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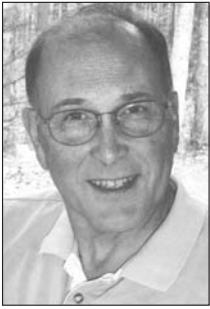
American Philatelic Society Chapter #350, American Topical Association Chapter #107

### President's corner

#### Death and Recognition

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

Getting a street named after you in Canada carries the same unsettling requirement as getting your image on a stamp in the United States: you have to be dead, even if your name is Celine Dion.



Charlemagne, Quebec, the population 6,000 hometown of the Las Vegas singer, was told by provincial officials late last year that a person must be deceased for at

least a year before receiving such an honor.

Peeved at the response from on high, Charlemagne Director General Bernard Boudreau said Dion had "spread the name of Charlemagne all over the planet," and the town put up signs for Celine Dion Boulevard anyway, even though the 40-year-old pop singer is still alive.

It must have been a tough call. Sure, the town council wanted Dion to know they appreciated her growing up there – but if the street with her name is not on the official map how will residents on that street get their mail?

Still, there's something to be said for taking a little bit of time before falling all over yourself to heap praise on someone. See if their fame holds up. Give their biographers time to dish up the dirt. Even the Baseball Hall of Fame does-

### We Need You!

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions:

**Corresponding Secretary:** The Federation's secretarial duties will be divided up among two or more people. We still need someone to submit reports, respond to inquiries and maintain files.

**Wisconsin Stamp Subjects Chairman:** Suggest to the USPS stamp subjects with Wisconsin connections and help to promote ceremonies in conjunction with stamps issued in Wisconsin or having Wisconsin connections.

To volunteer or nominate someone for these positions, contact President Maurice D. Wozniak.

only a five-year wait.

"For more than three decades we have had a rule requiring notable Americans be deceased 10 years before they could be recognized for commemoration on a postage stamp," Potter said at a Nov. 15 meeting of the USPS Board of Governors. "We created this rule to make certain their legacy stood the test of time. The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee has been discussing this issue for some time and now has recommended that we reduce that wait time to five years. In this era of instant communications, I think this is a reasonable suggestion, and it will allow us to honor a subject's lifetime achievements while their memory is still relatively fresh in the public's eye. This new approach will take effect Jan. 1, 2007."

The change does not affect deceased U.S. presidents, who may be honored with a memorial stamp as soon as the first birth anniversary following their death.

n't just give out keys to the building willy-nilly; baseball journalists who vote on the players' admissions are given five years after a player's career ends to think about whether he really deserves it.

The big news about stamp subjects is that the U.S. Postal Service has changed its standards. Postmaster General John E. Potter announced that instead of waiting 10 years to become eligible for a stamp, now it'll require

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## Clubs are Trump

By Maurice D. Wozniak, President of WFSC

A feature on Susan B. Anthony by Carol Schutta graced a recent front page of the *Milwaukee Philatelist*, newsletter of the **Milwaukee Philatelic Society**. It included several illustrations, including one of the 3c United States commemorative, Scott 784.

In the previous issue of the newsletter, Schutta resurrected a feature by Mary Ellen Daniels, a former newsletter editor, on her efforts to get dual cancels when the Endangered Flora stamps were issued in Milwaukee in 1979. Schutta included a note to explain for newer MPS members who Daniels was.

Finding a major feature to anchor your club's monthly newsletter can be a challenge for editors. Some write new ones or pull some out of the archives. A detailed account of the previous month's program, if appropriate, might work.

Another source, much loved by newsletter editors, is the regular submission of articles by club members who are willing to write about their collection or exhibit, new issues, a discovery or some other aspect of philately. Articles like Schutta finds don't just happen; they take work.

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### What others are doing

The **Milwaukee Philatelic Society** decided to cash in a certificate of deposit to put a down payment on the hotel for the 2008 Milcopex. The extra money will go into a money market account, where it will earn more interest than the CD. Attention to a club's finances at a time of

changing interest rates can make a difference.

Kurt Albrecht was re-elected treasurer and Tom Zacharias re-elected director at MPS. Art Petri is president, Rob Henak vice president, and Carol Schutta secretary. Alice Archie, Frank Jenich and Arthur Graf are the other directors.

Newly elected officers at the **Rockford (Ill.) Stamp Club** are Steve Capone, president; Hank Fox, treasurer; and Bob Schlax, director. Other officers are Tim Gallagher, vice president, Matt Mace, secretary and Andy Bumgarner and Gordon Carlson, directors.

The **North Shore Philatelic Society**, Glendale, elected Linda Brothen president, Rob Henak vice president and treasurer and Howard H. Perlick secretary.

The **Central Wisconsin Stamp Club**, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids, has ordered a \$500 "mystery lot" from a dealer in Arizona. The club's previous supplier died. A dealer in Sedona, Ariz., also supplies the **Northwoods Philatelic Society**, Iron Mountain, Mich., with lots used in its club auctions, along with member lots.

Clete Delvaux, editor of the *Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter*, announcing that the club's Wayout Topical Competition had only two entries, is looking to rejuvenate the program. He also announced only one entrant in a stamp "scavenger hunt" he ran. The entrant couldn't find a camel on a U.S. stamp, and Delvaux said he had in mind Scott 2392 of the 1988 Carousel Animals issue. (Your "Clubs Are Trump" compiler would have offered the 1948 Fort Bliss Centennial issue, Scott 976.)

A fund-raising plan by the **Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club**, West Bend, was dealt a setback when a summertime brat fry program was put on hold by the sponsoring grocery chain.

The **Outagamie Philatelic Society**, Appleton, celebrated its 65th anniversary with a party.

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### Program ideas

One of the members of the **Northwoods Philatelic Society** showed off his Christmas Seal covers at the club's December meeting.

An advertising series in *Linn's Stamp News* generated an idea for a program at the **Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club**, West Bend. In essence, it is an extended "show and tell" with a series of questions, such as, "When did you start collecting, what's the ugliest stamp you've seen and where do you think the hobby will be in 20 years?"

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Information for "Clubs Are Trump" is gathered from club newsletters. Please send newsletters to Maurice D. Wozniak, 1010 Berlin St., Waupaca WI 54981.



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# Stamp Collecting is passing fad, according to 1984 news article

By Wayne L. Youngblood

Every once in a while, I see something that begs to be republished. In this case, it is a 110+-year-old article from the Kinston (N.C.) *Free Press* newspaper, dated Aug. 6, 1894. The article, written during the early years of stamp collecting, is not only somewhat unintentionally humorous in its approach, but tells much about our hobby today.

Do stamps have any inherent intrinsic value? Of course not. They're worth only as much as collectors wish to pay for them. Since stamp prices are rising in most areas of our hobby, it would be difficult to successfully make the case that stamp collecting is either doomed or dying.

Those who continue to claim our hobby is dying can join their voices with generations of collectors who have gone before. Our hobby lore is full of predictions of our imminent demise. The feature (in a shortened form) follows:

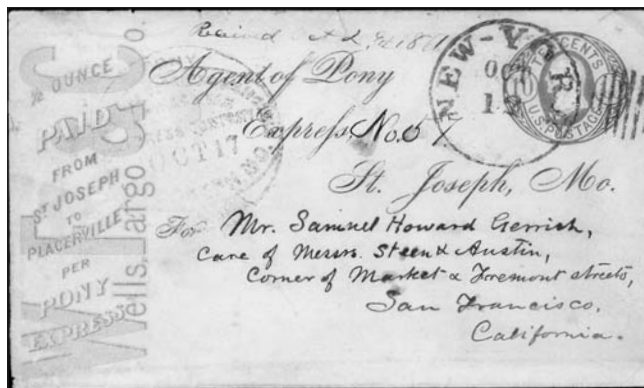
## POSTAGE STAMP FAD

"It began as a harmless amusement and became a mania.

"Millions of dollars are locked up in bits of paper that have no real value. Some of the rare specimens for which fabulous prices are asked and given.

"The postage stamp mania is one of the most curious of human fads, remarks a New York writer. A collection of coins is at the most worth the weight of the metal. Not so a collection of stamps. The fashion may go out as it came in, and then the stamps will be only so much waste paper.

"The fad broke out in 1861 in the form of a few sporadic cases among schoolboys and maiden ladies. It was not only a harmless fad, but in the case of schoolboys it



According to the author of an old article, items such as this are not worth the paper they're printed on and are only so much "waste paper."

was even an educative one. It proved the easiest the pleasantest and the most efficacious way of driving knowledge of geography into the adolescent mind.

"But now that these first few sporadic attacks have developed into something alarmingly like an epidemic one begins to speculate whether the craze of the philatelist is not a distinct bar to human progress, inasmuch as it consumes a large amount of brain force and vital energy that might better be turned into other and more useful channels of activity.

"In the United States alone there is an organization called the American Philatelic Association, which numbers 1,000 members. But this represents only a small fraction of the philatelists actually in the country.

"The greatest and most famous of living philatelists — considered merely from the philatelist point of view — is M. Philippe de Ferrari, a dignified courteous and white haired old gentleman who lives in Paris. He is a son of the late Duchess de Galliera, who was also a passionate lover of stamps.

"His collection is valued at \$500,000. He has been known to pay \$500 for an album, which contained only a single stamp that he coveted. For more valuable collections he has never limited his expenditures.

"Next to the Ferrari collection comes that of Baron Arthur de Rothschild, which is so valuable that its owner, with the true jealousy of the collector, reserves the pages containing his rarest treasures for the delectation only of himself and his most intimate friends.

"Now, what constitutes the enormous value of these collections? It is not the number of the specimens. There are more than 6,000 different varieties of stamps now actually in existence. A certain number can be obtained at comparatively light expense.

"But the rarer ones command large prices. Never mind whether the rarity was created by age or accident.

"The MacMahon stamp in France is the blue rose, the maintainable ideal of the collector. When the marshal was president of France, his wife was anxious to see his image set in stamps.

"Designs were accordingly prepared, but the postal commissioner rejected them and adopted another design. Nevertheless there is a legend that some of these MacMahon stamps got into circulation. If a single specimen ever turns up it will be priceless.

"Another lost pleiad is a postage stamp issued by the government of British Guiana in 1856. It has disappeared from the market, and specimens held in the hands of private collectors are valued at \$250.

"A set of four 1850 stamps also issued in British Guiana bring anywhere from \$400 to \$500 and a set of four 1852 Hawaiian stamps are valued at \$1,500.

"The 15 and 30 cent reunion stamps bring \$500. The New Brunswick 5-cent stamp, with the head of O'Connell, is rarely parted with under \$150.

"Rare is also the black Canadian 12 penny stamp, valued at \$125.

"But the collector does not stop at legitimate issues of stamp. He gives fancy prices for varieties of shades, for perforations, errors and watermarks.

"At a recent stamp exhibition in Vienna an enthusiastic collector named Giwelb displayed with pride the 'error' of France — a stamp of 25 centimes printed in blue instead of black, the 'error' of Afghanistan and a stamp with a missing ornament in a corner.

"Dr. Mallmann of Vienna had even more wondrous delights to unfold, for he was the

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## Fire in the box!

By Wayne L. Youngblood

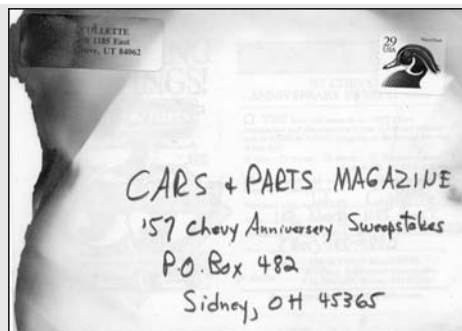
Any cover that went through the mail can be considered postal history, but those that tell a story are the most desirable.

The sweepstakes cover shown in the accompanying illustration is not only unattractive, it is badly damaged and has no markings to explain what happened. Much of the left is burned, and the uncanceled stamp is singed and stained. Without documentation, it would have little or no value.

Fortunately, the cover arrived in a large penalty envelope from the Pleasant Grove, Utah, postmaster, along with an explanatory letter, dated July 6, 1992:

"Dear Postal Customer,

"On Friday, July 3, 1992 vandals set a collection box on fire at the Pleasant Grove Post Office. Unfortunately, this piece was among those which caught on fire. Those



There is no postmark or auxiliary markings on this charred cover, but a letter tells an important story.

pieces of mail which were not seriously damaged were forwarded on to the addressee. Mail damaged such as this may have been re-enveloped and sent on to the addressee.

"I regret any inconvenience this may have caused you. If you have any questions  
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# A Seven-year-old is introduced to Stamp Collecting

by Tom Zacharias

There I was, seven years old, standing at a bust stop on Sherman Blvd. in Milwaukee, Wis., waiting for a bus. It was a bright fall morning in 1949. I was nervous because I did not know the first thing about stamp collecting and was headed off to my first meeting.

I was, at that time, taking swimming lessons one afternoon a week at the downtown YMCA. I saw a notice on the bulletin board going down to the boys' locker room that said, "anyone interested in stamp collecting come to a meeting Saturday morning, room 2, third floor." So,

there I was, waiting for the bus at 8:15 a.m., Saturday morning.

The gentleman who greeted me that Saturday when I arrived was Art Schmitz. I only recalled this when I read the article in the October *Across the Fence Post*, written by Schmitz.

After that first meeting I was given a small stamp book with worldwide pages, some hinges and an envelope full of stamps. I learned how to soak stamps off paper, how to determine which countries they were from and about 100 other things one needed to know to get started in the

greatest hobby in the world.

Art's patience and kindness toward those of us who came to the meeting each Saturday was beyond words. I learned so much from him in such a short time, and my history grades in school shot up to an A from then on.

It's because of people like Art that I'm involved with the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Promoting stamp collecting – especially to young people – is one of my main objectives in life.

Thanks, Art, for 58 years of my life in stamps. You opened a young boy's eyes and mind to a great hobby.

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*If you would like to share the story of how you first became involved in the hobby, please send either a letter or email to Wayne L. Youngblood, Box 111, Scandinavia WI 54977-0111, or email [youngblood@ids.net](mailto:youngblood@ids.net). Many other WFSC members would love to hear your story!*

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I've always liked the 10-year rule. It seemed like a reasonable, round number.

But in a column in the *Stamp Insider*, the journal of the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies, Associate Editor Heather Sweeting asks, "Who Might Get Bumped Off" the USPS list of potential stamp subjects because of the change?

Sweeting notes that families of some worthy people have been waiting for 10 years to pass by, but now they may be supplanted by some more recently deceased notables.

She mentioned Alan Shepard, the Mercury astronaut, who died in 1998. Others who died in 1997-98 include singer Frank Sinatra, cowboy movie stars Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, comedians Henny Youngman and Red Skelton, and author James Michener.

Might some of these be nudged aside because of the 2000-01 deaths of comedian

Milton Berle, cartoon animator Chuck Jones, singers Peggy Lee, Waylon Jennings and Rosemary Clooney, football star Johnny Unitas or NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt, for example, Sweeting asked.

Her premise is interesting, I think, and it puts an element of immediacy in our search for someone to become chairman of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Wisconsin Stamp Subjects suggestion committee.

One possible Wisconsin candidate who comes to mind for a commemorative stamp is Gaylord Nelson, a former Wisconsin governor and senator who earned international recognition as the founder of Earth Day. He died in 2005 and therefore would become eligible for recognition on a stamp in 2010, in accordance with the new standard. We should push for his selection, and if you'd like to take a hand in doing so, please step up.

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in this matter you can contact the Pleasant Grove Post Office..."

Not only does the letter fully explain the incident, but it leads to other conclusions that complete the story of this unusual item.

The collection box fire was more than likely a Fourth of July prank that got out of hand. Perhaps a firecracker in the box caused the fire in a street collection box, which thus explains the absence of a cancel on the stamp.

Such incidents, and the resulting interrupted mail, are not all that unusual. But surviving, modern covers from such acts certainly are.

## Wanted: Wiscopex 2007 Exhibitors

by MaryAnn Bowman

Reserve the date of Saturday, May 5th for a continuation of the Federations' 75th anniversary celebration. If you missed the festivities at Milcopex – don't miss Wiscopex! The event will take place at Hamilton High School in Sussex, Waukesha County. The show will open at 9:30 and conclude with a pizza celebration in the early evening.

Exhibits, which are a traditional part of the WFSC annual convention, are again being solicited. For one low price of \$7.50, exhibitors can show one, two, three, four or five frames (16 pages per frame). Additional frames are \$2 per frame. However, we have added some new exhibiting avenues to allow every federation member an opportunity to share his or her philatelic collecting interests.

One-page exhibits that fit the "It's 1932 Again" theme is one of the new categories. Specifically, this exhibiting category is to tell the story of the year 1932 – the year of the founding of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs – through stamps, covers and other philatelic material. There are many options open to the collector. The possibilities are endless!

The idea of the one-page exhibit is to involve more Federation members in the annual convention and to provide an opportunity to experience the joys of exhibiting. Be creative! Have fun!

Each entry consists of one 8 1/2- by 11-inch vertical page, which must be in a sheet protector. There will be a small entry fee to cover frame expenses. This fee is 75c plus 25c for the WFSC celebration fund, for a total of \$1 per page. All exhibitors will receive a gift valued at more than the entry fee.

Do you have another hobby or interest for which you also happen to have a collection of stamps and/or covers that relate to your it? If so, you are just the person we are looking for!

At this year's Federation show, tables will be set up for collectors to show their non-philatelic hobby with additional support from their philatelic holdings.

For example, rock and mineral specimens can be accompanied by a small display of philatelic items that show these items. A collector of model railroads might bring along various cars from his train sets and display along with examples of stamps and covers from his collection of "philatelic" trains. Anyone who has a collection that is supported by similar philatelic

material is being asked to share his or her interests to show the public how the two hobbies can go hand-in-hand.

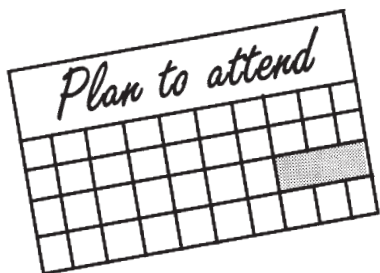
This three-dimensional exhibiting idea requires no entry fee – just a two-hour time commitment on your part to sit at the table with your exhibit and share it with show visitors.

There will be one day only to participate in these and other planned Wiscopex events. Vest pocket dealers are welcome – write for details.

Awards, entertainment, and a social hour gathering with pizza will follow the closing of the show. Those attending the early-evening event will receive a souvenir 75th anniversary WFSC mug. In keeping with the 75th anniversary theme, we offer this all-you-can eat pizza buffet for \$7.50.

Many new innovations have been added to help rejuvenate our hobby and create a new excitement about stamp collecting. Can you give one day of your time to support our hobby by attending the show and/or providing an exhibit?

For further details, please contact MaryAnn Bowman, P.O. Box 1451, Waukesha, WI 53187, or visit the Federation website: <http://www.WFSCstamps.org>



# Show Calendar and Registry

List your show, bourse, auction or other event here!

Calendar listings are free for one WFSC member-club event per year. Classified advertising rates apply for all non-members and other events appearing in this section.

## 2007 WFSC show schedule\*

\*Some dates and details may be subject to change, and there will likely be additional listings.

### March 3-4, 2007

**STAMPFEST '07**  
**Milwaukee Philatelic Society**  
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall,  
 1435 S. 92nd St., West Allis, WI  
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 10250 W. Sharon Lane #5  
 Milwaukee, WI 53225  
 (414-464-6994)  
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### March 10-11, 2007

**ROCKFORD '07**  
**Rockford Stamp Club**  
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 9500 Forest Hills Road  
 Rockford, IL  
**Contact:** Tim Wait  
 1718 Northrock Ct., Rockford, IL 61103  
 (815-670-5869)  
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### March 31, 2007

**OUTAPEX '07**  
**Outagamie Philatelic Society**  
 Columbus Club,  
 2531 N. Richmond St.  
 Appleton WI  
**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Contact:** Al Marcus  
 Box 11, Appleton, WI 54912  
 (maram@tds.net)  
 (920-725-0798)

### May 19, 2007

**Migratory Bird Day**  
**Sponsored in conjunction with the**  
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**Milwaukee Philatelic Society**  
 Milwaukee County Zoo, Peck Building  
 Special cancel and cachet offered.  
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 P.O. Box 13245  
 Milwaukee, WI 53213-0245  
 www.MilwaukeePhilatelic.org

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### March 17, 2007

**BAYPEX '07**  
**Green Bay Philatelic Society**  
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### April 21, 2007

**DANEPEX '07**  
**Badger Stamp Club**  
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 Madison, WI  
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### June 16, 2007

**26th Annual Show and Bourse**  
**Northwoods Stamp and Coin Club**  
 James Williams Middle School  
 915 Acacia Lane  
 Rhinelander, WI  
**Contact:** Larry Marten  
 3295 Hancock Lake Rd.  
 Harshaw, WI 54529  
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 or Bill Julian (715-277-2692)

### May 5, 2007

**WISCOPEX '07**  
**Annual exhibition and convention of**  
**Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs**  
 Hamilton High School  
 W220 N6151 Town Line Road  
 Sussex, WI  
**Contact:** MaryAnn Bowman  
 P.O. Box 1451  
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### June 23-24, 2007

**TRI-PEX Stamp Fair**  
**ATA Chapter 5 and North Shore**  
**Philatelic Society**  
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall  
 1435 So. 92nd St.  
 West Allis, WI  
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### May 12, 2007

**Sheboygan Stamp and Coin Show**  
**Sheboygan Stamp Club**  
 Municipal Building,  
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 Sheboygan Falls, WI  
**Contact:** Barbara Stohl  
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proud possessor of the two rare 'errors' of the Cape of Good Hope, stamps of 1 penny and 4 pence respectively, which are blue instead of red and red instead of blue.

"Such 'errors' fetch a very high price, kept down only by the uneasiness of creating new 'values' by wanting misprinting.

"No article on philately could be complete without some notice of the 1,000,000 postage stamps myth. This still

survives in vague and uncertain forms in the rural districts, where it is believed that some vast benefit financial or other will accrue to any one who collects 1,000,000 stamps and forwards them to the proper address. But the proper address is never known."

Returning to the present, I'll stick with our hobby as it now exists. With all its foibles and eccentricities, stamp collecting is priceless for its enjoyment and educational value.

*The Milwaukee Philatelic Society*



*presents*

# STAMPFEST 2007

At

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall**

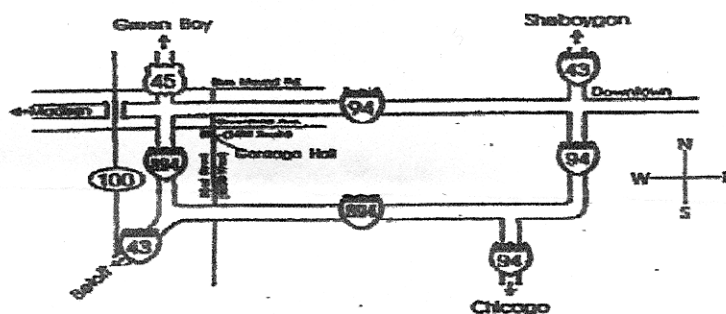
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