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PRESIDENT'S CALL TO THE 1973 CONVENTION

The 1973 Convention and Exhibition of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs will be held on May 19 and 20 at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delevan, under the sponsorship of the Walworth County Stamp Club. All member clubs are called upon to send delegates and alternate delegates bearing proper written credentials from their respective clubs. Members-at-large are also called upon to attend.

Lake Lawn Lodge is situated on Lake Delevan, two miles east of the city of Delevan on Highway 50. This fabulous resort not only provides excellent overnight accomodations but also offers golf, tennis, indoor swimming pools and other recreation; an ideal place to spend a weekend mini-vacation.

The exhibition hall will hold 400 frames of exhibits. To secure a sufficient number of entries, it will require a super effort on the part of club members in preparing and submitting entries.

Club officers are reminded that annual dues of 45¢ per member are payable at the Convention's annual business meeting or before, if convenient.

Member clubs should seriously consider hosting the 1974 Convention and Exhibition and should authorize their delegates to submit bids at the 1973 Convention if they are available.

Member clubs should also consider the possibility that nominations for state officers may be required from the floor. It has been traditional to promote the outgoing state Vice President to President in order to provide experienced continuity. The new state Vice President is usually selected from the club hosting the Convention the following year in order to provide a liasion between the host club and the state office. The Secretary, under the rules is to be from the same area as the President because of the need for frequent contact, but the rule has been suspended when necessary. Should any of these people be unavailable, it will be very helpful if delegates will come prepared to offer other candidates.

The Walworth County Stamp Club is to be commended on the splendid effort it has made to make the 1973 Convention and Exhibition a brilliant sucess and it is expected that every Federation member

will show his appreciation by doing his utmost to attend and to exhibit.

--Carl R. Skupski, President

A POSTIQUE FOR MILWAUKEE?

The U.S. Postal Service is contemplating the installation of a philatelic boutique at the downtown post office in Milwaukee. These philatelic centers provide collectors with locations where they may peruse and purchase various philatelic items at their leisure. Similar postiques are already in operation at post-offices in several other large cities and are proving very successful. An installation will not be made in Milwaukee, however unless there is sufficient demand for one. Member clubs of the Federation, as well as individual members are urged to write to the postmaster at Milwaukee, as soon as possible, supporting such a project.

--Carl R. Skupski

OBITUARIES

ALEX KAISER, JR.

Alex Kaiser Jr., 58, of Fond du Lac died at 12:20 pm Monday, February 19, 1973. He had been a patient at St. Agnes Hospital since February 13th.

Mr. Kaiser was born in Fond du Lac, attended school there and married in 1936. He was a member of the Fond du Lac Philatelic Collectors Club and the Fond du Lac Coin Club.

Mr. Kaiser will be missed by the WFSC and especially the many friends and acquaintances he made through these clubs.

TRADING POST

WANTED TO BUY: State Revenues such as hunting, fishing, beer, wine stamps. Also Postal Currency.
DORANCE GIBBS, 223 N. 20th, La Crosse, Wis. 54601

WANTED TO BUY: Covers from airships, especially U.S.S. Macon & U.S.S. Akron. LA RITA LONGSETH, 417 Wilson Street, Sun Prairie, Wis. 53590

SPRING CLEANING? Turn those philatelic items you don't want into items you do want by trading or selling through the WFSC BULLETIN TRADING POST.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The big news this issue is the upcoming WFSC Convention and Exhibition at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delevan, sponsored by the Walworth County Philatelic Society. I have sat in on one of their planning sessions and it promises to be a fine Convention. Those who have been there previously say that Lake Lawn Lodge is a beautiful location for a show.

As noted elsewhere in the BULLETIN, Alex Kaiser of Fond du Lac died recently. Alex's stamp and coin collections had been stolen about four weeks previously. It can not be proven that his coronary was due to the loss of his collections, but there have been several collectors in the Midwest who have died of heart attacks shortly after their collections were stolen. This is another reason for keeping your good material in a safe deposit box.

I volunteered to serve as co-ordinator of show dates to avoid the needless conflict of two shows on the same weekend. One of the Federation Clubs submitted a date to me for their local show. According to my records the date was open, so I told them to go ahead with their plans. Later I learned that at least one other and possibly two clubs have their shows on this same weekend. Fortunately the first club decided, for other reasons, to postpone their show until fall. Like all other Federation services, the show date co-ordination will work only if all clubs cooperate.

Wisconsin will host a National Show this June when the Universal Ship Cancellation Society will hold their 17th National Convention in Madison on June 23 & 24, 1973. Further details can be found in the club news and Coming Shows.

According to Linn's, there are 41 clubs in Wisconsin. That means there are at least 10 clubs which are not members of the WFSC. As soon as these clubs are identified, the appropriate Regional Vice President will be notified so they can be invited to join the Federation.

--Phil Rose

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COMING SHOWS

April 7th & 8th. . .Rockford Stamp Club Exhibition will be at the Sweden House Motel, 4605 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois. Hours are: Sat. 10am to 9 pm; Sunday 10 am to 5 pm.

June 23rd & 24th. . Universal Ship Cancellation Society, 17th annual National Convention & Exhibition at Quality Motel, 4916 East Broadway, Madison, Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Commodore Preble Chapter.

?????????????????.... WHEN IS YOUR CLUB SHOW AND WHERE WILL IT BE? BE SURE TO LET OUR WFSC SHOW DATE COORDINATOR HAVE THE INFORMATION. Write Phil Rose, 1706 Ellen Ave., Madison, Wis. 53716.

COVER NEWS

42nd Annual WFSC Convention Cover

The theme of the 42nd annual Convention and Exhibition of the WFSC will be the tercentenary of the landing of Father Marquette at Prairie du Chein, Wisconsin and the discovery of the Mississippi. There will be three different designs for the cachets; one of Father Marquette and Louis Joliet landing at Prairie du Chien; one of Father Jacques Marquette alone, a copy of the statue at Prairie du Chien; and one of Louis Joliet in a canoe with an Indian guide. The designs are superimposed on a map of the State of Wisconsin and were designed by Burton Warner of Delevan, Wisconsin. The covers will be available at 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00 and may be obtained by ordering from Owen Davidson, R. 3, Box 481, Delevan, Wisconsin 53115.

MILCOPEX 73

A special two color souvenir envelope featuring a Copernicus design by MPS artist Klaus Birkhain was available. The design covered the entire face of a #6 envelope and had a stylized Copernicus portrait in orange to the left, with a color system and US/USSR space achievements theme in olive filling the remainder of the envelope. This envelope basically reproduces Birkhain's Copernicus stamp design which was one of the nine finalists by US & Polish artists being considered for the US Copernicus commemorative scheduled for release in 1973. Envelopes are 35¢ each (3 for \$1.00) plus a #10 SASE and may be ordered from MPS Cover, P.O. Box 1980, Milwaukee, Wi 53201.

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB EXHIBITION

The show cachet will honor the first 50 years of commercial radio broadcasting in Rockford. It will be franked with one 8¢ Stamp Collecting Stamp or a new American Revolution Bicentennial stamp. Cachets are one for 35¢ or # for \$1.00. They may be obtained by writing George Gantzer, 1303-26th Street, Rockford, Illinois 61108. If unaddressed cachets are required, enclose a stamped addressed #10 envelope.

USCS 17th NATIONAL CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION

The show cachet of the USCS National Convention & Exhibition will honor the 40th anniversary of the commissioning of the U.S.S. Macon, a Good Year built airship. The Macon, a rigid frame airship was designated for scouting purposes. She was commissioned June 23, 1933. On February 12, 1935, she caught in a sudden updraft and sank off the California coast. Covers may be obtained from Martin W. Longseth, 417 Wilson Street, Sun Prairie, Wis. 53590 at 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. When requesting unaddressed cachets enclose a stamped addressed #10 envelope. The covers will also be available at the show on both days.

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB--10th ANNIVERSARY

March 24th is the 10th anniversary of the Cudahy Stamp Club. The club has bi-colored cachet covers printed which are on sale at 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. Stamped self-addressed No. 10 envelope or stick-on addressed label is required. To those of you who have already sent in your request for the covers, your covers will be mailed to you as soon as the Cudahy Post Office applies the March 24th cancel. Cachet pictures Patrick Cudahy, the founder of the city of Cudahy. A collectors postage stamp will be used on all covers.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

LAPEX covers are still left at 10¢ each (and SASE) or free to a new member of the Lakeshore Club. Send order to the Club address: Lakeshore Stamp Club, 2020 25th St., Two Rivers, Wis. 54241

On April 9, 1868, the steamer "Seabird" burned off of Evanston, Illinois. Three days prior the "Seabird" left Manitowoc, Wisconsin after a winters rest. Now, 105 years later this anniversary is commemorated on a cover co-sponsored by the Lakeshore Stamp Club & Vernon Historical Society. Great Lakes stamps will be used on covers cancelled April 9 in Manitowoc. Cost of the cover is 40¢ each (3/\$1) and SAES required. Send to: Tim Nixon, 1610 Washington St., Two Rivers, Wis. 54241 before April 7th.

The USPS is issuing an 8¢ stamp on April 23 to mark the 500th anniversary of the birth of the astronomer, Nicholas Copernicus. The Lakeshore Stamp Club in an attempt to reduce outstanding club bills, is offering a first day cover of the issue. The design will feature the orbits of the planets as he devised. Cost of the cover will be 35¢ each or the 3 for \$1.00 (Blocks of 4-75¢ each) and gummed address labels. Orders should be sent to the Lakeshore Stamp Club, 2020 25th Street, Two Rivers, Wis. 54241 to reach before April 13.

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HOW TO BREAK THE MONOTONY OF YOUR EXHIBITS?

How to break the monotony of your exhibits? "Uniformity and monotony are not the same thing. While the album pages should blend with each other they should not be prepared like tin soldiers in a row," states writer-exhibitor-accredited ATA Topical judge Mary Ann Owens in a highly illustrated four-page brochure now ready for free distribution from American Topical Association, 10,000 member stamp group, courtesy of its 100-page Topical Time philatelic journal.

Among the many questions Mrs. Owens answers in this Topical Time reprint: What story or theme do I wish to carry out? How many pages do I have available in the exhibit? Do I want art work? Do I want to use stamps and/or covers and/or postal markings and/or related material?

Using 5 illustration plates showing 45 album pages, Mrs. Owens displays the techniques needed to prepare an exhibit with sufficient flexibility to be shown across the nation where frame sizes vary

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considerably (4,6, 9, 12, 16, etc. pages to a frame depending on locality).

This down to earth practical working tool brochure will be sent free of charge except for 10¢ in stamps or coin for handling and a self addressed stamped envelope or 2 IRC's sent to William O. Craig, 950 North Evergreen Drive, Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012. Ask for "Owen's Topical Exhibit".

----American Topical Association

Nearly 5,000 stamps picturing various topical subjects issued by the world's governments during 1972 will be computer listed by ATA. These stamps are all arranged alphabetically by topics and within each topic, alphabetically by country, in the new, well-illustrated ATA checklist handbook to be issued in February 1973.

Many thousands of stamps are listed with a brief topical description under more than 100 topical headings including Scott 1973 catalog numbers, as well as numbers from the latest Scott Monthly Journals after the 1973 catalogs appear. This new Handbook No. 78A will be a great aid to the topical collector. This valuable 64-page illustrated guide to topical collecting, compiled by Ruth Y. Wetmore, is priced at only \$3 or 25 IRCs.

In addition to the 1972 list, a few copies of the topical listings for 1961 thru 1971 (60,000 listings in 12 books) are available for immediate delivery at just \$19.95 for all 12 years, a \$22 value. Listings 1961-64 are \$1 each; 1965-70 lists are \$2 each; 1971-72, \$3 each. Earlier listings were joint efforts with Bob Allison.

Send orders to American Topical Association, 3308 North 50th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216 U.S.A.

A free copy of ATA's 100-page slick paper, well-illustrated stamp journal, Topical Time, will be sent with immediate acknowledgement of order.

---American Topical Association

DEADLINE FOR THE POST-CONVENTION BULLETIN IS

JUNE 1, 1973

CLUB NEWS

NORTH SHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

Our club installed new officers for 1973 on January the 8th. They are: President Ralph T. Rank, Vice President E.F. Vilter, Secretary Roberta Bicha, and Treasurer E. W. Bock. We meet the 2nd Monday each month at the Whitefish Bay New Village Hall, 5300 N. Marlborough Ave., Whitefish Bay.

--E. W. Bock, Secretary

WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5 - AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION

Officers for 1973-74 who were elected at the November 15 meeting are; President Arthur Petri, Vice President Arthur Schmitz, Treasurer Walter Koenig, and Secretary Edwin Glaubitz. Elected to the board were Sigfried Toenjes and Dr. Ralph Rank.

--Edwin Glaubitz, Secretary

WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The following officers were chosen for the coming year: President Frank Moertl, Vice President Mary Ann Kaiser, Secretary David Christel, and Treasurer Leona Page. The Adult Director is Clarence Lecker and the Junior Director Robert Pirie.

Note that the Junior Members' Meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00. This is primarily for the Junior members and any willing adult leaders. Because the main meetings are taken up largely with "grown-up" talk, this opportunity is provided for our many junior members to do their thing. Regular meetings will still begin at 7:30 or shortly thereafter.

--David Christel, Secretary

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MILCOPEX 73 was held Saturday and Sunday, March 3rd & 4th, 1973, at the Plankinton House Hotel, 609 North Plankinton. The 1973 exhibit theme was COPERNICUS YEAR 1973 to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Polish astronomer's birth.

The MPS will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 1974 when it will host the Spring Meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans, one of the country's largest philatelic organizations.

--Roger Szymanski, Publicity Chairman

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Our club had a very successful winter season. Following our Annual Corn Roast in September we had a Fry Out in the park. Everyone had an enjoyable time at the Ladies Nite Christmas Party. For our March meeting we have an Old Timer to give a talk on early history of Manitowoc. At our April or May meeting we are planning a party to honor our three charter members.

In January we had election of officers. John I. Franz, president of the Society the last 10 years announced he was not a candidate for the office and received a Standing Ovation. New officers are President Ronald Tate, Vice President Kenneth Tate, Treasurer Roy Peronto, Auctioneer Arnold Croll & Secretary Mrs. William Wagner.

We plan to send a large delegation to the State Convention.

--Mrs. William Wagner, Secretary

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

Our club has been doing quite well. We have been attracting visitors who we hope are potential members, especially the junior group. We like to get collectors while they are young so that we can help them start off on the right foot.

Since about mid-January we have been quite busy with the event at the South Milwaukee Public Library from Feb. 9th to Mar. 2nd in honor of Sylvester H. Dretzka, initiator of the issuing of Pharmacy stamp, Nov. 10, 1973. No doubt most of you have read of special speakers, exhibits, & color films one which was from USPS with the title "A Nations Calling Card".. Narration on the film was done by someone from the Bureau of Engraving & Printing. It showed the process of making a stamp from the first step to the last. It was truly an enlightening film and makes a collector appreciate his stamps, especially the engraved ones.

Pres. Dan Rhoades narrated the other film showing many different stamps and the means of starting a collection. The above features were staged at the Feb. 22 meeting at the South Milwaukee Library. At the Feb. 12th meeting, Postmaster Brad Croeker of the South Milwaukee Post Office showed catalogs and gave a discourse on using catalogs as reference books.

Feb. 26th was the big day when the man of the hour made his appearance, namely Mr. Sylvester H. Dretzka. He greeted the assemblage and spoke of his experiences as a pharmacist and stamp collector of pharmacy on stamps. He tendered his thanks to all who participated in the event, to those who gave publicity to the event, visiting club members and the general public for their interest in attending the special meetings and stopping to view the excellent exhibit. The response was very good.

Our March 1 meeting will be at the Library at which time a short business session will be held and then the dismounting of the exhibit. On April 5th our meeting will be at the usual place, the First National Bank of Cudahy, starting at 7 pm. Election of officers is on the agenda.

March 24th is the "Tenth Anniversary of the Cudahy Stamp Club". Our club has bi-colored cachet covers printed. Our own Danny Lewandowski designed and printed the anniversary covers. More details included on page of Cover News in this BULLETIN.

And now your humble secretary-treasurer's swan song. I offer my sincere thanks to all the members who worked so hard to get the Cudahy Stamp Club started, to Miss Langdell who has been our Advisor and Coordinator, these past ten years, to the members who were always willing to drive me to our meetings and other functions, to President Rhoades, Vice President Muening and others who supplied and others who supplied projectors for films and slides, to all members who were so cooperative in any project we undertook, to Philip Rose for his patience with me, to all the other secretaries of WFSC member clubs, and to Dan Rhoades & Karl Keldenich who were always on hand to mimeo WFSC BULLETINS when I was WFSC Secretary-Treasurer from 1969-70. The spirit is still willing but the body rebels. So again "thank you" everyone.

--Helen Haensgen, Sec.-Treas.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

Our usual meeting date is the 3rd Saturday of the month except from June through August when it is the third Monday at 7pm. However, our April and May meetings will be on the second Saturday because of conflicts with Easter holidays and the WFSC Convention.

Canada has issued its own "Stamps & Stories" book in both English and French. Cost is \$2 Canadian from 'Philatelic Service, Canada Post Office, Ottawa, Canada K1A 0B5'. Check to 'Receiver General of Canada'. The USPS has been producing "Commemorative Stamp Panels" since October at \$2 each. List available from 'Philatelic Sales Unit, Washington, DC 20036' for 8¢ stamp.

--John Taddy

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, USCS

All six members of the Preble Chapter are busy with plans for the 1973 USCS 17th Annual National Convention at the Quality Motel, 4916 East Broadway in Madison, Wisconsin. The Convention consists of the Exhibition, Awards Banquet, Bourse, Post Office, and a colorful opening ceremony by the US Naval Reserve. Dates for the Convention & Exhibition are June 23 & 24, 1973. The show cover will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the commissioning of the Good Year built airship, the USS Macon. Further details available under Cover News in this BULLETIN.

We cordially invite all WFSC Clubs and Club members to visit our show, view the exhibits, and browse at the dealer tables. Hope to see you June 23rd & 24th at the Quality Motel.

--LaRita Longseth

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NEW ISSUES

UNITED STATES

May 8, 1973 8¢
 July 4
 Aug. 27 8¢

Harry S. Truman, Independence, MO 64051
 Boston Tea Party (Bk 4) Boston, MA 02109
 L B Johnson, Austin, TX 78710
 Colonial Communications (Post Rider)
 Postal Workers (Strip of 10 stamps)
 Colonial Communications (Drummer)
 Willa Cather
 A.P. Giannini

21¢

CANADA

April 18, 1973
 May 16
 June 8
 June 29
 Aug. 15
 Oct. 10
 Nov. 1
 Nov. 28

Jeanne Mance
 Joseph Howe
 J.E.H. McDonald
 Prince Edward Island
 Algonkian Indians (2 stamps)
 Nellie McClung
 Christmas (4 stamps)
 Pacific Coast Indians (2 stamps)

UNITED NATIONS

April , 1973
 May 25
 Sept.

Stop Drug Abuse
 United Nations Volunteers
 Namibia

STAMPS FROM SARAWAK

Sarawak, a small British Colony on the island of Borneo, is a good country for a collector who has tired of the flood of new issues. Since 1965, there has been only one new set. This set was of seven stamps, with a face value of about twenty cents.

No, it's not a dead country, the higher value stamps issued by Malaysia are used in Sarawak, and only the low value stamps are issued for Sarawak.

The history of the country as a separate unit dates from the year 1841, when, the Sultan of Brunei awarded the first portion of land to James Brooke of England. Brooke had assisted the local ruler to put down a revolt, and the cession was a reward for his aid.

After the death of James Brooke, his nephew Sir Charles Brooke became the second Rajah. His son became the third Rajah.

In 1946, Sarawak became a British Crown Colony in return for a payment to the Rajah of a sum of about 2 million dollars.

All of the Rajahs are pictured on the stamps of Sarawak. The first Rajah appears on only the first stamp.

In 1947, the year after the country became a crown colony, Britian overprinted 15 stamps with a crown design. This set did not see much use, and even though the used set catalogues only \$7.57 in Scott's, the same as the mint set, the used set is extremely hard to find, while the mint set is much easier to find.

Later stamps of Sarawak, except for one set showing butterflies and another set showing flowers, have a portrait of the current British ruler in the design.

The stamps are not extremely expensive. Several, the ones with the highest catalog value, run up to about twenty-five dollars in Scotts. However, don't expect to be able to just go out and buy them when you have the money. Some are hard to locate. The last four which I needed for completion took me eight or ten years to locate.

--Wilfred "Bill" Kaufman
Menasha, Wisconsin

POSTAL HISTORY

It was only about thirty-five years ago that U. S. stamp collectors began to collect stamps on envelopes, or "on cover." For the most part this was done for identifying the town-of-origin of the odd or fancy cancellations, which up to then had not been especially prized by any but the real students of the earlier United States stamps. Likewise "covers" also showed Rail Road, Steamboat or Steamship, and Express Co. route markings, and many other interesting postal markings, of which only a part or indication could appear on the stamp itself if or when removed from the envelope. And again the "date-of-use" was indicated more often on the cover than on the stamp attached. In addition it was soon discovered that in most instances the stamp off cover would be classed as just an ordinary copy, but left on envelope the cover with its postmarks added a great deal to the interest and consequent value of the combination. Thus very often the emphasis passed from collecting the stamp alone, to collecting the stamp on cover.

Then too some of the covers were set aside not because of the stamps, cancellations or postal markings, but solely because of the interesting corner cards, illustrations, or propaganda printed, engraved or lithographed on them, often in colors.

With this growing interest in covers it was not long before the field of collecting them was extended back into the era of stampless covers, with their many quaint, often artistic, and generally interesting town marks, rate marks and the like.

Up to this point covers had been collected principally on the basis of unusual interest, unusual postmarks or unusual postal usage. But the "unusual" is perhaps one in 100, or even one in 1000. So what to do with the 99 or even 999 more ordinary covers, in the stocks of dealers or accumulations of collectors? Luckily about this time the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. (in 1923) started to issue their U.S. Specialized Catalog, in which in every instance any stamp "on cover" was listed or valued at a greater price than for the same ordinary (off cover) stamp. This issuing of specialized catalogs year after year undoubtedly led to the saving from destruction of unknown numbers of covers, especially those with the more common stamps on them.

For the transition from cover collecting to collecting postal history perhaps I can best proceed by outlining my own experience, which is typical of others. I had accumulated many hundreds of covers over the years, for covers had always interested me. As the greater part of these covers had come from "finds" made here in Wisconsin, more of these covers showed local use from a Wisconsin town to a Wisconsin town, or from a Wisconsin town to a town in another state or even in another country.

Among the older covers were many stampless from the years before stamps were issued or their use became compulsory. As most of the earlier settlers of Wisconsin came from the East it follows that many of the folded letters were sent from here to there or vice versa.

Stampless or stamped, the covers bearing Wisconsin townmarks or other indications that they had originated here were sorted out and separated from the general accumulations. And when this had been done, those from the different towns were grouped together. It soon became apparent that in some instances the covers from a certain town, when arranged in proper chronological order, began to show a fairly continuous record of the postmarks used in the post office of that town over many years. This in itself aroused interest. So why

not go farther? Why not complete the record and get copies of all the postmarks ever used in that post office? And then why not add a history of the post office itself, the date of its establishment, together with a list of all the postmasters and the dates of their tenure of office? And follow it up with maps showing the location of the town, and the roads and railroads over which the mail to and from it were transported, together with records of the mail carrying contracts. And any other items relative to this post office and its mails--pictures and similar data.

But if extended statewide even the first of these projects, the collection of all the postmarks from all the postoffices in the state, would be an utter impossibility for any one man or small group of men to complete in a lifetime.

So I limited my field to the city of Milwaukee since it was my home town, and also because I had a large accumulation of "Milwaukee" covers from early stampless on down. Later I added all the other post offices in Milwaukee County. And year by year heretofore unknown material and data has come to light and been added--with the end of a complete record not yet in sight.

The accumulation of other Wisconsin covers was stored away, for I somehow knew that other collectors in other parts of the state would sooner or later become interested in the postmarks of their home towns.

The inauguration of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs in 1932 was a step forward. But the formation of the Wisconsin Postal History Project in 1942, later incorporated as the W.P.H. Society in 1948, was the real start of the planned collection of Wisconsin Postal History. A constant spirit of cooperation between its members, now numbering over sixty, has helped the group as a whole, and every separate member individually.

Postal History covers a broad field, taking in so tremendous a coverage as that of the mails from Biblical times down to date. But it may be confined to a single town or post office. It can be as widespread and expensive as you care to make it, or as reasonable in time and money as you can afford.

A few of the larger and older cities, as Boston, New York, New Orleans, etc., have been well covered. And a wonderful Postal History of the State of Maine has recently been published. But this is only a very tiny start. Your own state, your own county, your own town probably has had no one to collect and record its postal history. Why don't you start to enjoy the real pleasure of collecting it, and recording what is surely real history? Start it as a sideline if you wish. You will find it very worthwhile. Be sure to include locally used illustrated covers,--patriotics, cornercard covers, and those with illustrations of buildings, business houses, hotels, and industries of your local area. These will brighten up and add interest whenever you display your postal history.

There still are accumulations of old covers to be found in old trunks, in old attics, or in old business files. But the main source of postal history material today is in the stocks and auctions of cover dealers, who are generally anxious to help you and keep on the lookout for your wants. Local stamp dealers sometimes have covers you can use. Fellow-collectors will keep an eye open for your wanted items if you reciprocate.

--By Roland Hustis

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Please send mail to listed mailing address rather than c/o
the meeting place, as much of this mail often times gets
misplaced!

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION, WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5

3rd Wed., 7:30 pm, (No July or August meeting) First Federal
Savings and Loan, 5350 W. Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mail: 5877 N. 67th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218

BADGER STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Sat., 2pm, Bethany Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral
Point Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53705

BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB

1st Thurs., 7 pm, Wustum Museum, 2519 Northwestern Ave., Racine,
Wis. Mail: c/o Bruce Nelson, 5826 Sunset Blvd, Racine, Wis. 53406

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, USCS

2nd Sat., Member's homes.
Mail: La Rita Longseth, 417 Wilson St., Sun Prairie, Wis. 53590

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

1st Thurs., 7 pm, First National Bank of Cudahy, 5656 So. Packard
Ave., Cudahy, Wis. (downstairs meeting room)
Mail: 3128 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy, Wis. 53110

FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS CLUB

1st Tues. & 3rd Thurs., Washington School, W. Follett & Doty Street,
Fond du Lac, Wis. (second floor)

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Mon., 7:30 pm, YMCA, Pine and Jefferson Sts., Green Bay, Wis.
Mail: 1716 Dousman St., Green Bay, Wis. 54303

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB, INC.

1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Janesville Chamber of Commerce.
Mail: 2426 Riverview Drive, Janesville, Wis. 53545.

LA CROSSE STAMP CLUB

1st Mon., (monthly) and 3rd Tues. (Sepr.-May), 7 pm, Southside
Senior Citizens Center, 12th & Denton, La Crosse
Mail: Dorance Gibbs, 223 N. 20th St., La Crosse, Wis. 54601

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

3rd Sat., Sept.-June, 3rd Mon. 7pm June--August, Joseph Mann Library,
1516 16th St., Two Rivers, Wis.
Mail: c/o John Taddy, 2020 25th St., Two Rivers, Wis. 54241

MADISON STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Thur., 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, 203 Wis-
consin Ave., Madison, Wis.
Mail: c/o Lesa Von Mettenheim, 13 Kingsbury Court, Madison, Wis.
53711

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Tues., Cabin # 1, Lincoln Park, Manitowoc, Wis.

Mail: c/o Mrs. William Wagner, Sec., Rte. 1, Box 79, Cato, Wis. 54206

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Sat. & 4th Tues., Hotel Plankinton, North Plankinton & West Michigan, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mail: P.O. Box 1980, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

NORTHSHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

2nd Monday monthly, Whitefish Bay Village Hall, 5300 N. Marlboro Ave. Mail: E.W. Bock, 4150 N. Newhall St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53211

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

3rd Wed., members' homes.

Mail: James Gilmore, Sec. NMSC, 720 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1st Tues. & 3rd Mon., Social Services Bldg., 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh. (enter at Northeast door)

Mail: Robert Sparks, Sec. OPS, 328 E. Doty St., Neenah, Wis. 54956

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Thurs., (Sept.-May); First National Bank, 204 W. College Ave. Appleton (Community Room, lower level)

Mail: 608 Superior St., Appleton, Wis. 54911

PLYMOUTH STAMP CLUB

Every other Tues., 7:30 pm, Dairy State Bank, Plymouth (Board Room)

Mail: c/o Mrs. J. Freiderichs, 5 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Wis.

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB

1st Mon., 7:30 pm, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

Mail: c/o Carl Farnsworth, 3801 Robert Place, Stevens Point, Wis. 54481

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC

3rd Tues., VFW Hall, 436 Main St., Marinette.

Mail: 618 Hosmer St., Marinette, Wis. 54143

REX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Rex Chainbelt Inc., West Mitchell Street Plant. If you plan to attend meeting contact: Walter Jaglowski, Evergreen 4-3000, Ext. 348

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

4th Wed., 7:30 pm, Colonial Bank Building, Alpine Road, Rockford Wis. (basement room)

Mail: 4146 Eastridge Drive, Rockford, Illinois. 61107

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

Every other Wed., 7:30 pm, YMCA, Broughton Drive, Sheboygan.

Mail: P.O. Box 907, Sheboygan, Wis. 53081

SHEBOYGAN JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Every other Wed., 6:30 pm, Mead Public Library, No. 7th & New York Aves., Sheboygan, Wis.

Mail: Vern Witt, 2422 No. 9th St., Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

UPPER PENINSULA STAMP CLUB

2nd Wed., Marquette Community Bldg., Main St., Marquette, Mich.
Mail: P.O. Box 375 Marquette, Michigan. 49855

VATICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER #8

1st Sun., (except July & August), 7pm, 557 North 108th Street,
Wauwatosa, Wis.
Mail: 5854 North 35th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53209

WALWORTH COUNTY STAMP CLUB

2nd Wed., 7:30 pm, Matheson Library, Elkhorn, Wis.
Mail: c/o Powell's Antique Shop, Elkhorn, Wis. 53121

WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd & 4th Thur., 7:30 pm, Waukesha Water Utility Bldg., 115
Delafield St. (Highway 18) Waukesha, Wis.
Mail: Fr. David Christel, 440 N. Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, Wis.
53186

WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1st & 3rd Thur., 7:45 pm, Lions Club, 7336 St. James, Wauwatosa.

WISCONSIN BLUE AND GRAY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN CHRISTMAS SEAL & CHARITY STAMP SOCIETY

Meets yearly at WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at the WFSC Convention.

Mail: c/o Harry W. Thayer, 243 Russell St., Hartford, Wis. 53027

WISCONSIN VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd & 4th Wed., Marathon County Historical Society Bldg., 403
Mc Indoe St., Wausau, Wis.
Mail: c/o Raymond Rhymer, Sec., 1506 Burek Ave., Wausau, Wis. 54401

MADISON STAMP BOURSE

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TOPICAL TOPICS

In the last column I mentioned that this one would be devoted to mounting the collection and what to do with the balance of a broken set. However, as the State Federation Show will be held before the next BULLETIN, I will write about exhibiting and Judging instead.

A stamp exhibit is the visual presentation of a person's collecting interests. It can be highly technical or packed with research or educational or entertaining or maybe all of them. It does reflect the exhibitor's feeling for his subject and should be accepted as such.

By their nature, topical exhibits are rarely highly technical or packed with research. That is really the realm of the specialty collector. However, good topical exhibits will include them. A good topical exhibit will also be educational and usually entertaining.

Our State Federation Show always includes a number of topical entries and we hope that many of you will be exhibiting in the category again this year.

While the exhibitor is hoping for good points from the jury, he is also hoping that the visitors will like his presentation. Because many people, including stamp collectors, do not appreciate nor understand the technical exhibits no matter how nicely they are done, it is quite often via the topicals that people start their interests in collecting and exhibiting. For that reason alone, topicalists should put forth their best efforts.

A topical exhibit is judged in three categories and by explaining them to you, it might help you put together a better one this year. It can also provide others with a few hints on how to be an amateur judge.

The first category is Presentation or General Appearance. The exhibit is judged for correct spelling, neatness, balance, title page, introductory remarks, crowding, too much art work, etc. While each page should be complete, all the pages must be in harmony with each other. No one or two pages should shout "Look at me first". When an exhibit is added to, it is also important that the paper be the same. A good grade of paper helps. If the text is typed, it should be with

a new ribbon and clean typewriter keys. It is the little things done wrong that distract from the many lovely philatelic items on the pages. Does the exhibit make you want to stop and look at it? It should to be a good one.

The second category is Topical or Thematic Knowledge. In this category you are judged according to what you have selected to show. The approach should be an original and not a copycat of many others. The material and text should tell completely what you have on your title and introductory remarks pages. Every topic has good and bad material to tell its story and the exhibitor must constantly look for the best item to bring home each point. Many exhibitors try to cover too much of their topic in a single exhibit. "Animals" is too broad a topic but "Animals of Modern Europe" could be presented nicely. Even with my elephants, which is a very small part of the Animal topic, I do not try to cover everything in one exhibit. One must be selective in his title and then cover it as completely as possible. The text and material selected will also demonstrate to the jury the topical research done before putting the exhibit together.

The third category is Philatelic Elements. In this category you are judged on the philatelic aspects of the material selected. It must be clean, appropriate for the exhibit, free from flaws such as missing perfs or poor centering or torn corners on covers and the like. If the exhibit lends itself to a variety of the philatelic elements such as postal stationery, cancels, souvenir sheets, maximum cards, proofs, etc., these should be included at the proper places. If the exhibit is entirely of cancels, for example, they should be clear strikes and hopefully on covers that do not distract from the cancels. The jury also looks for philatelic research and this can best be shown by the choice of material. In this category rarity and scarcity are also judged. This is unique material, not necessarily expensive and not generally known to the philatelic world, but uncovered by you when doing your research.

In many cases an item can give you points in more than one category or subsection. Needless to say, this is to your advantage. A good topical judge also knows the best material in each of the major topical categories and will look for it in your exhibit. Unless your title has eliminated these items, you had better have them in yours or lose valuable points.

Now, why don't you enter a topical exhibit in the State Show? We would enjoy your company.

--MARY ANN OWENS

W.F.S.C. CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- LOCATION: Lake Lawn Lodge, Delevan, Wisconsin on Highway 50 between Lake Geneva and Delevan.
- DATE: Saturday, May 19 10am-10pm; Sunday, May 20, 10am-5pm.
- THEME: Tercentenary of landing of Father Marquette at Prairie du Chien.
- BOURSE: 20 dealers
- ENTRIES: Open to WFSC members only. Copy of application in BULLETIN. Additional copies available from J. Lynch, 35 Wisconsin, Elkhorn, Wis.
- CACHET: 3 different scenes of Marquette and Joliet, at 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. May be ordered from Owen Davidson, R. 3, Box 481, Delevan, Wisconsin. 53115
- PROGRAM BOOKLET ADS: For information on placing WFSC ads or commercial ads in special souvenir program booklet contact H. J. Werbel, 235 Racine St., Delevan, Wis. 53115
- PROGRAM BOOKLET STORIES: Anyone desiring to write a short article for the booklet on how philately led them into new fields of interest, opened up new vistas; send them to Ray Tetzlaff, Abby Hills 0-3, Fontana, Wis. 53125
- HOUSING: Rooms available at Lake Lawn, contact Mrs. Carol Carlson, R. 2 Box 319, Lake Geneva, Wis. 53147
- BANQUET: Saturday, May 19th, Lake Lawn Lodge. Program a ventriloquist & performers from Wisconsin State School for the Deaf. Menu: Buffet including assorted salads, cheese, cold cuts, cannibal beef, baked ham, roast beef, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls and butter, pastries and beverage for \$6.75 each including tax & gratuity. Advance ticket sales will be eligible for special door prize. Order tickets from Carol Carlsen, R. 2 Box 319, Lake Geneva, Wis. 53147.
- POSTAL ADMINISTRATION PARTICIPATION: United States with special cancellation to be used on all mail posted at the WFSC Station sales unit.
- WFSC EVENTS: Special meeting of various clubs will be held throughout the Convention as listed in program booklet. There will be special tours of historical sites in the area for anyone interested. Sign up at Registration Desk.
- REGISTRATION: A souvenir program booklet, a grab bag, and eligibility for door prizes will be provided for all registering.
- Plan now to attend your 1973 WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION, May 19-20 Lake Lawn Lodge, Delevan, Wis.

EXHIBITION CLASSIFICATIONS

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 LATIN AMERICA

GROUP E ASIA AND AFRICA

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 there must be stamps from more than one country)

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 with in five years.

DIVISION III. JUNIOR COMPETITION

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 adults.

EXHIBITION AND AWARDS WILL COMPLY WITH THE WFSC RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXHIBITIONS OF WISCONSIN FEDERATIONS OF STAMP CLUBS.

AWARDS WILL BE ON AN "OPEN" BASIS AND WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Grand Awards; one Best-in-Show Award; as many 1st, 2nd, & 3rd awards will be awarded as the judges see fit. Various society awards, etc. will also be granted.

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
42ND ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXHIBITION

May 19 & 20, 1973

LAKE LAWN LODGE

DELEVAN, WISCONSIN

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 accompanied by entry fees should be received by James Lynch, 35 S. Wisconsin Ave., Elkhorn, Wis. 53121 no later than April 30. Make all checks or money orders payable to Walworth County Stamp Club.
5. There will be 9 page, 6 page, and 4 page frames. Juniors must exhibit in 4 page frames. In case exhibit space is exhausted, late entries will be returned immediately. Since exhibit space is limited be sure to submit entries early.
6. All exhibits to be mounted by the committee must be in the hands of the Exhibit Chairman no later than May 12. Exhibits are to be mailed to James Lynch, 35 S. Wisconsin Ave., Elkhorn, Wis. 53121.
7. All exhibits not mailed that will be mounted by owner must be in place at Lake Lawn Lodge in the Big Top Area no later than 8:00 pm unless other arrangements have been made with the Exhibition Chairman earlier.
8. No exhibits or any part thereof may be removed from exhibition area prior to 5:30 pm on Sunday, May 20.
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 of your material. NO LIABILITY will be attached to the Walworth County Philatelic Club, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, Lake Lawn Lodge, any of its officers, members, committees, or employees.
10. Exhibition judging and awards will comply with the WFSC Rules for Annual Exhibitions of Wisconsin Stamp Clubs.
11. All entries will be returned as soon as possible after the close of the Exhibition to those mailing them in, by certified mail, unless other arrangements are made with Exhibition Chairman.
12. Announcement of awards will take place Saturday evening, May 19 immediately following banquet at Lake Lawn Lodge.

The show will be judged according to the W.F.S.C. Rules for Annual Exhibition, these being as follows:

Up to 50 points for Quality of Material. (Note: Quality, not rarity or value, except as these are valid elements of quality.)

Up to 25 points for Knowledge and Research. (Note: Knowledge is the exhibitor's completeness and accuracy of information in the field exhibited, as shown in the exhibit itself and from no other direction. Research is the contribution of new philatelic knowledge; merely rehashing facts already available from standard philatelic sources is knowledge but is not research, though it may also deserve to be considered under "presentation" below.)

Up to 25 points for Presentation. This includes attractiveness of arrangement, general interest of write-up, not only to philatelists, but also to non-collectors, and such elements of decoration as lettering or type use, illustrations, maps, and related material.

Walworth County Stamp Club hopes to make the 42nd annual Convention and Exhibition of WFSC one of the memorial philatelic events both because of the excellence of the exhibits and also because of excellent facilities. It will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20 at Lake Lawn Lodge, located on 275 acres of playtime preserve on Wisconsin State Highway #50, three miles east of Delevan. There is ample parking for your car, boat, or airplane. (They have their own airstrip and are situated on Lake Delevan.) For those who would like to make a weekend vacation of the convention, Lake Lawn offers bicycling, fishing, horseshoes, sailing, speedboating, tennis, softball, shuffleboard, horseback riding, swimming pools with sauna and steam bath, golf on a 18 hde course or miniature golf, games rooms, dancing in the King's Pub and restaurants, grills, and bars for all tastes. There is shopping at the Trading Post, Squaw Shop, Country Oven, Treasure Shop, Papoose Shop, Big Chief Shop or Patio Shop. Rooms are available at \$21-26 single or \$25-30 double. There will be a banquet on Saturday night at Lake Lawn with special entertainment. Tickets are \$6.75 each including tip and tax. For those desiring to hold special meetings, whether they be over a meal or anytime during the day or evening, arrangements can be made.

ROOMS AT LAKE LAWN
_____ double \$25-30
_____ single \$21-26

BANQUET
_____ \$6.75

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Send to: Mrs. Carol Carlson
R.R. 2 Box 319
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 53147

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF EXHIBITS
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WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
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Mail entry to
James Lynch
35 S. Wisconsin
Elkhorn, Wisconsin 53121

DATE: _____

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

DIVISION _____ GROUP _____ SECTION _____

TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT _____

NUMBER OF FRAMES price at 15¢ per page

9 page frame \$1.35
6 page frame \$.90
4 page frame \$.60

TOTAL _____

I am affiliated with _____ WFSC CHAPTER

APS# _____ SPA# _____ ATA# _____ OTHERS _____

NAME(print) _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

There will be a listing of your exhibit, name and club in the program. If you don't want your name in the program please circle "NO NAME".

SIGNATURE _____

Juniors must have signature of adult sponsoring member.

Please reserve _____ Banquet tickets at \$6.75 each including tip & gratuities. Please include amount for banquet tickets with check for entries made out to Walworth County Stamp Club.

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FOR EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN ONLY EXHIBIT NUMBER _____

Entry form received _____ Frame number _____

Exhibit received _____ Exhibit returned _____

