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Among the various club meetings I attended were the Milwaukee Philatelic Society on October 12 and the Fond du Lac Philatelic Collectors Club's Kick-off Banquet on Nov. 4th.

After the Banquet, Mr. Earl Atchison gave an interesting talk on his hobby--collecting samples of wood varieties. I ate so well during the meal that I had to decline to say a few words later.

On the 13th of November, I attended the organizational meeting of a new stamp club in Elkhorn. I arrived a little late and found Southwestern Regional Vice President Koeppen filling in the gap and discussing the advantages of WFSC membership. They will have their next meeting on December 11th at the Public Library in Elkhorn. All interested collectors are urged to attend. They had over 20 at the first meeting so should have a good strong club.

Upon my return to Wisconsin, I will be attending the Oshkosh Philatelic Society and speaking on one of my several philatelic loves, Naval Covers.

Please note my new address: P.O. Box 156, Stoughton, Wisconsin, 53589 and address any mail to me there rather than my former address.

The Speedometer just turned 92,000 miles today but as long as the car runs I will try to get to any club that wishes to invite me to attend one of their meetings.

Don't forget to prepare your exhibit and to study and discuss the Proposed Constitutional Revisions in your club.

Your President

Phil Rose

*A Message
for You*

The annual WFSC dues become payable on January 1st. Why not mail them now and avoid forgetting to do so? The dues are 30¢ per club member, with a \$3.00 minimum and \$20.00 maximum per club. Dues for Members-at-Large are 50¢.

Mail your money or checks (made out to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs) to me. My address is: Mrs. La Rita M. Longseth, WFSC Secretary-Treasurer, 417 Wilson Street, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. 53590

With Best Wishes
for Christmas
and the Coming Year



from the Wisconsin Federation
of Stamp Clubs President
Philip Rose
and

Secretary - Treasurer
La Rita Longseth



A NEW ADDRESS:



Our WFSC President Phil Rose has just moved into a Post Office Box. He reports that it is small but comfortable. Please address all future correspondence to Phil at this new address: Philip G. Rose, Post Office Box 156, Stoughton, Wisconsin. 53589.

SHOW DATES

ROCKFORD STAMP SHOW-- March 29 and 30, 1969, at the Holiday Inn on Highway 51 south of Rockford

WFSC EXHIBITION & CONVENTION-- May 17 and 18, 1969, at the Plankinton House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



WFSC Exhibition & Convention



The Milwaukee Philatelic Society will host the 1969 Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs exhibition and Convention May 17 and 18, 1969, at the Plankinton House, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Frank A. Jenich is general chairman for this event. The committee consists of the following: Claude W. Degler, judges and awards; Emil Dujanovic, bourse; Dan Rhoades, registration; Jerry Suschil, banquet; Karl L. Keldenich, program and exhibits.

1969 will be the 100th Anniversary of the 1869 United States Pictorials which will be the theme of the exhibition with the cachet envelopes and souvenir sheets showing the 1869 issue in color.

Besides staging the 38th Annual Wisconsin Federation Show, the Milwaukee Philatelic Society will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 1969. It was founded on November 5th, 1899, and became an APS chapter in 1907.

For additional information contact Karl L. Keldenich, P. O. Box 1062, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 53201

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WISCONSIN
FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

ARTICLE I. NAME

Present: 1. The name of this organization shall be the W.F.S.C.

Proposed: 1. The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

Reason: The "proposed" version is the correct version. The short form (W.F.S.C.) is apparently due to a typing error in the past.

ARTICLE II. OFFICIAL SEAL

Present: none

Proposed: 1. The Official Seal of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs shall consist of a colorless outline map of the State of Wisconsin, superimposed on a circular dark-colored field. This field shall be bordered by a narrow colorless band and this band, in turn, bordered by a wider band of the same color as the central circular field. This outer band shall bear in colorless letters the inscription "WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS" around the upper arc and "Founded 1932" around the lower arc.

Reason: To protect and define the design of our official seal.

ARTICLE III. OBJECT (Present Article II)

Present: 1. The object is and shall be: To acquire and disseminate a knowledge of Philately; to cultivate a feeling of mutual friendship and fraternity among Philatelists; to encourage national and international legislation for the benefit of Philately in general; to foster and help organize other stamp clubs in and near the State of Wisconsin and to assist the members of the clubs in acquiring and disposing of stamps by gift, purchase, or in any other legitimate way.

Proposed: 1. The object of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is and shall be: To acquire and disseminate a knowledge of Philately; to cultivate a feeling of mutual friendship and fraternity among Philatelists; to encourage state, national, and international legislation for the benefit of Philately in general; to foster and help organize other stamp clubs in and near the State of Wisconsin; and to assist the members of the Federation in acquiring and disposing of stamps by gift, purchase, or in any other legitimate way.

Reason: The first change names the group, thus tying the Federation and its object (or purposes) closer together. The second change is intended to promote the enactment of state legislation (such as state insurance laws) beneficial to Philately. The third change (from clubs to Federation) includes the Members-at-Large of the Federation.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP (Present Article III)

Present:

1. Any and all stamp clubs in and near the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible for membership.
2. There may also be admitted to membership under the title of "Members-at-Large", persons known to be actively engaged in the hobby of stamp collecting and who do not reside within the jurisdiction of a Member Club and are not attached to any such club. Such members shall have all the privileges of the Federation, including attendance and right of discussion at meetings but they shall not have the right to vote. They shall pay dues at the rate of 50¢ (fifty cents) per year, payable under the same rules and regulations as the dues of other member clubs.

Proposed:

1. Any and all stamp clubs in and near the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible for membership.
2. There may also be admitted to membership as Members-at-Large, persons known to be actively engaged in the hobby of Philately,

who do not reside within the jurisdiction of a Member Club and who are not attached to any such club. Such Members-at-Large shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Federation, including attendance and right of discussion at Federation meetings; but they shall not have the right to vote.

Reason:

All of these changes are intended to make the meaning of the section more readily understood. The substance of the article is unchanged. The portion dealing with dues of Members-at-Large moved to new Article V (Fees and Dues).

ARTICLE V. FEES AND DUES (Present Article IV)

Present: 1. The annual dues shall be twenty cents (20) per member, to be paid by each member club as follows:

(a) The official club roster at the December meeting shall be the basis of computation of dues. These shall become payable for the subsequent calendar year, on January 1st and shall become delinquent on March 1st following. The Annual Convention each year shall consider the question of delinquent clubs in their dues.

(b) Provided, however, that the minimum dues from each club shall be 1.00 One Dollar and the maximum shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

Proposed: 1. The annual dues shall be thirty cents (30¢) per club member, to be paid by each Member Club as follows:

(a) The official club roster at the December meeting shall be the basis of computation of dues. These dues shall become payable on January 1st for the subsequent calendar year, and if not paid within 60 days shall become delinquent on March 1st. The business meeting at the annual convention each year shall consider the question of clubs which are delinquent in their dues.

(b) Provided, however, that the minimum dues from each club shall be three dollars (\$3) and the maximum shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

2. Members-at-Large shall pay dues at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) per year, payable under the same rules and regulations as the dues of Member Clubs.

Reason:

Most changes clarify the meaning while the others bring the dues amount into line with previously passed amendments. Paragraph 2 moved from former Article IV. (Membership)

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS (Present Article V)

Present:

1. The meeting place of at least one all-state gathering and exhibition per year shall be set by the Executive Committee either in convention assembled, or at a Special Session. The date for such meetings may be set by the Host Club, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and plans for the exhibition are subject to the approval of the Standing Committee on Exhibitions. Plans for the exhibition shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Exhibitions by the Host Club not less than 90 days prior to the scheduled date of the exhibition. Proposed plans thus submitted shall include the following information:
 - (a) Groupings or classifications of exhibits.
 - (b) Methods of mounting and framing, and entry fees.
 - (c) Prizes, with rules for awarding them.
 - (d) Proposed judges, accompanied with brief statement of the special qualifications of each.

Proposed:

1. Same as present.
2. Each Member Club shall send to the Annual Meeting, a Delegate who will be recognized as its voting representative upon presentation of a letter of authorization signed by the Member Club's President. An alternate delegate, presenting comparable credentials, will be entitled to vote in the absence of the Delegate.

Reason:

The new Section 2 replaces Section 3 from the next Article (Committees). This brings the Constitution into line with Federation practice.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES (Present Article VI)

Present:

1. The Executive Committee shall be the standing committee of the organization. It shall consist of the administration officers, together with a Director, elected or chosen by each Member Club. A Director may serve to represent more than one, but not more than two Member Clubs provided he be a regular member of each club he so represents, and that he be regularly chosen by each of the clubs to so represent them. The administrative Officers may each serve to represent one Member Club as Director, and if so serving shall carry a vote as such Director in addition to their vote as officer. The Past Presidents of the Federation shall be members, ex-officio, of the Executive Committee and as such shall have a voice, but no vote, in its meetings.
2. When meeting upon due call the members of this committee present shall constitute a quorum and shall have power to transact business in the name of the Federation. Proxies shall not be recognized. A call for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be made at least 30 days prior to the date of such meeting; such call shall be made by the President whenever requested by two Officers, or by three Directors.
3. When meeting in Annual Convention the Executive Committee shall be increased in that each Member Club shall elect or choose two (2) Delegates to represent them in place of the single Director. These two (2) Delegates shall carry but a single vote between them. Each member club may elect or appoint a suitable number of Alternates to assure representation in Convention on the above basis. In emergencies, the President of a member club may name his Delegate on the Convention floor, but in this case the member of the Executive Committee already seated shall be final judge of whether such an emergency exists, and whether or not they choose to recognize the emergency appointment.
4. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Standing Committee on Exhibitions, composed of six members. This Committee shall consist of three annual classes of two each, the term

of one class expiring each year in sequence, an after the first two classes have served, all subsequent classes shall be for three year terms. The duties of this Committee shall be outlined in Article V. Section 1, above.

5. Any other Committee that shall be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the usually recognized authority. The duties of such committees shall be generally understood and each shall function accordingly.

Proposed:

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Elected Officers and shall be authorized to make such decisions by majority vote for the Federation as may become necessary in the interval between the Annual Meetings. The Past Presidents of the Federation shall be ex-officio members, without a vote, of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may veto any appointment of the President by a majority vote.
2. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President, upon at least thirty (30) days notice, whenever requested by two or more Officers.
3. The Standing Committee on Exhibitions will consist of six members, consisting of three classes of two members each, with the three-year terms of each class expiring in successive years. The President shall each year appoint two members to replace the class whose term has expired. He shall also appoint the chairman, and fill any vacancies on the Committee. The duties of this Committee shall be as outlined in Article VI, Section one, above.
4. The President shall appoint any other committee that shall be authorized at the Annual Meeting or that he shall deem necessary to the Federation's business, subject to the provisions of Article VII, Section 1, above. Each such committee shall serve at the pleasure of the President, throughout his term of office unless a shorter term is specified when the committee is appointed.

Reasons:

The proposed Article VII consists mainly of revisions of present Article VI to bring it in line with current Federation Practice.

Section 3 of present Article moved to Section 2 of proposed Article VI. Although the Presidency is somewhat strengthened, the Executive Committee retains veto power over his appointments.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS (Present Article VII)

- Present:
1. Administrative officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, three regional Vice Presidents, and the Representative to the National Federation. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting or convention to serve for (1) one year. Voting shall be by ballot for each officer separately except in case of no contest, a viva-voce vote shall be valid.
 2. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be members of the same club and shall both reside in that Club's home territory.
 3. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall represent, and be residents of their respective regions as hereinafter described. The Northern Region shall consist of all counties north of a line starting with the south line of Sheboygan County, and extending in a general Westerly direction along county lines and ending with the South line of La Crosse County. The Southeastern Region shall consist of Ozaukee, Washington, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Jefferson and Dodge counties contiguous thereto. The Southwestern Region shall include all other counties not included in the Northern and Southeastern Regions as well as any contiguous counties of adjoining states.
 4. Any other officers which the organization feels necessary may be added in the usual manner.
 5. Except in case of procedure specifically provided for by some other provision of the constitution, all Annual Meetings and all other Business Meetings of the Federation and its Executive Committee shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Robert's Rules of order.

- Proposed:
1. The Elected Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, four Regional Vice Presidents, and the

Representative to the National Federation.

The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve until their successors are elected. Voting shall be by ballot for each officer separately, except that in case of no contest, a viva-voce vote shall be valid.

2. In the event of a vacancy occurring between Annual Meetings, the Executive Committee at its discretion may elect a qualified member of the Federation to fill the unexpired term.
3. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer both shall reside in the same urban territory.
4. The Regional Vice Presidents shall represent, and be residents of their respective regions as hereinafter described.
 - (a) The Southeastern Region shall consist of those nine counties lying south of Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties and east of Columbia, Dane, and Rock Counties.
 - (b) The Southwestern Region shall consist of eleven counties lying west of the Southeastern Region and south of a westerly line starting at the northeast corner of Columbia County and ending with the south line of La Crosse County.
 - (c) The Central Region shall consist of those twenty-two counties lying north of the Southeastern and Southwestern Regions and south of a westerly line starting at the north line of Brown County passing along the south line of Clark County, and ending with the north and west lines of Buffalo County.
 - (d) The Northern Region shall consist of those thirty Wisconsin Counties lying north of the Central Region and those fifteen counties lying in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
 - (e) Contiguous counties of the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota may be included in the adjacent Region.
5. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all meetings of the Federation or of its Executive Committee shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Reasons:

Section 1, proposed changes include the addition of a fourth Regional Vice-President for the far Northern portion of the state. Section 2 provides for the orderly filling of

vacancies in the Executive Committee. Section 3 recognizes that many urban areas have more than one club and thus increases the number of potential holders of these two offices. Section 4 defines the four regions.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES AND RETUNERATION OF OFFICERS (Present Article VIII)

- Present:
1. The duties of the officers shall be those generally understood in each administrative capacity. All officers, excepting the Secretary-Treasurer shall serve without pay. The Secretary-Treasurer, in recognition of his considerable duties, shall be allowed compensation of twenty per-cent of the total membership fees collected.
 2. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall be contact officers, and it shall be their duty, as far as may be feasible, to visit Member Clubs and prospective organizations in their territories.

- Proposed:
1. The duties of the Executive Officers shall be those indicated by their titles. All Officers, excepting the Secretary-Treasurer, shall serve without pay. The Secretary-Treasurer, in recognition of the considerable duties of this office shall be allowed compensation of twenty per cent of the total membership fees collected.
 2. It shall be the duty of the Regional Vice Presidents, as far as may be feasible, to visit Member Clubs and organizations for prospective membership within their respective regions.

Reasons: These changes merely clarify the meaning or reduce the wordage. The substance of the Article is unchanged.

ARTICLE X. PUBLICATIONS (Present Article IX)

- Present:
1. The publication of a bulletin or a Year-book, or both, shall be at the option and discretion of the President and Secretary-Treasurer, at all times, under the following restrictions:
(a) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to exercise control over these, or any other publication made in the name of

the Federation, to approve, disapprove, revise or amend, or entirely suspend them.

- (b) The Federation shall not be responsible for expenses incurred beyond the sum actually in the Treasury.

Proposed: 1. The publication of a bulletin or a yearbook, or both, shall be at the option and discretion of the President and Secretary-Treasurer, subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to exercise control over these, or any other publication made in the name of the Federation, to approve, disapprove, modify, or entirely suspend.

(b) The Federation may, at any annual meeting, authorize the Executive Committee to appoint an editor for any or all Federation publications to serve until the next annual convention. At the time of appointing an editor, the Executive Committee shall budget a limit of expense which he may not exceed in total outlay for publications (including postage or other means of delivery) during his term of office.

Reasons:

New paragraph (b) provides for the probable future appointment of a permanent editor for the Bulletin and provides for a limit on bulletin expenses.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS (Present Article X)

Present: 1. After adoption of this Constitution by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, it may be amended as follows:

(a) By a two-thirds vote of all Delegates present at any Annual Convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to each member club at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Convention which is to consider them.

(b) By having two-thirds of the Member Clubs ratify amendments which may be sent to them for consideration by the Administrative Officers or the Executive Committee, in discharge of their duties. The Officers shall cause such mail vote to be

taken on the written request of any Member Club, supported by the written second of another Member Club. Results of such mail vote shall be tabulated sixty (60) days after the proposed amendment is mailed out to the Member Clubs.

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 - (b) Upon the written request of any Member Club, supported by the written second of another Member Club, proposing an amendment and requesting a mail vote upon it, the proposed amendment to all Member Clubs for consideration and a mail vote. Sixty days thereafter he shall count the mail ballots. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of all Member Clubs shall ratify the Amendment.

Reason: Clarifies meaning of paragraph (b). Restricts the offering of mail-vote amendments to clubs, thus providing a balance to Executive Committee power.

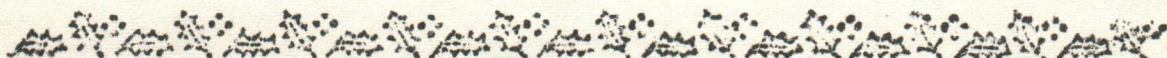
ARTICLE XII. DECLARATION OF ADOPTION

1. The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, in Convention assembled at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1969 does hereby declare that this Constitution, together with such amendments as may later be passed in accordance with its provisions, is the sole and final legislative authority under which it will function, hereby invalidating all previous constitutional legislation.

Attest

La Rita (Mrs. Martin) Longseth
Secretary-Treasurer

Philip G. Rose
President



Season's Greetings

from
WISCONSIN
CHAPTER #5
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You host for TOPEX '68.

MEETINGS

3rd Wednesday

4725 W. North Ave.

Milwaukee 7:30 p.m.



THE MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

WISHES THE MEMBERS

OF THE

WISCONSIN FEDERATION of STAMPS CLUBS

Froehliche Weihnachten und ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr

BUON NATALE

CHUK-SYONG TAKN

GIAEDEL IG JUL

FELIZ NAVIDAD

CELUKKIG KRISTNAKSON

VESELLI VANOCE

SALAMU YA MWALA MPYA

SRETAN BOZIC

KALA CHRISTOUGENNA

HAUSKAE JOULOÅ

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BOLDOG KARACSONY

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

WISCONSIN FEDERATION STAMP SHOW

Plankinton House

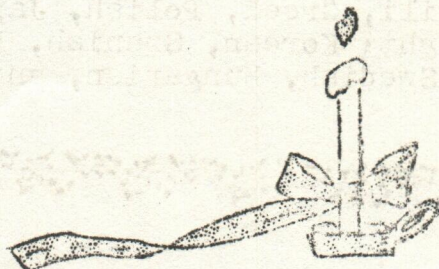
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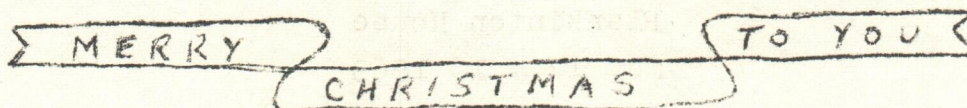
DANEPEX

E. C. 'Ned' Lawrence won Best-in-Show with his outstanding exhibit of Match & Medicine Stamps at the 1st annual DANEPEX held in Madison on October 26 and 27. Other winners included: 1st Award - Howard Koeppen, (also Best Commodore Preble Chapter Exhibit Award) for Independence Day--United States Navy; Philip G. Rose, for Dane County Postal History--19th Century Postal Rates; and E. C. Lawrence (also Best Madison Stamp Club Exhibit Award) for Shades of the 1851-57 5¢ U.S. Stamp. Second Awards went to Howard Koeppen for Pre-1908 Ship Covers and Related Materials, Philip G. Rose for Machine Cancells of the United States Fleet and Martin W. Longseth for U.S. Naval Commands Covers; and Third Awards to Phil Rose for Cancel Types - U.S. Frigate Constitution, Clifton Hunde (also Best Badger Stamp Club Exhibit Award) for Masterpieces in Miniature-Spain, and Phil Rose for Dane County Postal History--Hotel Corner Cards. Best Junior Exhibit Award was won by Joe Stransky for his exhibit of Stamps of New Zealand.

The Show was held at the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in conjunction with Navy Day (October 27th).

A series of three covers was issued in conjunction with the show. Two with the common design of the DANEPEX emblem were issued on the two days of the show. The third cover, which was sponsored by Commodore Preble Chapter honored the Naval and Marine Corps Reserves and was cancelled on the 27th. Covers are still available for 20¢ each or the set of three for 50¢ (plus a \$10 SASE) from Martin W. Longseth, 417 Wilson Street, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. 53590

Present plans call for the second annual DANEPEX to be held on the 4th weekend in October of 1969.

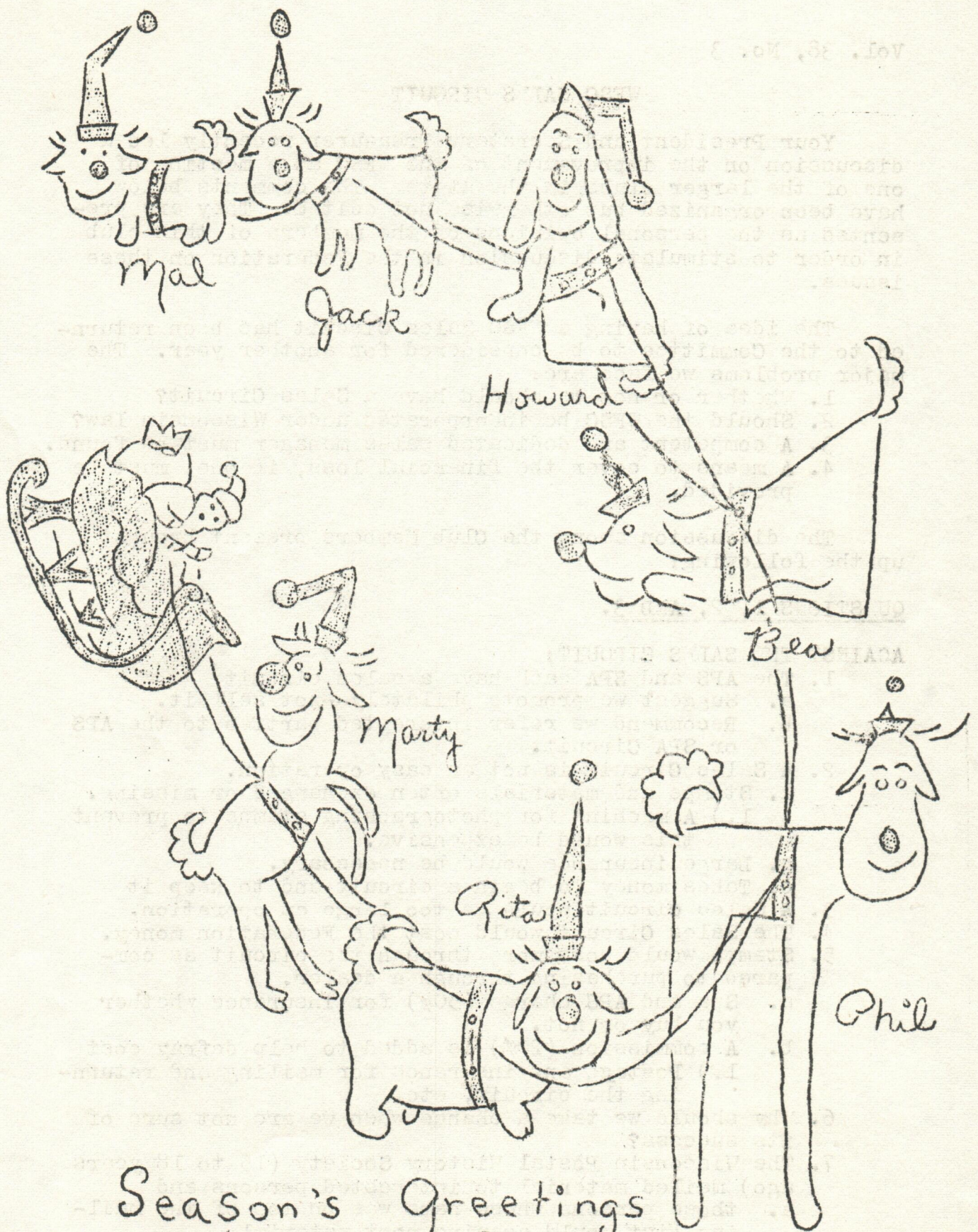


LANGUAGES USED IN MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC

SOCIETY CHRISTMAS GREETING

The languages used are German on the top, Irish at the bottom, and the following at the left: Italy, Norway, Dutch, Swahili, Greek, Polish, Japan, and Russian. On the right: Korean, Spanish, Bohemian, Croatian, Finnish, Swedish, Hungarian, and Esperanto.





Season's Greetings
from the Commodore
Preble Chapter, U.S.C.S.

WFSC SALES CIRCUIT

Your President and Secretary-Treasurer recently led a discussion on the improvement of the WFSC at a meeting of one of the larger clubs in the state. The comments below have been organized but otherwise not edited. They are presented as the personal opinions of the members of this club in order to stimulate discussion in the Federation on these issues.

The idea of having a WFSC Sales Circuit has been returned to the Committee to be considered for another year. The major problems we face are:

1. Whether or not we should have a Sales Circuit?
2. Should the WFSC be incorporated under Wisconsin law?
3. A competent and dedicated sales manager must be found.
4. A means to cover the financial loss, if one, must be provided.

The discussion among the Club Members present brought up the following:

QUESTIONS 1, 2, AND 3.

AGAINST THE SALES CIRCUIT:

1. The APS and SPA each have a sales circuit
 - a. Suggest we promote philately--not sell it.
 - b. Recommend we refer interested parties to the APS or SPA Circuit.
2. A Sales Circuit is not an easy operation.
 - a. Stamps and materials often exchanged or missing.
 - 1.) A machine for photographing stamps to prevent this would be expensive.
 - b. Large insurance would be necessary.
 - c. Takes money to begin a circuit and to keep it
3. A Sales Circuit would be too large an operation.
4. The Sales Circuit would cost the Federation money.
5. Stamps would cost more through the circuit as compared to purchasing through a dealer.
 - a. Spa and APS charge (50¢) for insurance whether you buy or not.
 - b. A commission (20%) is added to help defray cost
 - 1.) Postage and insurance for mailing and returning the circuit, etc.
6. Why should we take a chance when we are not sure of its success?
7. The Wisconsin Postal History Society (15 to 18 years ago) mailed material to interested persons and
 - a. those persons whose name was on top of the mailing list would acquire most material.

- b. those persons whose name appeared further down on the list didn't receive fair amount.
- c. failed to reach those that were really interested.
- 8. A small circuit was tried in Milwaukee (consisting of between 10 and 20 people) in which material could be kept three days and then passed on
 - a. People forget to mail the circuit back.
 - b. Stamps missing or exchanged had to be paid for.
 - c. Insurance has to be paid for.
 - d. Costs between \$1.00 and \$1.50 to mail the circuit back.
 - e. Was nothing but a lot of trouble.
- 9. It takes a lot of faith to let materials out.
- 10. It is difficult to get volunteers.
 - a. Would demand a great deal of ones time.

It was suggested that perhaps one of the following ideas would be more feasible:

- 1. Clubs could use the Bulletins to list available material or "want lists".
 - a. Interested persons could write directly to the club.
 - b. A matter of safe-guard
- 2. The Federation could run 3 or 4 auctions per year. This could solve some problems for the smaller clubs.
 - a. An illustrated catalogue could be printed
 - 1.) If Federation would adopt "offset printing", illustrations would be no problem.
 - 2.) Make the catalogues for each club rather than each individual
 - 3.) The Clubs could have buyers night and one individual be responsible
 - 4.) Perhaps would increase cost, but would decrease the risk.

IN FAVOR OF THE SALES CIRCUIT:

- 1. We should attempt to find out if it is too large an operation before assuming it is.
- 2. A voluntary participation could be adopted. If one is too worried, he doesn't have to participate.
- 3. Clubs could be assessed for the loss, if one.
- 4. We are to willing to prevent others from enjoying the benefits just because we don't need the circuit.
- 5. We could incorporate the Federation. If the loss was to large, we could declare bankruptcy.
- 6. If the Sales Circuit is going to fail, let it do so on its own. One doesn't know unless we give it a try.
- 7. Columbus took a chance.

QUESTION 4

Assuming that we do have a Sales Circuit premised on a certain volume and the first year volume is too low, how should the operating cost be taken care of?

1. Assessment on the clubs.
2. People who promote the materials could be assessed.
3. An assessment on the value of unsold material.
4. Make an assessment in the beginning and then if no debt, refund it at the end of the year.
5. One major assessment in the beginning (on the clubs) could take care of bonding, getting the first books, commission for the sales manager, etc.

HOW CAN THE FEDERATION BE IMPROVED?

The discussion among the Club Members present brought up the following suggestions:

1. The WFSC should do a good publicity job on itself.
2. The Federation is doing very well--the mere fact that it has existed as many years as it has should speak for itself. Good officers have contributed much to its success.
3. Stamp collecting is not reaching the youngsters. Ways to remedy this would be:
 - a. Encourage libraries to begin Stamp Clubs for the children.
 - b. Encourage the schools to begin Stamp Clubs for the children.
 - 1.) It was felt that the library would be more interested. It is hard to get teachers to take on extra activities after working with children five days a week.
4. Start a Sales Circuit.
5. Sell a group life insurance.
6. Sell an insurance for individual collectors.
7. The Bulletin could be improved. Recently, it has become a rehash of picnics, feeds, and "so and so has a new hairdo".
 - a. Very few articles on Stamps or Stamp Collecting.
 - b. Could reprint articles from other sources.
 - c. Everyone should contribute articles.
 - 1.) It was expressed by one person that he would not write an article for fear of being sniped at.
 - 2.) Another person felt one should be able to shrug off any sniping that is done, but felt there would be very little if any.
 - d. It was suggested that a Certificate Award be presented for the best article written for the Bulletin.

8. Everyone should be willing to serve on a Committee.
 - a. You never know a man's talent until you approach him.
9. The Federation Annual Convention Exhibition should become a FEX.
 - a. Would be a help in obtaining Publicity.
 - b. Suggested names are:
 - 1.) WISPEX
 - 2.) WISCOPEX
10. We should develop a traveling exhibit or series of exhibits to stimulate Stamp Collecting.
11. Letters could be mailed to factories and firms to suggest they begin a stamp club among their employees.
12. Each club could prepare an exhibit on Stamp Collecting and How To Collect Stamps to be placed in or sent to libraries, schools, banks, and etc.

FROM THE FOOTLOOSE FILATELISTS:

All members of the Federation who know young people engaged in stamp collecting can encourage them to prepare an exhibit for the State Show at Milwaukee in May of 1969.

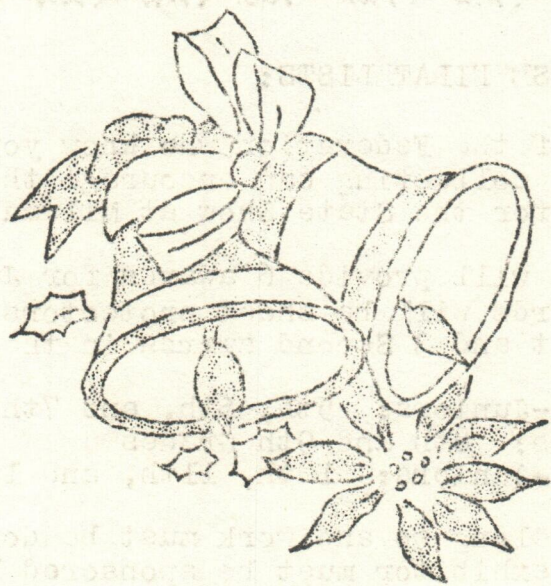
The Footloose will provide 6 awards for Junior exhibitors. The awards will be sheet protectors in an album. There are 3 First and 3 Second awards in the following classes:

Junior-Juniors: 5th, 6th, and 7th Grades
Juniors: 8th and 9th Grades
Senior-Juniors: 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades

Stamps must belong to and work must be done by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must be sponsored by a club affiliated with and in good standing with and in good standing with the WFSC.

JUNIORS: Now is the time to get your exhibits ready and may we see a large selection of exhibits competing at the State show. If you can, try to attend the Show. Boys and girls are eligible for the above awards. The entry forms will be in the Pre Convention Bulletin.

Holiday Greetings



from
MANITOWOC
PHILATELIC SOCIETY

FILMS AVAILABLE

The following information has been made available to be passed on to all the Federation Clubs by Mr. Karl L. Keldenich. We hope many of you will write for and use the films to stir new interest in your clubs! Our thanks to Karl for bringing this service to our attention.

The Milwaukee Post Office has available several 16MM, color films which should be of interest to various groups in your community, such as business groups, civic organizations, veteran posts, schools, employee groups, etc.

"Straight Line-The Story of Zip Code" explains the principles of Zip Code and how many mailers have benefitted from its use.

"If the Mail Stopped" shows the importance of the mails to all mailers in general and to the business community in particular, and how each would be affected if mail service suddenly stopped.

"Engineering Mail Processing Machines" shows the new electronic and automatic equipment being introduced into the postal system, including optical scanners, readers and sorters.

These are all half hour films.

Also available is a fifteen minute, 16MM, color musical film about Zip Code. This features a singing group and should be of interest to younger groups as well as others. Other 15 minute films available are: "Source Data Processing", "River of Mail", and "Vim".

To obtain these films on a loan basis, write to Administrative Services, Main Post Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53202 and specify which film or films are requested. Kindly allow at least three weeks notice as these films are in constant demand.

MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Deadline date for the Pre Convention Bulletin is March 1st.

Resolve to mail your club news, articles, and ads early to avoid missing the deadline.

I resolve to print all club news, articles, ads, and information I receive on or before the March 1st deadline.

I Resolve



Merry Christmas

from the OSH K OSH
Philatelic Society

Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings at the First National Bank on the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month, except as noted.

1969 PROGRAM

January 7 - Philatelic Slides
January 20 - Auction
February 4 - D-E-F Exhibition
February 17 - Stamp-O-Rama
March 4 - Surprise Program
April 1 - Wisconsin Postmarks
April 21 - This Is Your Night
May 6 - Early British Stamps
May 19 - Election of
 Officers

OFFICERS

President: Arne May
Vice President: R.C. Albee
Secretary: Herbert Burgett
Treasurer: Bernard Kelly
Historian: G. Weitenbeck
Cor. Secretary: D. Zuern



GREETINGS from ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

WILL TRADE:

Plate Blocks (all Different
\$1.50 face)

or

First Day Covers (all diff.
Cacheted, unaddressed
\$1.50 face)

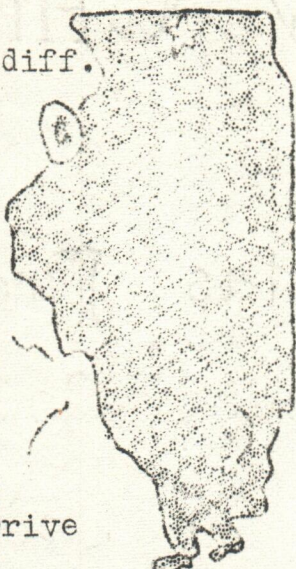
or

1 1965 Uncirculated
Canada Silver Dollar
(Bag-marked)

Plus my sincere wishes
for a
JOYOUS YEAR

JOHN A. APPANAITS
548 Park-er-Wood Drive
Rockford, Illinois

61102



TO GET:

U.S. Silver Dollar

or

3 Pre-1965 U.S. Halves

or

Postage-due Plate Blocks
(\$1.40 face)NH, F-VF

or

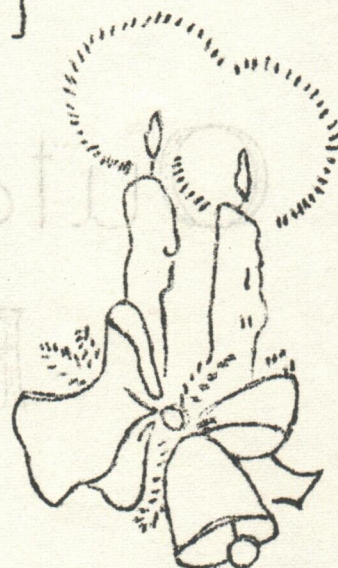
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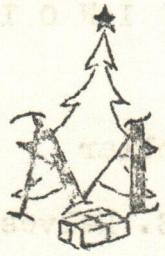
ALSO NEEDED:

- a. \$2 Bills, Uncirculated
(give \$2.50 in trade)
- b. Lithuanian stamps, Mint
V.F. Scott #2,3,4,5,
27-29, & 207
- c. World War II-Axis or
Allied propaganda,
parody, counterfeit



HOLIDAY - GREETINGS
FROM QUEEN CITY
PHILATELIC SOCIETY
MARINETTE - WIS.





MERRY CHRISTMAS

Felices Fiestas	Prettige Kerstdagen
Felices Pascuas	God Jul
Gladelig jul	Godt Nyttår
Meilleurs Voeux	Wesołych Swiat
Šťastný Nový Rok	Boas - Festas
Fröhe Weihnacht	God Jul
Feliz Navidad	Maligayang Pasko

from the
Outagamie
Philatelic
Society

CLUB ROSTER - WFSC 1968-69

ATA CHAPTER #5

meets 3rd Wednesday at Kremer Enterprises, 4725 W. North Ave., Milwaukee.

BADGER STAMP CLUB

meets 1st. and 3rd. Saturdays at 2 p.m., Bethany Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison.

BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB

meets 1st Thursday each month in Memorial Hall, at 72 7th Street

COLLECTORS CLUB OF WEST BEND*

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, USCS

meets monthly on 2nd Saturday evenings at member's homes.
Contact (Mrs.) Beatrice Hayward, 3330 East Washington Ave., Madison, Wisc. 53704

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

meets 2nd Thursday each month, Sept. thru June, at the First National Bank, 7 to 9 p.m. (downstairs meeting room) in Cudahy.

FOND du LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS CLUB

meets 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday each month, 7:30 p.m., second floor in City Recreation Department Offices, 72 South Portland Street, Fond du Lac.

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets the 3rd Thursday at YMCA, Pine & Jefferson Streets, Green Bay.

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at Chamber of Commerce Building, Main Street, Janesville.

KETTLE MORAINES COIN & STAMP CLUB

meets 2nd Thursday each month, 7:45 p.m. at Moraine Supper Club (1 1/2 mile south of West Bend on Highway 45)

MADISON STAMP CLUB

meets 1st & 3rd Thursday each month, 803 State Street University Club, Madison.

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets 2nd Tuesday each month at Cabin #1, Lincoln Park, Manitowoc.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets each month on 2nd Saturday & 4th Tuesday, Hotel Plankinton, 609 N. Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee.

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

meets 3rd Tuesday at homes of Members. Contact Carl R. Skupski, Room 443, 720 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 53202

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets 1st Tuesday & 3rd Monday at First National Bank, Oshkosh.

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets Sept.-May on 2nd Thursday at First National Bank, Appleton.

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets 3rd Thursday monthly at VFW Hall, 436 Main Street, Marinette.

REX PHILATELIC SOCIETY*

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

meets 4th Wednesday in basement room of Colonial Bank Building, Alpine Road, Rockford. (7:30 p.m.)

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

meets every other Wednesday (Dec. 11, 25 (?), Jan. 8) at 7:30 p.m. in Citizens Hall, Corner 7th & Wisconsin Ave. Sheboygan

SHEBOYGAN JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

meets every other Wednesday (opposite Sheboygan Stamp Club, Dec. 4, 18, etc.) at 7 p.m. in Mead Public Library, North 7th & New York Avenues, Sheboygan.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN VATICAN CHAPTER*

UPPER PENINSULA STAMP CLUB

meets 2nd Wednesday monthly in Marquette Community Building, Main Street, Marquette, Michigan.

WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

meets 2nd & 4th Thursday monthly at YMCA, 1717 North 73rd Street, Wauwatosa.

WISCONSIN BLUE AND GRAY SOCIETY

meets yearly at WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN CHRISTMAS SEAL AND CHARITY STAMP SOCIETY

meets yearly at WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

meets yearly at WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY*

* Denotes incomplete information.



Again
Merry
Christmas
from the members of the
Sheboygan
Stamp Club

PHILO-ATLANTA

Stamp Collecting. Often referred to as "The King of Hobbies and the Hobby of Kings". What is it and what's it all about? Let's start by asking and answering a few questions.

Who collects these bits of paper? Why is there so much interest in stamp collecting? How can I learn about forming a collection? How do I start and where do I get stamps? What benefits are there in collecting stamps?

Who collects these bits of colored paper?

To answer the first question; people all over the world are collecting stamps. Among the avid collectors are Kings, Queens, Presidents, men and women, boys and girls, rich and poor and those in between. People in all walks of life.

Why is there so much interest in stamp collecting?

It is a fascinating and an educational hobby. It is one of the most interesting ways to learn about the many countries of the world, the people and their cultures, their agricultures and industries, as well as their prominent people, such as scientists, artists, sculptors, doctors, musicians, writers, etc. Many countries show the architectures of their buildings on their stamps. And what could be more fun and an easy way of gaining knowledge of the people and the world about you. Another way to learn of these far away places is to travel and see all this first hand, but--few of us can afford extensive traveling or have the time, so why not do it the easy way with a collection of stamps. The lure of stamp collecting is hard to explain but once you are bitten by the bug you will understand and as time goes on you will become interested and dig deeper and deeper for knowledge of the country or subject you have become interested in.

How can I learn about forming a collection?

One way to get information about the hobby is to get books which will contain almost every detail of stamp collecting. Some of the books which many collectors have found to be of great benefit are these of which I have knowledge. One is a book titled, "The Complete Guide to Stamp Collecting" by Prescott H. Thorp, which you can buy for about \$2.95. It is a Minkus publication. You can get it from a stamp dealer or direct from Minkus Publications in New York. Another two books are Scott publications; "Scott's Guidebook to Stamp Collecting", by L. N. and M. Williams. The hardback cover sells for \$3.95 and the paperback for \$1.00. The second Scott book is "Scott's New Handbook for Philatelists", which is priced at \$4.95 for the hardback cover and \$1.95 for the paperback cover. Then there is the "Stamp Collector's

PHILO-ATLITIA (Cont.)

Handbook" by Grossman, priced at 80 cents. There are also the many stamp newspapers, which have a wealth of information on stamp issues and ads of many dealers; such as Linn's weekly Stamp News; Stamps; Mekeels and Western Stamp Collector; to mention a few.

It is possible to find all of the books and stamp papers in most libraries if one does not wish to buy or subscribe, or if you belong to a stamp club it is possible that one of members has one and would lend it to you for a stated period of time.

Another way to get some idea of how to start is to attend a few stamp club meetings and listen to what some of the members have to say. There are stamp clubs in your area which will be glad to welcome you and help you get started on the right foot. And right here, may I offer a bit of advice to the beginners. Don't make the mistake of buying mixtures that sell for a couple of dollars. Believe me, you'll be getting a lot of cheap duplicate junk that you will have no use for and it will be hard to swap, sell or get rid of. Buy packets with one of a kind stamps of your chosen country or subject. If you choose a country, there is no need to buy the first issue which are often too expensive for the ordinary collector. Get yourself a Scott catalog, look through it, then start your collection from a certain date and go on from there to complete your collection. That's the smart way to do it. And if you should be interested in a certain topic or subject you can get that information from the American Topical Association which has it's main office in Milwaukee, Wis. They have handbooks on all topics from A to Z.

How do I start and where can I get stamps?

Stamps can be bought from reliable dealers and from members of a stamp club. That is one of the advantages of being a member of a club because one member will swap and sell stamps at face value or a few cents over face value to other members, depending of course on the rarity of the stamp. The new or more recent stamps can be purchased at any post office. Foreign stamps, of course, have to be bought from the country's postal or philatelic agency, if you want them at face value. Dealers charge a little over face.

For those who are too busy to design or write up their own pages, there are printed pages which can be purchased at a very nominal cost from dealers or from printers, direct. To find out which pages are best, you have only to ask a member of any stamp club.

Philately is great and varied. There are many phases in philatelic collecting; such as collecting First Day Covers, Special Events Covers, Ship Launching Covers, Space Stamps and Covers, Stamped Envelopes, Postmarks, Postal History,

PHILO-ATELEIA (Cont.)

First Flight Covers, Postal Stationery of many countries, Aerogrammes, Airpost Stamps, Revenues, Postage Dues, Special Delivery, just to mention a few.

What benefits are there in collecting stamps?

The benefits you get from collecting stamps is the fun and relaxation. It helps you forget your work for awhile and the problems that beset most of us in these hurried and trying times. For the oldsters who are retired it gives them something to do for those idle hours as well as making friends with others like themselves. For the young set, who are constantly complaining that they have nothing to do and want to do something with their free time and perhaps get a better outlook on life, collecting stamps is a good answer. Then too, stamp collecting can be a wonderful family project for fun and togetherness. So go ahead you parents, what can you lose.

Stamps are a good and safe investment. They seldom go down in value. And besides we must not overlook the pleasure of corresponding and becoming friends with collectors in other countries. You won't know until you try. Last but not least is the thrill of having your collection on exhibit at one of the stamp shows and happily walking off with one of the coveted awards.

In closing may I say to the beginners and youngsters, especially those 10 years and up, the sooner you get started collecting the better, because some of the stamps of today will be the classics of tomorrow. Many of the collectors who started when they were young are glad they did because their collections are of real value now, most of which was bought at face value.

PHILO-ATELEIA with more facts and information will be continued in the next bulletin. (For those of you who are wondering what Philo-ateleia is--it is the Greek words from which our word "philately" is derived.)

by Helen Haensgen, Secretary-Treasurer
Cudahy Stamp Club

ATA NEWS RELEASE

Stamps picturing various topical subjects issued by the governments of the world during 1968 will total nearly 5,000. These stamps are all arranged alphabetically first by topics and then by countries under each topic in the new well illustrated ATA checklist to be issued in January 1969 by the American Topical Association, the topical stamp collectors' organization, America's second largest philatelic society with 9,000 members in 83 countries.

ATA NEWS RELEASE (Cont.)

Many thousands of stamps are listed with a brief topical description under more than 100 topical headings including the Scott 1969 catalog numbers as well as from the latest Scott's Monthly Stamp Journals after the 1969 catalog appeared. This new handbook #65A will be a great aid to the topical collector. This valuable 32-page illustrated guide to topical collecting, compiled by Peter Allison and Larry De Mars is priced at only \$2.00 (or 20 IR coupons).

In addition to the 1968 list a few copies of the topical listings for 1959-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67 (45,000) listings in 10 books are available for immediate delivery at just \$11.95 for all 10 years, a \$14 value. Compilations of 1959-63 are the last works of the late O. Frank Freedner, pioneer in topical new issue compilations. Listings 1959-64 are \$1 each. Greatly enlarged 1965-68 lists are \$2 each.

Send orders to American Topical Association, c/o Jerome Fusak, 3300 North 50th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216 U.S.A.

A free copy of ATA's journal Topical Time will be sent with immediate acknowledgement of order.

The 41 colored stamp slide shows, an American Topical Association non profit, educational service, are meeting with wide acceptance from civic groups, luncheon clubs, church groups, youth clubs and fraternal organizations as well as from stamp clubs. With 4,000 slides available, there is a show to appeal to any organization. Stamp collectors will find this an easy way to present a special program before non-philatelic groups.

The 35mm slide shows available (each consisting of 50 to 100 colored slides) cover the following topics on stamps: Americana, Animals, Birds, Easter, Elephants, Fine Arts, Fish, Flags, Flowers (2), Geology, Horses, Insects and Butterflies, Lincoln, Lions International, Maps, Masonry, Medical History, Medical Subjects and Red Cross, Music, National Parks, Nurses, Nutrition, Olympic Games, Plants and Fruits, Protestant Reformation, Railroads, Religion, St. Benedict on Stamps, Scouts, Ships, Space, Sports, Stamps on Stamps, Tuberculosis, United Nations Stamps of the World and Old Glory Around the World. 35mm colored filmstrips complete the titles available: Bible Stories, English Religion, Helpers of Mankind, Stamps and the Christian Faith. All shows are provided with scripts.

Stamp club or other organization officials can obtain full details on booking these lovely stamp programs by sending a self-addressed 6¢ stamped envelope to Mrs. John C. Owens, ATA Slide Librarian, P.O. Box 191, Waukesha, Wisconsin. 53186





Holiday
Greetings

from
the
Members

of
the
Wisconsin
Postal

History
Society

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS!

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER

Season's greeting's from our club to all the clubs in the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs!

The members of the Commodore Preble Chapter enjoyed a brief tour of the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Training Center on October 5th. The business part of the meeting was held at the bedside of President Martin Longseth in St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. Final preparations for DANFPIX were completed.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Beatrice Hayward. General chairman Phil Rose gave a thorough report on the DANFPIX show. A slate of U.S.C.S. officers was nominated to be submitted for the 1969 U.S.C.S. Election.

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Manitowoc Club enjoyed a full summer and fall schedule of events.

At our August meeting, Lyle Hobbs told of visiting the Green Bay Club picnic with John Franz, our club President. They both claim to have had a fine time.

Our September meeting consisted of our annual corn roast. Needless to say, our CHIEFS outdid themselves again by serving delicious corn to all. Everyone who attended enjoyed a good time.

A tour of our Manitowoc Post Office highlighted the October meeting. Lyle Hobbs had arranged the tour with Postmaster Harry Kelly. A group of about 35 people enjoyed the interesting and well conducted tour which lasted about an hour. For many of us, this was the first time we were able to see how and where our cards and letters are processed and actually what happens behind the teller windows.

We are looking forward to our December meeting which is Ladies Night. All are welcome. An added attraction will be slides of Rio de Janeiro taken by a nephew of John Franz while on duty with the United States Army. After the meeting and lunch, we will elect Officers for 1969.

We meet every second Tuesday of the month at Cabin #1 in Lincoln Park. Visitors are always more than welcome.

Ronald Tate, Secretary

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

The Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club is having its 14th consecutive annual show at the home office of the Company from November 18-20. Prize winners in the 48 frame exhibition were Jim Gilmore with Paintings on Stamps, Milton

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB (Cont.)

Flint with Greece, Tom Terry with Israel, Paul Zientek with Christmas Stamps, and Carl Skupski with exhibits of Stamps on Stamps and Japanese Art on Stamps, the latter also winning the Best in Show Award.

The club is having its annual Christmas party at Billings' Dining Rooms in Shorewood on Sunday, December 8. Wives are always included.

The club has recently changed its monthly meeting date from the second to the third Tuesday of each month. We still meet at members' homes but cannot arrange a schedule in advance for that reason. However, anyone desiring to attend any of our meetings should get in touch with me, as I know about a month in advance where we will be meeting.

Carl R. Skupski

Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Tuesday evening, October 1st, was President's Night at the Oshkosh Philatelic Society. President Arne May spoke on the "Discovery of America", telling of some of the earliest discoveries and giving much of his time to Leif Ericson. Books, maps, and a model ship of the sort used by the vikings were used to illustrate the interesting talk. Only twelve members were in attendance.

The door prize was won by Mr. May. Bernard V. Kelly became the new Quizmaster by answering most of the questions asked by Robert F. Sparks.

Before the program, there was much discussion of the drop in catalogue prices on such countries as Vatican. Some members thought the prices had dropped as much as 50%. But the big question was--"Why such a big drop in the Vatican stamps?"

The October 21st meeting was held at Samuel Appleton-Carnegie Library in Appleton. An invitation was extended to members of the Outagamie Philatelic Society. Much to our disappointment no one from the Club came.

The meeting featured a collection of picture postcards assembled by Miss R. Rossburg, who was a professor of German at Milwaukee Downer. In 1964, when Milwaukee Downer merged with Lawrence, the collection was moved to Lawrence University.

After cookies and coffee were served, President May took us on a special tour through the Downer Center. We saw the diningrooms, storage rooms, and the kitchen. We really enjoyed seeing a room (about 22 x 30) of carved Teakwood from India. The collection was housed in Milwaukee at one time, but was reconstructed in the Downer Center as this donation of Teakwood could not be sold. It was most beautiful and a real treat for all to see.

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Cont.)

November 5th, Election night across the United States, was the date for our "Pink Elephant and White Mule Sale" which brought about six dollars for our treasury. Henry J. Schmidt, who took over for Mrs. Louis Neumueller, did a wonderful job of handling the wares. Fourteen members and three visitors looked at and purchased the wares which consisted of a beautiful flower in a pot, a variety of Indian craft, wrapping paper, a mystery bag, match books, Postal guide, books, and etc.

Bernard V. Kelly went home with the door prize. The Quiz was not held at this meeting.

The November 18 meeting will feature Rosemary Zuern's "A Rare Fair".

Herbert E. Burgett, Secretary

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Merry Christmas greetings from your friends in the Fox River Valley. Our wish for all is that the season's cordiality of brotherhood, good will, compassion and tolerance be extended into the new year, and that "peace among men" will become a reality.

We now have a membership of 26. Charles Pierce, who has held a second membership in our group during the past several years, dropped from our roll call. He remains a member in the club he originally belonged to. We will miss him at our meetings and look forward to occasional visits.

Our October meeting was made interesting with the use of ATA slides of "Geology on Stamps" with special note of the "Ring of Fire", volcanos around the world; also waterfalls, rocks, mountains, oil, engineering, geo-physics and many related things.

In November we had a long and lively meeting with member participation in a "Show and Tell" session. Each member brought one or more items he found especially helpful in his philatelic pursuits and explained its use. Interesting and valuable information was exchanged. The Philatelic tools included various albums, pages, mounts, binders, catalogs, ration stamps of World War II vintage, easy-to-carry booklets for identifying stamps, stamp lift, water-mark detector, color chart, perforation gauge, compact inventory book, pages and drawing pen for do-it-yourself albums, mint block file convenient to carry, tongs with shaped ends, various papers to make one's own pages, peelable labels for First Day covers, personally designed space and naval cachets, some of which have been used by the military. Our visitor, President Mrs. Rieth's guest, Mary Bertoldi from Iron Mountain, Michigan, commented that she had gleaned much information to take back to her club!

The December meeting will be a Christmas banquet held at

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY (Cont.)

the Conway Hotel and Dr. Steve Darling will have a program including colored movies. Gifts of philatelic interest, not exceeding \$1.00, will be exchanged. We are looking forward to a jolly evening of festivities.

Our best wishes for a happy new year to all of you.

Mrs. William J. Stilp, Secretary

WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5, ATA

THANK YOU, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club members, for attending TOPIX '68 in Milwaukee last June. We were very grateful that so many of you could be with us for part of the weekend. Yes, the work of the show is past but the members of Chapter #5 still have their memories.

A picnic meeting was held on Sunday, July 14, at which time we looked at pictures of the show and discussed the various events besides eating lunch and supper and playing a few games.

We held no meeting in August.

The September meeting was highlighted by a couple of the 16 mm sound films available at the Milwaukee Post Office. The TOPIX report was also given.

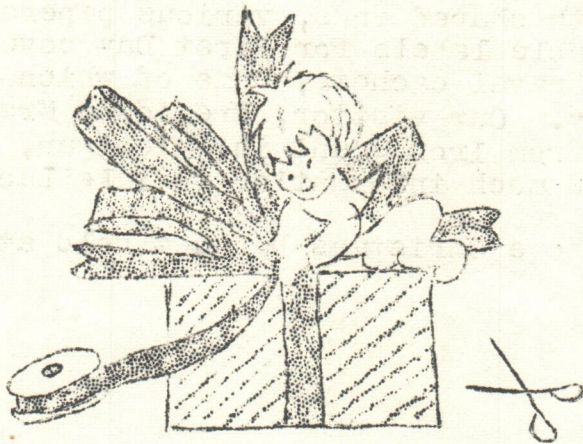
"Astronomy", the latest slide set in the ATA Slide Library was shown at the October meeting and was favorably received. The set was prepared by ATA member Jack Green of Madison.

The November meeting included a lively auction and a slide show from the First Day Cover Society. It was especially interesting because many of the cachets shown were from the Circus First Day in Delavan.

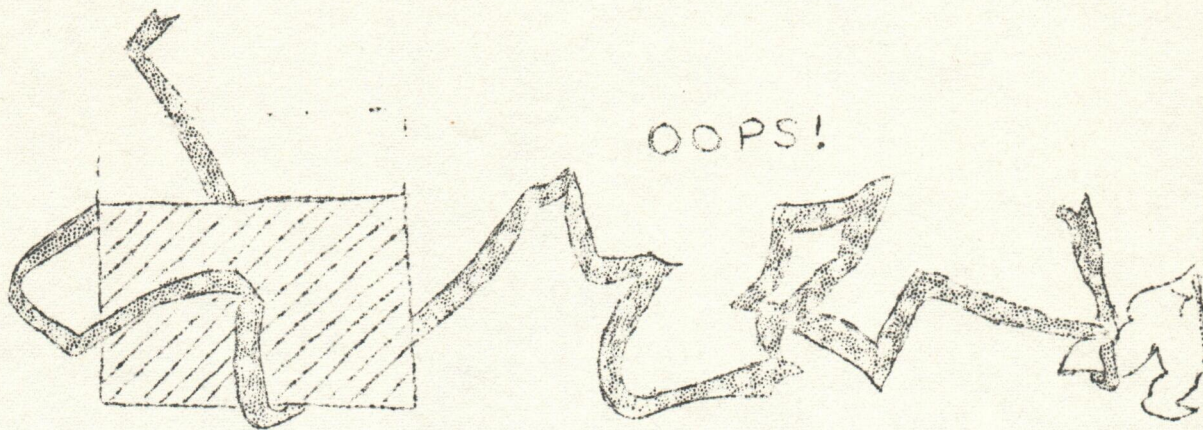
The December 18th meeting will be our annual Christmas party. Games and fun are the highlights of the evening that night.

All Chapter #5 meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Kremer Enterprises, 4725 W North Ave, Milwaukee, and all WFSC members visiting in the Milwaukee area are invited to attend. We have a slide or film show at most meetings and always close with refreshments and social hour.

Mary Ann Owens, Treasurer



This About
Wraps
it up...



FROM YOUR SECRETARY:

I'm not one to start a rumor -- but to pass on one I've heard, that's different! Seems our WFSC President Phil Rose goes to the sunny south for a little vacation. To make a long story short, the last I heard Phil was trying to hijack a passenger jet to Cuba in protest of the high cost of Christmas shopping!

Meanwhile, back in Wisconsin, your WFSC Secretary has just finished typing the Christmas issue of the Bulletin. I think we have a fine Bulletin this time and wish to thank all who contributed articles, club news, Christmas Greetings, and information. An extra thank you to those who mailed their Christmas Greetings on stencil -- the Sheboygan Stamp Club and the Outagamie Philatelic Society.

I, also, wish to express my appreciation for your favorable comments on the 1968 Fall issue of the Bulletin. As any one of the past Federation Secretaries will agree, I'm sure, the Bulletin can be only what YOU make it.

Be sure to read thoroughly and discuss at your club meetings the Proposed Constitution Revision! Another article for good Club discussion is the WFSC Sales Circuit and Ways of Improving the Federation.

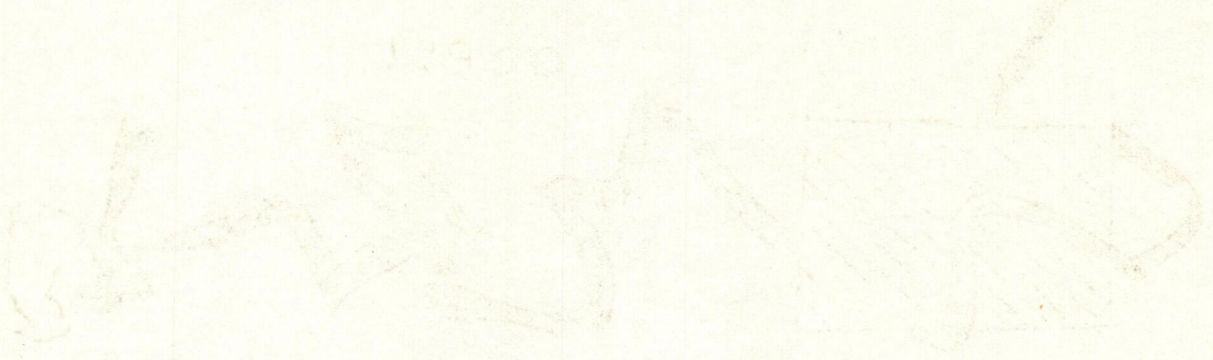
Here's hoping you have enjoyed your 1968 Christmas issue of the WFSC Bulletin. Much work and long hours on the part of your Secretary has gone into its making, not to mention the time and work you have put into it.

Be sure to remember the deadline for the Pre-Convention Bulletin is March 1, 1969 and mail your Federation Dues now.



Sincerely yours,

La Rita M. Longseth
La Rita M. Longseth
WFSC Secretary-Treasurer



TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

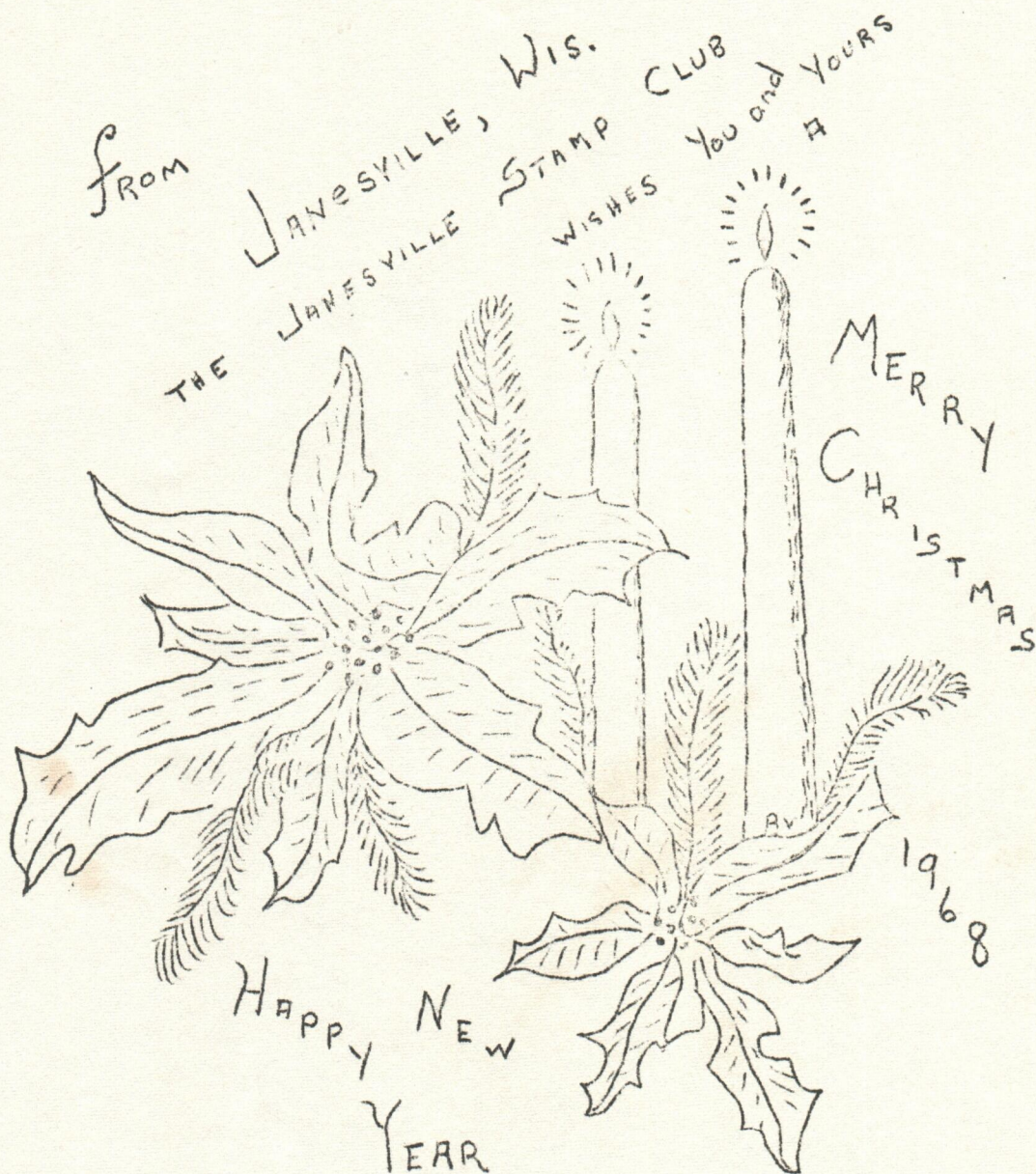
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NEW MEETING NIGHTS

First Tuesday and 3rd Thursday in the Janesville Area Chamber of Commerce offices, 101 S. Main St.

Tenth annual Janesville Exhibition & Bourse will be on April 19 & 20, 1969. Show site has not been decided.

