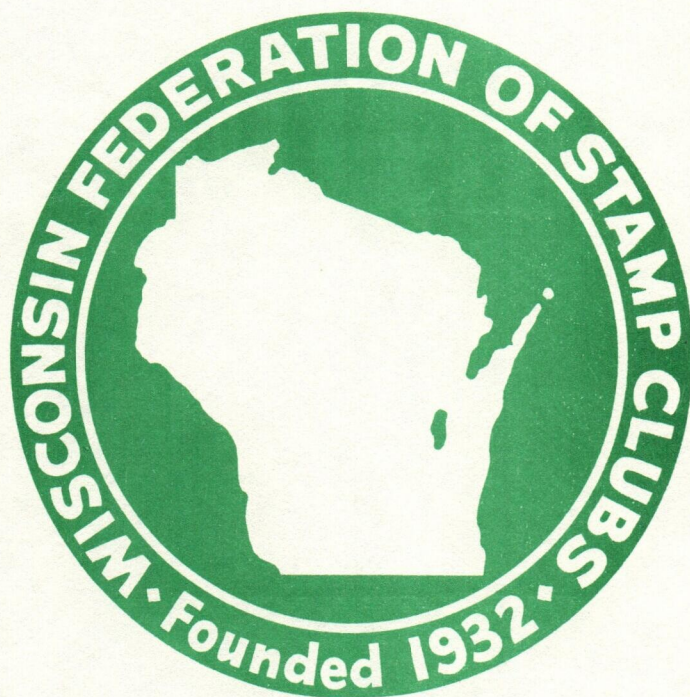


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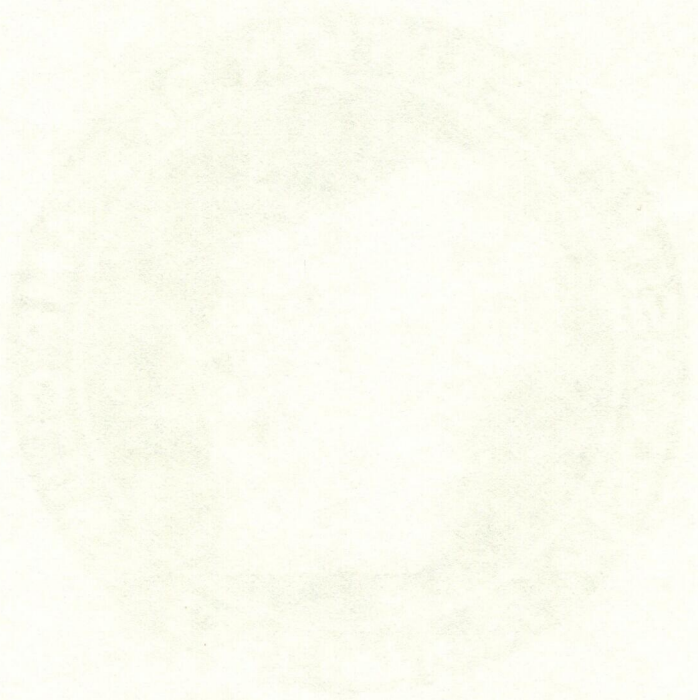


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Greetings;

The American Philatelic Society's scoring system:

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Condition of material	15%
Completeness	10%
Philatelic Knowledge and research	45%
Rarity	10%
100% Total	

It is hoped that the various clubs of the federation have discussed the different subject brought up in the previous bulletins. One question was raised recently and that is, "Is the annual WFSC exhibition insured?". This means the whole show, total coverage. Insurance is available to cover stamp shows and it is a WISE investment to pay the premium.

Now to another subject. I don't know if you are aware of it or not but by the time May 16 rolls around the Federation will be 32 clubs strong. The North Shore Philatelic Society of Milwaukee and the Walworth County Stamp Club of Elkhorn have submitted their membership application to join the WFSC. The Waukesha County Philatelic Society will submit their application in Green Bay. The Walworth Club brought up a good point. They asked me if the Federation could furnish speakers for their meetings. As far as I know there isn't a list available. May be the clubs could pool their resources and submit a list of names to the secretary and she in turn could publish it in the next bulletin. Those clubs that are APS members can get APS slides listed in the last bulletin and films on the United Nations are listed elsewhere in this bulletin.

MILCOPEX 70 is past history and I thought the judging was very "interesting". The winners are as follows: Best In Show - Milwaukee Postal History by Robert C Baldridge; 1st Grand - Specialized Collection of the US 3¢ 1851-57 by Theron Wierenga of Holland, MI; 2nd Grand - Germany, First Post Inflation Issue by Bernard Hennig of Chicago, Ill; 3rd Grand - The Beautiful Blue Danube by Mary Ann Owens of Waukesha. Mary Ann should also be congratulated for winning a Silver Award at APEX-OREGON, Albany, Oregon. Congratulation Mary Ann.

Well, I could say a lot more, say about 5 more stencils worth but I shall keep it to a minimum. But I would like to thank a couple of people namely Daniel Rhoades, Helan's sister Dorothy, David Hanson, Ken Muening, Mat Eberhardy, Santo Foti, Ralph Phillips, Marion Langdell and a pretty young lady Elizabeth Janicek for involuntarily "volunteering". Thank you very much. See you all in Green Bay.

Philatelically yours

Karl

Karl L Keldenich
President

PS: To run the WFSC Mimeograph Machine is like getting married. It takes time to get used to it and patience. The past secretaries know what I mean.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:

Well, my tenure of office is nearly over and for the first time I seem to be tongue-tied. I have so much to say "Thank You" for but how does one say "Thank you" on paper and make it sound sincere and effective?

But I really am sincere when I say "THANK YOU" to so many of you for your wonderful co-operation. To all the secretaries who sent in their club news early, to the clubs and individual members who donated toward the metal filing cabinets, to the treasurers who were right on the ball with sending in the WFSC dues, to President Karl Keldenich and Dan Rhoades for helping with the mimeographing, bringing in some of the supplies for the bulletins and seeing to it that bulletins were mailed and distributed to the clubs. To Ray Van Handel Sr. and Charles Peirce for their prompt answer to my letter about the WFSC story. To Muening, Phillips, Foti, Hanson, Miss Langdell, Eberhardy and our junior member Betty Janicek, all of them members of the Cudahy Stamp Club, for being on hand to assemble the bulletins, and to the many who sent their best wishes and fine comments on our bulletin publication.

Karl and I are certainly grateful to all of you. Without your splendid co-operation the job could not have been the success it was.

For me it was a challenging, interesting and a busy year. I really enjoyed the work. My only disappointment was the three weeks of Sept. which I had to spend in the hospital. I was so worried that I would disappoint Dan Rhoades, after he had so much faith in me, enough to offer my name in nomination for the office, and it would also have been sad to disappoint the delegates who voted for me at the convention.

I know I did not please everyone with what I said and did in the past year, but I hope by now those whom I displeased know by now that I tried to do a good job, especially if it was meant for the good of the Federation. "THANK YOU" again to all who helped even in a small way.

There will be subjects brought up at the Convention meeting and we hope each member club will have a delegate present to vote on them either pro or con. And now as a closing thought, it is my wish that you give the same splendid co-operation to the next secretary-treasurer. Without your interest and co-operation there can be no fine bulletins and the Federation would suffer. The Lord willing, I'll see you all in Green Bay.

Your very pleased Secretary-Treas.
Helen J. Haensgen

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Three new clubs have joined the WFSC ranks in the past year, namely: NORTH SHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY of MILWAUKEE; REVENUE STUDY GROUP of MILWAUKEE and the WALWORTH COUNTY STAMP CLUB of ELKHORN.

Above all don't forget to get your exhibits ready for the Green Bay Show on May 16-17. Without your exhibits the show could flop. For those who will exhibit more than one collection, you can get more entry blanks by writing or phoning me. Phone: 481-2122.

POST-CONVENTION BULLETIN NEWS DEADLINE is JUNE 15th. Get it in.
By - Helen J. Haensgen

= OBITUARIES =

Oscar H. Keehn, died on Aug. 20, 1969. His survivors are his wife Zoe and brother Ed. For 35 years, until the time of his death he was the sole owner of the Northwestern Stamp Company of Milwaukee. After his death the business was passed on to his brother Ed, who now is the owner.

He was a Life Member of the American Philatelic Society, a long time member of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, member of the Society for Philatelic Americans and a member of the American Stamp Dealers Association.

Dr. Chester J. Hill, 55, died Nov. 22, 1969 in Tucson, Arizona where he and Mrs. Hill recently moved. He was in semi-retirement. He was a Professor of psychology at Lawrence University for 24 years. He held a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Master of Science degree and a Ph. D. degree. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and American Psychological Assc.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

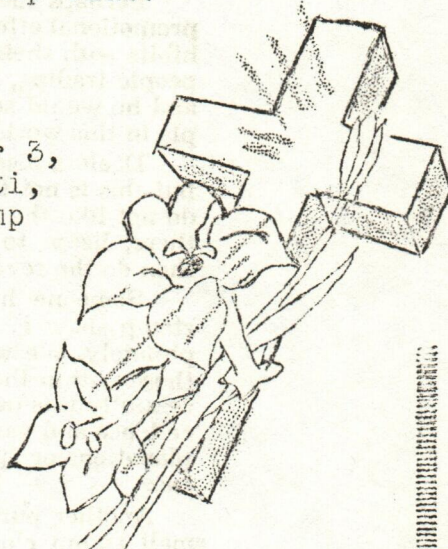
Chris Laurberg passed away in December and his death deeply saddened his many friends among the old-timers of the club. He was a member of the Rockford Stamp Club.

OTHER DEATHS

Wilma Foti, passed away December 3, 1969. She was the wife of Santo Foti, a Charter member of the Cudahy Stamp Club.

Surviving her are her husband Santo and two sons.

Dr. Hill was a member of the Outagamie Philatelic Society. We will miss him.



TO ALL SECRETARIES:

Please remember to send notice of any deaths in your club to the WFSC secretary, so that they can be included in the bulletin obituary.

H. Haensgen
WFSC Secretary-Treas.

Why A Stamp Show Anyway

The hobby-profession of stamp collecting is sometimes referred to as a multi-million dollar industry. Such reference is often met with attitudes of disbelief from outsiders. They find it difficult to associate such high finance with a hobby that the uninformed often relates to kids and fuddy-duddies.

Several highlights are possible for a stamp show when held in a major population center . . . highlights which are unavailable to the stamp clubs in smaller communities. For instance, INTERPEX will display the rare 1856 British Guiana 1c black on magenta stamp through the courtesy of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries who will auction it for the unidentified owner later this month.

The Post Office Department will have on display the canceling die and the letter taken to the moon by the Apollo 11 crew to create the moon letter. The tremendous surge of sales of the Apollo 11 moon stamp is well known to all . . . collectors and non-collectors alike.

What about the stamp show in the hinterlands? Obviously, the rare British Guiana stamp and the moon die are not going to be available to the club or sponsoring individual. So we raise this main question: Why a stamp show anyway?

We believe every properly planned stamp show can be creative and interesting for the enlightenment of the general public as well as the specialists in collecting . . . but it does not come easily!

If the stamp exhibits are "buried somewhere in a back room," where it is impossible to see the painstaking work done by the collector who prepared the frames because of poor lighting . . . then the show will not have served much purpose.

Perhaps the non-collecting visitor who came from the promotional efforts of the sponsor did not get to see the exhibits with their educational value. All he got to see were people trading, buying, selling pieces of colored paper . . . and he would soon determine there were more crazy people in this world than he thought!

Dealers also have a way of evaluating a stamp show but this is not the prime criteria. Obviously, many dealers do not like the effort it takes to prepare, pack up and get there, listen to collectors' stories, make some sales, and then do the reverse of packing for leaving the show.

Someone has stated that the main purpose of any stamp show is to "further the educational properties" of philately. We would consider that was intended for both those within the fold and those without. To carry out successfully this purpose would mean more stress on both excellence and variety of exhibits with better and clearer explanations or "philatelic information" than is too often the case.

Another purpose for a stamp show, especially for the small stamp clubs in non-metropolitan areas, is to help local collectors obtain stamps for their collections which can not ordinarily be obtained locally. Thus show officials will try to get dealers with different specialties from other areas to attend the show. However, if the dealers are going to be "soaked" high bourse fees, few will return.

Again, one laudable purpose of a stamp show is to enable collectors of the area to show off their collections to more people than club meetings provide. They are more easily induced to do so if attractive trophies are awarded, although noncompetitive exhibits are not uncommon. But if the judging is considered unsatisfactory by many exhibitors, that purpose is not well served.

Our purpose in this editorial is to point out how any stamp show can become a success if definite purposes or goals are first established and then every effort be made to carry out those purposes regardless of anything else. Whether the show be INTERPEX in New York City or be held in the midcontinent area, good planning is essential for a good stamp show. — J.O.A.

WFSC CLUB 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 USCS

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

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

1st 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, Wis.

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

1st Tues. & 3rd Thurs. in Janesville YMCA, 54 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, Wis.

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., Milwaukee.

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, Wis.

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 4-8000, Extension 348.

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

4th Weds. in basement room of Colonial Bank Bldg., Alpine
Road, Rockford, Ill. (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 Rec-
tory 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 Street,
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.

NORTH SHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY of Milwaukee

2nd Monday of month, 8 P. M. at First National Bank of
Glendale (side door) 5888 No. Port Washington Road,
Glendale, Wis.



THE FIRST PHILATELIC BROADSIDE OF WORLD WAR TWO

By Shirley Johnson

On a significant historical date - November 11th, 1938 - the Polish Postal Department issued a series of stamps (see Scott #320-332) commemorating the 20th anniversary of Poland's independence. The issuance of these stamps by Poland immediately set off a political/diplomatic chain-reaction. One could say that it was the beginning of the "philatelic battle" of World War Two.

To better understand the bitter resentment by the Germans on one hand and the historical pride of the Poles on the other hand; we must go back in history to the year 1410.

Poland and Lithuania had solved their difference and had combined forces against the common enemy -- the Prussian Teutonic Order. About the middle of July 1410, King Jagiello of Poland led his Polish-Lithuanian forces across the Prussian border. The great battle that followed, between the Prussian and the Polish forces is known as the Battle of Gruenwald. It is also referred to as the Battle of Tannenberg by some historians. The area of Gruenwald or Tannenberg was a much fought-over land surface before and after this particular battle. 500 years later, during World War One, the Germans won a victory in a great battle at this place and this battle is also known as the Battle of Tannenberg. History records: That on the eve of the 1410 battle of Gruenwald; King Jagiello and his wife, Queen Jadwiga, received an emissary from the Master of the Teutonic Order in the royal tent. (Note: See Scott #332, Poland 15g) The Prussian Teutonic Master, by the emissary messenger, sent King Jagiello a gift of the Prussian Helmet and two battle swords. The Prussian leader sent further offers -- as well as his low opinion of the Polish fighting men he faced. In general, the Teutonic Master stated: "It is common knowledge that the Polish battle equipment is inferior to the Prussians". Furthermore, "the Polish King was offered his choice of the high ground and/or battle position as it also was common knowledge that the Polish men were far inferior as soldiers to the Prussians".

King Jagiello accepted the helmet and swords and stated to the emissary: "Soldiers never have too many weapons and therefore we will make use of this helmet and swords". However, King Jagiello rejected the battle position offer. On about July 14, 1410, these two great forces met and "resolved" their differences in a two day battle. The Prussians were thoroughly defeated in a crushing victory by the Polish forces and the Teutonic (Prussian) Order was physically and politically shaken to its very foundation. After the Battle of Gruenwald, Poland emerged as a European State to be reckoned with by other European nations.

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The First Philatelic Broadside of World War Two Con't.

It goes without saying that the first battle of Tannenberg (or the battle of Gruenwald) was a very sore spot with the Germans and also a delight to the history of the Polish people. The Nazis, especially, wished to bury this part of military history.

By the fall of 1938, Hitler and the Nazis had already swallowed up Austria in a practically bloodless victory, occupied the Sudetenland and then all of Czechoslovakia. Hitler was at his political peak with a mighty Nazi military machine at his disposal. The Nazis seemed invincible and no European or other nation dared oppose them -- politically or militarily. Then on November 11th, 1938, the Poles dropped their philatelic/political bomb -- they issued a commemorative stamp set. The Polish issue (Scott #322) shows King Jagiello and Queen Jadwiga in front of the royal tent with the Teutonic emissary. On the ground, in front of the King and Queen, lie the helmet and swords which were the "gits" of the Prussians.

Aside from the affront, to the Nazis, of the stamp commemorating the Polish victory over the Germans; it was issued on the 20th anniversary of the total defeat of the Germans in World War One.

The German ambassador, in Warsaw, immediately entered a very strong protest to the Polish government against the issuance of the stamps and demanded an immediate withdrawal of the entire series.

The Polish ambassador, in Berlin, was put "on the carpet" by the German Minister of State. Propaganda Minister Goebbels increased his tirade against the Poles. Whatever the intent of the Polish Postal Authorities; they had, indeed, zeroed in on a very tender "nerve point" -- historically speaking.

At that time; Poland was not only under terrific pressure from the Nazis, other European nations -- also fearful of Hitler, brought diplomatic pressure upon the Polish government to withdraw the stamp issues. With political and/or military pressure from all sides: Poland withdrew the stamp issue and on February 6th, 1939, reissued the series making one slight concession. The 15gr (Scott #339) reissue was precisely as the initial stamp but the helmet and sword, at the foot of the King and Queen, had been "removed". The Polish government, evidently, felt that this was "enough" of a concession to make and continued with the commemorative series. The Nazis, of course, still persisted in having the whole series withdrawn but the cold philatelic battle yielded to the first phases of World War Two when the Nazis crossed the Polish borders in September of that same year.

Soon after this initial military phase started and World War Two began to heat up and spread over the world; the various propaganda/espionage and stamp forgery issues (if not before) entered the great battle. Most of these issues did not surface until well after World War Two. Even today, not all of the facts are known about many of the propaganda/espionage/forgery philatelic issues. Between World War One and World War Two, before the Polish issues described, there were various other propaganda stamps and/or labels printed. However -- somehow -- I've always felt that the Polish commemorative issues of Nov. 11th, 1938 was the first philatelic broadside of World War Two.

This article is reprinted with the permission of the Germany Philatelic Society, George A Blizil, Editor. The German Postal Specialist.

BADGER STAMP CLUB

Badger Stamp Club sends greetings to all WFSC members and announces the slate of officers of their club.

George Extrom - President.

Rev. Arthur Blaisdell - Sr. Vice-president.

Billy Lemcke - Jr. Vice-president.

Arthur Allegar - Secretary-Treasurer.

Richard Hartwell - Director.

Adrian Stransky - Director.

B. F. Kakachka - Director.

Very truly yours,
Arthur Allegar - Sec-Treas.

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CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

At our club's Dec. meeting, members made a motion to change our meeting day from the second Thurs. of the month to the first Thurs. of the month. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Visiting members from other clubs are asked to make note of the change.

The Jan. meeting was canceled because the first Thurs. happened to be New Years Day.

On Feb 5th the evening was spent having discussions, mostly about MILCOPEX and the WFSC treasury. Members agreed that something should be done to increase the treasury finances.

Mr. Dan Rhoades' work schedule was changed so that he was once again able to attend our meeting. Was good to have him join us as he used to do. We missed him during his absence. He passed out some MILCOPEX entry blanks and members were asked to exhibit at MILCOPEX. Changes have been made for MILCOPEX, all for the better.

There were plenty of stamps and plate blocks sold and swapped. Some of the members displayed some of their albums.

I had a visit from our member Don Kenier and his wife Carol. He stopped in to pay his 1970 dues and asked about the doings of the club and news of some of the members.

Good luck to our members who will be exhibiting at MILCOPEX. I hope you will walk off with a few awards on March 7th and 8th.

Your devoted secretary,
Helen J. Haensgen.

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DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR EXHIBITS READY FOR THE WFSC SHOW
IN GREEN BAY, WIS. MAY 16th and 17th.

YOU WILL FIND ENTRY BLANKS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE
BACK PAGES OF THIS BULLETIN.

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

Janesville Stamp Club, Inc., will host its 11th annual stamp show and bourse on April 11-12 at the Holiday Inn of Janesville. The exhibit will be open to the public from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. each day.

Arthur M. Menz, general chairman, announced that in addition to member competitive frames, the club is honored to display an exhibit from the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in a special court of honor. Exhibits from the U.N. and U.S. Post Office Dept., are expected to complete this special court.

Burton Warner, Delavan, has designed a colorful cachet featuring the "Santa Maria" and a facsimile Apollo 13 patch to note the span of U.S. achievements from 1492-1970. The tri-color cachet, captioned "From Indians to Angels", will be franked with the 10¢ Moon Landing airmail stamp.

The single cover may be ordered from Ben G. Hess, 214 South Randall Ave., Janesville, Wis. 53545 for 35¢ each. Collectors desiring cachets mailed under separate cover (or post show orders) must enclose a large, self addressed, stamped envelope with their order.

Sincerely,
M. J. Westfall
Mrs. R. Westfall,
Pub. Chm.

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MADISON STAMP CLUB

The business meeting February 5, 1970 of Madison Stamp Club was called to order by President Frank Roub at 8:05 P.M. with 31 persons in attendance.

The secretarial report of December 4, 1969 meeting--last previous meeting--was read and approved.

Dr. David Baerreis treasurer's report was presented and approved. The treasury during the past six months' span has increased \$47.48 netting a balance today of \$617.92. Dr. Hahn moved for the approval, seconded by Frank Roub with attending members agreeing with move.

The guests of the evening were Virginia Hall and her son Bill. Russell Pett who had attended the January meeting prior to this also returned. John Bahrman applied for junior membership. The move was made and seconded he be accepted a member the remainder of the year being obliged to pay half the year's dues.

Phil Rose read contact of Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. A meeting is scheduled April 26 at Executive Inn in Sheboygan.

Frank Roub has recently received packets of folded stamp hinges selling 3 for twenty-five cents. The source of supply is Austria. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 for an informal evening of trading.

By-(Mrs.) Jane A. Frederick

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY (too late for Christmas bulletin)

Here is a list of the new officers elected by the Manitowoc Philatelic Society at the December meeting.

John I. Franz - President.

Fred Froehlick - Vice-president.

Thomas Reddin - Secretary.

Roy Peronto - Treasurer.

Arnold Croll - Auctioneer.

Colored Civil War slides were shown by Wilbur Symes, Secretary of the Wis. Blue and Gray Society, at our Nov. meeting.

At our Dec. meeting colored slides of Early History of Manitowoc was shown by Ruhl Kluczenske, a member of the Manitowoc County Historical Society.

By - Thomas Reddin - Sec.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Milwaukee Philatelic Society hosted the MILCOPEX '70 annual exhibition on March 7th and 8th at the Plankinton House, Milw.

The exhibitions theme was the "25th Anniversary of the United Nations 1945-1970".

Cachet covers depicting the U. N. emblem were on sale. Covers may still be for sale and collectors may be able to obtain them at 25¢ each, 2 for 40¢ (1 each day show cancel) or 5 for \$1.00, from: Karl L. Keldenich, P.O. Box 1062, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201.

MILCOPEX a 120 frame exhibit (open to all) and a temporary U.S. Post Office, a 23 dealer bourse, plus a special show cancel. 1970 Programs:

Sat. March 14 - Postal Stationery - Guest Speaker - exhibit.

Tues. March 24 - Show report - member's night.

Sat. April 11 - Guest speaker on Czechoslovakia.

Meetings are held every 2nd Sat. and 4th Tues.

PLANKINTON HOUSE, 609 N. Plankinton Ave. Everyone is welcome.

As per: H. H.

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NORTH SHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY of MILWAUKEE (New member of WFSC)

OFFICERS - 1970

Pres. - William Beverly

Vice-Pres. - Samuel Cohen

Sec. - Betty Beyer

Treas. - William Schultz

Club meets 2nd Mon. of the month at Glendale National Bank, 8 P.M. (side door).

THE OFFICERS of WFSC WELCOME THE NSPS of MILWAUKEE.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Stamps - Leroy Steller

Membership - Armin Schultz

A.S. - Fred Vilter

Refreshments - Irene Schultz

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The first 25 years of OPS History was related by David Zuern with pictures taken from two club history books was passed around to members, at the Dec. 2nd meeting. Twenty-two members and one visitor Herman Julet were present.

Arne May gave a report on the 1969 Denmark Christmas Seals. A clipping from a Denmark paper stated that the 10 angel designs were picked from 100 entries drawn by 2nd and 3rd graders from schools where Arne May once attended school.

Congratulations were in order to Herbert Burgett for his display of TB Seals at the First National Bank of Oshkosh.

Donald Thurwathcher was re-instated at this meeting. He was a member of OPS in 1945.

We held our Christmas party on Dec. 12th at the Social Service Bldg., 448 Algoma Blvd. Eighteen members and 10 guests enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner. After dinner David Zuern recited "Casey at the Bat". He wore a baseball uniform with the name "Mudville" across the chest. Herbert Burgett recited a poem called "My Stomache". Rather appropriate after the big dinner. A card game of "Court Whist" followed. There were six tables and members brought gifts as winner's prizes. Robert Sparks got 205 points, Mrs. Jane Albe (wife of Pres. Albe) got 199 points and Lou Mead 192 points. Remaining gifts were passed out to other players and 3 remaining went to others by card drawing.

Thanks were tendered to Mrs. Guy Smith and Mrs. Louis Neumueller who were the committee for the Christmas party.

Our Jan. 6th meeting was a quiz affair called "Stump the Experts". Prizes given to winners. The limit is 10 questions to a quiz. Five highest winners of the past 6 years were chosen as the experts. They are: Charles J. Peirce; Bernard V. Kellt; Robert E. Sparks; George A. Weitenbeck and Ralph O. Huffman. Fifteen members and 3 visitors were on hand for this interesting program.

Mrs. Maurice Teahon (Gisela) joined OPS at this meeting.

OPS has planned a special cachet cover for its 40th anniversary. R. C. Albee is in charge of the covers.

Our Jan. 19th meeting had one of the smallest turnout in years because of the below freezing weather. Another reason was the free dinner at the K of C Club for members and their wives. B. V. Kelly acted as pro-tem secretary at the meeting. No report on cachet covers, Albee was absent. Letter from Rochester Club - no action. Next meeting was an auction. Following is a program collectors will speak shortly on: Mrs. L. Neumueller-Tokelau; Ralph Huffman-Baden; B.V. Kelly - Rhodesia; Albert Mead - Barbuda; and Mrs. Al Mead - Bermuda. Jeff Thurwalcher joined the society at the meeting.

For 1970 a new member at every meeting.

The CS and CSS will be represented at the Green Bay Convention on May 16th. Seals will be sold and exchanged at the Convention meeting. H. Burgett will speak of the 18 active societies who issue TB Seals. These 18 are the ones who have issued seal in 1969. The oldest is the Lutheran Sanatorium, Wheat Ridge, Colo. Over 60 years of issues. The newest is Wellington TB Association. Their first seal in 1969. There will be albums of seal on display at the Green Bay meeting.

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OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

Enjoy your report in the bulletins. Miss Rautmann's "Daffynitions" has been very interesting also.

Feb. 3rd meeting was another clod night meeting (10 below) but 13 members attended for the auction. Fond du Lac club was invited but no one showed up. Ralph Huffman showed stamps, cover and literature, free for for sending in his name. Robert Sparks displayed all U.S. 1969 stamps and passed out sheets for Linn's Design Derby to vote on. B. V. Kelly was quiz master and Arne May became the new quiz master.. Charles J. Peirce auctioned off 31 lots of members' material for \$15.44. Ten percent of auction cash went to the OPS treasury.

Feb. 16th program did materialize because Mrs. Zuern was unable attend but husband David offered a program. David Zuern came down with a cold so Arne May filled in for him. This again was a quiz program and Kelly, Peirce and Huffman were winners in that order. The regular quiz by Arne May was won by Geo. A. Weitenbeck, quiz master for the Mar. 3rd meeting. 15 members were present and Mrs. May was our visitor.

Charles Peirce urged members to get their exhibits ready for the Green Bay Exhibition on May 16th and 17th.

CS&CSS will have a seal for our meeting on May 16th at Green Bay. A letter from Mr. Masbaugh states that he will print the seal for the chapter.

You and Karl are doing a fine job with the bulletins. Keep up the good work. Programs coming up are:

March 16 - Smorgasbord.

April 7 - The Cards Are Stacked by George Weitenbeck.

April 20 - Coins by Arne May.

May 5 - G-H-I Sale.

May 18 - Election of Officers.

June 14 - Picnic at 2302 Island Beach Road.

Submitted by -
Herbert E. Burgett- Sec.

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OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Discussions of the three items mentioned by the WFSC president in the fall bulletin for consideration by individual clubs with an answer expected by March 1, 1970 resulted in the following decisions:

1. No: The Outagamie Philatelic Society does not favor incorporation.

2. No: The " " " does not feel that a limit of frames should be made for an exhibit.

3/ Yes: The Outagamie Philatelic Society feels that the WFSC should present an award at the 1976 International Exhibition at Philadelphia, Pa., the bicentennial of the United States.

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OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

Greetings to all and best wishes for a successful convention in Green Bay.

Just after our news was submitted for the last bulletin, word reached us that our friend and fellow-member, Dr. Chester J. Hill, 55, passed away Nov. 22, 1969, of a heart attack in Arizona where he and Mrs. Hill had recently moved and where, in semi-retirement, he had planned to lecture and write. Professor of psychology at Lawrence University from 1944 to 1968 where he held the "Henry M. Wriston Professor of Psychology" chair, native of Hazeltown, Pa., bachelor of arts degree from Lafayette College, masters degree and doctorate at Yale University, instructor, then research assistant at Wesleyan University before joining the faculty at Lawrence University. He is survived by his wife and two sons. We will miss him!

Our December meeting was rounded out with a Pick and Poke session with good quality foreign stamps. January brought out a number of "show and tell" items by those present: Mexican stamps, some from the 1968 Olympic Games; varied mountings; first day covers some cancelled on the recovery ship *Hornet* of Apollo 12; last sheet of stamps sold at the old Menasha post office and the first one sold at the new post office; covers from Mr. Ruth, late owner of Linn's Stamp Weekly; unusual straight-cut edge on sheet of 6¢ Christmas 1969 stamps; envelopes made up by Mr. Meisel for Local Dispatch from Winnebago, Shiocton and Bear Creek; cachet covers commemorating football, the helmet on the cachet had been designed by a Green Bay Philatelic Society member; an old legal document of 1774 with a seal which may have inspired the idea of postage stamps.

At the February meeting we voted to have our president appoint a nominating committee for the annual election in April. It was suggested that this would be a fair, practical and time-saving method. One of our members displayed a stamp collection and had us evaluate it. Another member brought his "black light" ultra violet lamp and those who had phosphorous or fluorescent material showed it under the lamp. At the March meeting Dr. Darling will give postal history on the local area.

See you in Green Bay in May.

Submitted by -
Mrs. William J. Stilp - Sec.

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Queen City Philatelic Society, while not having been represented too well in the State Bulletin during 1969, has never the less been most active throughout the year, at their club meetings. We met every month of the year, with the months of June, July and August being a combination of meeting and picnic. Our meetings have been most interesting, with slides, films, auctions and other philatelic activities.

We prepared a cover commemorating the 300th anniversary of
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QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY (cont'd)

the establishment of the first mission in Oconto, in 1669, and the 100th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the city of Oconto, in 1869.

We met with the Upper Penninsula clubs, and they met with us. We had for a speaker at one of our meetings Postmaster Delgoffe of the City of Menominee, Mich. We also attended a picnic with the Green Bay club, at Green Bay. We had our annual exhibit at the Cholette Hotel in Peshtigo, and held our annual Christmas party also at the Cholette Hotel. All in all, we think we had a very successful year, with our average attendance for the year being 93.5%.

Our new officers for the year 1970 are:

Floyd Behnke - President.

Charles Graves, Vice-president.

E. O. Schoenebeck, Secretary-Treasurer.

Submitted by -

E. O. Schoenebeck,
Secretary-Treasurer

Letter from L. J. Topel, No. Reg. V. P.

I just have to comment on your last issue of the WFSC Bulletin - it is a wonderful piece of work. No doubt but you should be getting other comments too and just as favorable. I too know how much work is involved in publishing this bulletin being a past President of the Fed. and also know how much support is needed and offered by the Clubs in the Federation.

Your article "straight from the shoulder" is and should be just that very thing. There are a good many ideas new and old, that can benefit the Federation and contribute to its success. The cost of putting out this bulletin is the big thing and you have to figure very very close to have enough money to pull thru the year. Therefore, I agree with you that each and every Host Club to the Convention should offer a percentage of their net profits, however, I feel that 10% is not enough and should be put before the next Convention.

An award Certificate should be a set rule of the Federation for the winning exhibits and this would not be too expensive. Standard certificates can be purchased from a printing house in Chicago and can be imprinted by any local printer. The imprinting can be made uniform to be used at all the conventions and exhibits. Our Federation Emblem should be used and the lettering done so that the host clubs would only have to fill in the names and dates. I might suggest that there is an excellent hand lettering expert who lives in Sheboygan and is known by all Fed. members who may be willing to offer his services for the imprint design and then enough copies could be made up by offset printing to last a few years.

There is one more thing that I would like to comment on in the Award category and that is the Federation has paid \$35.00 for a master template die of the Federation Emblem. This was to be used on all Federation Exhibit Awards. From this template the Fed.

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L. J. Topel Letter cont'd.

Emblem can be engraved on trophies and plaques which I think are quite suitable for any stamp show award. This could apply only to the Grand Awards and Best-in-Show, however smaller plaques are available for the blue ribbon awards. At present this template is in the files of an engraver at Marinette who has offered the Federation a discount of 40% on the trophies and plaques they want to buy.

Now Helen, as far as I'm concerned you are N O T fired. If you wish to publish my comments in the bulletin you have my permission.

Very sincerely,
Les Topel - No. Reg. V.P.

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS-- 1970 Officers:

John Appanaitis - president.
Weems Hodges - vice-president

Bob Wait - Secretary-treas.
Don Arnquist - auction manager.

CHRIS LAURBERG - the death in December of Chris Laurberg deeply saddened his many friends among the old-timers of the club.

COMING EVENTS:

IFPEX - show time March 21st and 22nd. Hotel Faust, 630 E. State, Rockford, Ill.

Bill Monson - Gen. Chairman.

Paul Shimaitis and Fred Jury,
Local Club Activities.

Otto Ehlers - Exhibits.

George Gantzer - Hospitality.

Perry Arnquist - Bourse.

Don Hammel - Cachet Committee.

Bob Wait - Publicity.

Leon Christiansen - Awards & Judges.

Bert Swanson - and John

Don Arnquist - Programs.

Appanaitis - Registration.

There will be 24 tables sold by show date...200 frames will be shown...Awards will be presented at a philatelic breakfast on Sunday morning... tickets are \$2.00 per person...plan on going up with the family, go to breakfast with your fellow collectors.

April 4-5: Park Forest. PARFOREX, Hotel Waukegan. Lake County Stamp Club hosting.

April 4-5: Waukegan. LACOPEX, Hotel Waukegan. Lake County Stamp Club hosting.

Apr. 24-26: Chicago. Palmer House Hotel. ASDA. Dealers Show.

May 8-10: La Salle. Hotel Kaskaskia. Illini Precancel Stamp Club hosts this semi-annual meeting.

May 29-31: Chicago. COMPEX. La Salle Hotel. This very big, biggest show in the Midwest has more than 1,000 frames, more than 40 dealers.

Sept. 11-13: Minneapolis. Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society.

May 16-17: GREEN BAY. Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs SHOW.

Bob Wait -- Editor.

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

May I, on behalf of our membership, compliment you and your fellow officers on the fine bulletins that we have been receiving? I hope your enthusiasm permeates all of our endeavors in 1970 so that we can be proud of our achievements locally and statewide. I regret that we made no contribution to the Christmas issue.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Martin J. Weiss -Treas.

SHEBOYGAN STAMP & COIN JAMBOREE

The Sheboygan Stamp Club, the Sheboygan Coin Club and the Sheboygan Junior Clubs proudly announce their Ninth Annual Joint Stamp and Coin Jamboree to be held on Sunday, April 26, 1970 at the Grand Executive Inn, 8th Street and Center Avenue in Downtown Sheboygan, Wis. The purpose of the Jamboree is to promote good will and understanding towards the many facets of coin and stamp Collecting.

Publicity already has been sent to all stamp and coin publications, and will follow to all radio & TV Stations and newspapers in Wisconsin. We are sure the turnout for this event will be as large as it has been in the past eight years.

Door Prizes will be awarded every half hour starting at 9:00 A.M. through 6:00 P.M. Admission is free. The public is cordially invited and urged to bring the youngsters. Parking space and excellent restaurant facilities are available at the Inn.

The price of an 8' bourse table is \$10.00 each, with a limit of two tables per dealer unless cancellations make additional tables available later on. Dealers are requested to set up displays at 8:00 A.M. If you are interested in a bourse table, please make a reservation at your earliest convenience to insure a table being available. Your check to the Sheboygan Stamp & Coin Jamboree must accompany your reservation.

Sincerely yours,
Miss Dorothy Rautmann
Post Office Box 907
Sheboygan, Wis. 53081
Publicity Chairman.

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WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at the YMCA, 1717 North 73rd Street.

The meetings in 1969 were most enjoyable and well attended. Guests are always welcome.

The slate of officers for 1970 are:

JOHN SMALLSHAW - President. KENT MARTIN - Vice President.

RAMONA SCHMIDLER - Secretary-Treasurer.

Watch for our annual Stamp Show "TOSAPEX" in October 1970.

Submitted by - Ramona Schmidler, Sec.-Treas.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5 - ATA

Our Dec. 17th Christmas Party was a wing-ding success at the V. I. P. Lounge at 4704 W. North Avenue.

Evelyn Ramlow, Alma Adams and Norma Kedroske are the most. I mean the greatest and all that. Who, but these wonderful ladies could have put together such a fun-filled, brain-jolting and palate-satisfying evening as was enjoyed at the Christmas party.

Jan. was the month when our members cast their votes in the Linn's Design Derby.

There were demonstrations of the methods that four of our members use to title their exhibits. Namely: Clarence Beltmann showing Presstape; Karl Keldenich, a mechanical drawing method; Ramona Schmidler has script writing typewriter; and Mary Ann Owens demonstrated how to justify a paragraph.

F, G, H, I, J were the letters used to show one page material. Members were urged to get their exhibits ready for the MILCOPEX show.

WFSC bulletins were on hand for members who wished to avail themselves of a copy. Of course, the usual door prize, then coffee and som'thin sweet courtesy of Charlotte Kremer.

Sweetheart's Day has come and gone, and it's time for Stamp Day. The third Wednesdays roll around so rapidly that it is hard to keep track of. Talking about track, did you see the bargain Jerry has offered in regard to the Railroad Handbook? You can get a copy of the Handbook and a copy of Topical Times for a buck. It's a real bargain 'cuz it usually sells for \$3.00. "Scouts on Stamps" slides were shown at our Feb. 18th meeting. The letters K, L, M, N, and O pages were used for our wash line exhibit.

Since this is the start of the exhibit season, here is a listing of the major exhibits in this area:

Illinois Federation	Rockford, Ill.	March 21-22
Sheboygan Coin & Stamp	Sheboygan, Wis.	April 26
Midwest Stamp & Coin	Palmer House, Chicago.	Apr. 24-26
Wisconsin Federation	Green Bay, Wis.	May 16-17
Complex '70	La Salle Hotel, Chi.	May 29-31

Most Important:
TOPEX '70

Montreal

June 19-21

By-
William W. Craig
Pres. ATA

A NEW STAMP CLUB was formed in Milwaukee this winter. A "Revenue Study Group" met at the home of E. F. Vilter in February 1970.

Meetings will be held in the homes of members at President's request. Further information may be obtained from:

E. F. Vilter, 5145 N. Palisades Rd., Milwaukee, Wis. 53217

Submitted by-
Daniel L. Rhoades

WIS. BLUE & GRAY SOCIETY

As in the past we are going to donate a Trophy for the best Civil War exhibit and also will hold our 5th Encampment in the Jefferson Davis Room of the hotel following the banquet.

Our meeting will have an outstanding movie about the Civil War with lunch and AAAX will follow.

By - Wilbur Symes

WIS. POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Three members of the Oshkosh Society visited Appleton last meeting when it was 7 below zero. Five members and seven guests were present. Very cold night. A few hardy souls braved the cold weather.

We had 18 recently and then 10 on another cold night. Two of us got free suppers at another organization, so we had to skip stamp meeting.

Sincerely,
Charles J. Peirce
Exec. Secretary-Treas.

WIS. CHAPTER VATICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Our Christmas party was a rousing success. The food was delicious, entertainment (accordion) great. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. We also had one of the most successful auctions in several years. All material submitted was donated by the members. Bidding was cheerful and generous. Total amount realized was \$40.75. There were about 30 members and guests present.

There were many door prizes. Last but not least, the punch was excellent.

At our Jan. meeting we had the A.F.D.C.S. slide set on "Modern Cachet Makers" that we were unable to have in Nov. due to unavoidable circumstances.

Submitted by-Ione E. Madritsch
Secretary.

LOST AND FOUND DEPT.

Found on the Reception Desk of the Federation Show in Milwaukee a stack of covers with the 3¢ purple George stamp on them. All were cancelled in Fond du Lac or Waupun in 1936 or 37. Nearly all were addressed to C.A. Starkweather.

MAY BE PICKED UP at Reception Desk at the Green Bay Show, May 16th & 17th. 1970.

IDEA BECOMES REALITY

Whose idea was it and how did it get started? I have asked myself that question many times and perhaps other members have asked themselves that same question. One way to find out was to examine some of the old records. Not many of us know that the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs (WFSC) did not always carry that title. As the story unfolds the previous title will be revealed.

Before 1931 there were already several individual stamp clubs formed in Wisconsin. Members held meetings and exchanged stamps and sometimes ideas, much as is done now. And of course some even put on their own little exhibitions.

In the years 1929 to 1931 the clubs used to visit each other. At that time there were visits to Fremont, New London, Oshkosh, Appleton and Fond du Lac. It was a Fond du Lac club member, a Mr. Verne P. Kaub who got the idea of organizing all the stamp clubs in Wisconsin into one association which would help philately and benefit members as well.

This idea and dream of an association kept milling around in his mind. He could vision the future but what would his fellow club members say to attempting such a venture. He discussed this at the next meeting and all who listened thought it was a good sound idea.

Mr. Kaub was a reporter for the Milwaukee Journal and a smart and gifted man. With his journalistic background the members trusted that he knew what he was talking about. He found a real ally in Mr. Philo Foote who offered his time and services. Together with some of the other members of the Fond du Lac club they attended meetings of the various clubs and acquainted them with the idea of an association and with plans that would be put into effect. All the clubs approached agreed to join the association. And so the die was cast.

Notices were sent out to Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Oshkosh, Appleton and every known stamp club in the state that there would be a dinner at the Retlaw Hotel in Fond du Lac, March 19, 1932, to investigate further the feasibility of such an association. About 90 people were in attendance. Oshkosh sent down a dozen or more collectors etc. After the dinner and the discussion it was agreed that the forming of the association be formally announced to the philatelic world and all other Wisconsin clubs be invited to join.

At this meeting Mr. Verne P. Kaub was appointed head of a committee and also was elected President of the association. Mr. A. W. Draves was elected first vice-president and Mr. Russell Broderick of Milwaukee became the first secretary-treasurer. M. F. Hatch was elected North Regional V P and C. A. Achtenberg stepped into the position of South Regional V P. As well as can be determined from the records these officers held their respective offices for two terms.

At the business meeting after the banquet it was determined that the association should have a set of rules or bylaws, so a constitution was drawn up. Following is the constitution as copied from the original copy. It's a lot different from the WFSC Constitution we have today. But it didn't take very long for a few amendments to be added.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Association of Philatelic Societies. (WAPS)

ARTICLE II

OBJECT

The object of this Society is, and shall be, to acquire, promote and disseminate a knowledge of PHILATELY; to cultivate a feeling of mutual friendships 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 the State of Wisconsin; and to assist the members of the Society in acquiring and disposing of stamps by gift, purchase, sale, exchange or in any other legitimate manner.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Any and all organized stamp clubs in the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE IV

FEES AND DUES

Final decision of fees and dues shall be decided by member clubs

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

The meeting date of at least one all-state gathering and exhibition shall be set by the executive board. It is desired that more such meetings be held each year if it is feasible in order to bring all stamp collectors together in this State.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

The executive committee shall consist of the administrative officers together with the regional Vice Presidents and a director elected or chosen by each member club.

ARTICLE VII

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Administrative officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and two regional Vice Presidents. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting or convention for a period of one year. The regional Vice Presidents shall be chosen by ballot, one to represent the Southern part of the State and one to represent the Northern part of the State. The dividing line of north and south shall be Fond du Lac. Any other officers which the organization feels are necessary can be added in the usual manner.

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ARTICLE VIII

Duties of the Officers

Duties of the officers shall be those generally understood in such administrative capacities.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES

The executive committee shall be the standing committee of the organization. Any other committees that shall be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the duly authorized officers.

The duties of these committees shall be those generally understood and shall function accordingly.

ARTICLE X

Conclusion

After the tentative adoption of the Constitution by the member clubs the executive committee shall be empowered to adopt such Constitution with such changes as might be suggested.

Addendum:

It has been suggested that the fees for membership be set at ten (10¢) for each registered and contributing member belonging to member clubs. The method of paying such assessment shall be left to the local club. It is wise also to set a maximum fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per year for clubs numbering over 50 members.

Kindly act on this proposal at the same time you act on the Constitution.

Kindly send copy of the minutes of your meeting pertaining to this matter together with the name of the member of your local club who has been chosen as your delegate on the executive board, to the Sec. of the above organization.

Signed-

Russell J. Broderick

Sec.-Treas.

This, then was the first Constitution as written for WAPS, a copy of which was sent to each member club for ratification. All clubs ratified the Constitution except for one club which did not agree on the amount of fees to be charged. They included this paragraph in their letter to Sec.-Treas. R. J. Broderick, dated May 3, 1932:

(We would recommend that the payment of dues to the state organization be ten cents per member straight through, regardless of the number of members in the local club. We cannot see any good reason why it should be limited to \$5.00 for clubs larger than 50 members nor to \$2.00 for clubs smaller than 20 members. For instance a club of ten members would be paying 20¢ per member and a club of say 100 members would only be paying 5¢ per member - all for the same benefits or privileges. We the ----- Stamp Club believe that the dues should be 10¢ per member straight through. This was unanimously voted at our last meeting with 24 members present.)

Letter was signed by the Sec.-Treas. of the club. The club at that time had a membership of 30. So 24 members was a good repre-

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sentation. That was good figuring and good thinking on their part and perhaps the subject could undergo some study in these modern affluent times.

From 1932 to 1933 these clubs were the first to become affiliated with the State Association: Appleton, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Madison, Oshkosh, Ripon, Sheboygan and Waupun.

Some of the member clubs thought the WAPS ought to issue some kind of a bulletin to be sent to the clubs, so as to make known the activities of WAPS and member clubs. This idea was acted upon and WAPS began issuing a bulletin once a month. The bulletin usually consisted of one sheet $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11". Then later the longer sheets $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13". That was in Nov. of 1934. These sheets were run off on a duplicator with purple ink. The method was to pour a jelly like substance into a flat bed or tray and let it set until it was firm. Then it was slightly dampened and the master sheet typed with a purple ribbon was laid on the jelly face down, transferring the print into the jelly. A blank sheet was then laid over the printed surface and a roller pressed the sheet to receive the transfer. This was done with each blank sheet. And so was the start of printing bulletins. Far different than is done today with a mimeograph. It was in 1936 that the April WFSC Convention edition received a colored, specially designed cover, same length as the 13 inch pages. The March 1937 issue was still in the longer form but with a designed cover. That was the beginning of bulletins regularly issued with front covers. This cover was of a comic cartoon nature. Artistry done by Ray Van Handel, Sr. It portrays a man sitting at his desk, working with his stamps and a day dream cloud is over his head, picturing himself walking off with the first award trophy under one arm and a thick album of postage stamps under the other arm. Other people are in the dream cloud. Two ladies talking to each other and one says to the other, "With all those stamps I'll bet he would play Post Office. Should I ask him - he's so cute!"

The May 1938 bulletin was another of Ray's handicrafts. This cover shows a couple on the beach. The man has his stamp albums layed out on the blanket while a shapely lady occupies the other corner of the blanket. Above them two sea gulls are flying and one sea gull says to the other, "I'll bet you a minnow I don't miss that album this time." These two covers really must have given the members a chuckle or at least a smile. I got a laugh when I saw them. I wonder if Ray remembers those two covers?

From 1938 on, the bulletins were kept to the size as we see them today and mostly with printed, colored covers. I don't know how much this describing the bulletins means to others but it does mean something to me. It shows the progression of the WFSC.

The 2nd annual convention was held by the Madison Stamp Club with a banquet held in the Wisconsin Union. Mr. Charles J. Peirce, one of our senior members attended this meeting with S. L. Spengler of Menasha, the late "Pa" Roberts and Carl F. Knobla. So far as is known Charles J. Peirce is the only collector who has attended every Wis. State convention since the first one. Now that's really a record. We salute the man for his devotion to the hobby. He has held most every office in the Federation except that of So. East Regional V P.

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For the first five or six years meetings and election of officers was held after the banquet in the banquet room. It was at the Madison Convention that the idea of having afternoon meetings was brought up. During the World War II years only business meetings were held, usually in Milwaukee. No exhibit, no bourse, no banquet.

The 3rd annual convention was held in Oshkosh at the Hotel Raulf. Capt. Townsend was the main speaker. The bid of Green Bay was accepted to have the 4th annual convention in Green Bay.

The 4th annual convention in Green Bay was in a business way the busiest of all those held thus far. There was much discussion about changes to be made in the rules and bylaws and the constitution. Several new amendments were added to the constitution and one of these was to change the name of the association from Wisconsin Association of Philatelic Societies (WAPS) to Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs (WFSC). The motion was made, seconded and carried by a unanimous vote. Perhaps it was just as well the name was changed if you take note of what the letters spell out. From that time on our organization has carried the title of Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs to conform more closely with the National Federation.

By 1935 the Federation had 14 member clubs affiliated. Since then many more clubs have joined. One other item I thought would be of interest to our members is of the Convention programs which I came across in the file. Host club was Green Bay Philatelic Society, at the Northland Hotel in Green Bay, April 6 & 7, 1935. The menu for that affair is what interested me and here it is:

MENU

Bisect Grape Fruit Mareschino
Space Fillers - Consomme Celestine
Imperforate Milkfed Spring Chicken
Farley's Folly Dressing
Straight-edge French Fried Potatoes
Center Line - String Beans
Mission Mixture Salad Pre-cancel Dressing
Chocolate Sundae with Original Gum
Die-proof Cake
French Rolls - Rotary Press
Off-center Coffee

If that isn't a fitting menu for a philatelic members' banquet I'd like to see something beat that. The one who thought up that menu had a real sense of humor in his or her make up. It really tickled my funny bone when I read it and perhaps it can do the same for some of you other readers.

I wish I could go on and on into each year of the existence of the WFSC but as always good things too have to come to an end and so this narrative must end. The first years of the organization are the important ones and I hope those of you who took the time to read this story will find it as interesting and enjoyable as I did doing the research and writing it. To the senior members who were a part of those early times I hope this narrative brought a few pleasant memories.

Many of the members who attended these first conventions ...
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and had a great part in the organization are no longer with us but they left us something to be proud of and we should use every effort to improve as the years roll on. Mr. Kaub lived in Fond du Lac and later moved to Madison where he died about 7 or 8 years ago. He was always referred to as the "Father of the Federation".

My sincere thanks to two very fine gentlemen who were so very gracious and answered my letters asking for some information I needed to write the story of the birth of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Mr. Charles J. Peirce of Wisconsin Postal History Society, Oshkosh and Mr. Ray van Handel, Sr., of Sheboygan Stamp Club, Sheboygan. Mr. van Handel who is now 75 years old has been a member of WFSC since 1933. The Sheboygan Club was organized in Feb. of 1932 and he joined the club the following year, thus missed the first WAPS Convention meeting.

Again with deep appreciation I thank you both.

Philatelically devoted,

Mrs. Helen J. Haensgen
WFSC Secretary-Treasurer.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY
PLANKINTON HOUSE

*****SOMETHING FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO THINK ABOUT!*****

HAPPINESS is the show Chairman knowing each club member has done his job for the show.

What did you do as a club member to help promote a stamp show? ATTEND, buy from the dealers, buy current postage from the Post Office, put your collection on exhibit. Did you help promote the show by telling your friends, and urging them to attend, did you write to a stamp collector out of town and ask them to attend a stamp show, did you offer your services to one of the committee chairmen to set up frames, help run the reception table, pass out literature, put up signs, make sure the dealer's tables are all set up, help set the show up, help take it down on Sunday evening? The above is not a lecture, just something every club member can do to help. Will we see you there?

HAPPINESS is the committee chairman with his job well done.

MARCH 14: Exchange night.

MARCH 24: Show report - Members night.

Daniel L. Rhoades
Secretary-Treasurer.

PHILO-ATELEIA
(cont'd from Christmas Bulletin)

18. WHAT ARE REVENUE STAMPS?

Revenue stamps are actually "tax" stamps. These were used by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The stamps were inscribed for a specific use as: Express; Bank checks; Certificates; Proprietary; Foreign Exchange; Bonds; Conveyances; Mortgage; Documentary; Stock Transfers; Cordials, Wines, etc., Playing Cards; Silver Purchase; Potatoes; Cigarette and Tobacco Sale tax; Match Stamps; Motor vehicle tax; Perfumes; Medicine and Canned Fruits. Then there were the Hunting Permit Stamps; Firearms Transfer Tax stamps and of course last but not least were the Consular Service Fee Stamps and the Customs Fee - New York Custom House. Boating and Fishing stamps can also be counted among the tax stamps. Cancelling of these stamps was usually done with pen and ink, handstamps, herringbone, punched or other types of cancellations which break the surface of the paper. This group of stamps was issued, imperforate, part perforated and perforated.

Up to Dec. 25, 1862 the law stated that a stamp could be used only for payment of tax upon the particular instrument or article specified on its face. After that date, stamps, except the Proprietary could be used indiscriminately.

19. WHAT IS A REGISTRATION STAMP?

Registry stamps were issued to prepay registry fees, (not postage) but ordinary stamps were valid for registry fees then as now. These special stamps were discontinued by order of the Postmaster General on May 28, 1913, who permitted their use until the supplies on hand were used up. There was only one type of registry stamp and that was a blue with an Eagle design. The registration fees were increased and decreased several times from July 1, 1855 to Nov. 1, 1909. The stamp was issued Dec. 1, 1911.

20. POSTAGE DUE STAMPS:

Postage Due stamps were authorized by Act of Congress and approved Mar. 3, 1879, effective July 1, 1879. The stamp was affixed by a postal clerk to any piece of mailable matter, to show the amount to be collected from addressee because of insufficient prepayment of postage. The clerk or carrier collected the fees, as they had to buy these postage due stamps. Today these stamps are seldom used. The piece of mail matter is handstamped "Postage Due" and the amount is written in pencil or ink, and collected by the carrier.

21. SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS:

A special delivery stamp affixed to any letter or article of mailable matter, insures immediate delivery between 7 A. M. and midnight, at any post office. The Act of Aug. 4, 1886 made the stamps and service available at all post offices and upon any mailable matter.

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39TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION
WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
NORTHLAND HOTEL
GREEN BAY, WIS.

May 16 and 17, 1970

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, May 15, 1970	6:00 P.M.	Setting Up
Saturday, May 16, 1970	9:30 A.M.	Registration
	10:00 A.M.	CONVENTION OPENS (Exhibition, Bourse & Post Office)
	11:00 A.M.	Special Film Showing
	2:00 P.M.	Annual WFSC business meeting - President Karl Keldenich presiding
	4:15 P.M.	Wisconsin Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society annual meeting
	5:00 P.M.	Post Office Closes
	6:30 P.M.	Banquet
	10:00 P.M.	Exhibition and Bourse Closes
	11:00 P.M.	Footloose Filatelists & Fancy Frees
Sunday, May 17, 1970	10:00 A.M.	Exhibition and Bourse Open
	10:00 A.M.	Wisconsin Postal History Society meeting
	11:00 A.M.	Special Film Showing
	12:00 Noon	Post Office Opens
	2:00 P.M.	Universal Ship Cancellation Society meeting
	6:00 P.M.	CONVENTION CLOSES

HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN DURING THE ENTIRE CONVENTION

22. POSTAL SAVINGS STAMPS:

These were issued by the Post Office Department and bought by the public, mounted on cards or in books and later redeemed in the form of credit to Postal Savings Accounts.

23. WHAT ARE POSTAL NOTE STAMPS AND WHAT WAS THEIR USE?

Postal note stamps were issued in amounts from zero to 10 dollars to supplement the regular money order service. The stamps were affixed and cancelled by the clerk to make up fractions of a dollar. They are gray-black with white numerals and were cancelled with red or purple ink. They were discontinued March 31, 1951.

24. NEWSPAPER & PERIODICAL STAMPS:

These were first issued in Sept. of 1865 for prepayment of postage on bulk shipments of newspapers and periodicals. They were affixed to memorandum of mailing, cancelled and retained by the post office. Discontinued on July 1, 1898.

25. PARCEL POST STAMPS & PARCEL POSTAGE DUE STAMPS:

The stamps were of a special design and used only on parcel post packages. Issued on Aug. 24, 1912 in denominations from 1 cent to 1 dollar for fourth class mail. July 1, 1913 regular stamps became valid for postage, insurance and C. O. D. fees on parcels. Later parcel post stamps became valid for all purposes for which regular stamps were valid. The parcel post due stamps were continued until stocks were exhausted and no more were printed. Remainders of the 75 cent value were destroyed in Sept. of 1921. The 20 cent stamp showing a biplane was the first postage stamp of any country to show an airplane design.

26. SPECIAL HANDLING STAMPS AND THEIR USE:

Special handling stamps affixed to fourth-class mail, insures the same type of handling as first-class mail. These stamps were in denominations of 10 - 15 - 20 and 25 cents. Approved by Postal Service Act Feb. 28, 1925.

27. AIR POST AND AIR POST SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMPS:

Air mail delivery was inaugurated in 1918 and special air mail stamps were affixed to this type of mail. In Aug. of 1934 Air Post Special Delivery stamps were issued. These stamps took care of the prepayment of air postage and the special delivery fee. This was the stamp that represented the first combination type of postage and special delivery service.

28. WHAT ARE PERFINS AND HOW CAN THEY BE DISTINGUISHED FROM OTHERS?

Perfins are stamps that have perforations punched through the stamps to form letters, fancy symbols or numbers. The stamps were used by companies, institutions and state governments who had permits to use such. The stamps were perforated so as to discourage their use by employees or anyone except those authorized to use them. Some are still in use today, because not too many days ago I noticed that the University of Minnesota is using perfins on their mail.

(To be continued in next bulletin.)

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
39TH ANNUAL CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION

MAY 16-17, 1970

HOTEL NORTHLAND

GREEN BAY, WIS.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXHIBITS

1. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a WFSC member club which is in good standing, including Juniors who must be sponsored by a member.
2. All material exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor and must be authentic.
3. All exhibits must be mounted on album pages.
4. Entries should be made on the official entry form. Where more than one exhibit is entered, each should be entered on a separate form. All entries should be accompanied by the entry fee. (Entry forms not accompanied by fees will be disregarded.) Send forms and fees to: William Feldhausen, P. O. Box 833, Green Bay, Wis. 54305, no later than April 18th, 1970. Make all checks and/or money orders payable to: Green Bay Philatelic Society.
5. The exhibition committee reserves the right to transfer any exhibit into it's proper classification if improperly entered.
6. All exhibits to be mounted by the committee must be in the hands of the exhibit chairman no later than May 8th, 1970. Exhibits are to be mailed to the following address only: William Feldhausen, WFSC Exhibit Chairman, P. O. Box 833, Green Bay, Wis. 54305.
7. All exhibits not mailed must be at the Hotel Northland, 304 N. Adams St., Green Bay, Wis., not later than 9:00 P.M. Friday, May 15, 1970, unless other arrangements have been made with Exhibition Chairman prior to that date.
8. No exhibits or any part thereof may be removed from the exhibition prior to 5:00 P.M., Sunday, May 17, 1970.
9. Exhibits will be received and held at the risk of the owner and exhibitors should provide for their own insurance coverage. All precautions will be taken in handling your material. NO LIABILITY will be attached to the Green Bay Philatelic Society, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, or the Northland Hotel, any of it's officers, members, committies or employees.
10. Exhibition judging and awards will comply with the WFSC Rules for Annual Exhibitions of Wisconsin Stamp Clubs. The decision of the judges of this exhibition will be final.
11. All exhibits will be returned as soon as possible after the close of the show by Express Collect, valued at \$100.00, unless other arrangements are made with the exhibition chairman.
12. The annoucement of the exhibition awards will take place on Saturday, May 16, 1970, immediately following the banquet at the Northland Hotel.

DAFFYNITIONS
(continued from Christmas Bulletin)

STAMP CLUB - is just an excuse for going out with somebody's girl friend ...

GIRL FRIEND - a fortune-teller who analyzes the hands of fat collectors with benzine ...

BENZINE - is an imported gin used for identifying the secrets of a philatelette ...

PHILATELETTE - a figure of speech spelling some sweet smile.

SMILE - is the most inexpensive commodity which a collector gets free every day ...

DAY - the time you hurry to the post office to post first-day covers, only to salt them away for years ...

YEARS - are the yardsticks of a stamp collector's life ...

LIFE - by instinct and experience, to Postscraparium it's not how long one lives but how well one lives by serving others.

Okay, Folks! This is where this screwy stampic stampede says, "STOP"!

As submitted by -
Miss Dorothy Rautmann
Sheboygan Stamp Club

(WFSC Secretary's note: I hope some of you enjoyed and got a little laughter out of the article DAFFYNITIONS as I did. Thank you Dorothy for sharing it with us.)

ALL MEMBER CLUBS OF THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS!!!

HEAR
YE!!!

The WFSC Constitution provides that 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.

Choose your delegate and alternate delegate at your very next meeting and mail your letter to me:

Mrs. Helen J. Haensgen, WFSC Secretary-Treasurer, 3128 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy, Wis. 53110.

REMEMBER: A delegate will not be recognized as a voting representative if I do not receive your letter of authorization signed by your Club's President.

GET YOUR LETTERS IN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. DON'T BE LEFT OUT AT VOTING TIME. THANK YOU!!! YOUR CLUB MUST ALSO BE A PAID-UP MEMBER CLUB OF WFSC TO VOTE.

EXHIBITION CLASSIFICATION

DIVISION I. OPEN COMPETITION

GROUP A - UNITED STATES AND POSSESSIONS INCLUDING CONFEDERATE STATES

SECTION 1 - UNITED STATES POSTAL ISSUES

SECTION 2 - CONFEDERATE STATES POSTAL ISSUES

SECTION 3 - REVENUES

SECTION 4 - POSTAL HISTORY AND POSTAL MARKINGS

SECTION 5 - ANY OTHERS NOT COVERED ABOVE

GROUP B - BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS

GROUP C - EUROPE AND COLONIES

GROUP D - ASIA AND AFRICA

GROUP E - LATIN AMERICA

GROUP F - UNITED NATIONS

GROUP G - AIR MAIL

SECTION 1 - UNITED STATES AIR MAIL

SECTION 2 - REST OF THE WORLD

GROUP H - TOPICALS

(To qualify, it has to have stamps from more than one country)

GROUP I - CHRISTMAS SEALS AND CHARITY STAMPS

GROUP J - FIRST DAY COVERS

SECTION 1 - UNITED STATES

SECTION 2 - REST OF THE WORLD

DIVISION II. CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION -- BEST IN SHOW

Open to those exhibits which have won the WFSC First Grand Awards, including the First Grand Award of the current exhibition.

Any exhibit that has won best in show award may not compete again in WFSC exhibition within five (5) years.

DIVISION III. JUNIOR JUNIOR COMPETITION (5th grade through 8th)

DIVISION IV. JUNIOR COMPETITION (9th grade through 12th)

Collections and exhibition material that are entered by Juniors are not in competition with the adult exhibits. The same rules, other than classification apply to Junior exhibitors as to adult exhibitors.

Awards will be on open basis and will be as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grand awards, one Best-in-Show award, as many as 1st, 2nd, 3rd awards will be awarded as the judges see fit. Various society awards, etc. will also be granted. Award certificates to all winners and exhibition certificates to all

FROM THE FOOT-LOOSE FILATELISTS:

All members of the Federation who know young people enjoying stamp collecting can encourage them to prepare an exhibit for the State Show in Green Bay in May of 1970.

The Foot-loose will provide 6 awards for Junior exhibitors. The awards will be SHEET PROTECTORS in a binder.

There are 2 Firsts, 2 Seconds and 2 Thirds in the following classes:

Junior-Juniors: 5th thru 8th grades.

Juniors: 9th thru 12th grades.

Stamps must belong to and work must be done by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must be sponsored by a club in good standing with the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

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 are on the back of this Pre-Convention Bulletin.

ATTENTION CLUBS

If you need a program for your club, the United Nations has a couple of films available - free of charge. You just assume the re-packing and shipping to New York. They are all 16 mm films; United Nations - New York.

26 x 36 Messenger.
Towards Independence.
Secretariat.

Human Rights.
Postal Agreement - UN & Swiss PTT.
Labor and Development.

A "Un Post Office in Geneva" film will be available in mid-March.

Also a 35mm film strip "Postmark United Nations" is available. To send for these address requests to:

United Nations
Postal Administration
New York, N. Y. 10017

Courtesy the,
American Philatelic Society.

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY EXHIBITS
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DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES
APRIL 18, 1970

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Mail entry to:
Wm. Feldhausen
P.O. Box 833
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305

DATE: _____

Please enter the following exhibit, subject to your rules and regulations to which I agree.

DIVISION _____ GROUP _____ SECTION _____

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT _____

Frames 22 x 28 exhibited vertically	50¢ per frame	NO. OF FRAMES _____
Frames 22 x 28 exhibited horizontally	75¢ per frame	
Frames larger than 22 x 28	1.00 per frame	TOTAL FRAME FEE \$ _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS.

I AM AFFILIATED WITH _____ WFSC CHAPTER

APS# _____ SPA# _____ ATA# _____ OTHER _____

NAME (Print) _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

THERE WILL BE A LISTING OF YOUR EXHIBIT, NAME AND YOUR CLUB IN THE PROGRAM.
IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR NAME IN THE PROGRAM PLEASE CIRCLE "NONAME".

SIGNATURE _____

Entry forms not accompanied by fees will be disregarded.

If this is an entry for Divisions LLL or IV, Signature should be that of the sponsoring member.

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(FOR EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN ONLY)

EXHIBIT NUMBER _____

ENTRY FORM RECEIVED _____ FRAME NUMBER _____

EXHIBIT RECEIVED _____ EXHIBIT RETURNED _____

