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Half Page. \$10.00	
Quarter Page \$5.00	Full Page. \$5.00
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	Per Page \$5.00

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

My comments will be brief this time as I leave on vacation tomorrow and still have much to do.

Your editor was very pleased to receive "The Postmark" the bi-monthly publication of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee Philatelic Society. A notice of their meeting schedule is elsewhere in the BULLETIN. Although they are not members of the WFSC (at least, so far) we wish them well and the Federation members stand ready to be of any assistance they can.

Another new Wisconsin Philatelic publication is the "Badger State Newsletter" of the Wisconsin Region of the Junior Philatelic Society of America. If you are a junior collector, I would suggest that you contact John Taddy, Wisconsin Regional Representative of the JPSA, 2020 25th St., Two Rivers, Wi 54241 for membership information. Return postage will be appreciated. Also available from the same address is the JPSA exhibition award ribbon.

Minutes and Treasurer's report from the WFSC annual business meeting have not yet been received. If they arrive before the last page of the BULLETIN is printed they will be included, otherwise look for them in the Fall Issue.

The 1974 Convention is open and WFSC President Karl Skupski will be receiving bids until September 1st. The Executive Committee will make a choice and the site of the 1974 WFSC Convention will be announced in the Fall BULLETIN.

A list of known show dates in the Federation can be found on page 7 in this issue. Please notify your Editor of any changes or additions.

New Federation officers are listed on the inside front cover along with the BULLETIN deadlines and advertising rates.

Phil

--Philip G. Rose, Editor

Annual Report of the Editor

WFSC BULLETIN

19 May 1973

This past year, my second as Editor of the WFSC BULLETIN, has been an up and down one. It seemed (to an editorial staff with too many irons in the fire) to consist of one continuing problem of not enough time.

At the last WFSC Annual Meeting I was authorized to have the press (a Multilith 1250 - vintage 1945) repaired. I priced an overhaul (approximately \$175 plus parts) and promptly proceeded to keep it running with chewing gum and bailing wire. As the financial report will show, I eventually had to buy some parts towards the end of the year. WFSC bore 33.3% of the parts cost since the BULLETIN occupied about 1/3 of the running time of the press last year. This year indications are that that ratio will get smaller, as the press gets more use.

We are still in need of philatelic articles. Mary Ann Owens' column on topicals is an example of what can be done. A column surveying the U.S. stamp scene, or one on Europe or Asia, or one on postal history or other collecting interest would be welcomed. Single articles are also wanted. If you believe in the WFSC BULLETIN please support it with your articles. We still hope to institute the series on the member clubs of the Federation.

Last year I indicated that we hoped to standardize the front cover in order to have one printing plate made. We have begun to have individual plates made for each of the four issues, so as to maintain the variety. The cost will be small but the savings in printing time will be great.

We have not had time to prepare the promised index to volume 42. Hopefully it will be in the Fall BULLETIN.

I wish to thank the WFSC officers, who have discovered that I can not write letters, the club secretaries who have kept us informed on club activities, those who have written for the BULLETIN, and the long suffering members of Comm. Preble Chapter, USCS, who have continued to assemble each issue of the BULLETIN at the same time they are preparing for the National Convention of The Universal Ship Cancellation Society. Preble will host the convention in Madison on June 23-24.

I especially wish to thank Associate Editor (and typist, and art editor, and layout editor, and friend) LaRita Longseth. Without her, the editor's job would be impossible to handle.

Respectfully submitted, Philip G. Rose
Editor

Phil

WFSC BULLETIN

Editor's Annual Financial Report

Volume 42 -- 1972-1973

EXPENDITURES

Editorial expenses	Post-	Fall	Xmas	Pre-	Totals	
Postage	0.24	-	-	0.28	0.52	
Phone	-	-	-	-	-	
Misc.	0.97	-	-	-	0.97	
Totals	1.21	-	-	0.28	1.49	1.49
Printing expenses						
Masters	4.06	2.87	4.06	4.20	15.19	
Paper	25.92	20.52	23.76	37.60	107.80	
Ink	3.17	-	3.17	3.17	9.51	
Repair, Maint.	-	-	3.14	7.58	10.72	
Misc.	14.00	9.25	12.50	11.75	47.50	
Totals	47.15	32.64	46.63	64.30	190.72	190.72
Mailing expenses						
Postage	12.59	22.30	27.48	31.25	93.62	
Misc.	-	2.24	-	-	2.24	
Totals	12.59	24.54	27.48	31.25	95.86	95.86
Sub-grand	60.95	57.18	74.11	95.83		
					<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>288.07</u>

INCOME

WFSC 108.00
 Ads 80.00
 Misc. 45.50

233.50 Total Income

BALANCE

Total expenditures 288.07
 Total income 233.50
 Deficit - 54.57

COST BREAKDOWN AND ANALYSIS

					Average
Cost per issue	60.95	57.18	74.11	95.83	72.02
Cost per copy	7.13¢	7.62¢	9.56¢	11.98¢	9.07¢
Cost per page	0.25¢	0.42¢	0.37¢	0.46¢	0.38¢
**** Cost / page / issue	2.18	3.18	2.85	3.69	2.98
Number of pages	28	18	26	26	24
Number of copies	800	750	775	800	781

Two year cost comparison

	Editorial	Printing	Mailing	Total	
1971-1972	9.36	157.50	60.16	227.02	} Yearly totals
1972-1973	1.49	190.72	95.86	288.07	
1971-1972	2.34	39.38	15.04	56.76	} Per issue
1972-1973	0.37	47.68	23.96	72.02	

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Ordinary plate block collecting, as well as position number plate block collectors, are becoming quite numerous in the Philatelic Fraternity.

It has been my experience that exchanging of plate blocks for position numbers to make matched sets is very rewarding since it can be accomplished by using the face value in exchanges for the same issue blocks.

During the State Convention at Delavan I talked to you about it informally and I suggested that there might be enough interest among the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club members to file their names with the Secretary or Editor of the Bulletin and when inquiries were made for names of those wanting to exchange, their names could be sent to the one making the request. The exchange procedure could then be carried on on a "Want List" basis directly.

I hope that this service could be made available if there were enough members interested. I, therefore, suggest that those readers who do want to exchange U. S. Plate Blocks for matching sets or otherwise, write the BULLETIN at 1706 Ellen Street, Madison, Wisconsin, 53716, after reading this Post-Convention BULLETIN.

Sincerely,

Clarence O'Brien
Vatican Philatelic Society
Chapter 8
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South Milwaukee, Wis. 53172

Two very colorful and informative booklets are now available from the Lakeshore Stamp Club. The booklets, "US Postage Stamps & Postal Stationery" and "Stamp Selection Who and Why" are free with a Self-addressed Stamped Envelope. Send your requests to Lakeshore Stamp Club, 2020 25th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. 54241.

TRADING POST

WANTED TO TRADE: USPS 1971 Covers, one for one, or your two against my choice US Plate Block. John Taddy, 2020 25th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. 54241

WFSC President's Report - May 19, 1973

I can't say that I accomplished a great deal during my term in office but I sure did a lot of traveling. During the past year, I had the pleasure of visiting fourteen member clubs and one potential member club plus six meetings with the Walworth Club regarding this convention. I particularly want to thank those clubs that sent me invitations; it feels good to be wanted.

The past year was a memorable one because of the absence of controversy or dissention, at least I never heard of any. It was also notable because of the sound financial position in which the Federation finally finds itself. Although part of this success may be due to the officers claiming little if any reimbursement for expenses, most of the gain was due to the recently revised dues structure and the efficient and uncompensated operations of Phil Rose and the Longseths. Then too, there was the handsome gift of some \$43.00 from the Wauwatosa Club, representing 10% of their net profit from last year's convention. I would like to see the latter amount used to begin a contingency fund to help bail out those host clubs losing money on future conventions. If the strong clubs would help the weak ones, it would be easier to get clubs to act as hosts, particularly in the smaller towns. I would also like to point out that it is highly desirable for the Federation to build up a healthy bank balance because the day will come again when we will not have Phil Rose and his volunteers available to get out the BULLETIN for just the cost of the paper. The job will have to be farmed out to professionals at a cost which will hit a low blow to our finances. When that happens, a sizable bank balance will defer a dues increase for some time.

My remarks so far may have implied that everything about the Federation is copasetic. You and I know better than that because there are several areas in which the Federation could stand improvement. For example: during the past couple of years, I have been in a position to observe that the Constitution and bylaws are repeatedly being violated by clubs and individuals, probably unintentionally. We cannot accept ignorance of the law as an excuse because Phil Rose saw to it last year, in the Post-Convention issue of the BULLETIN, that copies of the Constitution were made available to all members. It would be wise for clubs and individual members to refer to their copies whenever they become involved in Federation matters.

During the many years that I served the Federation as a delegate

or officer, I have frequently been appalled by the hit or miss method used by the Federation in selecting its officers. This is the only organization that I have ever belonged to that did not have a nominating committee. There are many highly qualified members in the various clubs who would be glad to serve as officers of the Federation but who, for some reason, are unable to attend certain of our Conventions as delegates, so they are not considered. Even when they do attend, they do not go about broadcasting that they are available and so the other delegates, who may not even know them, are not aware of their availability or qualifications. As a result, although we have had many officers who were jewels, we have also had a disproportionate number who were notoriously bad, mainly because they were the only people on the floor of the Convention who would take the jobs. This statement should not be interpreted as a reflection on any of the present officers, as this situation is of many year's standing. I would like to see a Constitutional amendment enacted to set up a nominating committee to work with the officers of the various clubs in selecting candidates.

I would also like to see deleted the requirement that the President and Secretary-Treasurer be from the "same urban territory". I think that it is far more important for the Secretary-Treasurer to be highly qualified for the office than for him to reside in the President's back yard. We have had some awful teams from the same town. Besides, the rule is frequently violated anyhow when we want to hang onto a good Secretary-Treasurer for more than one term.

There also is the method for selecting the state Vice President, a method not authorized by the Constitution. The state Vice President is expected to be the next President and should have all of the qualifications necessary for that office, i.e., a workable knowledge of the Federation and of parliamentary procedure. And yet, all that we have been requiring is that he is a member of the club hosting the following year's convention. As a result, he not only may not be qualified for the Presidency but he may not even want the job, which has happened frequently. I would, therefore, like to see an amendment enacted providing for a second Vice President who would serve only as a liaison officer between the host club and the Federation. An organization representing some eight hundred collectors can certainly afford another state Vice President.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the other officers of the past year for their friendly and much appreciated cooperation. I also would

like to thank the Federation for having given me the honor and privilege of a most enjoyable year as its President.

Carl R Skupski

President

KNOWN WFSC SHOW DATES 1973-74

June 23-24, 1973	USCS Convention & Exhibition, Madison
Sept. 30	Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Wausau
Oct. 7	LAPEX '73, Two Rivers
Oct. 27-28	LaCrosse Stamp Club
Nov. 3-4	DANEPEX '73, Madison
Feb. 23-24, 1974	Janesville Stamp Club, Inc.
Mar. 8-10	MILCOPEX '74 (with SPA Spring Meeting)
Mar. 17	Green Bay Philatelic Society Auction
Apr. 13-14	Sheboygan Stamp Club

Madison Stamp Bourse	2nd Saturday of month
Rockford Stamp Bourse	2nd Sunday of month
Milwaukee Stamp Bourse	4th Sunday of month

EXHIBITING TOPICAL STAMPS

"Exhibiting Topical Stamps", an article by a TOPEX grand award winner has been reprinted from Topical Time, 100-page slick paper journal of the 10,000 member, 90-nation American Topical Association, for free distribution to all collectors requesting it and sending a self-addressed stamped Envelope plus 10¢ in stamps or coin for handling to Karl L. Keldenich, P.O. Box 1062, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

This helpful article is written by Joan Pritlaff whose railroad topical exhibit won the grand award at TOPEX, ATA's international topical exhibition. In six vital points, she carefully outlines appearance, write-up, philatelic knowledge and how to show it, artwork, etc.

--American Topical Association

TOPICAL TOPICS

As promised earlier, this column will be devoted to mounting the collection and what to do with the balance of a set when only one or two stamps belong to your topic.

There are several ways to keep the balance of the set. One of the easiest is to establish a file box alphabetically by countries and file the sets in their glassines as all pertinent information will then be included. A note indicating the stamps removed for the topic could be inserted in the back of the glassine.

Another way would be to put the sets in a stock book with a notation of what had been removed. This could be in a separate book or on stock sheets in the back of the album where the topic material is mounted.

Still another way would be to mount the balance right alongside the topic material but I would not recommend this as it will make extra pages to carry when you take your album to a meeting or show.

Later on when you are able to pick up your topic as a single, you can dispose of the complete set if you wish. Quite often the only way you can buy the stamp you want when it first comes out is in a set. Dealers will break sets or pick up odd singles after other issues have appeared.

The method that you use for keeping the balance of the set will be determined somewhat by the way you mount your topical collection.

Most topical collectors keep their basic collection in stock books or in loose leaf albums with blank pages and stock sheets. This allows for the greatest flexibility especially when a beginner is trying to determine the best method for correlating his material.

Eventually the best method is the same one used for the checklist. Then it will be easy to add material to the collection and the information to the checklist.

Every topic has its unique tabulating system. I will tell you what I do for my topics and you can get some ideas for yours.

The elephants include a number of colonial omnibus sets so the albums are divided by colonial status. I have albums for British Africa, British Asia, French Africa, French Asia, Portuguese colonies, the rest of Africa, the rest of Asia, European Zoos, rest of Europe, the Circus, advertising covers, meter slogans, non-elephant elephants (like seals, beetles, fish) and miscellaneous related material. When any one section becomes large enough, it gets an album of its own. Cachets, used covers, and postal administration materials are mounted in the same album. I have tabbed

dividers between countries.

The Blue Danube material is bought strictly for exhibition purposes and the albums follow the course of the river from the Black Forest to the Black Sea. Stock sheets with additional material until it can be mounted are found at each country break. For this topic, the broken sets are not wanted and I trade off the material.

The Wisconsin History topic is mounted chronologically with stock sheets at the back of each album to take care of the extra material for that period.

The Masonic-Eastern Star collection is mounted by the symbols that I collect, one exhibit page followed by stock sheets for each symbol.

If you are a collector that likes to take his album to shows in order to secure material and not buy duplicates, it would be best to devise a system where one album is your working album and the others are file albums. If you subscribe to the stamp papers and do not plan to keep them intact, it is wise to cut out notices of upcoming issues of your topic and keep them in your working album until such time as you secure the stamps. If the notice is not available for cutting, put a small piece of paper in the album to remind you. If you do have the notice, however, the dealer will be more apt to know what you want.

Because I like to also exhibit (many collectors do not), my albums include a number of articles and postal administration flyers pertaining to the topic that I can use later on in my exhibits. I used to keep them in a separate album but now I keep them with the stamps. Like the checklist, the main thing is to keep the collection mounted in as simple a manner as possible so that you can add to it easily.

At this point I would also like to thank those that exhibited in the topical section at the recent State Federation Show. Almost half of the exhibits were topicals including some very interesting and novel ones by our upcoming junior collectors.

--Mary Ann Owens

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EXHIBITION AWARD WINNERS

BEST-IN-SHOW Frank Jenich--U.S. Inland Waterways-19th Century River and Coastal Routes

1st GRAND Arthur Van Vlissingen-Wisconsin 19th Century Fancy Cancellations

2nd GRAND Ted Eichmeyer--Civil War Patriotic Covers

3rd GRAND Dr. Lawrence Gottlieb--5¢ Revenue Stamps of 1862-71

FIRST AWARDS (alphabetically)

Charlie Bowman--Denmark-Printings of the Square Stamps of 1851-63

James Hale--Discontinued Wisconsin Post Offices

Ray Orzechowski--Copernicana 500 A Potporri of Copernicus

Mary Ann Owens--The Blue Danube

Allen Powell--U.S. Imprint and Plate Number Strips of 3

Allen Powell--No. 3 1 Pence of Great Britain-Plated

Mrs. Joe Reprine--Early Use of TB and Red Cross Seals-1907-27 Tied on Covers

Ray Van Handell--Germany-Inflation Period of Stamps

SECOND AWARDS

Roger Fehling--Types of Flag Cancellations

Merwin Leet--Wisconsin Railroad History-Milwaukee Road-Northern Division

Harold Myhre--Multiple Postage Usage of U.S. Stamps

Carl Skupski--Art Treasurers of France

M. J. Westfall--Art Stamps of the African Nations

THIRD AWARDS

James Gilmore--Selected Pages of U.S. Stampless Covers

James Gilmore--Selected Pages of Flowers of the World on Stamps

George Mazanec--The Bible Story

Burton Warner--United Nations Covers

Myrle Werbell--Plants on Stamps

JUNIOR AWARDS

1st AWARD Tim Waite--Belgium Air Mails

2nd AWARD John Taddy--Start of the New U.S. Postal Service

3rd AWARD with felicitations Tina Giovannoni--Mail/Female

3rd AWARDS (alphabetically)

Beth Beimel--Call Me Ms

Cindy Carlsen--Sports on US Stamps

Robyn Carlsen--A Work of Art: US

Karen Schowalter--Olympic Stamps

Kathy Shanks--Wildlife Conservation

Karen Stetson--Minnesota Territorial Centennial

Randy Witt--Three Awards for 3 exhibits including Nature on Stamps.

SOCIETY AWARDS

Wisconsin Postal History Society Award--Arthur Van Vlissingen

Wisconsin Blue & Gray Society Award-Ted Eichmeyer

Junior Philatelic Society Award--Tim Waite

Judges: James J. Matejka
Howard J. Selzer
C. J. Nemmers

NEW ISSUES

UNITED STATES

June 22, 1973	8¢	Postrider Bicentennial
June 27,	21¢	A. P. Giannini in Prominent American Series
July 4,	8¢	Boston Tea Party (Bk 4)
July 10,	6¢, 8¢, 11¢, 15¢	Progress in Electronics
August 13,	8¢	American Poet, Robinson Jeffers
August 27,	8¢	President Johnson Memorial Stamp
September 10,	8¢	American artist, Henry Tanner
September 14,	6¢	Postal Card marking 100th anniv. of First US Postal Card.
Promised:		Historic Preservation
		Novelist Willa Cather
		8¢ Drummer in Rise of Spirit of Independence series

CANADA

June 22	100th Anniv. of Prince Edward Island into Confederation
July 20	Bicentennial of arrival of Scottish settlers at Pictou, NS.
August 2	Two stamps for the visit of Queen Elizabeth & Commonwealth heads of government.
September 20	100th anniv. of the birth of Nellie McClung

UNITED NATIONS

September 17	8¢, 15¢	Namibia
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DID YOU KNOW?? The Postmaster General has established a Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to recommend subjects and artists for the various stamps. This committee includes historians, stamp collectors, businessmen, and others keenly interested in American culture and history. The members review & appraise the many proposals and then recommend to the Postmaster General those they consider most meritorious and significant.

TOOLS FOR THE POSTAL HISTORIAN

It has often been said that no workman can do good work without good tools, and the statement is as true for the postal historian as for workers in other fields. The tools for him are the records of the past, and they take many forms, from printed works to memory. Unprinted forms, such as manuscripts, are extremely valuable but unfortunately seldom easily available, for most of these are in the files of the Post Office Department or in the National Archives in Washington, D. C. For most of us, therefore, the printed records are the ones we must use. It is the purpose of this article to point out the most important ones, as I have learned through some years of postal history study.

First rank in importance must be assigned the Official Register, a record of all employees of the Federal Government, which was issued from early in the nineteenth century (the earliest I have seen is dated 1816) until 1911, when the growing number of employees forced its suspension in its original form. It is the most complete record in print that I know for the years mentioned. In it you will find a record of post offices, arranged alphabetically by states, together with the county in which each post office was located, the name of the postmaster, and the amount he received as compensation. When you see the small amounts received by some postmasters, often less than a dollar a year, you can easily understand why covers from many offices are unknown, and that others have survived for present day collectors seems almost a modern miracle.

As the postal system grew in complexity lists of folders of mail contracts were given, of rail clerks, and of city postmen. Often the Register gives opening and closing dates of an office. In later years the growing numbers of postal employees forced division of the Register into two volumes, the second being devoted to the Post Office Department alone. In time this volume grew to a thickness of over six inches, and a size comparable to that of a large encyclopedia. Unfortunately for the postal historian, this valuable series was published only in the odd-numbered years after 1817 so for all even years you must turn to another source for information.

Since 1874 this is the United State Official Postal Guide. For earlier years there is a series of privately produced directories that are considered by many libraries and postal history students as the direct ancestors of the Postal Guide. Under various names but essentially containing the same information, they were compiled and published to meet a genuine need of business men and others who used the mails extensively. Most, if not all, of the compilers seem to have been former employees of the Post Office Department. I know of some eighteen issued between 1804 and 1872, and of at least one year in which two different guides appeared, although I do not know for how many years they appeared altogether. (Needless to say I would appreciate hearing from any one who knows the location of any such guide or directory, particularly from 1836 through the sixties that appeared in an even numbered year.) The guide published in 1851 is particularly valuable for it lists postal routes with the towns served and thus is a great help in approximately locating some small office that seems completely to have vanished from the knowledge of man.

The Post Office Department finally entered the picture in 1874 with the Postal Guide. It contains lists of all post offices in the United States, first alphabetically and then by states with the offices grouped by counties. The name of the postmaster is not given nor his compensation except for some of the larger offices. New offices are given and also

closed ones. Rules, regulations, rates, domestic and foreign, data on money orders and much other useful information is given. The earlier Postal Guides, even though under government sponsorship, were privately printed by contract instead of by the Government Printing Office as at present. Many advertisements appear in these issues offering equipment useful to postmasters: cancelling devices, ink, sorting tables, cases for lock boxes and the like, as well as enough other merchandise to constitute the sort of picture of social history that is claimed for the large mail order catalogs. The lack of names of the postmaster is certainly to be regretted. (Even today I have had postal employees tell me that they never knew the name of any postal employee outside their own district except by coincidence.)

Of less importance is the source of post office names come the state publications, often called Legislative Manuals or Blue Books. Along with the constitution, state and federal, the names of the state officials, census and election statistics, you will usually also find a list of the post offices of the state. Unfortunately, these are non to accurate especially for the earlier years, and they seldom give either the source or the year that the names come from. Ironically enough, these Manuals or Blue Books are far easier to locate than the Register or Postal Guide mentioned for few law offices or libraries but which do not have a fair supply of older issues and always the current one.

The above three publications give us a basis on which to rest further studies. For those who want to go further there are the older ones of the Executive Documents and the Congressional Documents, which contain much detailed information on postal affairs, but which are so poorly indexed for our purpose that it means a lot of digging and even if you find useful material the print is fine and you can only work for a time over the faded and brittle pages. Every student though finds himself involved in some map searching in efforts to find where a vanished office was located. Maps are also elusive but on a county level you can find some data, either in your local library, at the county courthouse and in abstract offices. The Geological Survey maps are especially good for many of them show where the roads once were rather than in the present day maps where roads are shown as straightened and relocated. I have been told that at one time maps of postal routes were published but have never been so fortunate as to see one. Further sources of information lie in the county histories and the local newspapers. (The many centennials that have been celebrated throughout the midwest during the past few years have brought to light a lot of information on earlier times.) Almost every state has a state historical society whose publications merit scrutiny.

Rightly you may say that most of the above-mentioned sources are not available in your local library, but let me give you a clue that should be of help. Many years ago Congress designated certain libraries as depositories of government documents and they received all that they wished to take. (In earlier times when the presses did not roll as rapidly as today and the stack spaces of the libraries were not so full this usually meant virtually all. Today many libraries regret the accumulation.) Your local library can tell you where they are for your state. The older the state, of course, the further back these documents go. One such depository was the State Historical Library at Madison, Wisconsin. Its early secretary, Lyman Draper, whose centennial as that officer was celebrated this year, was a man who had great foresight and an uncanny instinct for selecting material that many later historians have studied again and again. His followers

have been equally discriminating, and the result for us today is a storehouse of precious information, including that needed by postal historians. They have nearly complete runs of the documents mentioned above and in addition a card file of all Wisconsin Post Offices from the beginning to the fall of 1917. At that time certain libraries of the states of the Old Northwest, that is to say, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin underwrote the cost of searching the Post Office files at Washington for data on postal affairs of the five states, each to get the data for their particular state. Where the similar files of the other states are located I do not know, but they are probably in the respective state libraries. Data in the Wisconsin file includes date of founding of the office, name of first postmaster, closing date of office and changes of name and various other information relating to mail contracts, losses of mail, etc.

These tools do not answer all the questions of a cover collector but they do help to clarify the background by showing what post offices existed, their approximate location, some indication of their growth and of the postal system as a whole. Their use will add much to your pleasure in your cover collection.

By L. A. Wolf
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of May 15, 1954

SOCIETY MEETINGS

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Philatelic Society meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon (September thru May) in Union W-179 from 1:30-4:00. Summer meetings for this year are scheduled for June 13, 27, July 18, and August 22, at the same time and room. The address for further information is The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Philatelic Society, U.W.M. Union Box 185, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. 53201

JUST A REMINDER THAT DEADLINE FOR THE FALL BULLETIN IS OCTOBER 1. BE SURE TO MAIL YOUR ARTICLES, CLUB NEWS, ADVERTISING, AND TRADING POST ITEMS BY THEN. (THE ONLY CHARGE IS FOR ADVERTISING. RATES ARE FOUND INSIDE THE COVER OF THIS BULLETIN. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR USE OF THE TRADING POST, HOWEVER THERE IS A THREE LINE LIMIT.)

SHOW NEWS

LAPEX--The Lakeshore Stamp Club will sponsor its 2nd annual Lapex '73 exhibition on Sunday, October 7, 1973 at the Two Rivers, Wisconsin Elks Club, 1415-16th Street (turn north at Washington Street-16th Street spotlight downtown), from 11 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.

The show will feature a 12 dealer tri-state bourse; stamp exhibits by members and friends (prospectus available for postage); a postal station with special pictorial cancel; a snack bar for visitors; door prizes hourly; and plenty of free parking on all sides of the building.

This year's theme is "The Great Storm on the Great Lakes...60 years ago" (a special award will be given for the best Great Lakes exhibit as a topical theme or postal history theme,) and the show cachet, cancel, and program will note the theme. The cachet is available for 40¢ each, 3 for \$1 and a SASE from the Lakeshore Stamp Club, 2020 25th Street, Two Rivers, Wis. 54241

Door prize tickets are also available at 50¢ ea., 5/\$2.00 (each ticket redeemable for show program and information packet), and door prizes will be drawn each hour.

WISCONSIN VALLEY PHILATELIC SHOW--The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society is holding a stamp show on September 30. The location will be at the Wausau Labor Temple, 318 So. 3rd Avenue from 10:00-5:30. Dealers interested in obtaining tables and exhibitors should contact the general chairman, Mike Lenard, 1504 N. 1st Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401. Incidentally this weekend is when the north country is at the height of color change.

MILCOPEX 73 AWARDS

BEST IN SHOW--Bosnia Herzegovia Postal Stationery by David Prentice

MPS PRESIDENT'S AWARD--Copernicus by Ray Orzechowski

MPS GOLD AWARDS--US 1869 Pictorial Issue by Clifford Leak
US 5 Cent Revenues of 1862/71 by Lawrence Gottlieb
Copernicus by Ray Orzechowski
Trail of Copernicus by Irene Orz
Nepal by Stephen Sieben

SPECIAL AWARDS

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

US 1862/71 5 Cent Revenues by Lawrence Gottlieb

SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS:

US 1869 Pictorial Issue by Clifford Leak

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION:

Copernicus by Ray Orzechowski

DID YOU KNOW? No living person shall be honored by portrayal on any United States postage stamp.

C O V E R S

WFSC CONVENTION COVERS--The Walworth County Stamp Club still has a few state convention covers left from the 42nd WFSC Show. The covers are 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00 (the same as at the show). Owen L. Davidson, R. R. 3, Box 481, Delavan, Wisconsin.

OLD MILWAUKEE DAYS--The Milwaukee Philatelic Society is offering a special souvenir cachet to commemorate Milwaukee's Old Milwaukee Days, a 6 day celebration culminating in the giant July 4th Circus Parade. The cachet will be printed in four colors, plus metallic gold.

The cachet envelopes will be carried on the Old Milwaukee Days Special Circus Train from Baraboo to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and will receive appropriate transit markings. The train will be powered by a 1911 steam locomotive. Cachets will also receive a unique, pictorial postmark at the OMD showgrounds post office which will operate during the celebration.

Covers are \$.35 each or three for \$1.00 from Nancy D'Aquisto, MPS, Box 1960, Milwaukee, WI. 53201. They will be returned via first class mail, unless a stamped, self addressed envelope is provided with orders. Address labels for return mailing would be appreciated.

COLBY, WISCONSIN CENTENNIAL--The city of Colby, Wisconsin, the home of Colby Cheese, is celebrating its centennial this year. To commemorate the occasion, The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society has prepared a cacheted cover. The cachet will feature the old Colby railroad depot. The covers will be canceled at Colby on July 22, 1973, during the centennial celebration.

Covers cost 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00 and may be ordered from The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Raymond Rhyner Secy., 1506 Burek Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin. 54401. Address labels would be appreciated.

ELECTRONICS--To raise money to cover losses for the 1972 show of the Lakeshore Stamp Club, a special cover will be issued for the July 10th Electronics issue.

Cost of the cover with all 4 stamps is 90¢, a set of single stamps on four separate covers \$1.25 (blocks \$2.50). Orders should reach the Lakeshore Stamp Club, 2020 25th Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin. 54241 before July 6. Gummed address labels requested.

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DID YOU KNOW? Your club can receive a free listing of their philatelic shows and sponsored covers in the WFSC BULLETIN. All you need do to obtain this free service is to send information of the show or cover to Philip G. Rose, 1706 Ellen Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53716 before the deadline of the BULLETIN issue you wish your item to appear in. Deadline dates are found inside the cover of each WFSC BULLETIN. We hope your club will take advantage of this free service soon!

C L U B N E W S

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY--The Manitowoc Philatelic Society observed the 40th Anniversary of its organization at a banquet at the Vets Club-house.

Joseph Tanski, Manitowoc Recreation Dept., director, was the principal speaker. Guests were Rodger Szymanski of Wauwatosa, publicity chairman for the WFSC Convention; Vern Witt of Sheboygan; Carl Skupski of Milwaukee, WFSC President; and John I. Franz, central regional vice president, president of the Manitowoc Society, and toastmaster.

The Society was organized January 18, 1932 with 20 charter members. Three of these members, Arnold Croll, Lee Lyon, and Jacob Vlasic are still active in the society. Croll, the first secretary, reviewed early meeting places and other society activities.

In 1933, the Society joined the WFSC and in 1949, Lyle Hobbs was elected president of the federation. In 1952, Wilbur Symes and in 1954, Stanley Kresal were elected head of the federation. In 1939, 1950, and 1959, the society was host to federation conventions.

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB--Janesville is really cooking on the front burner early this year...We have set our 1974 show date and chosen the theme for our cachet.

The show will be held on February 23-24, 1974 at the Holiday Inn of Janesville. The cachet will commemorate the 50th anniversary of General Motors in Janesville. This event will be celebrated from June 13, 1973 to June 15, 1974.

M. J. Westfall, Secretary

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY--Officers for this year are the following: George Weitenbeck, President; Ralph Hoffmann, Vice President; Robert Sparks, Secretary, Bernard V. Kelly, Treasurer; George Weitenbeck, Historian; and David Zuern, Corresponding Secretary. Life Members are Charles J. Peirce and Herbert Burgett. Meetings of the Oshkosh Club are held in the Social Services Building, 448 Algoma Blvd. (next to the Winnebago County Courthouse) Oshkosh, Wisc., on the First Tuesday and Third Monday each month from September to June.

The Oshkosh Club has just completed its current program year. This has been a year that has seen more activity on the part of the members than the past several seasons. Approximately 20 of our 33 members have been at each meeting. Participation in programs has been gratifying. We try to have something to interest all at each meeting. We lost three of our members in this past year but have gained at least 4 new and active people.

We, at Oshkosh, plan to have another will diversified program for the new season. I will forward the new program as soon as it is published. Visitors are always welcome and therefore we extend this invitation to Members of the Federation to attend any and all our meetings.

Robert E. Sparks, Secretary

WISCONSIN VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY--The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society has rented a large hall at the Wausau Labor Temple, 318 S. 3rd Ave., Wausau, for our first Stamp Show on September 30, 1973. The Sunday event will last from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Our club hopes to have 8 to 10 stamp dealers present and to have as many stamp exhibits as possible. Our society is making 30 exhibit frames for the show and have completed 15 of them. We hope to borrow frames from other clubs. Many show plans are still being made but we have taken the big step at least.

--Michael J. Lenard

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB--Fifteen members and seven guests attended the annual dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on April 2. The following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Roy Northwood; Vice President, Carl Farnsworth; Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Simpson; and Member-at-large, Larry Glenzer.

At the February meeting, Larry Glenzer showed a slide tape presentation of US Grilled Stamps. To commemorate National Stamp Collecting week, exhibits were displayed at the public library, the public service company and at the library of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

A new member was welcomed when Mrs. Deanna Juhnke moved from Madison to Stevens Point.

The club meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

--Carl Farnsworth

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB--Perry Harris was elected to another term as president of the Sheboygan Stamp Club, at the annual banquet at the Hoffbrau Restaurant. Fred Hoffmann was re-elected vice president, Dennis Pongratz was named secretary, and Jerry Robers was elected treasurer.

Melvin Farber was named to a four-year term on the board of directors.

Following the Banquet, Norman Wilbert of Kohler gave a slide lecture on the "Lincoln Trail", with his talk based upon his personal experiences regarding Lincoln historical sites.

Out-of-town guests representing other Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs were also recognized.

The Sheboygan Stamp Club will sponsor a one-day exhibition and stamp bourse at Standard Hall on Sunday, April 8.

Karl Skupski of Milwaukee, president of the state federation, was present to discuss plans for the state convention scheduled at Lake Lawn Lodge, Delevan, May 19 & 20.

There were 71 people present at the annual banquet.

--Ray Van Handel, Sr.

WFSC CLUB ROSTER (1973-74)

Please send mail to the listed mailing address rather than c/o the meeting place, as much of this mail often times gets misplaced! The correction sheet that was passed around at the WFSC Business meeting disappeared during the session, as a result your Editor received no corrections. Please check your club's listing carefully and send any changes to the Editor.

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., 2 pm, 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, Wi 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 Sve., 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 Thursday, 7:30 pm, YMCA, Pine & Jefferson Sts., Green Bay, Wis.
Mail: 1641 Bruce Lane, Green Bay, Wis. 54303

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

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. (Sept.-May), 7pm, 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 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, Wis.

Mail: Philip G. Rose, 1706 Ellen Ave., Madison, Wis. 53716

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

NORTH SHORE 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., member's 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, Forest Ave., Plymouth, Wis.

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB

2nd Mon., 7:30 pm, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

Mail: c/o Bob Simpson, 516 Minnesota, Stevens Point, Wis.

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 Fri., 7:45 pm, Home Federal Savings & Loan, 1107 East State St. Rockford, Illinois

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 AND CHARITY STAMP SOCIETY

Meets yearly at WFSC Convention

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at the WFSC Convention

Mail: c/o Harry A. 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

DID YOU KNOW? Most U.S. stamps now have an "invisible" coating of phosphor applied over the design with a printing plate or cylinder. This phosphor tagging glows when exposed to an ultraviolet light. Special high speed mail processing machines recognize the tagged stamps, automatically face the envelopes and cancel the stamps.

MINUTES OF THE 42ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF
STAMP CLUBS

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Skupski at 2:00 P.M., May 19th at the Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, Wisconsin.

Mr. Harold Kinas gave the invocation.

Words of welcome were given by Dr. Harold Werbel, General Chairman of the Walworth County Stamp Club hosting the show.

A roll call of the clubs showed the following clubs were represented:

Badger Stamp Club
Belle City Stamp Club
Commodore Preble Chapter
Cudahy Stamp Club
Fon du Lac Philatelic
Green Bay Stamp Club
Janesville Stamp Club
Lakeshore Philatelic
Madison Stamp Club
Manitowoc Philatelic
Milwaukee Philatelic
North Shore Philatelic
Northwestern Mutual Stamp
Oshkosh Stamp Club

Outagamie Philatelic
Portage Stamp Club
Plymouth Stamp Club
Shebygan Jr. Stamp Club
Sheboygan Stamp Club
Southern Wis. Vatican #8
Walworth County Stamp Club
Waukesha County Stamp
Wauwatosa Stamp Club
Wis. Blue & Gray
Wis. Postal History Soc.

A call for new clubs brought no response.

MSC to accept the minutes of the 41st annual meeting as printed in the Federation Bulletin.

President Skupski's annual report-

One or two additional clubs are being contacted about membership in the Federation. Numerous visits were made to various clubs. Six visits were also made with the Walworth Club in connection with the annual show and meeting....The establishment of a contingency fund to be used to underwrite annual meetings such as this was suggested, with the use of profits given the Federation by the Wauwatosa Club....Several violations of the Constitution were pointed out.....A nominating committee was suggested in place of the "hit & miss" method now employed for electing officers....Other specific suggestions included: the deletion of the restriction of having the secretary-treasurer from the same geographic area as other officers - selecting the state vice president on the basis of talent or interest - the addition of a second vice president as a liaison person....Thanks was offered to the officers for their services.

Vice President Owen Davidson's report -

Not too much visiting was carried on. The organization of the show was accomplished.

Secretary-Treasurer Harold Kinas - report-

Financial Report 4/29/72 to 5/18/73

Balance brought forward \$275.13

Total Receipts..... 379.85

Individual and club dues (\$336.35)

Wauwatosa % of show profit (\$43.50)

Disbursements.....

For Bulletins (to Phil Rose) \$108.00

For Postage (to H. Kinas) 2.42

Checking charge (Dairy State
Bank).....2.33

Total Disbursements \$112.75

Balance on hand as of May 18, 1973.....\$542.23

(This does NOT dues paid by clubs and handed in at this meeting.)

MSC to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary's report - Work for the Federation takes place mainly in the month following the annual meeting and then the month and a half preceding the next meeting....Communications were sent as required.... the need exists to inventory and file a list of all that the Federation owns.

Northern Regional VP. report (Les Topel)

Reported were visits to clubs in his geographic area.

Eastern-Central Regional V.P. Report (John Franz)

Reported were visits to clubs and activities at which he was in attendance.

Southern Regional V.P. Report (Dick Metz)

Reported were club visits. He is working with two possible new member clubs.

Southwestern Regional V.P. Report (Bill Glennon)

Reported were visits to various clubs. "Stamp collecting is alive and well". He is working with the Lancaster Club to encourage them to join the Federation.

National Federation Representative's Report (Ned Lawrence)

No report.

A.P.S. Representative's Report (Phil Rose)

The Federation has a life membership in the APS. After discussing how we could put our APS bulletin to best use, it was suggested that this be left to the discretion of Phil Rose.

Standing Committee on Exhibitions

No report.

WFSC Bulletin Editor's Report (Phil Rose)

See separate report attached & distributed to delegates.... A plea was made for more material to be printed....Due to increased cost of postage, he has delivered many of the bulletins personally up to now but may have to discontinue this practice....MSC to accept the editor's financial report on Bulletin operations.

Closed Albums -Silent Memorial

Alex Kaiser (Fond du Lac); Robert Malzen (Fond du Lac); George Fechter (Manitowoc); Harvey Richert (Vatican Chapter); Joseph Hemmer (Oshkosh); Albert Meade (Oshkosh); Guy Smith (Oshkosh)

Announcement was made as to location and time for all meetings of groups.

Unfinished Business

Constitutions were distributed as a part of the 1972 Post-Convention BULLETIN.

Dan Rhoades reported on 1976 Bi-centennial celebration activities.

Repairs to the duplicator were explained in the Editor's report.

New Business

Delinquent Dues: 3 clubs have not sent in dues and appear to have lost contact: Kettle Moraine Stamp & Coin Club, Rockford Stamp Club, and Upper Peninsula Stamp Club.....It was suggested that the secretary should contact these clubs....MS that the three clubs be notified as to their delinquency

An amendment made, seconded that we forgive delinquent dues to these 3 clubs and reinstate all 3 clubs if they pay present dues within 60 days. The amendment lost.

Another amendment was made and seconded that the three clubs be given 60 days to respond to the secretary's letter. This was carried.

A further amendment was made and seconded to mail only one copy of the BULLETIN after the Post-Convention Bulletin to these three clubs till their membership status in the Federation is established. Carried.

The original motion and the amendments that carried were then voted on and were carried.

A suggestion was made that the Federation Secretary send a letter to any clubs 60 days after the Convention if they are delinquent with their dues at that time.

Need was expressed that we might have a permanent executive Secretary.

MSC to allow Editor of the BULLETIN to continue mailing BULLETINS to all non-Federation Clubs in the state and contiguous area at his discretion.

Wauwatosa Club's Gift

MSC to establish a contingency fund from voluntary donations to be used to cover any deficits of future conventions.

Bids for the 1974 convention

No bids were extended from any delegate.

MSC that the Federation authorize the executive committee to take bids for the 1974 convention by September 1st and award the convention, with announcement to be made by October 1st, and that this be announced in the Fall issue of the BULLETIN.

Non-payment of Juniors (constitution amendment)

The following was submitted by the Waukesha County Club and seconded by the Wauwatosa Club: "It is moved that junior members be excluded from Federation dues payable by member clubs. Junior members are those who are under 18 years of age. This amendment should not affect the \$3.00 minimum charge to member clubs."

Considerable discussion evolved regarding many ramifications of this amendment and the amendmentsuggestion was finally withdrawn by the maker and by the club that seconded it.

Election of officers:

President - Carl Skupski (re-elected without opposition)
Vice President - Owen Davidson (Re-elected without opposition)
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. La Rita Longseth
Northern Regional Vice President- Les Topel (Re-elected without opposition)
East Central Regional Vice President- Roger Oswald (Elected without opposition)
Southeast Regional Vice President - Bill Vollbrecht (Elected without opposition)
Southwest Regional Vice President - Bill Glennon (Re-elected without opposition)
National Federation Representative - E.C. "Ned" Lawrence (Re-elected without opposition)

MSC that the Executive Committee enter into negotiations with the state Superintendent of Education and non-public superintendents of education for the establishing of a school stamp club program.

Suggestion: Use extra Federation BULLETINS up by giving them to school libraries and public libraries.

Presidential Appointments-

Editor of the BULLETIN - Phil Rose
APS Representative - Phil Rose
Exhibition Committee - (one for 3 years) To be announced later.

MSC to thank the Walworth Club for hosting the 1973 convention.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Kinas, Sec-Treas.

