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WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

October Bulletin

To the officers and members of affiliated clubs,

Greetings:

The pot boils. Did I say simmers? No siree Bob - it boils.

When we sent out the September number, we had no thought that Philatelic activities were already keyed up to the starting point without my self-commencer going into action - so it came as a distinct surprise, and a pleasant one too, to note the very ready and prompt response we received to our starting program. It was our first thrill of the new season.

You will remember that we mentioned our wish to pay a visit to as many clubs this year as was humanly possible. If the old Chevy holds together, we hope to meet all of the invitations that have poured in on us as a result. Milwaukee had already extended us a kind invitation to speak at their Nov. 2nd meeting and which we had accepted. We are supposed to talk about precancels, but we do not promise to hold strictly to that subject. The first request after the last bulletin came from Kenosha to speak to their club on the 12th of October, were we glad to get that invite? I'll say. We then were invited to visit with the Oshkosh Club on the evening of Oct. 21st, followed by the Tri-County request to come down to Evansville on the 1st of Nov. We will speak more of this Nov. 1st meeting a little later. And as if all this was not enough for one month's activity for one man, Jack Smith was in town from the Fort one day last week and gave us a ring. He asked if we couldn't come down to Fort Atkinson on Friday, Oct. 4th for the October meeting of the Tri-County. Being what we think to be, a good friend of Jack's, we gladly accepted - so we now have three speaking dates and two visiting appointments in a very short length of time.

How many of you own title to a stamp that's worth something or other over \$3,000? Many of us would feel highly insulted if we were accused of possessing collections worth less than that amount but very few of us would admit to a single stamp worth even one half that figure. Well sir, the Tri-County boys have started the fire works early and are the first club in the field with something to talk about. They have planned a monster booster meeting to be held at Evansville on the 1st of Nov. and in conjunction with the meeting they will hold the first scheduled stamp exhibit of the season. Perhaps you wonder where this \$3,000 stamp come in, or from. So do I, but Harold Greenwood, secretary of the Tri-County solemnly assures me that they have such a stamp for this exhibit - a team of horses couldn't keep me away with that promise, I just gotta see what that much worth in one teeny weeny bit of a stamp looks like. And you Beloit boys, why not see a couple dozen of you at Evansville on the 1st? Its quite handy. And say Neal, couldn't a few of you come over to Kenosha on the 12th too?

The Tri-County boys have come thru with the first real constructive idea for the season and we have started work on it. Harold Greenwood, in his first letter asks why there are no Philatelic movies. Echo answers - why? He says that he had written the University Visual Instruction Department about it and they have promised to see what can be done. We called there a week ago but due to so many high schools starting this month, they would be too busy until the middle of this month to do anything definite, but rest assured, we shall have them there movies, if its humanly possible.

Miss. Jeannette Spahr, Secretary of the Kenosha Stamp Club, writes a nice letter about their Oct. 12th meeting - incidentally enclosed the yearly dues, don't forget that the yearly dues must be in before we can start work on the new Year Book - and she asks that I extend a cordial invitation to all collectors to attend this meeting and enjoy themselves with the Kenosha club - Paul Signitz please note and bring down some of the Milwaukee folks and Sid Frost - how about some of your Racineites too? Lets help the Kenosha club put on a great night and start the season right.

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Our next letter comes from Silas L. Spengler, Judge (anyway, thats the way he signs his note). But we know better - he is Judge to those of us who know him well. Judge extended us that invitation to visit the Oshkosh Club on Oct. 21st. It would be fine if the Fondy and Appleton clubs could be with us on that date.

The best letter that we received this month came from Leo Martin of Waupaca. What he wanted me to say this month is that the Waupaca club will hold their semi-annual auction on Nov. 13th - which is Wednesday on anybody's calender, and that they have some extra fine U. S. material for this auction and will appreciate as large an out-of-town attendance as possible. We sincerely hope that some of the Fox River Valley folks can get over - same as they did last spring - and we shall try to bring up a car load from Madison. Can't promise yet, Leo, but we will try awfully hard.

The Waupaca club has started an idea that is well worth the consideration of our other clubs. They have arranged with their Public Library to keep all of the club library material which is to be accessible to the club members only, while others not members may use this material only in the library, but not withdraw it. That certainly is a workable plan for a club library and I see no reason why other clubs cannot do the same thing. The University Stamp Club have a similar plan working. We deposit all of our library material with the State Historical Library with the priveledge of having use and access to it only to club members.

And finally, Leo starts to bawl us out because we failed to mention the fact that at the last auction - which we attended - the Waupaca club was also represented. Now Leo, was that a kind remark. One would most naturally expect the host club to be represented, so why mention it? But even so - the turnout at the Waupaca auction last summer was mighty good and the Waupaca club WAS well represented at their own party. Leo closes by saying that Waupaca is a "Hot bed of Philately". Thats an idea for a small inland city.

And last but not least we come to Sidney Frost's letter. Sid first goes into a rather lengthy apology for the fact that the Racine club is very much alive and kicking - why one should do that is a mystery. To be doing things as something to brag about. Sid goes on to say that some of them went up to Milwaukee to help organize a precancel club up there. What I'd like to know is, where was Paul Segnitz all this while? But I'm mighty glad to learn that at last we have an honest-to-goodness precancel club started in Wisconsin. I'll be asking for membership in it myself pretty soon.

Sidney States that they have started a movement to get boy and girl stamp clubs organized thruout the county thru the aid of the superintendent of county schools. This strikes me as as fine a project as we have yet reported. For the ranks of adult collectors is filled by none others than the juniors who are coming up and what better source of "supply" can we find than our public schools. We have stamp clubs in all of our four Madison high schools as well as several Y.M.C.A. boys clubs and they have worked wonderfully well. Sid closes by calling himself "A stamp nut". Sid, old dear - who isn't in this organization of ours?

About two weeks I drove up to Ablemans with Harry Hanson of Baraboo, to get the collection of Kenneth Runge who died last spring. Harry and myself did some tall talking all the way up and back. We discovered that the group at Baraboo is full of wim, vigor and vinegar once more and raring to go, with the prospect of joining the Federation as soon as they are organized. We also discussed the feasibility of organizing a Southern Wisconsin Precancel Club. If any of the members of the Tri-County and Beloit are interested in this idea, lets hear from you on it. There are plenty of us precancel fans here in this part of the state and now is the time to think about getting together. My thought would be to hold meetings about once every three months here and there as do the Tri-County folks.

I mentioned that we went up to get the Runge collection. We were designated as the official custodian of this collection and it becomes our job to dispose of it, which same we are now planning to do. This

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collection is largely United States material of the 20th century. It contains some very fine as well as some poor stuff, but it will be well worth anyones time to come and have a try at it. The U.S. section will be auctioned at the Nov. 4th meeting of the University Stamp Club and every collector in Wisconsin is extended a cordial invitation to attend. The University Stamp Club meets in the Memorial Union, at the head of Langdon street, at seven thirty.

The foreign and precancels in the Runge collection will be sold in lots of one to five hundred and at prices according to quality and condition. If you would be interested in this, drop us a line.

The University Stamp Club will also auction off a part of the Fred Wolff collection of U.S. mint blocks on Oct. 7th. This will be the finest U.S. auction held in Wisconsin this fall, outside of the Runge collection and the Waupaca auction - we surmise. I might add that the Runge collection contains such things as a complete set of the Zeps, fine commems and other items dear to the U.S. collectors heart.

The boys of the University Stamp Club have organized their flying squadron and are all set to visit surrounding clubs on their meeting nights. We expect to swamp the Evansville meeting of the Tri-County on Nov. 1st and Beloit may expect us down one of these days - if they will let us know when and where. We will also give the Baraboo boys a send off soon. This flying squadron is a workable idea - more clubs should develop it.

And this, dear friends, is all of the news that we have on the table tonight. We have been too busy to send out post card reminders to club secretaries for notes, but this coming month we shall try to find a few minutes and see to it that no one has any excuse for not being in the "paper". This Bulletin is primarily a source of news about each of the affiliate clubs. We are all interested in what the others are doing, even if its just a note from you saying that you are still alive and kicking.

Lets have enough for a four page bulletin next month.

Don't forget these important dates for the coming month:

Racine on Oct. 12th - banquet and get-together. Tickets are 65¢.

Oshkosh on Oct. 21st. Regular meeting.

Evansville on Nov. 1st. Exhibition and booster meeting. Worth coming a long way for.

Milwaukee on Nov. 2nd. Regular meeting when Charley will open his mouth and put his foot in it.

Madison on Oct. 7th. Auction of the Fred Wolff U.S. block collection.

Madison on Nov. 4th. Auction of the Kenneth Runge U.S. collection.

Waupaca on Nov. 13th. United States stamp auction and a general good time - be there.

In closing I wish to make a humble apology for any errors that may appear in my bulletins. You see its this way - once these sheets are typed, they cannot be changed and errors have to stay as is once the sheet is finished. Some day we hope to buy a Dick duplicator and then we may safely promise fewer errors and more readable copy. Until then, we shall have to struggle along.

How many new faces will we meet this month?

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President - Wisconsin Federation of
Stamp Clubs.

