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TO THE MEMBERS OF AFFILIATE CLUBS:

Greetings:

It does beat all how time flies. Honestly, we have been so busy since writing the last bulletin that it seems as if it were only last week and not four weeks ago. But such, alas, are the facts. So here we are once more and I hope I see a smile on all of your faces this month. You know - Thanksgiving and Xmas are in sight.

Report on the Year Book is doubtful. Have actual orders for 15 copies and promises for a lot more. Why the promises with nothing to substantiate them? Green Bay came thru with a fine order and the 100% club couldn't possibly fall down on their reputation and that's all so far. What's the matter? The depression certainly isn't preventing all of us from spending 15¢ to push the Association along. Lets have all of those orders this next week or two so that we can get the job over with. Its well worth our while, so make it go. If every club sends us 10 orders, the job is done. Green Bay did it - lets have the rest.

A resolution to change the constitution and by-laws has been sent out. We wish to open the list to individual members and associate memberships for clubs outside of the state that may desire to belong. Of course, there is room for some argument on this last point but if you stop to consider - there are several live clubs on the borders of the state which could get some material benefits from membership in the Association, so why not have them in and add their help to what we already have? Its worth considering.

News of the exhibition classifications and rules is at the same status as at the last writing. Since there is no hurry in the matter, we are trying to do a good job of it. At least All tells us that this is the case.

Perhaps a brief resume of what your president has done this month would be well received. Not that he wishes to be over-zealous in telling of it, but, there's no reason why you shouldn't know what we try to do as we do it and not months or years later when it is of no account. So here goes.

We promised in our last that we were going to be at Sheboygan for their Show, and we kept that promise. It was a fine show and don't let anyone tell you different. Those of you who live within driving distance of Sheboygan missed a rare treat. Relentless Rudolph Hoffman and his untiring secretary, Ray Van Handel certainly deserve a lot of credit for that job so early in the season. Give the boys a hand - a great big hand, they deserve it mightily. Since I have quite a bit of other material on hand, I'll reserve description of the show till later to see whether there will be room.

Then on Saturday, the 20th, Lorelle Wolf and Carl Gustafson of the University Stamp Club drove up to Camp Douglas with the writer to attend a blowout of the 100% club. It was a night of big surprises and great enjoyment for those of us who went. There were 16 men there all told, three from Camp Douglas, three from Madison, three from Milwaukee, three from Black River Falls, and one or two from New Lisbon, Mauston and Tomah. It sounds like a roll call of southern Wisconsin alright. Major Ellis and John Barr sure spread themselves to work up such an imposing list of visitors who could come so far to visit a club of only two members located in the barrens of Wisconsin. Ever

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been at Camp Douglas? Rocks and sand in the day time and dreary shadows at night.

On Oct. 23, "Bud" Conohan, the new secretary of the University Stamp Club and the writer again drove down to Beloit to give the boys down there a hand and some good advice. We don't know how good the advice was, but the meeting was mighty fine and well attended. And what do you know - our old friend Nick Carter of Elkhorn was there and we discovered that he belonged to the Beloit group. We got to hand it to Neal Brigham - he is a worker and he has a wonderful little club at that little college town of Beloit. By the way, they have just inaugurated a very fine program for the winter down there in the form of a contest. Its not just an ordinary new membership drive, tho this does play a small part. No, its a drive to stimulate more interest and activity amongst the members and what I mean, it looks good to us. Any clubs that want something to stir them up, just write to Neal Brigham, 711 Woodward Ave., Beloit and he will give you full details. Its good, give the lad a buzz.

Green Bay came to life with a bang this month. Did they ever. Friend Olson has been appointed chairman of activities for the spring "Round-up" and with him at the helm, things cannot help but go over with a bang. The date isn't definitely set, but will be announced very soon. We have been in communication with him in the matter of the show and auction so we know that matters are moving better than we had hoped for at our last writing. How many of you are planning on going up to Green Bay to attend the annual meeting in the spring? Lets see the hands.

Racine isn't so slow either, I'd have you understand. We must make an effort to get over there and visit them at one of their meetings this winter. Sid Frost came thru with a young book telling how they sponsored two boys clubs last year and hoped to do the same thing again this year. And best of all, Sid calls me Charley. It makes us feel kinda like we belonged when they call us that. Well anyway, another thing they are doing over there at Belle City is having a booster contest which started Oct. 23rd and will end April 1. The general idea of this booster contest is quite similar to the Beloit idea - maybe they came from the same source. At any rate they are good. Let some of the other clubs try the idea. I know that the University Club will work on it. And at a very recent meeting the Belle City boys adopted an N.R.A. code for collectors. If we can work on the man who does our rectographing for us - there will be a copy enclosed. Give it some serious thought, its worth it.

Gene Speltz of the Sparta Club gives us a few lines. The big event on their calender was a party given by their treasurer, Harold Benedict at his home. Eighteen members were present and enjoyed an evening of trading, followed by a discussion and luncheon. Donald Bobb and Henry Goetzelt of Black River both attended - incidentally both of these boys were at Camp Douglas and some day I'd like to have the pleasure of introducing Henry Goetzelt to you - he is one fine boy - a living example of the fact that some good things do come from Germany.

Have a letter here from Count Masche of Ripon, tho it isn't an official news reel for the Ripon club. He says, "I heard them read the last two bulletins at Fondy last Friday evening - they could be worse." Hully Gee, how he can stick a pin into our conceit. And we were beginning to think we were good.

And Saturday afternoon, October 27th, we were officially appointed judge of the stamp and crafts section of the first Annual Junior Hobby Show at Fort Atkinson, which job we attempted to perform with some degree of credit to the Madison YMCA Hobby Show Committee. It was one of the

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pleasantest afternoons we have spent for some time and the men and women at the Fort who worked up this hobby show certainly deserve a lot of credit for the things they have done for the boys and girls of that little city. We cannot be too forcibly impressed with the fact that it is from the boys and girls that we recruit the future members of our clubs. Incidentally, we unearthed some fine precancels. And don't let me hear anyone laugh at those freaks. I'm just telling you that there is more than a bare possibility that one of these days you will be collecting them too - you never can tell. Precancels are a lot more fun than you give them credit for - ask the man who owns one.

One of the things which forcibly impressed me this month in my visits to the four cities that have been mentioned was the fact that Bureau Print precancel collecting is growing by leaps and bounds. In every city we found from two to six collectors hot and eager to get new items for their collections. You who collect general United States postage should not lose sight of the fact that Bureau Prints are just as legitimately a branch of general U.S. postage as the Molly Pitchers or the Hawaiis. Nor can you laugh them off - they are here to stay.

From all the letters which we received this month, there stands out the fact that activities amongst stamp clubs is definitely on the up grade and the enthusiasm shown by several of the clubs is proving infectious. 'Tis said that a little leaven will leaven the whole lump. And just as truly, two or three live and active clubs will do more towards building up a live and growing moral among the others than anything I know of. It isn't just the work of one man, or a small group of men, but the concerted action of the whole which will, eventually, put us over the top. United we stand, divided we fall.

Beloit proposes to hold a real honest to gosh show in the spring. Milwaukee has set the date for theirs on April 6th; the University Stamp Club will hold their fourth Annual Show the week of March 4th to 11th. Can we have more dates for shows? A stamp show will go a long way to develop enthusiasm in your community - and don't be parsimonious about it, invite in collectors from the surrounding towns. The Madison show will include all of southern Wisconsin and what I mean to say, you will find the Madison boys entering every show for miles around to which they get an invite. Just drop their secretary, "Bud" Conohan, 1224 Chandler St., a line and he will be glad to acknowledge it for the club.

And last but not least:

The Fond du Lac boys have planned a big all state auction for November 17th. If you are not sick in bed with a broken leg - be there. It's by far the most ambitious attempt by any stamp club in Wisconsin in the way of an auction and those boys deserve all the support you can give them. And when you go up there take at least a dollar with you for spending money - and use it. More if you can spare it, cause for why - they have some very fine, high class material listed and you will want to take some of it home with you. Your president will be there - how many more of you will he meet on Nov. 17th at the Hotel Retlaw in Fond du Lac? We would like to meet all of the members before our year is over - this is a fine chance - see you at Fondy on the 17th.

And that's all till our Xmas number. Bigger and better, we hope.

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