletin. All figures used in the chart were obtained from the show materials available and reports to the Secretary.

Our member, Barbara Mueller of Jefferson, Wisconsin, has been commissioned to produce the article on philately for the new edition of Collier's Encyclopedia. Barbara is also editor of the Essay-Proof Journal.

FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

I was very much surprised and honored to be chosen your State Federation Vice President. I will (to the best of my ability) try to do the job that is required of me. In order for the Federation to grow and become a more solid and efficient organization, everyone must work together. As I have stated in his message in the last Bulletin, all the officers are at your service to help knit this organization into a solid tightly knit working Federation.

Some of our clubs are having a membership problem. There are many ways that we can combat such a situation.

1. Have your clubs have a "bring a guest night". Every one in the club bring someone that may have an interest in sewing to a meeting. This is one sure fire way of bringing more people in contact with our hobby. When we create talk and conversation about a thing we stimulate interest in it.

2. The young people are very important. Leave us not forget them in trying to increase our membership. They are tomorrow's Federation members. If you know of some youngster that has an interest or would like to start collecting, give him a start by giving him some material. If you advise your own First Day Covers, send a few to such a youngster. Dig into your duplicates and see if you can't come up with some material. It need not be expensive, but it should be clean material.

3. Coin collecting has a big boom in the past, but is now starting to sink a level that is more realistic. There are a lot of coin collectors that have lost their interest in the coins they collected because of the highly speculative nature of some of the items they needed. These people are good candidates for membership because they have gotten into the swing of working on a hobby at home in their leisure hours. Don't overlook them.

Undoubtedly there are many different ways to increase your memberships, and many of you can come up with some good ideas. Put them to work.

I have been appointed chairman of our 1966 Convention here in Marietta, and I have two very able assistants in R. O. (Cap) Schoenbeck and Leslie Towel, both of Marietta. We are looking

to try to make it the biggest and best yet. We have our work out for us we know, because there have been many fine shows in the past. I wish to commend the Tennessee Club for a job well done. The convention was very neatly handled. (continued next page)

We have the entire Dome Motel reserved for the convention and we have several other very fine accommodations in the area. The Dome is taking care of all reservations. We have at the Dome as Curly says "Wheeeeeeee". The best is to come and see what our Northern hospitality is like. Convention dates are May 21-22.

If I can in any way be of some help to any of the clubs or members, feel free to call on me at any time.

Gene Mylener
Vice President

NORTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Seems it would be a good idea if we had an official emblem or insigna for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs as other clubs and organizations have. We could use it for advertizing, on our letter heads, bulletins, displays or anywhere else.

My idea is to have each club in the federation submit a drawing (8 x 10) to you. You could appoint a committee of judges and set up rules to pass on these sketches. The choice of the judges or committee would be brought up at the convention at Marinette for adoption. All clubs would have to be notified and asked to send in at least one sketch. Maybe something could be worked out to give an award to the winning club.

I got going on my duties as roving Vice-President. On September 8th, I attended the Kick-Off Party of the Sheboygan Club. I had a real body guard, nine other members of the Manitowoc Club accompanied me on this visit. Then on September 16th, Lyle Hobbs and I were at a meeting of the Green Bay Club and as you requested I extended your best regards and good wishes to both clubs, for which they said "thank you". I guess they were kind of surprised to hear that the state officers have their welfare at heart.

I mentioned to both clubs about having an official emblem for the state organization and that the details would be in the October Bulletin. Both clubs were very much interested in this, especially the Sheboygan Club. They said it's about time we have something like this. They will be in the contest. I have one drawn up for our club but don't know as yet what our members think of it. I need a little information to finish it.

John I. Franz
Northern Regional
Vice President

We have the entire Dome Motel reserved for the convention and we have several other very fine accommodations in the area. The Dome is taking care of all reservations. We have at the Dome as Curly says "Whooooo". The best is to come and see what our Northern Hospitality is like. Convention dates are May 21-22.

If I can in any way be of some help to any of the clubs or members, feel free to call on me at any time.

Gene Mylner
Vice President

NORTHERN REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Seems it would be a good idea if we had an official emblem or insignia for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs as other clubs and organizations have. We could use it for advertising, on our letter heads, bulletins, displays or anywhere else.

My idea is to have each club in the federation submit a drawing (8 x 10) to you. You could appoint a committee of judges and set up rules to pass on these sketches. The choice of the judges or committee would be brought up at the convention at Marquette for adoption. All clubs would have to be notified and asked to send in at least one sketch. Maybe something could be worked out to give an award to the winning club.

I got going on my duties as being Vice-President. On September 8th, I attended the Kick-Off Party of the Shogun Club. I had a real body guard, nine other members of the Marquette Club accompanied me on this visit. Then on September 10th, Lyle Hobbs and I were at a meeting of the Green Bay Club and as you requested I extended your best regards and good wishes to both clubs. For which they said "Thank you". I guess they were kind of surprised to hear that the state officers have their welfare at heart.

I mentioned to both clubs about having an official emblem for the state organization and that the details would be in the October Bulletin. Both clubs were very much interested in this especially the Shogun Club. They said it's about time we have something like this. They will be in the contest. I have one drawn up for our club but don't know as yet what our members think of it. I need a little information to finish it.

John I. Franz
Northern Regional
Vice President

COLLECTORS CLUB OF FOND DU LAC

The club meets in the lobby of the Roosevelt Junior High School every second Wednesday and every fourth Tuesday, twelve months of the year. After the meetings U.S. material both mint and used is available on 2 out of 3 meetings.

A picnic was held on Saturday, July 31, 1965 at the home of Ray Atchison at 3612 DeNevue Lane, Lake DeNevue.

Twenty members and their families were in attendance. A great time was had by all, with plenty of food and refreshments. Our friend, O. H. (Curly) Ochs must have gained at least 10 or 15 pounds.

After plenty of food and refreshments, and everyone was feeling in tip top shape an auction was held which netted the club a good profit.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings.

Ray Schmitz
Secretary-Treasurer

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Green Bay Philatelic Society seems to be off to a lively year with eight enthusiastic members and three guests present at the September 16th meeting in the YMCA. The guests were Northern Regional Vice-President John Franz and Lyle Hobbs of Manitowoc. We were also pleased with the presence of Francis Slightam of Omaha, Nebraska, as a guest. His presence provided a most interesting story of his philatelic experiences.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President: Col. H. H. Fisk, 723 Neville Avenue, Green Bay
Vice-President: Mrs. Frank BeFay, 855 James St., Green Bay
Secretary-Treasurer: Robert E. Kohl, 338 S. Quincy Street,
Green Bay

The Club is planning a special meeting for Junior Stamp Collectors on November 10, 1965. An audiovisual presentation "The Romance of Stamp Collecting" will be shown. This is being secured from the Philatelic Foundation of New York. Our October meeting will be on October 21st at 7:30 in the YMCA. We welcome guests from other clubs to attend.

Robert E. Kohl
Secretary-Treasurer

COLLECTORS CLUB OF WINDY HILL

The club meets in the lobby of the Roosevelt Junior High School every second Wednesday and every fourth Tuesday, twelve months of the year. After the meeting U.S. material both mint and used is available on 2 out of 3 meetings.

A picnic was held on Saturday, July 31, 1965 at the home of Ray Abraham at 3612 L. Avenue, Lake Geneva.

Twenty members and their families were in attendance. A great time was had by all, with plenty of food and refreshments. Our friend, O. H. (Curly) Cobb must have gained at least 10 or 15 pounds.

After plenty of food and refreshments, and everyone was feeling in tip top shape an auction was held which netted the club a good profit.

Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings.

Ray Abraham
Secretary-Treasurer

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Green Bay Philatelic Society seems to be off to a lively year with eight enthusiastic members and three guests present at the September 14th meeting in the YMCA. The guests were Northern National Vice-President John Fenn and Eric Hobbs of Manitowish. We were also pleased with the presence of Francis Bligh of Omaha, Nebraska, as a guest. His presence provided a most interesting story of his philatelic experience.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President: Col. H. H. Fink, 723 Noville Avenue, Green Bay
Vice-President: Mrs. Frank Gehl, 855 Luma St., Green Bay
Secretary-Treasurer: Robert E. Kohl, 338 S. Quincy Street, Green Bay

The club is planning a special meeting for Junior Stamp Collectors on November 10, 1965. An educational presentation "The History of Stamp Collecting" will be shown. This is being secured from the Philatelic Foundation of New York. Our October meeting will be on October 21st at 7:30 in the YMCA. We welcome guests from other clubs to attend.

Robert E. Kohl
Secretary-Treasurer

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Quarterly report on summer activities of the Manitowoc Philatelic Society for the summer months. It has been a very active summer, especially since the federation elections.

In May Rose Bowl slides furnished and shown by our president.

In June, chili was prepared and served by Chef Piorre.

In July, fry-out in park before our meeting also served by our Chef Pierre.

In August, we took a rest, only a meeting.

In September, we had a corn-roast after our meeting donated and served by Chef Pierre.

Also in September our Northern Regional Vice-President got into the act. It seems he was afraid to travel alone so his or our club furnishes him with an escort on his forays into his Domain.

On September 6, we escorted him to the Sheboygan Fall Kick-off Party.

On September 16, the Green Bay club meeting. He is now contemplating on further excursions into his Domain.

Chef Pierre as mentioned above is well known over the State under the alias of Wilbur Symes, collector of everything.

Finally our club meets at Cabin #1 on the second Tuesday of the month and we extend our invitation to all to visit. Auctions by our auctioneer Arnold Croll every meeting if possible.

John J. Franz
Secretary

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

During the months of June and July, as has been the custom for the last five years, the Queen City Philatelic Society held combined meetings and picnic, with the entire family of our members invited. This usually brings out about 45 to partake of the food and refreshments.

(continued next page)

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Quarterly report on summer activities of the Manitowoc Philatelic Society for the summer months. It has been a very active summer, especially since the Federation elections.

In May Rose Bowl slides furnished and shown by our president.

In June, child was prepared and served by Chef Pierre.

In July, fry-out in park before our meeting also served by our Chef Pierre.

In August, we took a rest, only a meeting.

In September, we had a corporation after our meeting donated and served by Chef Pierre.

Also in September our Northern Regional Vice-President got into the act. It seems he was afraid to travel alone so his or our club furnished him with an escort on his forays into his domain.

On September 6, we escorted him to the Sheboygan Fall Kick-off Party.

On September 16, the Green Day club meeting. He is now contemplating on further excursions into his domain.

Chef Pierre as mentioned above is well known over the State under the alias of Wilbur Symes, collector of everything.

Finally our club meets at Cabin #1 on the second Tuesday of the month and we extend our invitation to all to visit. Assisted by our auctioneer Arnold Groll every meeting is possible.

John J. Evans
Secretary

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

During the months of June and July, as has been the custom for the last five years, the Queen City Philatelic Society held combined meetings and picnics, with the entire family of our members invited. This usually brings out about 45 to partake of the food and refreshments.

(continued next page)

Needless to say, the most important part of our business meetings have been in preparation for the 1966 convention and exhibit. The Convention committee was appointed at our June meeting, and the other committees at the July meeting. The convention committee has already completed arrangements with the Dome management. The dates for this event are May 21 & 22, 1966. For those of you who have never been there, it will be a real treat. It is located on the shores of Green Bay, where you will see picnickers, fishermen, swimmers, and boaters, and is surrounded on three sides by lush forest greenery.

The Dome offers everything, 52 luxurious motel units, spacious ballroom, year-round swimming pool, three cocktail lounges, four dining rooms, and bowling. Plenty of rooms are available for individual unit meetings. The main floor for the exhibits is 80' X 120'. You will find the Dome management ready to serve you with friendliness, efficiency, and hospitality. (More next issue).

E. O. (Cap) Schoenbeck
Secretary

36th YEAR OF THE OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY, 1930-66

36 YEARS OF PROGRESS

1965-66 Officers:

President B. V. Kelly, 808 Central Street
Vice President Gordon Kester, 521 Amherst
Secretary Herbert Burgett, 615 Amherst
Treasurer Guy Smith, 182 West 21 Avenue

Meetings:

September 7, Pick and Poke
October 5, Philatelic Questions
November 2, Smorgasbord Museum
December 7, Remember Pearl Harbor
January 17, White Elephant Sale
February 21, O. P. S. Highlights
March 21, Pick and Poke
April 18, Quiz Program
May 16, Mystery Program

September 20, Auction
October 18, United Nations
November 15, Stamps of Ghana
January 4, Stamps of France
February 1, Philatelic
Oddities
March 1, Scandinavian Stamps
April 5, Show and Tell
May, 3, Auction
June 7, Social Evening

The Oshkosh P. S. opened its new season on the evening of September 7th. Sixteen members and five visitors were on hand. Mr. Schobloski, a junior of 30 years ago, was one in attendance together with his daughter. President Kelly also seems to be leading his son into philately as both were present. Byron Kelly spent seven months in Africa where he was sent to promote swimming and other sports. His remarks to the club were very interesting.

(continued next page)

Woodlands to say, the most important part of our business meetings have been in preparation for the 1966 convention and exhibit. The Convention committee was appointed at our June meeting, and the other committees at the July meeting. The convention committee has already completed arrangements with the home management. The dates for this event are May 21 & 22, 1966. For those of you who have never been there, it will be a real treat. It is located on the shores of Green Bay, where you will see picnicking, fishing, swimming, and boating, and is surrounded on three sides by lush forest scenery.

The home offers everything, 25 luxurious motel units, spacious ballroom, year-round swimming pool, three cocktail lounges, four dining rooms, and bowling. Plenty of rooms are available for individual unit meetings. The main floor for the exhibit is 80' x 120'. You will find the home management ready to serve you with friendliness, efficiency, and hospitality. (More next issue).

R. O. (Cap) Schochbook
Secretary

36th YEAR OF THE OMAHA PHILATELIC SOCIETY, 1966-67

35 YEARS OF PROGRESS

1965-66 Officers:

President H. V. Kelly, 808 Central Street
Vice President Gordon Kestor, 221 Ashland
Secretary Herbert Kestor, 612 Ashland
Treasurer Guy Smith, 182 West 21 Avenue

Meetings:

September 7, Pick and Pick	September 20, Auction
October 5, Philatelic Convention	October 18, United Nations
November 2, International Museum	November 15, Stamps of Ghana
December 7, Remembrance Pearl Harbor	January 4, Stamps of France
January 17, White Mountain Sale	February 1, Philatelic
February 21, O. P. S. Highlights	March 1, Scandinavian Stamps
March 21, Pick and Pick	April 5, Show and Tell
April 18, Quiz Program	May 3, Auction
May 18, Mystery Program	June 7, Social Evening

The Omaha P. S. opened its new season on the evening of September 7th. Sixteen members and five visitors were on hand. Mr. Schochbook, a Junior of 30 years ago, was one in attendance together with his daughter. President Kelly also seems to be leading his son into philately as both were present. Byron Kelly spent seven months in Africa where he was sent to promote swimming and other sports. His remarks to the club were very interesting.

(continued next page)

Pick and Poke sessions are quite interesting. A mixed packet of stamps is spread out on a large table. Each member of the group looks over a few stamps and passes those he is not interested in to the next. The ones kept cost the person 2¢ each. Lots of fun can be had during this session.

Our second meeting was an auction with yours truly as the auctioneer. Most of the fifty lots were sold. The club bought two 1966 Scott's Stamp Catalogues for use by the members.

Herbert E. Burgett
Secretary

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

Rockford Stamp Club will hold its 1966 Show on March 19 and 20. The show will be held at the Faust Hotel in downtown Rockford, Illinois. In recent years Rockford Club shows have been limited to members material in non-competitive showing. This year the club would like to invite Wisconsin Federation Clubs to participate to the extent of showing one frame per club. There is no charge for this and interested clubs should write to Exhibit Chairman, Gerald DeLaney, 184 Oak Knolls South, Rockford, Illinois. We plan to tie these Wisconsin Federation exhibits with a Wisconsin map and so would like 100% participation. At show time we will be looking forward to seeing all of you. Our shows have been great and your attendance is what makes that.

Visit us, any 4th Thursday you are in Rockford. We meet at the Rock River Savings and Loan basement.

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

On September 8th, our club held its annual "Kick-Off Party" at the Roosevelt Park Recreation. Fifty-four members were in attendance which included ten from the Manitowoc Club headed by John Franz, the Northern Regional Vice-President. Entertainment after which liquid refreshments and lunch was served.

On July 17th the club held their annual picnic at Evergreen Park. The usual bratwurst was served together with all the trimmings and liquid refreshments. Sixty adults including several from the Fond du Lac club and one from the Wauwatosa club were present together with eighteen children.

Ray Van Handel, Sr.

Black and white sessions are quite interesting. A mixed packet of stamps is spread out on a large table. Each member of the group looks over a few stamps and passes them on to the next. The ones kept last the person is not interested in to the next. The ones kept last the person is not interested in to the next. The ones kept last the person is not interested in to the next.

Our second meeting was an auction with yours truly as the auctioneer. Most of the fifty lots were sold. The club bought two 1966 Scott's Stamp Catalogues for use by the members.

Harriet E. Burgett
Secretary

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

Rockford Stamp Club will hold its 1966 Show on March 19 and 20. The show will be held at the Grand Hotel in downtown Rockford, Illinois. In recent years Rockford Club shows have been limited to members and their non-competitive showing. This year the club would like to invite Wisconsin Federation Clubs to participate to the extent of showing on frame for sale. There is no charge for this and interested clubs should write to Exhibit Chairman, Gerald D. Doney, 181 Oak Knolls South, Rockford, Illinois. We also to the Wisconsin Federation Exhibits with a Wisconsin map and so would like 1966 participation. At show time we will be looking forward to seeing all of you. Our shows have been great and your attendance is what makes them.

Visit us, any day Thursday you are in Rockford. We meet at the Rock River Pavilion and Loan Basement.

SHREVEPORT STAMP CLUB

On September 24th, our club held its annual "Kick-Off Party" at the Roosevelt Park Recreation. Fifty-four members were in attendance which included ten from the Manitowish Club headed by John Franz, the Northern Regional Vice-President. Refreshment after which light refreshments and lunch was served.

On July 17th the club held their annual picnic at Evergreen Park. The usual program was served together with all the trimmings and light refreshments. Sixty adults including several from the Fond du Lac club and one from the Manitowish club were present together with eighteen children.

Ray Van Handel, Sr.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Joseph Damon, past president of the Society has been compiling a list of the post offices of many of the counties which at present are not in the files of the historical group. Mr. Damon has spent considerable time on this project which should be of much use in the future.

At the present time the society is composed of nearly 60 members mostly from Wisconsin but all parts of the nation are included. Members are in such widely scattered states as California, Florida, Maine, Michigan and Illinois. Wisconsin Postal History seemed to be of interest all over the nation.

New officers include: Dr. Stephen A. Darling of Appleton as president; Philip Rose of Madison, Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles J. Peirce, Oshkosh.

Mr. Rose was elected Southwestern Regional Vice President of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs and Dr. Darling is the National Representative to the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The Wisconsin Postal History Society lost by death Clarence Martin of Milwaukee who passed away on August 4, 1965. Mr. Martin was a long time member of the Society.

Mr. Clarence E. Cary, W 164 N8550 Hiawatha Avenue, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, a founding member of the Society, has rejoined the group and wants all his old and new friends to know that he is interested in collecting covers from Crawford, Grant, Lafayette, Iowa, and Richland counties.

The August issue of the "Badger Postal History" contains an interesting article by Ray Van Handel on Sheboygan County post offices.

Charles J. Peirce
Secretary

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

The first notice was placed in the Reminder-Enterprise on November 29, 1962, that an attempt was being made to organize a stamp club in the City of Cudahy, and to enroll charter members.

Attractive posters were made and placed in business places in the area. (Cudahy, St. Francis and Bay View)

Philatelic material was put on display in the show case at the Cudahy Public Library.

(continued next page)

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Joseph Parnen, past president of the Society has been compiling a list of the past officers of many of the counties which are present and not in the list of the historical group. Mr. Parnen has spent considerable time on this project which should be of much use in the future.

At the present time the society is composed of nearly 50 members mostly from Wisconsin but 11 parts of the nation are included. Members are in such widely scattered states as California, Florida, Maine, Michigan and Illinois. Wisconsin Postal History seems to be of interest all over the nation.

New officers include: Dr. Stephen A. Darling of Appleton as president; Philip Ross of Madison, Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles J. Parnen, Oshkosh.

Mr. Ross was elected Southwestern Regional Vice President of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs and Dr. Darling is the National Representative to the National Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The Wisconsin Postal History Society lost by death Clarence Martin of Milwaukee who passed away on August 4, 1955. Mr. Martin was a long time member of the Society.

Mr. Clarence E. Carr, 1850 Milwaukee Avenue, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, a founding member of the Society, has rejoined the group and wants all his old and new friends to know that he is interested in collecting covers from Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Japan, and various countries.

The August issue of the "Badger Postal History" contains an interesting article by Ray Van Hise on Cheboygan County post offices.

Charles J. Parnen
Secretary

QUADRY STAMP CLUB

The first notice was placed in the Remington-Unionist on November 29, 1952, that an attempt was being made to organize a stamp club in the City of Quadry, and to enroll charter members.

Attractive posters were made and placed in business places in the area. (Quadry, St. Francis and Bay View)

Patented material was put on display in the new room at the Quadry Public Library.
(continued next page)

Collectors read the posters and looked at the library display, then phone calls began to come in and a membership list was formed. The first meeting was held at a private home on March 24, 1963 (Feast of St. Gabriel).

Charter members were:

Mrs. Helen Haensgen
Mr. Kenneth Muening
Mr. Santo Foti
Mr. Don Renier
Mr. Eugene Bzdawka
Mr. Chester Czynszak
Mr. Arthur Draeving
Miss Marion Langdell

The first public meeting place was at the Cudahy City Hall and at the Park View School in Cudahy. Then at Victory Hall in Cudahy and Park View School.

Meetings were held on Sunday afternoon once a month and on the last Monday of the month at Park View School from 7 to 9 p.m.

At the June 10, 1963 meeting Mr. Chester Czynszak was elected our first president and Mrs. Helen Haensgen our first secretary-treasurer. Mr. Santo Foti became vice-president.

The Cudahy Junior Stamp Club was formed at this June 10th meeting and held their first meeting at the home of Mrs. Haensgen and to this day still hold their meetings at this address. The junior group began with 14 members.

All meetings are now held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Victory Hall, 3665 East Grange, one block east of Packard Avenue.

Officers elected for 1965-66 are:

President - Chester Czynszak, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Vice-President - Kenneth Muening, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Second Vice-President - Ethel Burkardt, South Milwaukee, Wis.
Program Chairman - Daniel Rhoades, St. Francis, Wisconsin
Secretary-Treasurer - Helen Haensgen, Cudahy, Wisconsin

On April 12, 1964, the South Milwaukee Stamp Club disbanded and joined the Cudahy Stamp Club.

In January and February of 1965, the Cudahy Stamp Club had its first Philatelic Exhibition at the Cudahy Public Library. The exhibit was one that acquainted the public with the various phases of philately.

Mrs. Helen Haensgen
Secretary-Treasurer

Collectors read the program and looked at the library display, then phone calls were made to some in and a membership list was formed. The first meeting was held at a private home on March 24, 1965 (Forest of St. Gabriel).

Charter members were:
Mrs. Helen Hennigan
Mr. Kenneth Hennigan
Mr. Santo Fotti
Mr. Tom Hennigan
Mr. Eugene Bedwin
Mr. Gustav Gysenack
Mr. Arthur Hennigan
Miss Marion Landolf

The first public meeting place was at the County City Hall and at the Park View School in Cudahy. Then at Victory Hall in Cudahy and Park View School.

Meetings were held on Sunday afternoon once a month and on the last Monday of the month at Park View School from 7 to 9 p.m.

At the June 10, 1965 meeting Mr. Gustav Gysenack was elected our first president and Mrs. Helen Hennigan our first secretary-treasurer. Mr. Santo Fotti became vice-president.

The Cudahy Junior Stamp Club was formed at this time 1965 meeting and held their first meeting at the home of Mrs. Hennigan and to this day still hold their meetings at this address. The Junior group began with 11 members.

All meetings are now held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Victory Hall, 3665 East Orange, one block east of Orchard Avenue.

Officers elected for 1965-66 are:

President - Gustav Gysenack, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Vice-President - Kenneth Hennigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Second Vice-President - Ethel Hennigan, South Milwaukee, Wis.
Program Chairman - Daniel Hennigan, St. Francis, Wisconsin
Secretary-Treasurer - Helen Hennigan, Cudahy, Wisconsin

On April 12, 1964, the South Milwaukee Stamp Club disbanded and joined the Cudahy Stamp Club.

In January and February of 1965, the Cudahy Stamp Club had its first Philatelic Exhibition at the County Public Library. The exhibit was one that acquainted the public with the various phases of philately.

Mrs. Helen Hennigan
Secretary-Treasurer

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER
U.S.C.S.

On September 11, 1965, a new covers club, the Commodore Preble Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society was organized at the home of Martin Longseth. The first item of business after organization was the decision to apply for membership in the W.F.S.C.

The U.S.C.S. is an international organization of collectors of naval covers organized "to foster the promotion of knowledge, to promote, encourage and develop the collection of cancellations. . . and to disseminate news and knowledge relative to such cancellations and to foster a spirit of fellowship and cooperation among collectors." The Commodore Preble chapter was organized to further these aims among the U.S.C.S. members in the Madison-Milwaukee area of southern Wisconsin and north-central Illinois. The chapter is named after Commodore Edward Preble, who commanded the U.S. Navy's Mediterranean forces in 1803-1804 during the Barbary Wars. Although the American forces under his command engaged in a series of highly successful attacks on the enemy, his greatest contribution lay in the excellent training his junior officers received. Among them were Steven Decatur, Isaac Hull, and many of the other leading naval officers of the War of 1812. Upon his return to the United States he served as ship construction agent for the Navy until his final illness and death in 1807.

Officers of the new chapter are:

President: Martin Longseth, 417 Wilson St., Sun Prairie

Vice-President: Oliver Hayward, Jr., 1317 Mound St.,
Madison

Secretary-Treasurer: Beatrice Hayward (Mrs. Oliver),
1317 Mound St., Madison

The November meeting of the Commodore Preble Chapter #64 of the U.S.C.S. will be November 13th, 8:00 p.m. at 135 North 91st Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Your host will be Mal Reichert. All Milwaukee area members are encouraged to attend.

WAUPUN PRISON STAMP CLUB, PRO AND CON

We have received several letters regarding the proposed Ed Hamilton Memorial Stamp Club at the Wisconsin State Prison. To date no action has been forthcoming from the prison itself. The opinions received to date are presented in the following paragraphs.

(continued next page)

COMMONDOR PRINCE CHAPTER U.S.C.S.

On September 11, 1965, a new covers club, the Commodore
People Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society was
organized at the home of Martin Langstaff. The first item of
business after organization was the decision to apply for
membership in the U.S.C.S.

The U.S.C.S. is an international organization of collectors
of naval covers organized "to foster the promotion of knowledge,
to promote, encourage and develop the collection of cancellations,
and to disseminate news and knowledge relative to
such cancellations and to foster a spirit of fellowship and
cooperation among collectors." The Commodore People Chapter
was organized to further these aims among the U.S.C.S. members
in the Madison-Wisconsin area of southern Wisconsin and northern
Illinois. The chapter is named after Commodore Edward
Pierce, who commanded the U.S. Navy's Mediterranean forces in
1803-1804 during the Barbary Wars. Although the American forces
under his command engaged in a series of highly successful
attacks on the enemy, his greatest contribution lay in the
excellent training his junior officers received. Among them
were Steven Decatur, Isaac Hull, and many of the other leading
naval officers of the War of 1812. Upon his return to the
United States he served as ship construction agent for the
Navy until his final illness and death in 1807.

Officers of the new chapter are:

President: Martin Langstaff, 414 Wilson St., Sun Prairie
Vice-President: Oliver Hayward, Jr., 1317 Mound St.,
Madison
Secretary-Treasurer: Horatio Hayward (Mrs. Oliver),
1317 Mound St., Madison

The November meeting of the Commodore People Chapter #44
of the U.S.C.S. will be November 13th, 8:00 p.m. at 135 North
First Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Your host will be Mel
Hatchert. All Milwaukee area members are encouraged to attend.

WAUPUN PRISON STAMP CLUB, PRO AND CON

We have received several letters regarding the proposed
Ed Hamilton Memorial Stamp Club at the Wisconsin State Prison.
To date no action has been forthcoming from the prison itself.
The opinions received to date are presented in the following
paraphrase.

(continued next page)

906 Stamp Club, Mass. Correctional Institution, South Walpole.

From first hand we can tell you a Prison Stamp Club is only as successful and enjoyable as the outside "community" interest; without this type of interest and support a club is next to impossible.

Although we were surprised to learn of Mr. Hamilton's problems (we had understood Wisconsin to be most progressive) undoubtedly you understand the situation and are "attacking" it from the right approach.

I have enclosed several of our bulletins, some cachets from our last exhibition and odds and ends that may be of assistance in convincing Mr. Burke that not only is such a project possible, but can be more than rewarding to both the inmate and the community. If there is any way we may be of assistance, please let us know.

Lawrence Hayes
Corresponding Secretary

IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY

We find the stamp club a meaningful extra-curricular activity for some of our men. It seems to serve as a morale booster for some of the men and also provides a constructive leisure time activity for those men who are interested in stamp collecting.

Our club meets once a month and we have been fortunate in being able to solicit the interest and co-operation of the Hawkeye Stamp Club of Burlington, Iowa. Some of their members have visited our stamp club meeting and have in the past brought along slides and films relating to stamp collecting for our mens' education and entertainment. Other independent stamp collectors have visited our institution giving talks and providing suggestions for the new stamp collector. In all we have found it an enjoyable experience and have noticed the sustaining morale on the part of the men resulting from the positive contact with the outside world.

Our men are unable to do much in the area of exchanging stamps by reason of our security measures. Should your club have stamps which they wanted to contribute to a group, this would be one way in which you could help our group. Such stamps could be tendered to this writer, who in turn would distribute them among the members of our club. We would like also to receive your quarterly bulletin.

Under separate cover we are tendering a copy of the July issue of the Presidio, our inmate publication. Included in this issue, is an article relating to our stamp club.
(continued next page)

906 Stamp Club, Mass. Correspondence Institution, South Walpole.

From first hand we can tell you that Stamp Club is only as successful and enjoyable as the entire "community" interest without this type of interest and support a club is next to impossible.

Although we were surprised to learn of Mr. Hamilton's problems (we had understood Wisconsin to be most progressive) undoubtedly you understand the situation and are "attacking" it from the right approach.

I have enclosed several of our bulletins, some extracts from our last exhibition and odds and ends that may be of assistance in convincing Mr. Burke that not only is such a project possible, but can be more than rewarding to both the individual and the community. If there is any way we may be of assistance, please let us know.

Lawrence Hayes
Corresponding Secretary

IOWA STATE TERRITORY

We find the stamp club a meaningful extra-curricular activity for some of our men. It seems to serve as a morale booster for some of the men and also provides a constructive leisure time activity for those men who are interested in stamp collecting.

Our club meets once a month and we have been fortunate in being able to solicit the interest and co-operation of the Hawkeye Stamp Club of Burlington, Iowa. Some of their members have visited our stamp club meeting and have in the past brought along slides and films relating to stamp collecting for our recent education and entertainment. Other independent stamp collectors have visited our institution giving talks and providing suggestions for the new stamp collector. In all we have found it an enjoyable experience and have noticed the increasing morale on the part of the men resulting from the positive contact with the outside world.

Our men are unable to do much in the area of exchanging stamps by reason of our security measures. Should your club have stamps which they wanted to contribute to a group, this would be one way in which you could help our group. Such stamps could be forwarded to this writer, who in turn would distribute them among the members of our club. We would like also to receive your quarterly bulletin.

Under separate cover we are forwarding a copy of the July issue of the Bulletin, our latest publication. Included in this issue, is an article relating to our stamp club. (continued next page)

I trust that this in some way will be helpful to you in your attempts to undertake the sponsorship of a stamp club at the Wisconsin State Prison.

William Johnson
Supervisor, Special
Activities

WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR

I note in the current Bulletin that certain members of the Federation are unhappy because the warden of the Wisconsin penitentiary won't co-operate in the proposal that a stamp club be started in the institution.

As it happens I don't regard the penal system with any special admiration. Prisons certainly don't discourage crime. At the same time I can't feel too happy about the idea of stamp clubs in penal institutions.

Naturally I'm thoroughly sold on philately as a superlative recreation which could mean a lot to a man in prison.

At the same time the atmosphere in a penitentiary is such that I'm not too sure that exposing prisoners to philately might not do more harm to philately than good to the individual prisoner.

Do we want men in our penal institutions (who in many cases are amoral and antisocial) informed on philatelic values and familiar with the machinery for disposal of stamps and covers.

I can't forget the prisoner in Joliet who took up the study of chemistry in prison--not because he wanted a career in chemistry but because he wanted to know something of explosives, etc. to carry on activities in arson. The Chicago Tribune had quite a lot on this case 15 or 20 years ago.

While my feelings on this subject aren't too strong, I do feel that stamp collectors are rather too prone to forget that providing those who make their living in rather devious ways find it easy enough to discover that stamps and covers have value--and that stolen items are rather easy to dispose of. Why make it easier!

I don't know that the attitude of the Wisconsin prison's warden is inspired by this line of thinking, but it may well be. It's an attitude, I think, which most professional penologists have--and their reasons for it are apt to be rather better than those of us uninformed on prison conditions may appreciate.

I once did a series of articles on the Joliet penitentiary and came to know Warden Reagan rather well.

I trust that this in some way will be helpful to you in your attempt to undertake the responsibility of a stamp club at the Wisconsin State Prison.

William Johnson
Supervisor, Special
Activities

WISCONSIN STAMP COLLECTOR

I note in the current Bulletin that certain members of the Prisoners and Warden's Stamp Club of the Wisconsin Penitentiary won't co-operate in the proposal that a stamp club be started in the institution.

As it happens I don't regard the penal system with any special skepticism. I'm a fairly decent person myself. At the same time I can't feel too happy about the idea of stamp clubs in penal institutions.

Naturally I'm thoroughly sold on philately as a superlative recreation which could mean a lot to a man in prison.

At the same time the atmosphere in a penitentiary is such that I'm not too sure that exposing prisoners to philately might not do more harm to philately than good to the individual prisoner.

To be sure men in our penal institutions (who in many cases are stupid and antisocial) informed on philately values and familiar with the machinery for disposal of stamps and covers.

I can't forget the prisoner in Toledo who took up the study of chemistry in prison--not because he wanted a career in chemistry but because he wanted to know something of explosives, etc. to carry on activities in prison. The Chicago Tribune had quite a lot on this case 15 or 20 years ago.

While my feelings on this subject aren't too strong, I do feel that stamp collectors are rather too prone to forget that providing those who make their living in rather devious ways find it easy enough to discover that stamps and covers have value--and that stolen items are rather easy to dispose of. "I'll make it easier!"

I don't know that the attitude of the Wisconsin Prisoners' Warden is inspired by this line of thinking, but it may well be. It's an attitude, I think, which most professional penologists have--and their reasons for it are apt to be rather better than those of an uninitiated on prison conditions may appreciate.

I once did a series of articles on the Toledo Penitentiary and came to know Warden Reagan rather well.

He once told me that he was often urged to set up facilities in Stateville so prisoners could learn watchmaking.

I commented that it would seem a good idea.

He reminded me that most jobs for watchmakers are in jewelry stores and asked how many jewelry store proprietors would be willing to hire an ex-convict.

I had no answer to that. No, I don't like our penal system. However, with conditions in prisons as they are and are likely to continue, I'm not too happy because Western is going to a few subscribers in penal institutions. Those receiving it may be fine people who'll never misuse the information given in the paper, but many of their fellow prisoners will inevitably see the paper and are likely to get ideas.

Wm. W. Wylie
Editor

NAVAL POSTMARK COLLECTING INTERESTING

Howard C. Koeppen, President U.S.C.S.

For the past several years I have been collecting naval postmarks. This is an interesting sideline in the vast philatelic hobby. It is interesting to me for the many different possibilities it offers.

Many American naval vessels (over 500 at present) have post offices aboard. These are run by naval personnel under the supervision of the Post Office Department. Among the ships having postal facilities are carriers, cruisers, destroyers, some of the mine vessels, and many auxiliaries.

The number of ships having post offices is continually changing as new vessels are added to the fleet and older ones retired.

The start of naval postal facilities came on July 8, 1908 with the establishment of a post office aboard the battleship "ILLINOIS" in accordance with an Act of Congress. Since then the number has increased steadily. The total is well over 3000 ships.

Besides the number of ships having cancels, there is a great variety of types of cancels. The USCS (Universal Ship Cancellation Society) lists ten main types and 26 variations of these types. The USCS Type Chart illustrates this point more fully.

Most cancels carry the ship's name, some its official number, others its location. Ships may use different cancels
(continued next page)

He once told me that he was often urged to set up facilities in Stettin as prisoners could learn watchmaking.

I commented that it would seem a good idea.

He reminded me that most jobs for watchmakers are in jewelry stores and asked how many jewelry store proprietors would be willing to hire an ex-convict.

I had no answer to that. No, I don't like our general system, however, with conditions in prisons as they are and are likely to continue. I'm not too happy because Western is going to a few subscribers in general institutions. These people it may be like people who'll never miss the information given in the paper, but many of their fellow prisoners will inevitably see the paper and are likely to get ideas.

W. W. White
Editor

NAVAL COSTUME COLLECTING INTERESTING

Howard C. Koppert, President U.S.C.A.

For the past several years I have been collecting naval costumes. This is an interesting sideline in the vast philatelic hobby. It is interesting to me for the many different possibilities it offers.

Many American naval vessels (over 500 at present) have post offices aboard. These are run by naval personnel under the supervision of the Post Office Department. Among the ships having postal facilities are carriers, cruisers, destroyers, some of the mine vessels, and many auxiliaries.

The number of ships having post offices is continually changing as new vessels are added to the fleet and other ones retired.

The start of naval postal facilities came on July 8, 1908 with the establishment of a post office aboard the battleship "ALBATROSS" in accordance with an Act of Congress. Since then the number has increased steadily. The total is well over 3000 ships.

Besides the number of ships having post offices, there is a great variety of types of cancellations. The USS (United States) Cancellation Society lists ten main types and 25 variations of these types. The USS Type Chart illustrates this point more fully.

Most cancellations carry the ship's name, some its official number, others its location. Ships may use different cancellations (continued next page)

at the same or different times. At present variations of Types 2 and 9 seem most prevalent.

Another angle to the naval cancels is the history of the ships which can be incorporated in the hobby. Some shipyards will commemorate the keel laying and/or the launching of the ship with a cacheted cover mailed from the city where the yard is located.

Then comes the first day in commission from the ship. This is usually the first day of postal service, but not always. Some ships follow with shakedown cruise covers. At times ports of call, Equator or 180 meridian crossings are included in the cancels. Toward the end of a ship's career come the last day in commission or last day postal service covers.

Just prior to World War II and the Korean War some recommissioning covers followed by another set of last days were produced. At present a new field is opening as reported by Joachim Dill in Linn's of February 13, 1961. Some of the decommissioned American naval vessels are now part of the German navy and covers are available under their new names.

I ran into an interesting cover the other day. The "USS BELLEAU WOOD", a CVL, saw service during World War II. After the war it was loaned to France and became the "BOIS BELLEAU". On May 21, 1960, it visited Norfolk and a cover was sent to honor its presence. The cover has the French cancel as well as one from the "USS SOLEY", an American destroyer.

Besides the interesting cancels there are different types of cachets. Many cachets illustrate various events in the life of a ship as stated above. Others have birthday anniversary cachets. Some have patriotic or naval slogans; honor past presidents and other famous men, important days as Navy Day, Independence Day, and other holidays; various fleets as Pacific, Asiatic, Sixth, etc.; welcome to various ports; and untold others.

In the early '30's two interesting types of cachets developed. Chief Machinist Mate Earle Nason of the "USS SIRIUS" included a picture postcard of the ship in the envelope to be canceled. Others say Chief Machinist Mat Shawkey of the "USS JASON" first used this method to connect the picture with the cover. About the same time, Chief Gunner's Mate W. G. Crosby, who had retired after 30 years of service, made contact with Nason and a photographer to develop the idea of pasting a small picture in a cachet of the ship.

The first ones were somewhat crude, but later examples had fine embossed cachets with the photo. Many similar types have followed. In my own collection I have tried to find a picture of the ship to go with the cover. This becomes more interesting and increasingly harder, when one tries to find a picture taken during the event illustrated in the cachet or cancel.

(continued next page)

at the same or different times. At present variations of types 2 and 3 seem most prevalent.

Another angle to the naval canon is the history of the ships which can be incorporated in the body. Some shipwrecks will commemorate the keel laid down or the launching of the ship with a cancelled cover mailed from the city where the yard is located.

Then comes the first day in commission from the ship. This is usually the first day of postal service, but not always. Some ships follow with shakedown cruises. At times ports of call, Extension or 180 mile cruise are included in the cruise. Toward the end of a cruise comes the last day in commission or last day postal service covers.

Just prior to World War II and the Korean War some postmarking covers followed by another set of last days were produced. At present a new field is opening as reported by Joseph Dill in Linn's of February 13, 1961. Some of the discontinued American naval vessels are now part of the German Navy and covers are available under their new names.

I ran into an interesting cover the other day. The "USS BUREAU WOOD", a CVL, saw service during World War II. After the war it was loaned to France and became the "BOIS PRELU". On May 21, 1960, it visited Norfolk and a cover was sent to honor its presence. The cover has the French cancel as well as one from the "USS BOIS", an American destroyer.

Besides the interesting cancel there are different types of cancels. Many cancel illustrations various events in the life of a ship as stated above. Others have birthday anniversary cancels. Some have patriotic or naval slogans; honor past presidents and other famous men, important days in Navy Day, Independence Day, and other holidays; various illustrations, Atlantic, Pacific, etc.; welcome to various ports; and nautical others.

In the early 1960s two interesting types of cancel developed. Chief Machinist Mate Earl Mason of the "USS SIMON" included a picture postcard of the ship in the envelope to be cancelled. Others say Chief Machinist Mate Highway of the "USS JASON" first used this method to connect the picture with the cover. About the same time, Chief Gunner's Mate W. G. Crosby, who had retired after 30 years of service, made contact with Mason and a photographer to develop the idea of passing a mail picture in a cancel of the ship.

The first ones were somewhat crude, but later examples had fine embossed cancels with the photo. Many similar types have followed. In my own collection I have tried to find a picture of the ship to go with the cover. This becomes more interesting and increasingly harder, when one tries to find a picture taken during the event illustrated in the cancel or cancel.

For the philatelist some stamp history becomes involved. The Panama Canal Issue stamp of 1939 (Scotts No. 856) had its first day of issue on the Gunboat "CHARLESTON" which was at the Canal Zone on August 15th, 1939. The frigate "CONSTITUTION" stamp (No. 951) was also canceled on the "CONSTITUTION" at the Boston Navy Yard October 21, 1947, and the 1957 International Naval Review stamp (No. 1091) had its first day cancel on the carrier "SARATOGA".

I have a cover with the 1935 California-Pacific Exposition stamp which was canceled aboard the destroyer "DALLAS" on May 29, 1935. It has an opening day and first day stamp cachet. Many commemorative stamps are used on naval covers. These help to dress up the collection.

The field of naval cover collecting is quite large. Consequently, some collectors specialize in certain kinds of covers. Some try to get cancels from all of the destroyers. This is quite a feat as the Navy Department lists some 900 destroyers (American Naval Fighting Ships, Volume I). Multiply the 900 by all the different types of cancels, important dates in the life of the ships, and interesting cachets--and the result is an enormous collection.

I felt quite good when I was able to assemble a cover from each of the 42 large American carriers. When I checked into the number of different types of cancels, I found the number approaching 600. This did not include keel layings or launchings. My 64 different cancels were only 10 per cent of the number available! No article about naval cancels could be complete without mentioning the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. This is an organization of some 4000 ship cancel collectors. Many are naval personnel or retired from the service. They are kept abreast of the times by a monthly "LOG". Besides carrying news of the members and meeting dates of the five local chapters, it lists many important facts about new cancels, decommissionings, construction notes, cover and cachet notes. From time to time many interesting articles are published on naval history.

The LOG is well worth the modest yearly dues. I would be more than happy to furnish anyone interested with an application blank to join this worthwhile organization. In conclusion I find naval postmark collecting interesting because of the many different ships involved, the different cancels and cachets, and the interesting stamps used. It has been a most rewarding hobby. As a student of naval history, it keeps me more closely up-to-date on the vast parade of naval history.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Send your design for the WFSC seal to Leon Christiansen.
2. Write to the PMG and your Congressmen about the Philatelic Agency.
3. Contact your WFSC officers, President Leon, Vice President Gene, Secretary-Treasurer Howard for help if needed.

For the philatelist some stamp history becomes involved. The Panama Canal issue stamp of 1914 (Scott No. 516) had its first day of issue on the Gumbast "KILPATRICK" which was at the Canal Zone on August 15th, 1914. The issue "KILPATRICK" stamp (No. 511) was also cancelled on the "KILPATRICK" at the Boston Navy Yard October 21, 1914, and the 1914 International Naval Review stamp (No. 1001) had its first day cancel on the carrier "SARATOGA".

I have a cover with the 1914 California-Pacific Exposition stamp which was cancelled aboard the battleship "KILPATRICK" on May 27, 1915. It has an opening day and first day stamp cancel. Many commemorative stamps are used on naval covers. These help to dress up the collection.

The field of naval cover collecting is quite large. Consequently, some collectors specialize in certain kinds of covers. Some try to not cancel from all of the battleships. This is quite a feat as the Navy Department lists some 900 battleships (American Naval Fighting Ships, Volume I). Multiply the 900 by all the different types of cancels, important dates in the life of the ship, and interesting incidents--and the result is an enormous collection.

I felt quite good when I was able to assemble a cover from each of the 12 large American battleships. When I checked into the number of different types of cancels, I found the number approaching 600. This did not include local postmarks or cancellations. My different cancels were only 10 per cent of the number available. No article about naval cancels could be complete without mentioning the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. This is an organization of some 1000 ship cancel collectors. Many are naval personnel or retired from the service. They are kept abreast of the times by a monthly "LOG". Besides carrying news of the members and meeting dates of the live local chapters, it lists many important facts about new cancels, commemorations, cancellations, covers and cancel notes. From time to time many interesting articles are published on naval history.

The LOG is well worth the modest yearly dues. I would be more than happy to furnish anyone interested with an application blank to join this worthwhile organization. In conclusion I find naval postmark collecting interesting because of the many different ships involved, the different cancels and cachets, and the interesting stamps used. It has been a most rewarding hobby. As a student of naval history, it keeps me more closely up-to-date on the vast past of naval history.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Send your design for the W-10 seal to Leon Christensen.
2. Write to the LMS and your congressman about the Philatelic Agency.
3. Contact your WRBG officer, President Leon, Vice President Gene, Secretary-Treasurer Howard for help if needed.