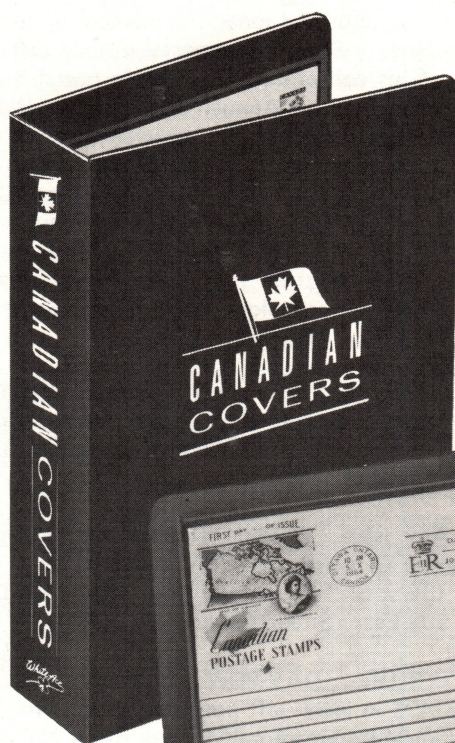


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47th WFSC CONVENTION AT WISCOPEX '78

The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society will host WISCOPEX '78 in conjunction with the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs' 47th Annual Convention on April 29 and 30 at Holiday Inn, 201 N. 17th Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Show hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 29 and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 30.

The event will feature a 17 dealer bourse, 100 frame exhibition and a United States Postal Service substation.

Awards for the open competition exhibition will include best of show; 3 grand awards; plaques; ribbons and special awards for junior exhibitors. In addition there will be a bronze medal awarded by the American Philatelic Society for the best exhibit by an A.P.S. member; also awards by the United States Postal Stationery Society, the Wisconsin Postal History Society, the First Day Cover Collectors of Wisconsin and WISCOPEX '78 certificates of participation to all exhibitors.

Awards will be presented at the banquet at the Holiday Inn at 7:30 p.m. on April 29.

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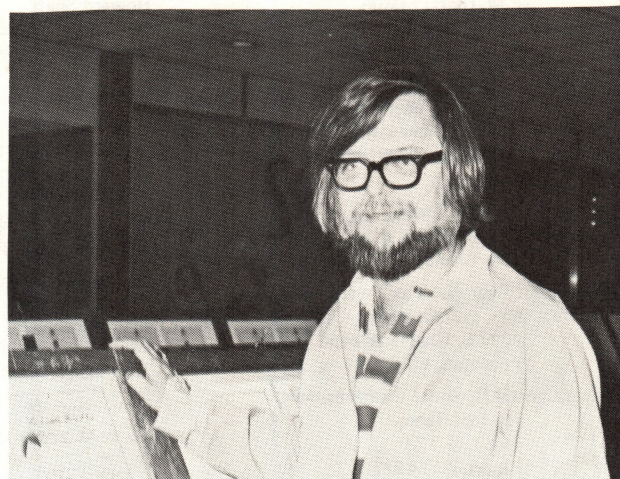
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ROONEY CAPTURES GRAND AT TOSAPEX '77



John W. Rooney, Jr., took the Grand Award with his "Classics of Belgium" exhibit recently at the Tosapex '77 exhibition held October 22 and 23. His first exhibit ever proved to be a worthwhile endeavor! Also, General Chairman Dick Leitermann (right) is congratulating First Time Award Winner Len Thumann (center). Looking on is President Claude Giralte (left).

Tosapex '77 honored Women of the American Revolution. Persons still interested in obtaining the set of three show covers may send \$1.50 per set to: Kent Martin, Cachet Club, 2470 S. 81st St., West Allis, WI 53219.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Yes, you are actually reading the Christmas (Winter?) Bulletin!! My apologies for being late with this, my third issue as the new Editor, but the delay can be attributed to several factors, one of which I can take credit. In the midst of starting a new business in Appleton, I've learned the work involved is tremendous, and with an early Convention that required a "Christmas-Pre-Convention" combination Bulletin of sorts, this made for a complicated time schedule. To help things along, our printer reached an overflow period, in the middle of the time period that our Bulletin would normally be on the presses. And so we waited, and now the prospectus is out for WISCOPEX '78 and the 47th Annual W.F.S.C. Convention should be flooded with exhibition entries (We hope!)

Thanks for being patient! The "Pre-Convention" issue will be delivered to clubs during April, so if you have some news please get it to me before my next deadline (March 15th! Absolute)

I would like to thank the several clubs who continue to send along their Newsletters. I currently receive Newsletters from Kenosha, Waukesha, UWM, Milwaukee, Ripon and Northwestern Mutual Groups. More than anything else this promotes communication between the club's Secretaries and the Bulletin Editor. Several other clubs have kept me very well posted, but I feel really discouraged when I read of a club's activities in LINN'S. Why couldn't that same press release been sent to the Bulletin Editor? Help me make the Bulletin a truly fine publication! Thanks.

Some of you may have noticed the "Trading Post" on page fifteen of the last two Bulletins. This service is free to any club member of a WFSC Affiliate. Drop me a note, if you'd like to use this service.

I would also like to call your attention to the announcement of the appointment of Ralph Hoffman as Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau. Ralph will work hard to gather the information required to make the bureau work, but his success will only be measured by the number of readers who respond to his call. If you have any philatelic subject that you are qualified to speak about, no matter how insignificant you think it is, let Ralph hear from you!

In closing, I'd like to encourage the many exhibitors to get your wheels in gear and help the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club fill that exhibition hall!! There will be many specialized awards this year.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

In my visits to clubs and the shows I have been interested in watching as well as talking to people. There seems to be an aura of happiness within the groups or in the area.

These people show us individuals working together and interested in a prime subject, Stamps. Whether they are affluent, retirees, middle class working people, professional people or students, they join together and essentially speak the same language — their hobby. They are all happy with stamp collecting and are all looking to improve their knowledge, collections or exhibits.

What creates happiness? Happiness arises from the mental qualities of contentment, confidence, serenity and active goodwill. Also when there is somewhat more to do than can possibly be done, as shown in history when researching the most happy people. The secret may be found by making your interests count to the utmost as part of the fabric of life.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale quotes this recipe: "The way to happiness: keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for a week and you will be surprised."

With the Christmas season and New Year approaching isn't it time that we concentrate a little harder on what we can do for others?

Have you put your name of the list of WSFC Judges by desiring to qualify if not yet qualified? Have you considered registering with the Speakers Bureau? A list of Speakers will be formulated within the next three months.

To close, permit me to extend my very best wishes to one and all for a Blessed Christmas and a successful New Year searching for that elusive item to complete your set.

Bert

MILCOPEX '78 — THE WORLD OF PHILATELY

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society announced that the United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS), Spring Meeting, and America Helvetia Philatelic Society, Annual Convention, would be held in connection with MILCOPEX 78, its annual stamp exhibition. MILCOPEX 78 will be held Friday through Sunday, March 3rd through 5th, 1978 at the Ramada Inn Airport, 6401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The theme for the 2000 page stamp show will be the "World of Philately". The MPS is in the process of qualifying for the American Philatelic Society's prestigious "Champion of Champions" competition. APS accredited judges will award the MILCOPEX 77 prizes.

Collectors interested in exhibiting at the show are invited to write to MILCOPEX 78, Box 1980, Milwaukee, WI 53201, for a free copy of the show prospectus. The deadline for submission of entry forms is February 1, 1978. Entry fees are \$4.00 per twelve page frame for adults; and \$2.00 for juniors. Over \$600 in awards are expected to be distributed to MILCOPEX winners.

Among the many awards to be presented are:

- MPS Best in Show Award
- Unlimited MPS Gold, Vermeil, Silver and Bronze Awards
- MPS William J. Uihlein Award for the best Americana exhibit
- MPS President's Award
- MPS Theme Award
- UPSS Awards
- UPSS Clark H. Stevens Award for US Postal Cards and Aerogrammes
- UPSS Prescott H. (PePO Thorp Award for US Stamped Envelopes
- UPSS Rodney L. Mott Award for Foreign Postal Stationery
- Helvetia Society Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards
- American Topical Association Medal for the best Topical exhibit

APS Bronze Medal for the best exhibit by an APS member

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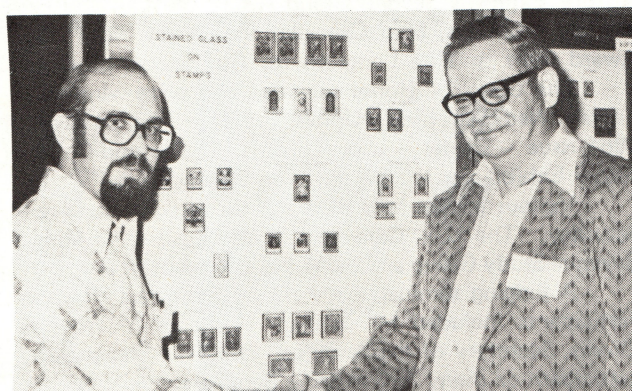
The show will feature an APS judging seminar, a 34 table dealers bourse, meeting of several national, regional and state philatelic societies; and postal stations of the US, UN, and Sweden.

A set of three multicolored souvenir cachets and an exhibition pictorial cancellation is also planned for MILCOPEX.

MILCOPEX 78 is an open show . . . exhibitors need not be MPS members.

The MILCOPEX exhibition is free and open to the general public. The hours will be Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

KECOPEX AWARD WINNERS



Bob Balcome (left), General Chairman for Kecipex '77 with his "Stained Glass on Stamps" exhibit is congratulated by Arnold Stebbins (right) Publicity Chairman. Arnold took the First Place United States Award in this year's competition.

DANEPEX '77

The 10th Annual DANPEX was held November 5th and 6th at the Sheraton Inn in Madison, Wisconsin. The Fall meeting of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs was held on Saturday in conjunction with DANPEX, and included a judging seminar Saturday afternoon.

The weekend events began at the Madison Stamp Club meeting on Thursday evening with guest speaker, Richard L. Sine, Editor of the AMERICAN PHILATELIST.



Saturday morning, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin officially opened the show and Madison Postmaster John Whitmore cancelled the first covers. During the opening ceremony W.F.S.C. President Bert Starlin gave a welcome on behalf of the State Federation and introduced the state officers who were present. Richard Sine gave a welcome to Wisconsin Philatelists on behalf of the APS.

Judging of the exhibition was handled by Mrs. Mary Ann Owens of Waukesha, Wisconsin and Mr. William Bauer, APS Secretary, from Wheaton, Illinois.

Best in show went to Michael Sullivan for his British War Tax Exhibit. First Grand Award went to Howard Sherpe for his Wisconsin Postal History Exhibit. It also received the Wisconsin Postal History Award for Best Postal History Exhibit. Second Grand Award went to Phil Rose for Old Ironsides, Ship Cancellations. First Place Junior Award went to Tina Longseth for Girl Scouts on Covers.

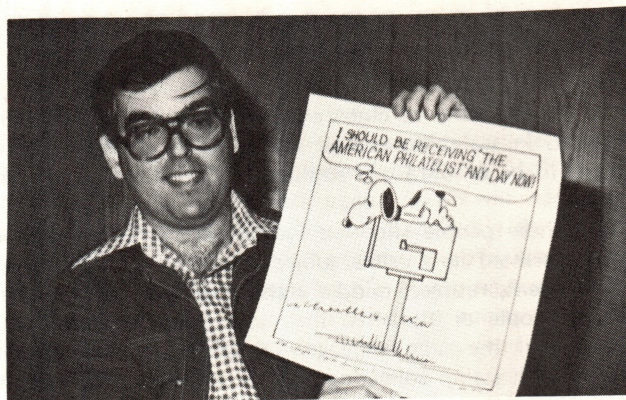
The Court of Honor included two prize winning exhibits. Ned Lawrence's United States — The 24 cent of 1861 issue — shades — uses — proofs. The second Court of Honor Exhibit was Microbiology on Stamps.

Various groups held meetings throughout the day on Saturday. The U.N. Collectors of Wisconsin, The Midwest Revenue Study Group and the W.F.S.C. Executive Committee.

A judging seminar was held on Saturday afternoon. Participants included Mr. William H. Bauer of Wheaton, Illinois, Secretary of the American Philatelic Society and a participant on many APS Judging Seminars.

Mrs. Mary Ann Owens of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Mrs. Owens has served as a judge at National and International Shows, including INTERPHIL '76.

Mr. E.C. Lawrence of Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Lawrence has served as Chairman of the W.F.S.C.' standing committee on exhibitions for several years and has indeed numerous exhibitions in Wisconsin.



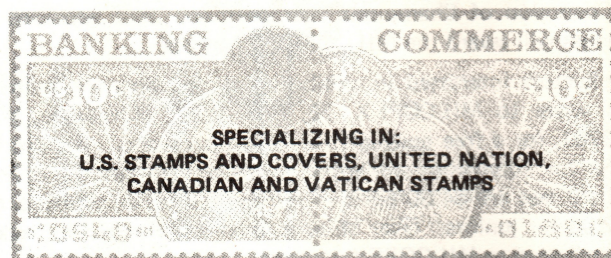
Panel moderator was John Taddy, W.F.S.C. Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Junior Philatelists of America.

Those in attendance at the seminar gained much knowledge and insight into the fine points of exhibiting and judging from this fine panel of experts. A list of prospective Wisconsin judges was also started which will be the starting point of compiling a list of qualified judges for local and state shows in Wisconsin.

From all indications this was one of the best stamp shows ever held in Madison and the Madison Area Stamp Clubs thank everyone involved for helping make it a success. It was a pleasure hosting the W.F.S.C. Fall Meeting and we would like to make this an annual event in Madison.

DANEPEX '78 is already in the works and will be held November 4th and 5th in the Gateway Room of the Sheraton again. Be sure to mark your calendars NOW.

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W.F.S.C. RE-ACTIVATES SPEAKERS BUREAU

Our WFSC president, Bert Starlin, has asked Ralph Hoffman to check up on the "Speakers Bureau" that was organized under the leadership of our former WFSC president, Howard Koeppen. In 1974 we had a list of volunteer speakers and the subjects they were willing to share with other WFSC clubs.

Now, Ralph would like to check out the former list of speakers and subjects, determine whether they have additional subjects, and obtain new names with their subjects. An updated "Speakers Bureau" is necessary.

A guest speaker is one of the most popular programs a club can have. We can, through the WFSC, share these popular programs with our fellow clubs. We are going to ask for speakers who would be willing to do this chore for

the "LOVE" and promotion of the hobby. If you feel that some kind of remuneration should be considered, please tell us about that. If the speakers want to limit the number of miles of travel, please tell us about that. Your comments, on this subject, are most welcome.

Please send the name, address and subject or topic of the talk, for each person who will consent to be on the "Speakers" list, together with your comments to:

Ralph Hoffman
131 Plummer Court
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Please submit the list from your club as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 1978 in order that a roster may be announced at the annual WFSC meeting.

FALL MEETING REPORT

Over 35 persons attended the second WFSC Fall Meeting/Seminar in conjunction with DANEPEX '77 in Madison, November 5. Presentations on the topic of Stamp Show judging were presented by Mr. William H. Bauer, nationally-recognized judge and Secretary of the APS, Mrs. Mary Ann Owens, member of the WFSC Standing Committee on Exhibitions and a member of the INTERPHIL 76 International Jury, and Mr. E.C. (Ned) Lawrence, Chairman of the WFSC Standing Committee on Exhibitions.

The discussion ranged from how to judge a stamp exhibit to the selection of juries and apprentice judges, and

the WFSC's role in the accreditation of judges.

Mr. Lawrence would like to hear from all members of WFSC member clubs who have judged stamp shows or are interested in serving as judges. It is anticipated that a questionnaire will be mailed to those persons early in 1978 to draw up a list of qualified persons (and their special interests) who are available to judge local stamp shows. There was also some discussion as to promoting the idea of apprenticeship for those who are interested in becoming accredited judges, and it was suggested that local shows create opportunities for apprentice judges. Mr. Lawrence can be contacted at 521 Eugenia Ave., Madison, WI 53705.

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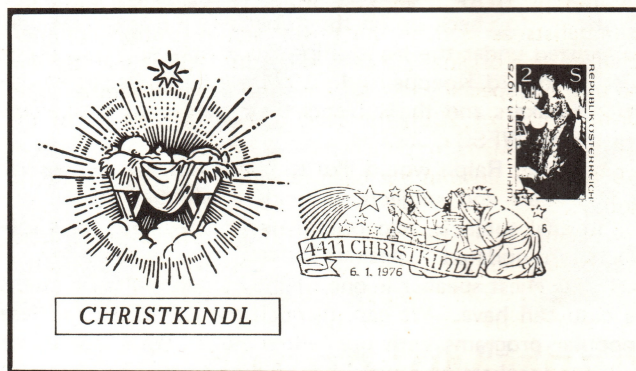
THE POSTMARKS OF CHRISTKINDL

by Frank Schanzer, Cleveland, Ohio

This topical collection has been a favorite of mine for the past 22 years and could be considered as part of a collection with the Christmas theme.

Let me explain at first the name of CHRISTKINDL. Christkindl is the name of a tiny village in the province of Upper Austria. It is so small that it doesn't even have a regular post office — but it has the lovely name of Christkindl which means Little Christ Child and that, in Austria, has the same meaning as Santa Claus in this country. In Austria it is the Christkindl, so the children are told, that brings their gifts. Actually Santa Claus is also known and celebrated in Austria, but on a less important holiday, on December 6th. Moreover the kiddies (and the grown ups likewise) are getting their gifts on the eve of Christmas Day, on December 24th.

Eventually some bright fellow in the postal administration once had the idea to establish around Christmas time at least, a temporary post office. All the hopeful letters of small children, written to the Christ child to let him know their most ardent wishes for Christmas, (just like kids in this country write to Santa Claus), these letters could be sent to the post office of Christkindl and may be somebody could be found who would answer them. This warm and beautiful idea was realized in 1950, when the first temporary post office with a special cancellation was established several weeks before Christmas and remained open until the Feast of Epiphany on January 6th, which is also a holiday in Austria on which the three Kings or the Wise Men are remembered.



On account of the very lovely special cancellation, showing the Christ Child carrying a Christmas tree and walking on clouds, the post office was a smashing success and over 40,000 cancellations were given at this temporary post office; for a village of only a few hundred people this was quite a task indeed, considering that there was only one temporary post mistress and the post office, even today, is still established in a small room of a village inn.

So from then on every year, around the first of December, this post office was re-opened again and remained in business until January 6th. Each year, another special cancellation was designed for Christkindl except for the years 1951 and 1952, which had the same design, and 1953 and 1954 likewise. The postal business grew by leaps

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and bounds, it started with some 42,000 letters and cards in 1950, grew to 773,000 in 1960, and to more than 1½ million in 1970 — and the more it grew, the more the philatelists as well as the postal administration commercialized this originally lovely idea. In 1965 it was decided to use two special cancellations, one from November 28th until December 26th, the second, with the theme of the Three Wise Men, from December 27th until January 6th of 1966. This custom has been repeated from then on until today.

Already as far back as 1951 an official postal label has been used in Austria, reading "UBER CHRISTKINDL", meaning "via Christkindl". It is available at any post office in the country and, if pasted on the letter, and posted at

GERMANY GROUP

REACTIVATED

Germany Philatelic Society, Milwaukee Chapter No. 18 "Heinrich Stephen", has been reactivated. The chapter consists of stamp collectors in the Milwaukee area interested in the philately of the German area.

Chapter officers include: President Roger J. Szyman-ski, Milwaukee; Vice President Gaylord Yost, Milwaukee; and Secretary Treasurer George Breu, Brookfield.

The chapter meets at the Bavarian Club, 700 West Lexington Blvd., Glendale, Wisconsin, at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month. Glendale is a northern suburb of Milwaukee.

Persons interested in German stamp collecting are invited to attend.

any place in Austria, it will signal the postal clerk, not to cancel the stamp but to place the postmark next to the stamp. Then, according to the wish of the sender, the letter is forwarded to Christkindl where it is cancelled with the special postmark and then it is sent to the addressee. Three different labels are known up to now. Since the temporary post office in Christkindl also accepts registered letters, it has also its own registry labels.

With the steadily increasing commercialization a host of non philatelic items like private labels, private Christmas cards and envelopes, privately arranged special balloon flights with cachets, board cancels and balloon labels.

spoiling more and more every year the topical collection which once started, 22 years ago with a lovely and simple cancellation. I must admit though, adding every two new special cancellations still brings great joy to the collector!

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OTHER WAYS TO GET PEOPLE TO COME TO MEETINGS

by Ralph Hoffman

The Oshkosh Philatelic Society plans a program for a "meeting - year". During the first meeting in the month of April we ask our membership to submit ideas for programs in the year to come. Once again, at our second meeting in April, we follow through by asking for more program suggestions.

The following suggestions were submitted at our April, 1977 meetings:

- 1) I'll arrange a FDC slide program at your convenience.
- 2) I'd like to know more about post cards and First Day Covers.
- 3) I'll present a slide program on the U.S. Coast Guard. Nothing to do with stamps.
- 4) More Picks & Pokes.
- 5) Would like to see Films on Stamps, Films of a trip someone took, Member exchange, Have invitations to other clubs on an exchange basis.
- 6) Have more people to speak or show slides.
- 7) Auction, Clothes Line Show, Only one meeting in December.
- 8) Dinner, Picnic and Pot Luck
- 9) Show and Tell
- 10) Talks about specialties like First Days, Topical, etc.
- 11) Film or Slide Programs
- 12) Auctions
- 13) Picks & Pokes

These were the suggestions we received. The finished program for the year reflects a goodly portion of the suggested program ideas.

Sometime during the month of May we try to juggle these suggested ideas around to give variety to the program as a whole. For instance, we try not to have two member participation-type programs one right after the other. Programs that feature a speaker, a guest or a slide presentation are placed in the program when we figure there will maximum attendance and, also, at intervals that will spread this type program throughout the year.

It takes a little juggling around, at times, to have a presentable program. The rough draft of the program is submitted to the membership at our June picnic. If any changes are to be made, they must be made at this time. When the program is approved, it is ready for the printer.

The programs are mailed to our membership in August so that each member will have it prior to our first meeting.

Once in a great while there has to be a change in program. If it is a drastic change we notify our membership by mail. This has only happened once in 48 years.

The beauty of this idea is that everyone knows what will be going on in Oshkosh for the whole year in advance.

It might be pointed out that the Oshkosh Philatelic Society has a standing committee to purchase stamp collections, if the price is right. We have purchased several collections, broken them down into Auction Lots, to be sold only in this manner. Parts of these collections go toward Door Prizes or other type prizes. We have made a little money selling these collections at Auction.

We try to buy a quality mixture for our Pick & Poke. A quality mixture costs quite a bit of money. The

first Pick & Poke may go for five cents per stamp. The same Pick & Poke will be submitted another time but the price of each stamp will be two cents. If it is used again the price will be one cent; after that it will be sold at auction in several small lots.

Some of the other ideas for programs may come from Linn's or one of the other stamp journals, or we may borrow one from another club. On November 1st we will have a Philatelic Scavenger Hunt. This idea came from the Ripon Philatelic Society. The Round Table Forum on October 17th came from an announcement in Linn's. A moderator will suggest a thought, for instance: Have any of you tried the new First Day Cover system where you service your own covers? This question will get the ball rolling. The moderator must try to keep it alive by prodding other questions. For instance: An answer may be that "my covers came back with some damage." The moderator will ask if anyone else has had this experience or is there anything that can be done about a damaged cover? You will be surprised how this can keep "snow-balling" into a very interesting discussion. Any subject will do to get it started because it will soon get off on other tracks, other subjects will open up.

Do you have a program idea that works well in your club? Tell us about it so that we can try it at one of our future club meetings.

(This article is Part 2 in a continuing series of helpful ideas for local clubs. The series is designed to aid clubs in maintaining good attendance through unusual suggestions and new programs. If you have something to offer, drop the Editor a line explaining your idea or what your club has done.)

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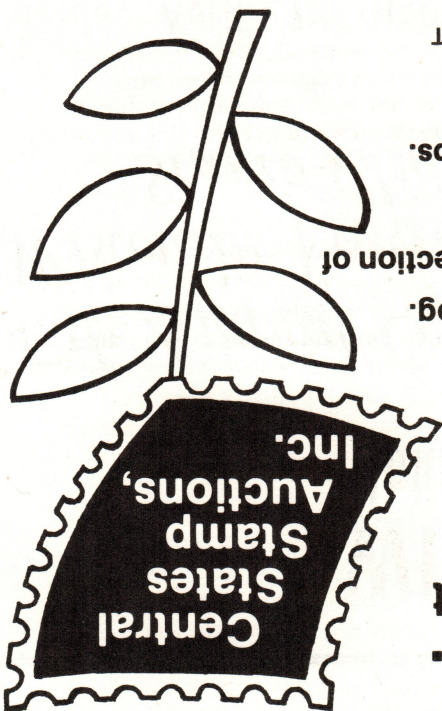
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"DON'T YOU DARE KEEP IT TO YOURSELF"

Those works should be emblazoned on the wall of every stamp collector. They should be the motto of every Philatelist. They were voiced by Mrs. Mary Ann Owens of Waukesha, Wisconsin, a panel member, during the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Judging Seminar held during DANEPEX '77 at Madison, Wisconsin. I think it was a very important statement and one that every Philatelist should live by.

Mrs. Owens was relating a story to the participants of the seminar on the importance of an exhibitor listening to a judge's comments regarding their exhibit and then putting them into practice to improve their exhibit.

Mrs. Owens was on the Jury of ASIANA '77, recently held in India. After the Judging was completed, an exhibitor was questioning Mrs. Owens on how to improve the exhibit. After listening to her explanation and suggestions, he thanked her very much for her helpful information and said, "I'll be sure to keep it to myself". Don't you dare keep it to yourself!" Mrs. Owens told him. "Knowledge is to be shared and passed on to help others. You go and tell everyone you can how to improve their exhibits or collections and tell them to pass that information on to someone else".

I think this statement by Mrs. Owens should be the motto and creed of every Philatelist. It is our duty to pass on the information and knowledge we acquire to others, and ask only that they in turn help someone else. This unselfish giving from one person to another should be one of the highest goals of every stamp collector.

by Howard M. Sherpe

Philatelists, as a whole, are some of the nicest people I have been associated with and I think much of it stems from this giving and sharing attitude, of their expertise, knowledge and their valuable time. We are all losers if we don't take the time to listen to our fellow collectors and learn from them, and then most important of all, "DON'T YOU DARE TO KEEP IT TO YOURSELF". Pass it on to others, every chance you get. We will all be better for it, and philately will be the beneficiary.

CLOSED ALBUMS



Central Wisconsin Stamp Club was saddened this past summer by the deaths of three members:

Mr. T.C. (Thurstin) Newton, 79, a charter member of CWSC passed away August 12, 1977. For 40 years he was a rural mail carrier. During his lifetime he amassed three separate World Wide collections and was one of the best "public relations" stamp collectors in Central Wisconsin.

Mr. Harry Fristad, 81, passed away June 11, 1977 and is survived by his daughter, Verna Schackelton. Harry was a retired farmer.

Mrs. Evelyn Tilton, 59, passed away September 4, 1977. She was a former school teacher from Wausau.

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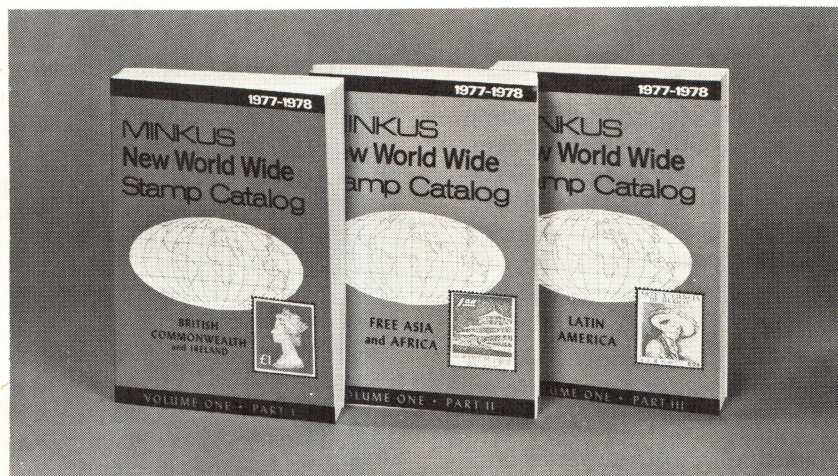
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1935 W.A.P.S. TROPHY RETURNS TO RIPON



"Count" Masche of Loveland, Colorado made a recent visit to Ripon where he and James Banville formed the first Ripon Stamp Club of the 1930's. His visit to the Ripon Philatelic Society on September 26th was highlighted by his presentation to the club of trophies he received during his years of collecting in Wisconsin. That year of 1935, the Federation Show was held in Green Bay (Then known as the Wisconsin Association of Philatelic Societies), and the "Count" took the W.A.P.S. Trophy for the Best Precancel Exhibit.

The "Count" also presented Bert Starlin, Ripon Philatelic Society President, with a Precancel Stamp Society Trophy he received in Minneapolis in 1937. The club was pleased to accept the trophies and keeps them as an incentive and challenge to current members of the Ripon group.

SZYMANSKI REPORTS BURGLARY

Three stamp collections were taken along with other items in the January burglary of his home, reports Roger J. Szymanski, Box 1690, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201, a former president of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society.

The collector says information concerning the material can be given him or the detective bureau of the Milwaukee Police Department.

A group of Austrian stamps with a 1978 Scott catalog value of \$3,400 included mint and used of the 1860-1918 period between Scott 18 to 175.

The collection includes Austrian Officers in Crete and the Levent and 110 to 127 and 128 to 144. It also contains many perforation varieties, mounted on 48 black pages with grey graph overlay printed on each page with heavy gauge plastic protectors in a black three ring binder.

The German postal stationary taken consisted of material in two cigar boxes, one with 100 mint and used German colonial postal cards. The owner says he can identify specific items through a series of marks on the material. He adds the Higgins & Gage catalog value is about \$560.00.

The second cigar box of German postal stationary includes letter cards, stamped envelopes, officials, aerograms, World War I occupations, pneumatic post and offices abroad (mint and used) with a Higgins & Gage catalog value of about \$1,150.

Also taken was a collection of three albums each containing approximately 100 pre-1914 imperial Germany post cards. The albums were dark green imitation leather and the estimated value of the collection about \$900. Szymanski says the material can be identified by certain markings "as coming from my collection."

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The HOLY FAMILY ON STAMPS is the title of ATA's latest handbook number 92. Written and compiled by Gerald A. Morris, "The Holy Family" is being edited for publication by the ATA Christmas Study Unit. The two main features of the new book will be checklists with Scott catalog numbers by country and by artists of all stamps which depict one or more members of The Holy Family — Joseph, Mary and Jesus, complete through Easter 1977.

The handbook will be of interest especially to "Life of Christ" and "Marian" collectors and collectors of Christmas and Easter but will also be useful to Fine Art collectors for many of the listed issues depict famous masterpieces. The Artists Checklist groups and identifies those various works alphabetically by artist and is crossreferenced with the Country Checklist. Another useful feature of these checklists is the inclusion of many rarely or never before catalogued items such as the British, POW and Spanish Civil War locals and the controversial adhesives of Nagaland Oman, Hutt River Province & Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Also included are the numerous 1972 Ajman and Manama issues for which identifications (at least as to subjects) are provided (and unattainable from any other source).

In the introduction, Morris briefly sketches the beginnings and history of "Holy Family" issue and offers suggestions on how to prepare a collection on this theme. Historical background is also provided in two chapters for the various "Apparitions" and "Madonna Shrines" stamps. A brief "Philatelic Life of Christ" gives examples of stamps that illustrates the events during the earthly life of Jesus

(from Annunciation to Ascension). Concluding the book, a Bibliography reveals the extent of research put into the handbook and that is available for further research into the Holy Family on Stamps.

THE HOLY FAMILY ON STAMPS, ATA handbook number 92, with 120 pages and hundreds of illustrations, is priced to sell at \$8.00 but pre-publication orders are being accepted for a limited time at just \$7.00 postpaid from American Topical Association, 3308 North 50th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216 U.S.A. Immediate acknowledgement of order. Delivery: late winter 1977-78.

POLAND GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

The Poland Philatelic Club held its combined annual business meeting and Christmas party on December 18, 1977, at the Polish Veteran's Hall, Milwaukee.

Officers elected for 1978 are President Carl R. Skupski, Vice President Raymond A. Orz and Secretary-Treasurer Edith Ann Malson.

After the business meeting, there was a pot-luck supper at which various traditional Polish Christmas foods and beverages were served, with club member Henry Kiermasz acting as major-domo. Several old country Christmas Eve customs were observed and explained. 34 members and guests attended.

Membership in the club is available to all collectors of the stamps of Poland and any other interested persons. The club meets on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Veteran's Hall, 1629 South 10th Street, Milwaukee.

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1978

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March 3 to 5
MILWAUKEE, WI: MILCOPEX 78, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Ramada Inn Airport, 6401 S. 13th St., Exit College Avenue from I-91.

April 1 & 2
SHEBOYGAN, WI: STAMPEX 78/Sheboygan Stamp Club Show, North Bowl Lanes, North Avenue at Business Highway US 141.

April 1 & 2
ROCKFORD, IL: ROCKFORD 78, Rockford Stamp Club, Clock Tower Inn, East State Street — I-90 at Business Highway US 20.

April 16
KENOSHA, WI: Kenosha Stamp & Cover Club Spring Bourse, Holiday Inn (5125 Sixth Ave.)

April 29 & 30
WAUSAU, WI: WFSC Convention & Exhibition, Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, host. Holiday Inn, 17th Ave., Exit off US 51 at Wisconsin Highway 52.

June 2 and 4
CHICAGO, IL: COMPEX '78, Palmer House.

June 9 to 18
TORONTO, CANADA: CAPEX 78 International Exhibition, Nat'l Exposition Grounds.

September 16 & 17
LAKE GENEVA, WI: WALCOPEX 78, Walworth County Stamp Club, Horticultural Hall, 330 Broad St, Wisconsin Highway 36.

October 13 to 15
CHICAGO, IL: Chicago Philatelic Society 92nd National Exhibition, Palmer House.

October 21 & 22
KENOSHA, WI: KECOPEX 78, Kenosha Stamp and Cover Club, Holiday Inn, Wisconsin Highway 158.

October 28 & 29
LACROSSE, WI: LaCrosse Stamp Club Annual Show, Senior Citizens Center.

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