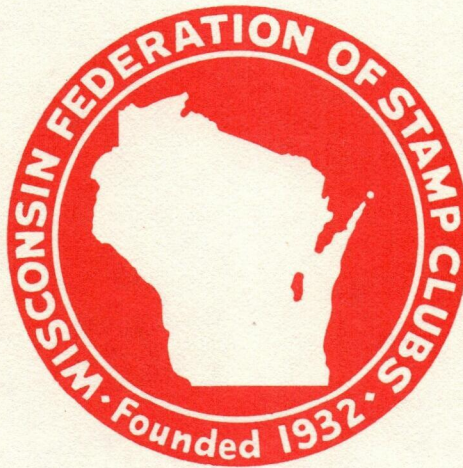


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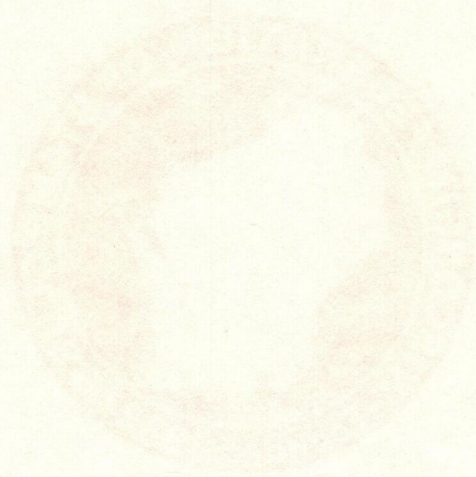
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WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

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Greetings;

I must say that my P.O. Box didn't exactly burst at its seams but there is still HOPE. If you don't know what I am talking about then you haven't read the Fall Bulletin.

For those of you who read the bulletin know that the secretary and I have a lot to say and we certainly won't please everybody. This has been proven by her remarks in the last bulletin, that the host club should donate 10% of their profit to the WFSC. Well the sparks have been flying around here. It should be a hot debate in Green Bay next May.

Speaking of Green Bay. Have you planned to exhibit, attend and support this our State Federation Show. It would be a fine gesture to have two or more exhibits from each member club.....

Each of us collect differently, some worldwide, single country, topicals or whatever else there is. A word to the wise. A very popular country is going to be a dead country very soon. I am speaking of the Ryukyu Islands. If you have read the newspaper lately, the United States probably will turn over the island to Japan around 1972 and if you have not completed the country, now is the time to do it before the price goes up up up.

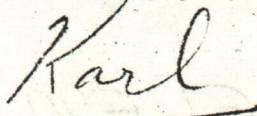
As of this writing, two clubs will be submitting bids to stage the WFSC show in 1971, Sheboygan Stamp Club and Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. Also a new club will be submitting application for membership in the WFSC....

I attended two shows recently DANEPLEX and TOSAPEX, oh yes, shouldn't forget the Chicago Philatelic Show. The Chicago show had some good material, good show. The other two shows were also good for being club shows only. One thing that I didn't understand and you have to be a good salesman to make me understand and that is the judging at TOSAPEX. I know there are certain rules and regulations concerning exhibiting. The Grand Award exhibit at TOSAPEX was not mounted on album pages but on huge card boards, not written up, it just showed a bunch of covers and stamps. Someone would have to do some pretty good convincing on why it won the Grand. Two other exhibits France - Proofs 85%, Essays and etc. (could use more write up) and Latvia have potential.

I believe I said enough for the time being and will fill a couple of stencils in the next bulletin. By the way the deadline for the Pre-Convention is March 1st.

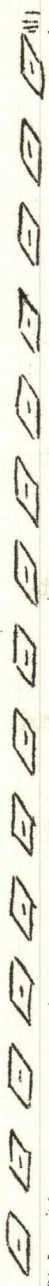
I would like to extend my sincerest Holiday Greeting for a wonderful Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all the members and friends of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs and I remain

Sincerely yours



Karl L. Keldenich
President

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PRESIDENT

MRS. HELEN J. HAENSGEN

SECRETARY-TREASURER

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY

By this time I hope all of you WFSC members have read your Fall Bulletin, especially your Secretary's Message. The subjects of the message should be brought up and discussed at all club meetings. No doubt the subjects of the message will be brought up at the WFSC Convention in Green Bay. There it will be determined whether to incorporate the idea in the WFSC rules or let it drop. It's up to the member clubs to vote on it and then instruct their representatives on how to vote at the WFSC Convention in Green Bay.

I have talked with some members of other clubs and they agree that the percentage idea and certificates for WFSC winning exhibitors is good but what if a host club should run into a deficit. That would be easily taken care of, once there was some money in the WFSC treasury to work with. The WFSC then could offer a certain percentage to the host club to take care of the deficit. Not all but at least part of it. A host club seldom runs into that kind of difficulty.

Thanksgiving, the big feast day has come and gone again and minds are now turning to another feast day, Christmas. I suppose you will all be thinking and preparing for Christmas as will I in whatever way I can. I hope Santa will bring you something of a philatelic nature.

The Christmas bulletin is now out of the way and I'll be thinking about getting things ready for the Pre-Convention bulletin. The other officers and I would like to thank you for sending in your ads and club news before the deadline date. You are all tops in my book. Thank you so much and I hope we have done your ads to please you. After working a while on the art work my wrist begins to hurt and my hand starts to shake a bit, but I don't think I did too badly. Having the material for the bulletins come in early made it so much more pleasant, working at it. I very much hope you will all do the same for the Pre-Convention bulletin. I certainly want to thank Pres. Karl Keldenich who did all the mimeo work for the previous bulletin and he again has a good start of grinding out the pages for this one. Also a big salute to our Cudahy Club members, Ken Muening, Santo Foti, Mat Eberhardy, Dave Hanson and Ralph Phillips for coming to my house to put the pages together & stapling them. How wonderful it is to have friends who are ready to help when the need arises. Thanks a million fellows, you're swell.

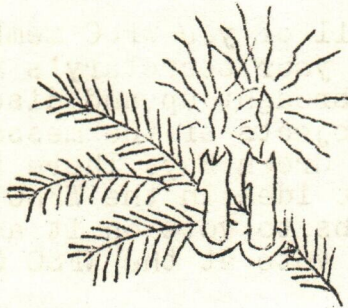
And now I wish all WFSC members a "Blessed and Merry Christmas".

Your WFSC Secretary,
Helen J. Haensgen

DEADLINE FOR NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE IS MARCH 1ST, AND DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR EXHIBITS READY FOR THE WFSC EXHIBITION IN GREEN BAY, MAY 16-17. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE IN NEXT BULLETIN ISSUE.

THANK YOU.

SEASON'S



GREETINGS

FROM

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOMED
TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS

Third Wednesday
September through June

7:30 P.M.

Kremer Enterprises, 4725 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee

CLUB OFFICERS

President: William Craig
Vice-President: Ramona Schmidler
Secretary: Edwin B Glaubitz
Treasurer: Mary Ann Owens

Trustees:
Clarence Beltmann
Norman Martin

STAMP CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

ATA WIS. CHAPTER # 5

Boy, oh boy, we sure have been bussssy since the last time we met at Kramers Enterprises Building. That is where the Nov. 19th meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. Located at 4725 W. North Ave.,

I hope that the other 35 people had as good a time as Mrs. C. and I did at last month's meeting at the Pabst Blue Ribbon Hall. We saw three fine movies: The first two, "River of Mail" and "Engineering Mail" were from the Milwaukee Post Office. The third was through the courtesy of Rep. Glenn Davis of the Ninth District. It was the first showing in Wisconsin of the story of Apollo 11, "The Eagle Has Landed". Thanks to Mary Ann for arranging it on short notice.

The next event our club members enjoyed was the fine tour of the Main Milwaukee Post Office. The film "Engineering Mail", previewed much that we went to see in action. Maybe you saw the picture in the Milwaukee Journal of the new Zip Code key punch going into operation. Well, we saw it and the people training to use it. We also saw the unbelievable conveyor system for the distribution of Zip Coded parcel post. Notice that the emphasis is on Zip Code. All mail will be speeded up by its use. So remember, "Smart mail wears a Zip Code".

Next was the MAD week end to Tosapex and Daneapex. There were many familiar faces at the "Tosa Y" and it was good to see some "State Stamp Friends" at Madison. We were really impressed by the fine shows, but the variety at the Tosa show was outstanding.

The Northwestern Mutual Life Stamp Club invited us to view their exhibit. It was in the Eighth Floor Lounge (Rooms 818-820) and seen during business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 24 to 26. Location is 720 E. Wisconsin Ave.

The Christmas Party is shaping up to be a great event. Jerry Husak has used his letterhead to line up a couple of fine door prizes. The Entertainment Committee has had a great start with Mrs. Cath. Ramlow as Chairman. To prove that she has a fine committee, they are operating at full steam even though Mrs. Ramlow has gone to the hospital. She is at Deaconess Hospital, and I'm sure would like to hear from all of you. Final count down for reservations will be at the meeting on the 19th. If you don't plan to attend but if you plan to attend the party, check the appropriate portion and send it to me. Those wishing to attend the ATA Christmas Party, Dec. 17 write to: William W. Craig, 7420 W. Garfield Ave., Wauwatosa, Wis. 53213.

Don't forget that EVERYONE is going to have a page of stamps to hold up at the meeting---a page of stamps on the subject that begin with the letters, A, B, C, D, or E.

A note from San Francisco says that Mrs. Elizabeth Tuft McCord doesn't plan to commute, no matter how interesting our meetings sound. Sorry about that.

That's it. See you at the meeting. Don't worry, Clarence, we'll have some coffee and refreshments and lots of door prizes.

Submitted by- William W. Craig

Merry Christmas

from the

Cudahy Stamp Club

TO ALL WFSC MEMBERS.

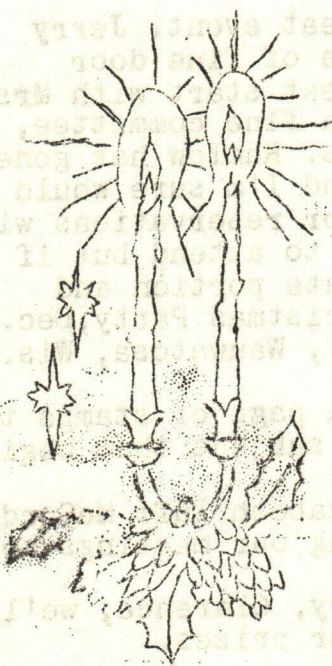
Meetings held 2nd Thursday of month
at First National Bank of Cudahy, 7 to
9 P. M. Visitors always welcome.



Greetings from the

ROCKFORD STAMP
CLUB

1970 ROCKFORD STAMP BOURSE, Quality Motel /
Midtown, East State & Longwood, Rockford, Ill.
Hours: 11-5 Ten Dealers
January 11 - February 8 - March 8 - April 12 -
May 10. BUY - SELL - TRADE
Information: R. G. Wait, Box 812, Belvidere,
Ill. 61008



CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

I thank Miss Langdell for taking over for me at the Nov. meeting. If things go for me as they do at present time, I'll be able to attend the Dec. meeting.

Moved by K. Muening, seconded by M. Eberhardy to buy half page Christmas ad in Dec. bulletin. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Popien, seconded by Mr. Hanson that we concur with secretary Mrs. Haensgen that certificates be given exhibit winners at WFSC shows and a per cent of profits from State Convention-Exhibitions be returned to Federation treasury after expenses have been paid. Motion carried.

The members decided to make the Dec. meeting a Christmas party. Coffee and goodies will be served. Each member asked to bring a \$2.00 value philatelic gift for exchange with other member. Wives, children or guest will be welcome.

Mr. Muening will handle the coffee, milk and sugar. Miss Langdell the goodies.

I thank Mistfers: Muening, Foti, Eberhardy, Hanson & Phillips for coming to the rescue to put together the pages of the Fall Bulletin and staple them. It was more than a couple of hours of walking around the table, picking up pages to form the complete bulletin. Thank you very much fellows. You were indeed real friends in need. Mr. Bill Fenger of So. Milwaukee was guest at the meeting.

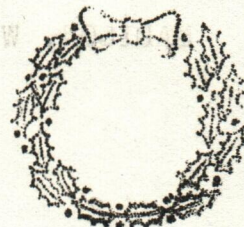
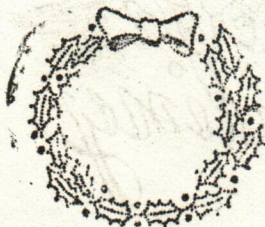
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FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS CLUB

We participated in the dedication of the Fond du Lac Post Office just newly constructed. On the dedication date of June 29, 1969 we sponsored a special two-color cacheted cover on the occasion. We put up a small exhibit and maintained a small booth inside the post office where we offered the cacheted covers for sale to the public when open house tours were arranged by local personnel during that afternoon. The program for us was a huge success as we sold many hundreds of covers and received some good prospects for new members in the club.

We are in the preliminary plans of sponsoring a local stamp show to be held sometime after Easter.

Ray E. Atchison - Secretary
FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS
CLUB



Leason's Greetings



FROM

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, U.S.C.S.

Officers re-elected at September meeting by unanimous vote.

President - Martin Longseth
V-President - Phil Rose
Sec.-Treas. - Bea Hayward

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER
HOST OF THE

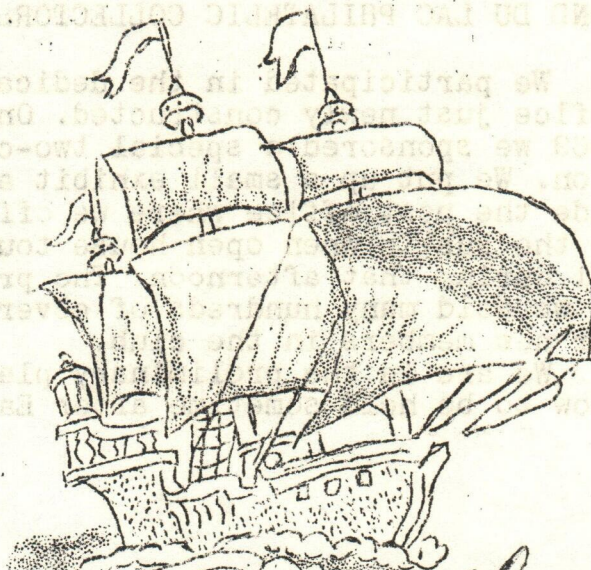
1970 NATIONAL U.S.C.S.

CONVENTION & EXHIBITION

JUNE 27-28

QUALITY COURTS MOTEL,

MADISON, WISCONSIN



Smooth Sailing

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

The Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club of Milwaukee held its fifteenth Annual Exhibition from November 24-26. The exhibition was held in the Mason Street Lobby from 8 am to 5 pm.

Eighty frames were necessary to show the exhibits from more than a dozen members (16 entries). Other club members helped to set up the show. A leading stamp authority and qualified judge from Milwaukee reviewed the exhibits and determined the three winners in each of two classifications, general and topical. Each winner received a certificate, ribbon, and financial award. In addition there was a grand award winner.

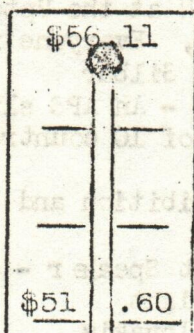
Exhibitors showed a wide variety of material, including U.S. and foreign covers, U.S. specialties, thematic and purpose-of-issue topicals, souvenir sheets, cancellations and other specialty varieties. Single country displays and invitational exhibits were also present. Club members were present from 11:30 - 1:15 each day to assist visitors.

The Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club will have a Christmas Party on December 14th at Billings on Oakland Ave., Milwaukee.

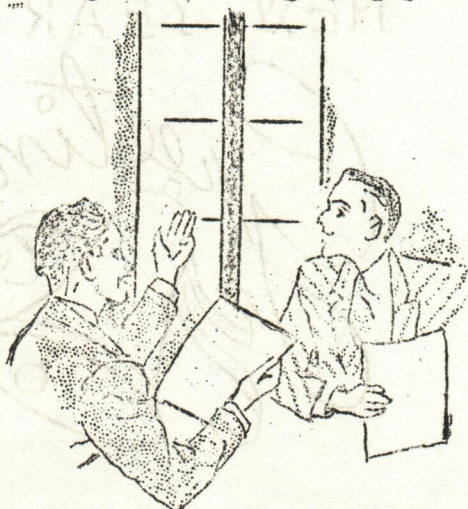
James B. Gilmore
Exhibition Chairman

Filing Cabinet Fund Report

Goal



UP IT GOES



Cost of file.....	\$59.95
10% discount.....	6.00
	<u>\$53.95</u>
4% sales tax.....	2.16
Total cost.....	<u>\$56.11</u>

Can we make it to \$56.11
before mid December?

Thank you Outagamie Philatelic
Society for your contribution
received recently.

We are still \$4.50 short.

Merry Christmas

FROM

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1970 PROGRAMS

- Sat. January 10 - NEW YEARS PARTY & AUCTION at the Uptown "400"
Post, 3220 W. North Ave., Everyone is welcome.
- Tues. January 27 - Philatelic Quiz by Harry Silbar
- Sat. February 14 - Canada's Registry System - An APS slide on tape.
- Tues. February 24 - Criteria on 1969 issues of 10 countries.
- Sat. March 7 & 8 - MILCOPEX 70 - Annual exhibition and bourse
- Sat. March 14 - Postal Stationery - Guest Speaker - exhibit.
- Tues. March 24 - Show report - member's night
- Sat. April 11 - Guest speaker on Czechoslovakia

NEW YEAR

Meetings are held every

2nd Sat. and 4th Tues.

Plankinton House,

609 N. Plankinton Ave.

Everyone is welcome



GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Everything is going along fine with us at Green Bay. In fact we are up to our neck in Football Cachet Covers and are quite busy devising ways and means of putting them on the market. Any of you members out there will note that we have them for sale as listed in the "Fall Bulletin". Here again is the list:

Our cachet with two 3¢ 1948 Wisconsin stamps and cancelled "Title Town" - 25¢ each.

Our cachet with 6¢ Football Stamp cancelled "Title Town" - 25¢ each.

First Day Covers - 35¢ each.

Plain cachet covers - 10¢ each.

Everything Convention wise is proceeding satisfactorily with all committees very active.

Our booth at the "Folk Fest" was quite a success both financially and promotion wise. In fact, some of our members had costumes depicting some of the popular stamp collecting countries. One of the members dressed as an Arab. (Some of us thought he looked like Nasser.)

I'll close now and from our club to your club,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

John H. Woodhouse, Sr.
Secretary-Treasurer

WFSC Secretary's note: Sorry the Fall Bulletins were sent to the wrong secretary.

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

I was unable to attend the Oct. 20th meeting. Charles J. Peirce acted as the Sec. Protem.

Under new business the matter of a new suitable meeting place was brought up. Charles J. Peirce & Russell Albee volunteered to check meeting places.

Mr. Peirce won the quiz with 7 out of 10 questions correct. Door prize won by guest Jack Schlaeger. Other guests were: Mrs. John Schlaeger, Mrs. Wildfong and Alex Augstkalns. In our program of Oct. 20th - "International Night", Bernard V. Kelly succeeded in getting a man associated with the Oshkosh State University. Juris Weidemanis spoke on the country of Latvia. Colored slides were shown by Mr. Weidemanis' son Maris. Pictures and talk was educational and well received by the audience.

Nov. 4th meeting: A new meeting place was discussed. Motion made and seconded that the club accept the Badger Lumber Club House

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

just off Campbell Rd. for its meeting place. Motion Carried. We will start meetings in the new place with the Nov. 17th meeting. Bank building at Oregon & 9th was climbing a flight of stairs. (No elevator.

We will have sort of a double feature program for our new meeting place on Nov. 17th. On program Ralph Hoffmann one of our members from Neenah will show slides, "Lincoln on Stamps" courtesy of the ATA. Herb E. Burgett will show slides of "Rare Seals" courtesy of Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society. These are the same slides we hoped to show at our chapter meeting last May in Milw. The Nov. 4th program brought out largest turnout. Twenty-one members and 2 guests.

Paul Thies spoke on U.S. Fancy Cancels. Passed sheets of fancy cancells around as he spoke about them. After talk he displayed 4 or 5 large albums of Fancy U.S. Cancellations. Thies was a former member of O.P.S., having joined club in 1939. Mr. Peirce introduced Thies. Thies recalled that Peirce and Burgett were only members he remembers since he left club about 30 years ago. Nov. 17th meeting in new meeting place (Badger Lumber Club House, 234 Cambell Rd., Oshkosh.) For some reason we received no notice about meeting and change of place in our local paper and the night was rainy so we had a small turnout. Only 11 members. We will have coffee at each meeting. A kitty was set up for that purpose. The club made a motion and seconded it, to take a five dollar Christmas ad in WFSC bulletin. Mr. Kelly will take care of this ad. There wasn't much said as to just what the ad should be, but I'm sure we will get a good page in the bulletin.

Arne May gave the quiz and Robert Sparks got 10 out of 10 questions right. New quiz master B.V. Kelly won door prize. Mr. Ralph Hoffmann showed colored slides "Lincoln on Stamps" and did the narration. Slides were courtesy ATA. Herb Burgett showed slides of "Rare TB Seals. He also did his own narration. Invited were Alex Kaiser and other seal collectors from Fond du Lac but they did not come.

Burgett displayed 6 frames of TB seals at the First National Bank in connection with the TB seal drive now on. Write up that was in their lalac paper was inclosed with this club news. Burgett was asked by Vern Gauger of Oshkosh TB & Health Association to display the seals in connection with the seal drive. Sec.'s note: (Congratulations and good going Herb.)

Next meeting Dec. 2nd - "Astounding Stamps" with Rosemary Zuern on the program.

Happy Sealing,
Herbert E. Burgett - Sec'y
O.P.S.

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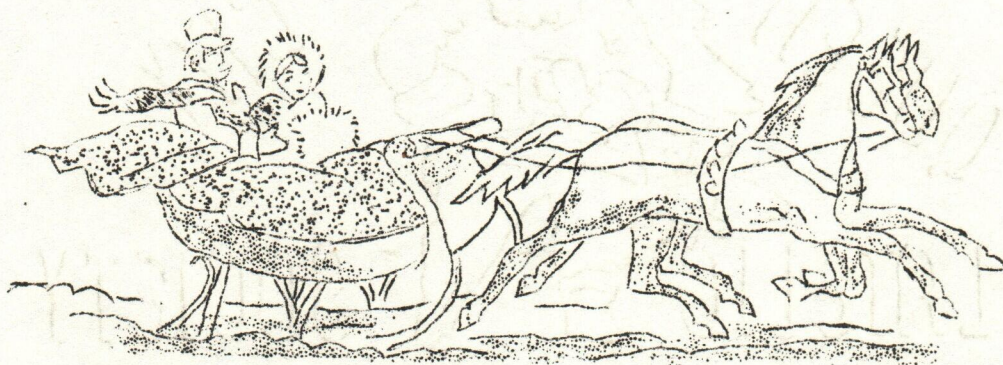
1970 WFSC CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION MAY 16-17

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN



MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM
OSHKOSH PHILATELIC
SOCIETY

Note: WE HAVE CHANGED OUR MEETING PLACE TO:
BADGER CLUBHOUSE, 234 CAMPBELL ROAD,
OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN.



OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

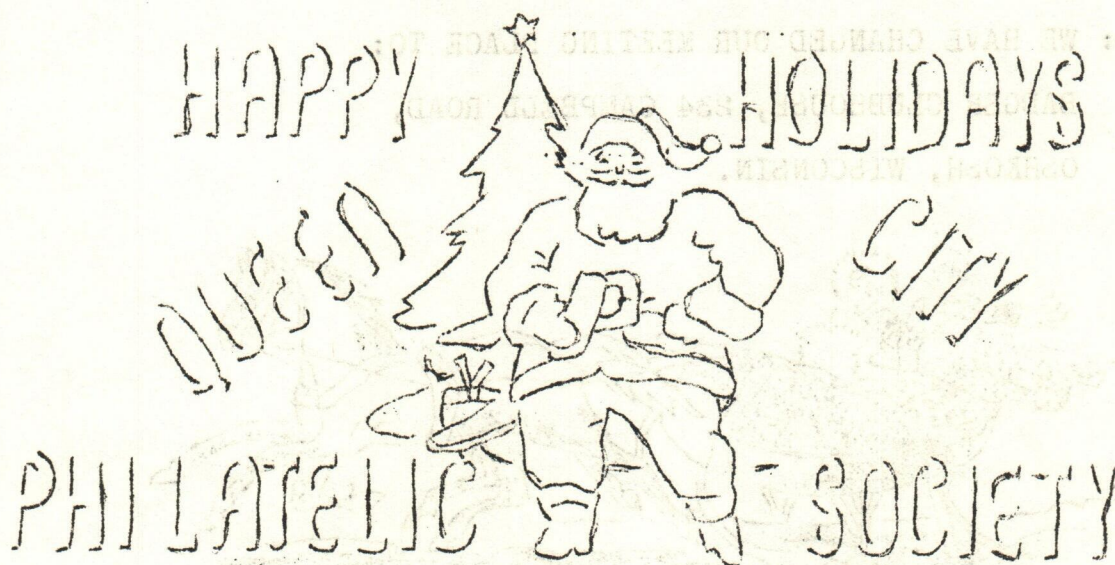
Here it is: That holiday season of "Good Will to Men" which we waited a year for and yet seems such a sudden surprise when it arrives! The Christmas stamp reflects the quiet peacefulness and serenity which we long for in our hearts. Our season's greetings to all our fellow members in the WFSC.

In our October meeting we were pleased to have several members of the Manitowoc Philatelic Society as our guests. Mr. Wilber Symes presented a program on the Civil War and showed slides made from authentic pictures taken on the scene by President Abraham Lincoln's official photographer with added commentary and background music. It was a most informative and startling presentation, thanks to Mr. Symes and to the Wisconsin Blue and Gray Society through whose courtesy we were privileged to view the authentic settings and scenes of the Civil War. In November we visited Alaska via slides from the APS. Ralph Hoffmann presented the program on Alaska and the Mails which gave a good historical view of early Alaska and showed four types of mail carriers: dog sled, ship, reindeer and stagecoach. In the December meeting we will have a Pick and Poke session which should be a lively affair since we have very good material for it. We are happy to enclose a check for \$5.00 as a donation from our society to the WFSC to be used toward the needed metal filing cabinet.

Season's greetings and best wishes for the new year.

Mrs. Wm. J. Stilp, Secretary

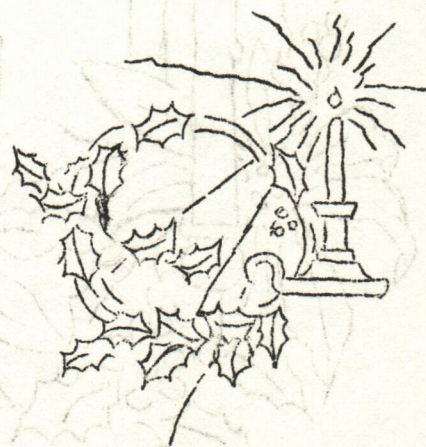
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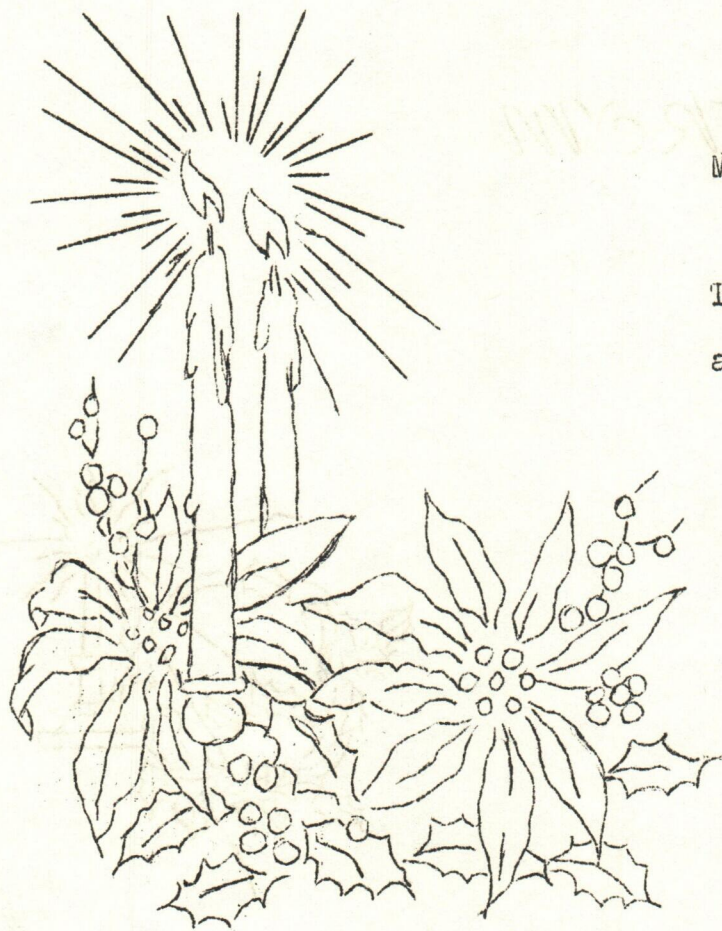


TO ALL
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

FROM
WISCONSIN
POSTAL
HISTORY
SOCIETY



WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!

Thanks for your fine support
and attendance at the 1969

TOSAPEX.

WATCH FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL

TOSAPEX

IN OCTOBER 1970.

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

INVITATION--This issue of the ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB NEWSLETTER is being distributed to several hundred collectors in the area in addition to the RSC members.. if you are with us for the first time - WELCOME - and you are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB on November 26 at the Colonial Bank 7:30 PM..

CLUB AUCTION--Our meeting this month will feature another of our popular auctions.. 50 lots of US and foreign stamps and other interesting philatelic material.. next auction - Jan. 28..

IFPEA '70--Plans are now well under way for the big spring Federation show/. March 21st and 22nd at the Faust Hotel.. 24 dealers and 200 frames.. the 2nd issue of the IFPEA '70 NEWSLETTER is being distributed to all members, Federation Chapters and the philatelic press..

APS--We are now Chapter #735 of the American Philatelic Society.. our certificate of membership will be presented at the November meeting..

NATIONAL SOCIETIES--The various national societies also offer much to individual collectors.. see Bob Wait for more information and application forms..

MEMBERSHIP--Don't forget that new members now receive 1970 membership cards.. bring that interested friend or neighbor .. our goal for 1970 is 100 members.. to achieve this goal will require everyone's help..

ROCKFORD STAMP BOURSE--The next Bourse will be Sunday, December 14th at QualityMotel Midtown 11-5... 10 dealers will be present.. free admission and free coffee.. this will be a good opportunity to buy something for Xmas for a stamper friend or for yourself.. be sure to bring your want lists and try to fill some of those spaces...

COMING EVENTS --
NOVEMBER 26

DECEMBER 10

DECEMBER 14

DECEMBER 17

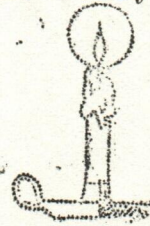
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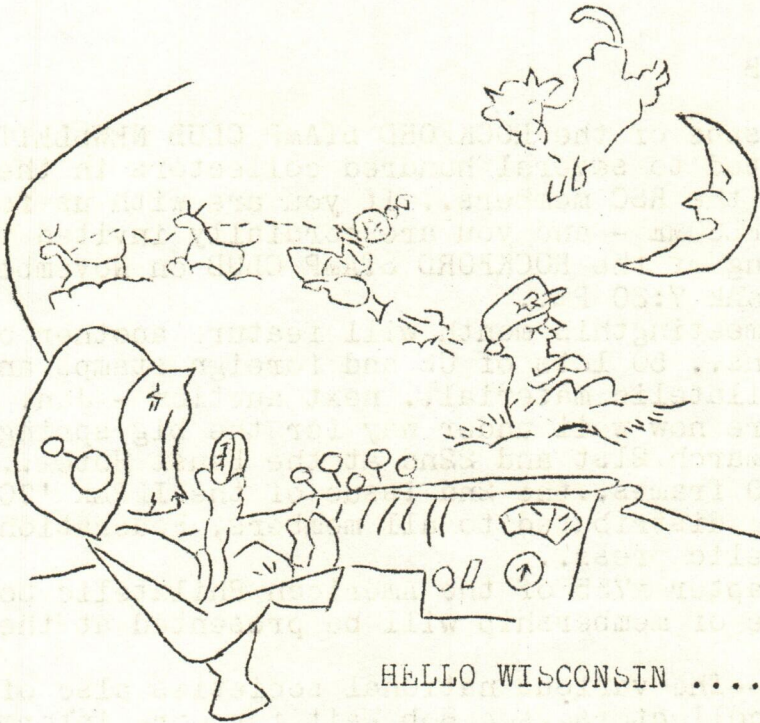
ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB - Auction
Colonial Bank, Rockford 7:30
WALWORTH COUNTY STAMP CLUB
Mathieson Memorial Library, Elkhorn 7:30
ROCKFORD STAMP BOURSE
Quality Motel Midtown, Rockford 11-5
ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB - Xmas meeting
Colonial Bank, Rockford 7:30
JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB
YMCA, Janesville 7:30

---and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone---



Bob Wait, Editor
Box 812
Belvidere, Ill. 61008





HELLO WISCONSINTHIS IS

SPACECRAFT O U T A G A M I E.....

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS BUT.....

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PHILATELIC
SOCIETY
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PHILO-ATELEIA
(cont'd from Post-Convention Bulletin)

10. WHAT IS A STAMPLESS COVER?

Stampless covers are envelopes which carry no stamp but have a hand cancellation showing the amount of postage paid and often signed or initialed by the postmaster. Names of cities and dates were also included. They came into use before the U. S. Post Office Dept., issued the adhesive stamps. Today they are valuable items of philately.

11. WHAT ARE POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS?

By Act of Congress on March 3, 1845 and effective July 1, 1845, rates of postage were established and postmasters in various cities issued provisional stamps and these are among the rarities of the world. Prior to the Provisionals were the stampless covers, which were marked "Paid" or "Due" either with pen and ink or handstamps in various designs and as mentioned above were signed or initialed by the postmaster.

12. WHAT ARE CARRIERS' STAMPS?

The Federal Government in 1851, under the acts of 1825 and 1836, undertook the task to deliver letters and so issued Carrier's stamps for local delivery. On these stamps the word "CARRIER" or "DISPATCH" is imprinted on the stamps, thus distinguishing them from other stamps.

13. GENERAL U. S. ISSUES OF 1847:

The stamps of 1847 were the first general issue authorized by Congress and issued on July 1, 1847. All Postmasters' Stamps and any which were not authorized by the Postmaster General became illegal from that date on. This issue was declared invalid as of July 1, 1851.

14. WHAT ARE LOCAL STAMPS?

Now here it is difficult to consider Carriers' Stamps and Local Stamps separately since the history of the Carrier's is involved with that of the Local Posts. Only two of the Carriers' stamps were issued under Act of Congress. These were the "Franklin" and the "Eagle" Carriers. United States City Dispatch Post were issued by authority of the Postmaster General. Others, such as the Baltimore "Horseman" and the "Eye" appear to have been issued by postmasters and still others were issued by the letter carriers on their own responsibility.

15. EMBOSSED STAMPS: (envelopes and wrappers).

Stamped envelopes were first issued on July 1, 1853. Always made by private contractors after public bidding, usually at four year intervals. They are sold to the public at postage value plus cost of manufacture. They come in many sizes and shapes and were made of a variety of papers, with a number of modifications. These stamped envelopes were produced on watermarked paper and this was mandatory since the first appearance of the envelopes. Only one was made starting in 1919 and lasted until manila newspaper wrappers were discontinued in October of

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1934. Due to inability to obtain watermarked manila paper, the contractor was permitted to buy unwatermarked paper on the open market, which accounts for the wide range of shades and weights of this paper, including glazed and unglazed brown (kraft) paper. A few stamped envelopes in addition to the manilas noted above, have been found without watermarks or with unauthorized watermarks. These unusual watermarks or lack of them are classed as errors, bidders' samples or specimens and most are quite rare.

The color of envelope paper is quite varried. Colors are: Amber; Amber-Manila; Blue; Buff; Canary; Cream; Fawn; Lemon; Manila; Manila-Amber; Orange; Oriental Buff; and White.

The stamp is embossed on the envelope by use of a metal die, pressing the lettering and design up above the inked area, thus leaving the lettering etc., white. Sometimes the reverse are found and are errors. There are also ALBINO impressions. These are embossings where no color is included. Current issues of albinos are not scarce and have only a nominal value and are classed as printing errors. On the other hand albinos of earlier issues, canceled while they were current are scarce and well worth saving.

Envelope paper watermarks can be easily detected by spreading the envelope open and holding it against the light.

16. WHAT ARE OFFICIALS?

Official stamps were authorized by Act of Congress and approved March 3, 1873 of special design for each of the departments of the Government for prepayment of postage on official matter. These were later supplemented on May 1, 1879 by penalty envelopes and on July 5, 1884 were declared obsolete. Practically all official stamps are known to exist imperforate but little is known of their history. All official stamps have the name of the department at the top. All department stamps have bust portraits, except the Post Office department which was issued with large numerals.

17. WHAT ARE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS?

Commemoratives are stamps which are issued to commemorate a special event, place or person. The first commemoratives issued were the Columbian Exposition stamps of 1893, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and to commemorate the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago, Ill., from May 1, 1893 to Oct. 21, 1893. These were issued in 16 denominations, the highest being 1-2-3-4- and 5 dollars. The lowest was one cent. All commemorative stamps are issued in limited quantities.

By—
Helen J. Haensgen

Cudahy Stamp Club

(To be continued in following bulletins).

WFSC CLUB MEETINGS ROSTER (1969-70)

ATA CHAPTER #5

3rd Weds. 7:30 P.M. at Kremer Enterprises, 4725 W. North Ave., Milwaukee.

BADGER STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Sat. 2 P.M. at Bethany Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison.

BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB

1st Thurs. each month in Memorial Hall, 72 - 7th St., Racine.

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER? USGS

monthly on 2nd Sat. evenings at member's homes. Contact (Mrs) Beatrice Hayward, 2155 Middleton Beach Rd., Middleton, Wis. 53562

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

2nd Thurs. each month, Sept. thru June, First National Bank of Cudahy, 7 to 9 P.M. (downstairs meeting room).

FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS CLUB

1st Tues. & 3rd Thurs. each month, 7:30 P.M., 2nd floor in City Recreation Dept. Offices, 72 So. Portland St., Fond du Lac, Wis.

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Thurs. at YMCA, Pine & Jefferson St., Green Bay.

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

1st Tues. & 3rd Thurs. in Janesville, YMCA, 454 So. Franklin St., at 7:30 P.M.

KETTLE MORaine STAMP AND COIN CLUB

2nd Thurs. each month, 7:45 P.M. at old Public Library, West Bend Recreation Bldg., 724 Elm St., West Bend, Wis.

LINDQUIST STAMP CLUB

2nd Tues. each month all year, 7 P.M. in "Reddy" Room, Wis.-Mich. Power Co., 1401 S. Carpenter, Iron Mt. Mich.

MADISON STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Thurs. each month, 803 State St., University Club, Madison.

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Sat. & 4th Tues. each month, at Hotel Plankinton, 609 N. Plankinton Ave., Milw.

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

3rd Weds. at homes of members. Contact James Gilmore, Sec'y NMSC, 720 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milw. Wis. 53202

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1st Tues. & 3rd Mon. at Badger Clubhouse, 234 Campbell Road, Oshkosh.

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Thurs. Sept. thru May at First National Bank, Appleton.

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Thurs. Monthly at VFW Hall, 436 Main St., Marinette.

REX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Thurs. of month, 7:30 P.M. at Rex Chainbelt Inc., West Mitchell St. Plant. If you plan to attend meetings contact: Walter Jaglowski, Evergreen 4-3000, Extention 348.

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

4th Weds. in basement room of Colonial Bank Bldg., Alpine Rd. Rockford. (7:30 P.M.)

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

Every other Weds. 7:30 P.M., Citizens Hall, 7th & Wis. Ave.

SHEBOYGAN JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Every other Weds. 7 P.M. (opposite Sheboygan Stamp Club) in Mead Public Library, No. 7th & New York Aves., Sheboygan.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN VATICAN CHAPTER

(With exception of Dec. & June) at St. John's Cathedral Rectory Hall, 1st Sun. each month in Milw., 7 P.M. No July or August meetings.

UPPER PENINSULA STAMP CLUB

2nd Weds. monthly, Marquette Community Bldg. Main St., Marquette, Mich.

WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd & 4th Thurs. monthly, YMCA, 1717 No. 73rd St., 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

2nd & 4th Weds. in Marathon County Historical Society Bldg., 403 Mc Indoe St., Wausau, Wis.

DAFFYNITIONS
(continued from Fall Bulletin)

PORT - where paquebots are discharged and fishing for a husband has a good chance ...

CHANCE is the ungarded moment when a collector spreads his wings of imagination ...

IMAGINATION - the spark plug that ignites the conumdrums of philatelic writers ...

PHILATELIC WRITERS are two kinds of pain on the neck, namely, trouble-makers and trouble-shooters...

TROUBLE-SHOOTERS - the happy-trigger guys who slug stamp racketeers at sight ...

SIGHT - without it, the magnifying glass would be useless ...

USELESS is a jargon used by self-styled philatelic experts ...

PHILATELIC EXPERTS are brain surgeons who specialize on brain-children ...

BRAIN-CHILDREN - the logic in portraying on postage stamps the pix of women ...

WOMEN who are portrayed on stamps are strictly prohibited from making gossips inside a loose-leaf album ...

ALBUM - a galaxy of bitter and sweet memories ...

MEMORIES are undying embers of a clear conscience ...

CONSCIENCE - a small voice within a big invoice ...

INVOICE is the link between a dealer and a collector regardless of price ...

PRICE - in the stamp market, is the big dictator of supply and demand ...

DEMAND is an essential factor in a philatelic factory ...

FACTORY - another synonym for fakerium, the science of producing stamp forgeries ...

FORGERIES are a disease of the imagination, camouflaged by mink coats ...

MINK COATS as you're aware, are tiffany gifts sent by stampic daddies to glamour girls ...

GLAMOUR GIRLS are usually the main subjects of airmail letters..

AIRMAIL LETTERS, wholly, are tear-jerkers because they're written on onion-skin paper ...

PAPER - the stuff on which handsome stamps or lousy printing show their slips ;..

SLIPS are the high-sassietty edition of original gum ...

GUM - the controversial element that keeps the ups and downs of price control ...

CONTROL is a silly visa for purposes of identification ...

IDENTIFICATION - a bill of health issued by the post office ...

POST-OFFICE is a dramatic school where young and old learn the art of letter-writing ...

LETTER-WRITING - a mirage of superlative sorrows and jumping joys ...

JOYS are isotopes from electrodes discharged by a tweezer ...

TWEEZER - a surgical instrument used for picking up a fight with a stubborn stamp ...

STAMP is a habitat in the animal kingdom whose teeth are called perforations ...

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DAFFYNITIONS (cont'd)

PERFORATIONS - the various holes punched on pay-envelopes ...
PAY-ENVELOPES are first-day covers usually issued on pay-day...
PAY-DAY - a segment of time when bill collectors flock around like the "Commonwealth" overprints ...
OVERPRINT is the twin-sister of a printer's joke, technically known as surcharge ...
SURCHARGE - something good something bad, like smuggled foreign exchange ...
EXCHANGE is more or less the half-brother of horse-deal ...
HORSE-DEAL - a dialogue between two advanced stamp collectors...
ADVANCED STAMP COLLECTORS are solid citizens of the Republic of Stampdom ...
STAMPDOM - the art of collecting stamps as you darn please, right or reverse ...
REVERSE is naturally the opposite of obverse in a growing stamp collection ...
STAMP COLLECTION - a big smile that produces results when you get broke ...
BROKE is an obsession that keeps a guy from putting his finger into a stamp auction ...
AUCTION - an excitement west northwest of the horse-latitude...
HORSE-LATITUDE is the sanctum sanctorium of a stamp editor ...
STAMP EDITOR - the woeful wet nurse of a paper who invented the double-entry in bookkeeping ...
BOOKKEEPING is a barometer of the circulation department of a stamp journal ...
STAMP JOURNAL - a faithful recorder of stampic blessed events...
BLESSED EVENTS are okay, as without them there would be no junior philatelists ...
JUNIOR PHILATELISTS - the teen-agers who study the anatomy of a stamp with a violet postmark ...
POSTMARK is the birth mark of a columnist ...
COLUMNIST - one who bisects public opinion for lazy stamp collectors ...
STAMP COLLECTORS are products of stamp multiplication ...
MULTIPLICATION - a branch of lip service taught in the Philatelic College of Hard-Knocks ...
KNOCK is the strong urge of an auctioneer to bang down the hammer ...
HAMMER - a powerful weapon used for shutting up riots and bids ...
BIDS are verbal bouts preformed in a few seconds and settled in minutes ...
MINUTES - the collective bargaining between capital and labor in a stamp club...

As submitted by -

Miss Dorothy Rautmann

Sheboygan Stamp Club.

(Daffynitions will be completed in the next WFSC Bulletin)

CHAPTER SLIDE PROGRAMS.

The slide programs listed below were prepared by the A. P. S. Slide Procurement Committee and are available to A.P.S. chapters upon request from the A.P.S. Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 800, State College, Pa. 16801

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- 1-U. S. Postal History, from the collection of the late Adolph Steeg.
- 2-Selected album Pages from the John M. Gardner Collection of U.S. 19th Century Cancellations and Postal markings.
- 4-Early Postal History of New York City, from the Collection of Rollin E. Flower.
- 5-The Great Mail, the Postal History of New Orleans, by L.V. Huber.
- 6- Fancy U.S. Cancellations, from the prize winning collection of Burleigh E. Jacobs.
- 7- Alaska and the Mails, by Joseph J. Cavagnol.
- 8- Why Topical Collecting, by James H. McMeen.
- 9- Graf Zeppelin Flights of the World, Part No. 1, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 10- Graf Zeppelin Flights of the World, Part No. 2, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 11- Development of Postal History of East Germany, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 12- Development of Postal History of West Germany, French Zone & Saar, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 13- Development of Postal History of West Germany, U.S.A. & British Occupation, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.

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SLIDE LIST (cont'd)

- 14- Maximum Postcards, by George A. Blizil.
- 15- Hungary up to 1945, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 16- The Stamps of the Steamship Companies, by Denwood N. Kelly.
- 17- Rocket Stamps of the World, from collection of George Ritter.
- 18- Stamps of the General Issues of the Confederate States of America, by George N. Malpass.
- 19- Selected Pages of the Prize-Winning Egyptian Collection of Fred B. Thomas.
- 20- The Frank C. Atherton Collection of Hawaiian Stamps, by E. M. Pickop.
- 21- Yugoslavia, Part I, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 22- Yugoslavia, Part II, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 23- Collecting Postal Stationery, Part I, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 24- Collecting Postal Stationery, Part II, by Wolfgang Fritzsche.
- 25- Newfoundland Aerophilately, Part I, by Dr. James J. Matejka Jr.
- 26- Newfoundland Aerophilately, Part II, by Dr. James J. Matejka Jr.
- 27- Philatelic Hiways and Byways, by James H. McMeen.
- 28- The Stamps of Panama, by H. T. van Dyke of St. Petersburg, Flo.
- 29- Selected Covers and Stamps of the Pan-American Exposition created by Pitt Petri and the Buffalo Historical Society from the collection of Adolph Steeg.
- 30- Early U.S. Navy Flight Covers, by Adm. Jesse G. Johnson.
- 31- The Dominion of Canada, Part I (Queen Victoria, King Edward and George V issues).
- 32- The Dominion of Canada, Part II (King George VI and Queen Elizabeth issues).
- 33- How to Collect Air Mail Covers, by Dr. Perham C. Nahl.
- 34- August Dietz Collection of Confederate Stamps.

The following programs of the new series are available with tape recording:

- 35- Canal Zone Gems from the DeVoss Collection, by Col. James T. DeVoss, (Running time, 49 Minutes).
- 36- Norway, The Cancellations and Usages of the Skilling Issues. 1855-1875, by Svend Yort, (Running time, 30 minutes).
- 37- The A. P. S. Story, by Col. James T. DeVoss (Running time, 35 minutes).
- 38- Errors, Varieties, Freaks and Oddities on United States Stamps, by Clyde Jennings Jr. (Running time, 40 minutes).
- 39- Postally Used Valentines of the 19th Century, by Van Dyk Mac Bride (Running time, 62 minutes).
- 40- Number Ones of the World, by Svend Yort (Running time, 37 minutes).
- 41- Stamp Printing Methods, Identified and Illustrated, by O. L. Harvey (Running time 47 minutes).
- 42- The 1851-'57 Issues by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society with J. David Baker, narrator (Running time, 45 minutes).
- 43- Postmaster's Provisionals, by J. David Baker (Running time 37 minutes).
- 44- What We Can Learn from Our Stamps, by George V. Luerssen (Running time 39 minutes).

SLIDE LIST (cont'd)

- 45- The Tale of the Kicking Mule, by Lee H. Cornell (Running time 43 minutes).
- 46- Cats on Stamps, by Betty Stevens (Running time, 40 minutes).
- 47- Ships on Stamps, by Audrey Pankratz (Running time, 20 minutes).
- 48- Guatemala, by Warren Stevens (Running time, 24 minutes).
- 49- The U.S. 1847's, by Jacob J. Legeer (Running time, 25 minutes).
- 50- Canada's Registry System (1827-1893), by Horace W. Harrison (Running time, 40 minutes).

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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.N.

U.S. POST OFFICE
CACHET COVERS
22 DEALER BOURSE
120 FRAME EXHIBIT

MARCH 7&8, 1970

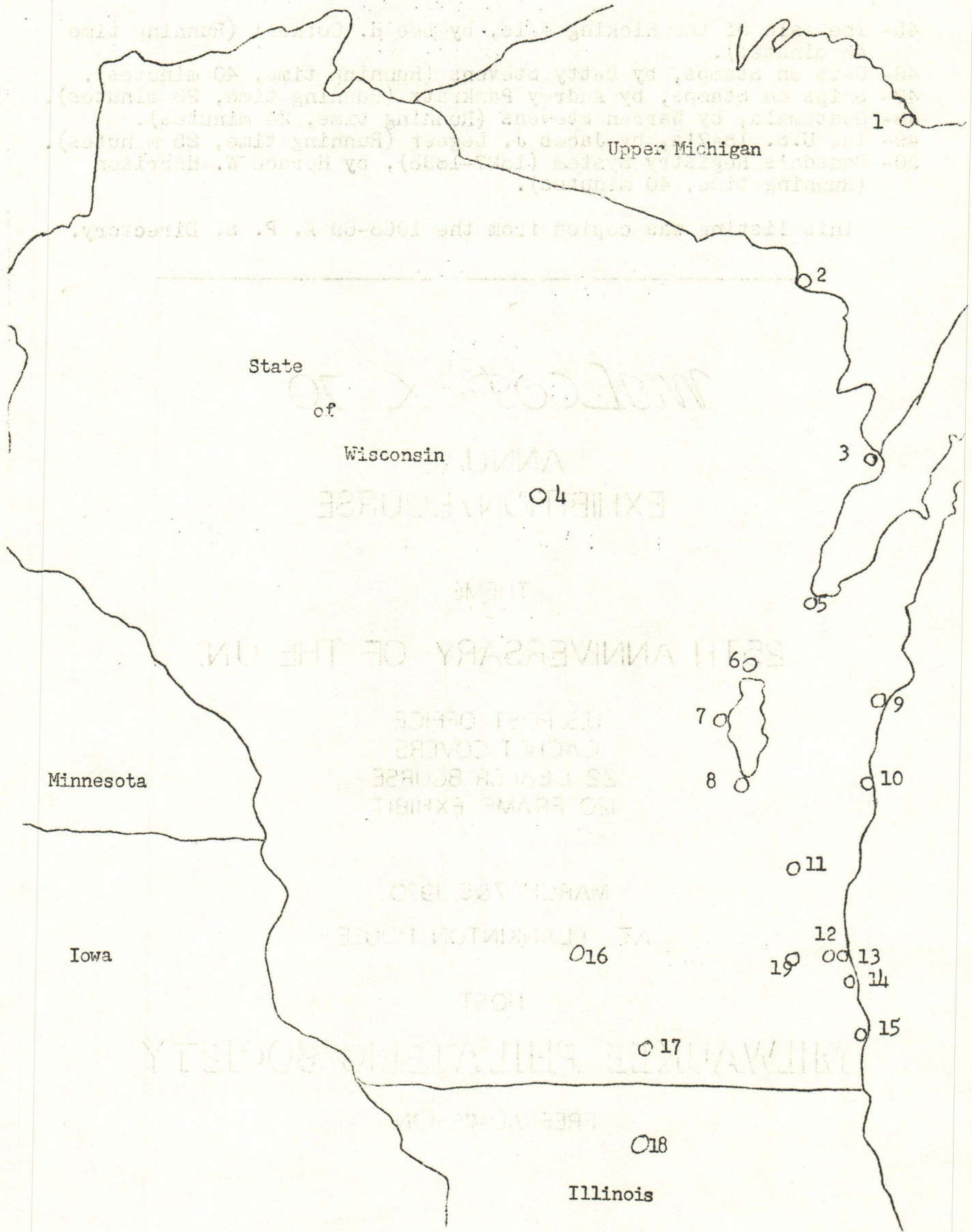
AT PLANKINTON HOUSE

HOST

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

FREE ADMISSION

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS



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The map on the opposite side is to show you the location of all the clubs in the W.F.S.C.. It seems that most clubs are located in the eastern half of the state. There are several other clubs in existence but not members of the W.F.S.C. Here is the list of the present member clubs, the towns and clubs names.

1. Marquette, Mich.
Upper Peninsular Stamp Club
2. Kingsford, Mich.
Lindquist Stamp Club
3. Marinette
Queen City Philatelic Society
4. Wausau
Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society
5. Green Bay
Green Bay Philatelic Society
6. Appleton
Outagamie Philatelic Society
7. Oshkosh
Oshkosh Philatelic Society
Wis. Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society
Wis. Postal History Society
8. Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac Philatelic Collectors Club
9. Manitowoc
Manitowoc Philatelic Society
10. Sheboygan
Sheboygan Stamp Club
Sheboygan Junior Stamp Club
11. West Bend
Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club
12. Wauwatosa
Wauwatosa Philatelic Society
13. Milwaukee
ATA #5
Milwaukee Philatelic Society
Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club
Rex Philatelic Society
Southern Wis. Vatican Chapter #8
14. Cudahy
Cudahy Stamp Club
15. Racine
Belle City Stamp Club
16. Madison
Badger Stamp Club
Commodore Preble Chapter, USCS
Madison Stamp Club
17. Janesville
Janesville Stamp Club, Inc.
18. Rockford
Rockford Stamp Club
19. Waukesha
Waukesha County Philatelic Society

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Waukesha will apply for membership at the May 1970 Convention in Green Bay. As it was stated before most clubs are located on the eastern half of the state probably because there are most of the bigger cities. Take the case of the new club, Waukesha County P.S.. This club was formed by the many philatelists living in and around the city of Waukesha. What was done in Waukesha can be done anywhere else in Wisconsin. If you check the APS, SPA and ATA Membership Directory, I bet that better than half of the members don't belong to any club because they have never been invited or asked to join.

Here are a couple of items that I have heard ... La Crosse has an active club and they even have an annual exhibition in the fall...North Shore Stamp Club in Milwaukee has a good turn out at meetings One of the State Universities has an active stamp club It is either Elkhorn or another town in Walworth County that has an active stamp club Also a High School in Wausau is supposed to have a very active club.

Between now and the Federation show in May, I'll try to get some of the addresses of the above mentioned clubs. Maybe the Regional Vice-President's could visit them and encourage them to join the W.F.S.C.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| 1639 - Fairbanks' tavern became repository for overseas mail. | 1879 - Classification system for domestic mail |
| 1672 - Monthly pos between NY and Boston | 1885 - Special delivery |
| 1683 - Regular post from Maine to Georgia | 1896 - Rural delivery |
| 1691 - Andrew Hamilton, Deputy Postmaster General under letters patent to Crown | 1911 - Postal savings initiated |
| 1775 - Benjamin Franklin, 1st Postmaster General Under Continental Congress | 1912 - Village delivery |
| 1789 - Samuel Osgood, 1st Postmaster General under Constitution | 1913 - Parcel Pos, insurance and collect on delivery service |
| 1825 - Dead letter office | 1918 - Air Mail |
| 1829 - Postmaster General became Cabinet post | 1920 - Metered postage |
| 1847 - Postage stamps | 1921 - First transcontinental air mail flight |
| 1848 - First Overland mail to California | 1925 - Special handling service |
| 1851 - Public Service policy enunciated by Congress | 1927 - Foreign air mail service |
| 1855 - Registered mail | 1939 - Experimental autogiro service |
| 1855 - Compulsory prepayment postage | 1941 - Highway postal service |
| 1858 - Street letter boxes | 1943 - Zoning system |
| 1860 - Pony Express | 1948 - Parcel post international air serv |
| 1862 - Experimental railway mailservice | 1948 - Parcel post domestic air service |
| 1863 - City delivery service | 1953 - Piggy-back mail service |
| 1863 - Uniform letter rate regardless of distance | 1953 - Airlift service |
| 1864 - Railway mail service | 1955 - Certified mail service |
| 1864 - Postal Money Orders | 1960 - Mechanized post office, Rhode Isla |
| 1869 - Foreign money orders | 1961 - Precanceled Post Cards |
| 1873 - Postal Cards | 1963 - Envelopes standardized |
| 1874 - UPU (originally General Postal Union) | 1963 - ZIP Code program |
| | 1963 - Luminescent-coated stamps |
| | 1964 - Postmark time eliminated |
| | 1964 - 24hrs. self service post office |
| | 1966 - Postal savings ended |
| | 1967 - Mandatory presorting by ZIP Code |

ZIP-ping Right Along

If you are not aware of it by now but every well dressed letter or is it addressed letter ends with ZIP CODE. Postal Regulation states that you place a ZIP CODE after the state not above, beneath or in front but right after the state and preferably the correct ZIP CODE.

Because of the volume of mail and automation ZIP CODE numbers were introduced. Although ZIP CODE is not new nor is it an American invention it has been adopted by several countries namely Japan, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland, Australia, France and Germany just to name a few. In fact Germany is on their second version of ZIP CODE. The forerunner in ZIP-ping is Germany and when they started their new numbering system, the government didn't ask but told their citizens to use the new numbers. They set up three ways on how to address letters and they are listed and described below. The names and addresses are fictitious except the towns and ZIP CODE.

Example #1

Herrn
Guenter Schwabe
Drogist

7325 Bad Boll
Postfach 14

Example #2

Firma
Richard Weiss
Papierwarenfabrik

2861 Wallhofen
Hauptstr. 4

In examples 1 & 2, if the address is typed or printed, the name of the city does not have to be underlined.

Example #3

Frau
Dr. Rita Scholl
Aerztin

466 Gelsenkirchen-Buer
Postfach 12

In example #3 the ZIP CODE and town have to be underlined.

You can see that the ZIP CODE is placed in front of the town. The most frequently used address form used is example #1.

The ZIP CODE can either be a one, two, three or four digit number. Due to the size of Germany, 8 postal districts were set up and they carry the one digit number. The numbers were assigned as follows: 1 Berlin, 2 Hamburg, 3 Hannover, 4 Duesseldorf, 5 Koeln (Cologne), 6 Frankfurt / Main, 7 Stuttgart and 8 Munich. So, if you see a number like 714 it is Ludwigsburg or 7419 it's Lonsingen via Metzingen (Wuerth.) Both of these town tell you they are located near 7 Stuttgart because of the first digit number 7.

If you have friends living in Germany or correspond with someone over yonder, why don't you use one of those forms mentioned above. The German just like the US Post Office appreciate you using the ZIP CODE and in their correct form.

Auf Wiedersehen till next time, when we ZIP through another country.

C.A.

Although it's fashionable in many developing countries for practically everything British to be derided as a "colonial left-over" rarely is a voice of protest raised against the Crown Agents, a colonial leftover if ever there was one. Perhaps because they are making big money for their people.

The Agents are responsible directly to the British Government, but are not part of the Civil Service. They have the explicit trust and support of newly independent nations -- even to the extent that they can offer frank, and sometimes critical, advice without fear of political repercussions.

Their history dates back to 1833 when they were set up as a single purchasing authority for the colonies to end an inefficient and sometime corrupt system whereby each colony did its own buying.

The original staff comprised two. Today there are 1,700 people catering for the needs of almost 100 independent countries, colonies, protectorates and even a few foreign countries.

Last year the C.A., reports their chairman, Mr. C.J. Hayes (former principal finance officer in the Ministry of Overseas Development), placed orders worth 82 million Pounds (of which 70 million Pounds were placed in Britain).

They handled the documentation of orders financed by British Government aid, totalling 21 million Pounds and as well placed orders for British Government, World Bank and International Development Association loans totalling 10 million Pounds.

Much of the buying comprised military equipment, but the Crown Agents altogether handled 81,341 orders for general goods, ranging from textiles and clothing to paints, livestock and cement.

One of the biggest success stories in 1968 was the expansion of their Stamp Bureau. Last year they handled a record 168 new issues, raising something like $1\frac{1}{2}$ million Pounds for the countries concerned, compared with 132 issues in 1967 and just over 100 issues in 1966.

They have now 50 employees arranging the design, printing and despatch of over $3\frac{1}{2}$ million stamps a day to thousands of dealers throughout the world. As well as employing traditional British printers like Harrison and De La Rue, they have placed contracts as far afield as Spain, France and even Australia.

According to John Hayball, head of the philatelic department, stamps have become a major source of revenue for the smaller colonies and newly independent nations. Some of the issues are so popular that they are sold out within days.

A remote island like Tristan da Cunha now only uses about 5 per cent of a new issues for its postal service. The remaining 95 per cent are sold to dealers.

The Crown Agents were given their first stamp contract to supply Mauritius with the "Britannia" series in 1848. However, Mauritius preferred to use its local product and the Britannia were not issued for a further six years.

However, by the late 1860's regular contracts were being made by the C.A.. Twenty years later the first of the long line of watermarks incorporating the letter "CA" was introduced.

In 1906 they began distributing stamps direct to stamp dealers in bid to eliminate the previous wasteful procedure which forced dealers to obtain their supplies direct from the territory concerned.

The Philatelic Bureau was established in 1944 but it was not until 1950 that it began distributing new issues to dealers outside the U.K.. Restrictions that year were removed that allowed sales to the United States, then in 1960 world-wide distribution began.

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In 1967 the Bureau moved from the Millbank headquarters of the Crown Agents to a multi-story office block in Sutton, Surrey, from where (aided by computers) orders are despatched within 72 hours or receipt.

The Crown Agents are responsible for the stamp design and printing of nearly 70 countries, including Nigeria, Bermuda, Malta, Singapore, Uganda and Zambia.

Mr. Hayball, who has no interest in philately other than his job and has never been a collector, says he advises governments not to have more than four commemorative issues a year and not more than one definitive issue every five years. Also he tries to persuade the C.A. clients against gimmicky ideas, such as issuing a stamp merely to commemorate the Moon Landing.

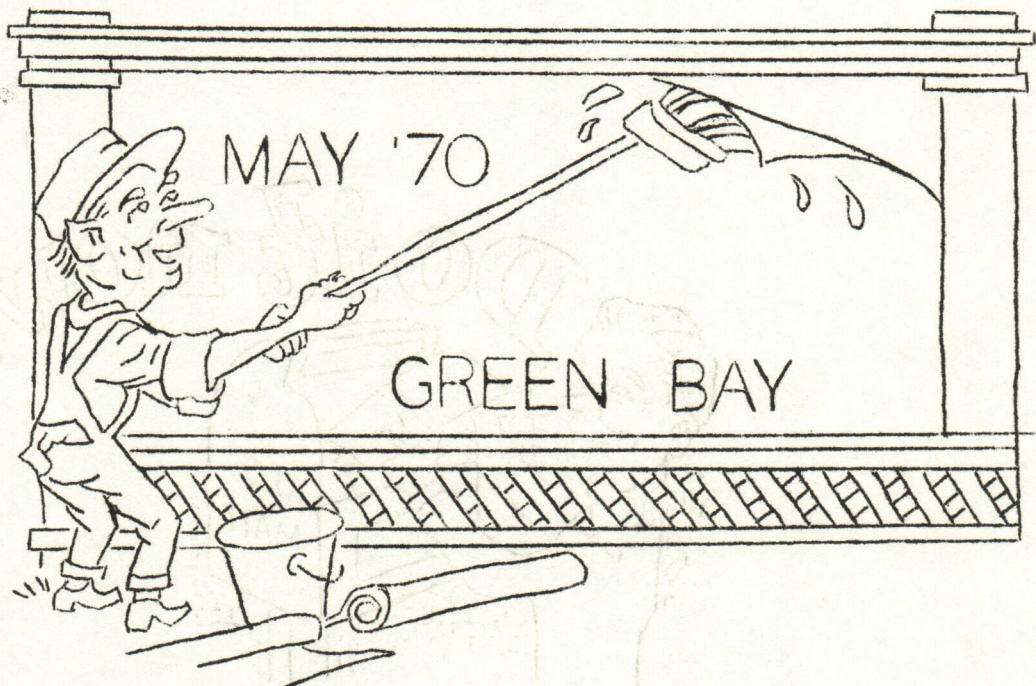
In recent years the Crown Agents have altered their emphasis from merely providing a service to one of 'hard sell', in the philatelic world.

They have been represented at major displays as far afield as Australia, New Zealand, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Holland, the United States, Hong Kong and Canada.

They circulated a stamp bulletin to more than 7,000 readers every month and provide a world wide 'stamp news service' for newspaper, radio and television editors.

This article appeared in the British News Magazine - time & tide - in the 4 - 10 September 1969 issue.

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DUES "R" DUE

THE ANNUAL WFSC DUES ARE
DUE ON JAN. 1ST, 1970

DUES ARE:

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