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WISCONSIN

FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS



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Secretary-Treasurer, Charles J. Peirce, 330 Main St., Oshkosh.

CLUB NEWS.

The Wauwatosa Philatelic Society had a Christmas Party on Dec. 22nd and the old officers were reelected as follows:
President, Mrs. Ruth Keller, Vice President Mr. Art Knorr,
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Gertrude Newton, 3341 N. 29th St.,
Milwaukee, Recording Secretary Mr. Larry Settergren, Treasurer
Mr. Paul Klumb. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of
each month at the Wauwatosa YMCA, 7525 Milwaukee Ave., Wauwatosa
at 8 P. M.

Belle City Stamp Club held their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 17th and forty members and guests were present. Most stamp collectors like to talk about their stamps and are generally quite certain that the particular branch of the hobby that they are pursuing is the most fascinating. The Belle City Stamp Club has taken advantage of this fact and is enjoying a series of talks by members of their own club. Donald Latshaw.

The Neenah-Menasha Stamp Club met on February 3rd at the Menasha Public Library. President Odin Christenson and Secretary Charles J. Peirce were visitors and Mr. Peirce presented a short address and a travelog Movie of scenes from western United States. Guests from Oshkosh also included Joseph Damon, Herbert Burgett, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith, Edward D. Hamilton and Ronald Terrell.

The Sheboygan Stamp Club celebrated its 23rd birthday with a banquet at the Grand Hotel. Thirty seven members and guests were present and enjoyed a very fine dinner. Odin Christenson gave highlights of the coming convention at Racine and urged every stamp collector to attend. The speaker of the evening was Edward D. Hamilton, National Representative who showed a selection of interesting slides from his travels both in the United States and Europe. Other guests from Oshkosh included Arthur Laabs, Robert Roblee, Joseph Damon and Charles J. Peirce.

The Oshkosh Philatelic Society will hold a stamp exhibit at the Public Museum during the month of March and all stamp collectors are invited to attend. Attendance at recent meetings has grown due to a number of "swap" sessions. On February 21st a Smorgasbord dinner will be served at the Public Museum. On the program will be a movie entitled, "A Cruise on the Caribbean" presented by Noryne and A. A. Abraham.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION AT RACINE APRIL 30th, May 1st.

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS BULLETIN FEBRUARY 1955

Outagamie Philatelic Society heard an interesting talk by Dr. Irwin Pearl on the stamps of Israel on February 9th. President Odin Christenson and Charles J. Peirce will be guests at the meeting on March 9th. Mr. Peirce will give a talk on the "Commemorative Stamps of Western United States" and show scenes of many of the National Parks and National Monuments.

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society had a special meeting on February 15th. Mr. Ben Reeves president of the Society of Philatelic Americans spoke on, "Philately in other Lands". The meeting was made even more complete by the presence of Mr. Burleigh Jacobs, president of the American Philatelic Society. Seldom, if ever, has the Milwaukee Philatelic Society had the two presidents of the two great national societies at one of its meetings. Because of the many collectors attending a larger hall was secured for the occasion. All stamp collectors from other stamp clubs were invited to the meeting. A quiz will be held at the meeting to be held on March 1st. Everybody welcome.

The Collectors Club of Fond du Lac held an election of officers on January 12th.

Escanaba Philatelic Society. A nice letter from David S. Coon. Hope to hear more of this club in the near future.

CLUB TREASURERS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE SEND IN CLUB DUES "TANKS"

Hope that you like our color scheme. "Chawcol" and Pink.

Clubs are asked to send in nominations for next year's officers.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading the Bulletins which we have issued from time to time. Our efforts have been to include items that we felt would be of interest to members of the Federation.

We are pleased to tell you that the Belle City Stamp Club, the host club, are working hard and will spare no effort to make the 24th Annual convention and Exhibition an outstanding event. It may seem that the convention dates are a long time away but time passes rapidly. Therefore it is well to make your plans now to attend and get your exhibit ready soon. The host club is most fortunate to have available for this event a splendid building. This will provide all the room needed and will have good lighting facilities so that the exhibits will be well displayed.

We sincerely urge every member club to participate in this event. Both by your attendance and by exhibiting your stamps. Let's make this an outstanding convention, the best that the Federation ever held. This will be much appreciated by the various committees and in a measure compensate them for their efforts.

See you in Racine April 29 to May 1st.

Odin Christenson, President W. F. S. C.

OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1955

As we prepare to move into the second twenty five years we may look back with pride on the past history of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society. During the first quarter century of recorded existence, the society has grown and its list of accomplishments are many and varied. Members of the society have not only helped each other to derive more out of their hobby but have done a great service in presenting it to the community.

The origin is not unlike that of many other organizations and societies. A few stamp collectors in Oshkosh felt the need to get together and organize a club for the mutual benefit of all, through the exchange of information and ideas.

Records of the Society include an article from the Daily Northwestern in the fall of 1929 which had this to say about the first exhibit arranged to arouse interest in the organization of such a club: "An exhibit of special interest to stamp collectors, consisting of displays of stamps from the entire world has opened at the Oshkosh Public Museum. Included in the display are stamps of various colors and designs, especially noteworthy are those known as Charity stamps, used in some countries for philanthropical purposes. Present exhibitors are Herbert E. Burgett, Ellis Roberts, F. M. Getchel, Charles Roeder, Jr., George Nevitt Robert Hellard and Lawrence Heller, the organizer of the project".

The first meeting of the Oshkosh Stamp Club, as it was known then, was held on February 24th, 1930 at the headquarters of the Oshkosh Council, Boy Scouts of America, 140 Main Street, Monday evening at 7:30 P. M.

The first president was George P. Nevitt and the secretary-treasurer was Frank M. Getchel. Meetings were held once a month but later changed to twice a month when interest increased. Postal cards were used to announce the place and time of meetings.

Mr. Shirley Robertson was chosen for president at the meeting of October 5th, 1931; at this meeting it was decided to hold meetings on the first Tuesday and the third Monday of each month, a schedule which has been followed ever since.

In twenty five years our club has enjoyed a healthy growth both in membership and in all activities undertaken as a club, especially stamp exhibits.

The first annual stamp exhibit was held in the Oshkosh Public Museum during the month of April 1932. There were forty three entries which included seven from Fon du Lac. This was a real success and the Oshkosh Northwestern gave it an excellent write up describing the exhibit in detail.

We have always been fortunate in having such people as Gilbert La Budde, Charley Peirce and Herbert Burgett to take care of news announcements.

The Club bulletin now edited by Herb Burgett started with Volume I. Number 1 in January 1946 with the cooperation of Dick Thiessen who furnished the mimeographing equipment. Through the years Herb has continued to write up the material and Charles Peirce cuts the stencils and runs them off on his ancient mimeograph machine. Our thanks to these members who are so faithful in bringing out the Bulletin every month.

The second annual exhibit at the Public Museum in April 1933 used frames owned by the club members. Acquiring the frames was the first major project ever undertaken by the club up to that time and was undertaken under the direction of Charles Peirce through George Nevitt of the Paine Lumber Company. These frames were purchased by the individual members. The necessity of our club having a larger number of frames available for the members for exhibits came more and more apparent. It was decided that the club should own its own frames and in 1942 Charles Peirce acquired the lumber under wartime conditions and glass and made up forty frames.

The first important event in our history was on April 7th and 8th 1934 when the Oshkosh Philatelic Society was host to the third annual state convention of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs at the Hotel Raulf. The exhibition was the largest ever held up to that time which included over three hundred frames of stamps and covers. Nearly five thousand people visited the exhibit and dealers during the two days. One hundred and twenty attended the banquet at which Captain A. C. Townsend gave an address on "Treasure Hunting" telling of his experiences and the experiences of other collectors in finding stamps and covers.

The social side of the Oshkosh Philatelic Society's activities has not been neglected and has been the subject of favorable comment by our neighboring clubs. Pot Luck suppers have always been a favorite and well attended. The "Christmas Party" is an annual affair and an event looked forward to. Various forms of entertainment have been provided at these parties but the "Kangaroo Court" always seemed to be the favorite.

The Anniversary Dinner every February marks a new year for our club and this being our Silver Anniversary will be something special in the way of a banquet and good speakers.

Our "Annual Picnics" held in either June or July are affairs to look forward to when we can bring our families and enjoy an out of doors meeting. Most of the time the weather man has smiled on these affairs, but the one Sunday picnic at the Conservation Park north of Oshkosh will never be forgotten. On that afternoon he really frowned when a tornado came upon us from the southwest breaking large branches from the trees and narrowly missing the building where we had taken shelter.

The club library has grown from just a few pamphlets and catalogs to quite a sizable collection of reference books of every description relating to stamp and cover collecting. Most of these have been donated by members and friends. These have all been catalogued in the regular way with a card and pocket in each book. The entire library is housed at 330 Main Street and is available to all members for use in writing up their collections or in preparing articles on stamps.

On Sunday May 16th, 1943, The Oshkosh Philatelic Society went on the air from radio station WOSH for a fifteen minute broadcast. Bernard Kelly and Charles Peirce told the radio audience about our hobby, our social activities and what countries the individual members collected.

Auctions are always popular with our members and Erwin Weideman is always on hand at these events to auction off stamps for members who have material to sell.

The Ladies Auxiliary of our club was organized on July 17th, 1949. Its purpose is to assist wounded veterans in collecting stamps and to plan the social activities of our club. The membership is composed of the wives of several of the collectors. When a pot luck supper or the Christmas party or the anniversary dinner is on schedule it is these ladies who make all the plans, take care of the table decorations and keep a watchful eye on everything. This group of ladies have raised a considerable amount of money to help finance our anniversary program. We are indeed fortunate in having the help of such a wonderful group of workers.

Cachets have always been a favorite means of remembering anniversaries during the life of the club. The first cachet of record was for mail to be carried by Clyde Lee, an Oshkosh pilot on his proposed flight to Oslo, Norway in the summer of 1932. The next was for the second annual exhibit April 3rd to 30th, 1933 at the Oshkosh Public Museum. Numerous other cachets such as the 1934 and 1948 state conventions of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs held in Oshkosh and the cachet for our twenty fifth anniversary.

In June 1932 the Oshkosh Philatelic Society became Branch No. 21 of the Society of Philatelic Americans. These names appear on the charter: Carleton Saloman, Ellis Roberts, L. L. Mitchell, C. W. Bronson, Dr. H. F. Beglinger, Joseph Damon, B. M. May, Charles J. Peirce, F. M. Getchel, Carl F. Knobla and Hon. Judge S. L. Spengler. Our club is now one of the oldest operating branches of the Society of Philatelic Americans. Charles Peirce

is the present branch correspondent. The Oshkosh Philatelic Society is a member of the National Federation of Stamp Clubs. It is also a charter member of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs

Several members of our club have been honored with high offices in the state and national societies. Odin Christenson is president of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs; The Secretary-Treasurer is Charles Peirce and the National Representative is Edward Hamilton.

Honorary membership in our club is held by Gilbert La Budde, City editor of the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern. Life members are Walter Adams and Joseph Damon.

The fact that our club has operated continually for twenty five years is due to three things. The first is a definite program for each meeting which is well planned in advance of the first meeting in September. The second is a good meeting place and we have indeed been fortunate in having the use of the club room of the First National Bank for all these years. The third and most important is that each member who is to appear on the program is there and always carries his part of the program willingly.

Present officers include Edward Hamilton president, Herbert Burgett vice president and Harold Meetz Secretary with Joseph Damon as treasurer.

With our faith in the future we have endeavored to take care of the needs of the junior collectors by giving one meeting each year to them so that they may come in and show their collections and ask questions. In this way they obtain advice from older and more experienced stamp collectors. In this way we hope to bring young blood into the club and thus continue to grow in importance and prestige. Our Society's future is what we make it; it is up to us.

Your Historian

Joseph Damon

25TH ANNIVERSARY

O S H K O S H P H I L A T E L I C S O C I E T Y

Extends a cordial invitation
to all members of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

A p r i l 17, 1955 at 6 p. m.

Town Grill, 67 High Street, Oshkosh, Wis.

Banquet Menu
Plantation Dinner

Southern Fried Chicken with all the trimmings.
\$2.25 per plate.

Program

Prof. E. A. Clemans, Former State Teachers' College educator
will present an illustrated lecture of interest to all.

Philatelic Revue of the past 25 years.

A Bourse will be sponsored by the Oshkosh Dealers' at 3:00 P. M.

A Federation Executive meeting will be held at 5 p. M. at the
Town Grill.

Bring your wife to this event of the year. She likes to eat too.

Reservations must be made by April 10th, 1955. Payment must
accompany reservation.

Send to: Charles J. Peirce, 330 Main Street, Oshkosh, Wis.

Reservation Blank-- Silver Anniversary Banquet, Oshkosh Philatelic
Society. Charles J. Peirce, 330 Main St.
Oshkosh, Wis.

Name.....

Address.....

Number of Reservations.....

Amount enclosed.....

Don't delay. Mail Today

Convention Notes

Belle City Stamp Club is preparing a directory and souvenir program for the WFSC convention and exhibit. If you have not already sent in your club roster do so at once. This should include name, address, office held in club and collection specialty.

Advertising space is available to those clubs, dealers or individuals who desire it at the following rates: Full page \$20.00; Half page 11.00; Quarter page 7.00; One eighth page 4.00. Mail material for souvenir program to Donald E. Latshaw, 1640 Grove Ave., Racine, Wis.

A limited bourse is planned and the tables are going rapidly. Anyone desiring space contact Quentin Brown, 3027 Erie St., Racine, Wis.

Exhibition Chairman is Raymond Wood, 1011 Yout St., Racine, Wis. Any questions???? should be addressed to him regarding exhibits.

Arrangements have been made with RACINE HOTEL located at 6th & Main Streets, to accept reservations of delegates and guests for rooms during the 1955 convention. Make your reservation early so that you will get the type of accomodation you desire. The fact that the Wisconsin Womens Bowling Tournament is being held in Racine this year makes it desirable to make your reservation at once. The following room rates are in effect at RACINE HOTEL:

	With Bath	Without Bath
Single Room	\$5.00 to 6.00	3.25 to 4.00
Double Room	7.00 to 9.00	5.00 to 6.00
Twin Beds	8.50 to 10.00	6.50

Racine has many fine motels on the outskirts of the city and information about them can be had at the registration desk at the convention.

Trophies for the Juniors will be donated by the Footloose Philatelists.

Continuing the type of exhibition as initiated by the Collectors Club of West Bend and used at Appleton by the Outagamie Philatelic Society, the exhibition will be divided into open and limit classes of competition.

The following pages contain the rules and regulations governing the 1955 exhibition as well as entry blanks for both the Junior and Senior Divisions.

The exhibition will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 1955 and the judging will start at once. The exhibition will close at 5:00 p.m. Sunday May 1, 1955 and frames must remain on exhibit until that time.

1955 Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
Exhibition

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entrants must be affiliated and in good standing with a member club of Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.
2. Entries must be bona-fide property of exhibitor, and said exhibitor must reside within the jurisdiction of club with which he is affiliated.
3. Senior entries are to be classified as either LIMIT or OPEN class as follows:

LIMIT CLASS: All entries that have not been awarded a Grand Award at WFSC, or a major award at Regional or National exhibits.

OPEN CLASS: All entries other than those above.

Note: First Grand Award winner in LIMIT class will be judged in competition with OPEN class for Best Of Show Award.

4. Entry forms and payments must be received by the Exhibition Chairman not later than Friday, April 15, 1955.
5. There will be no limit to the number of frames in any exhibit.
6. Entry forms not accompanied by fees will be disregarded.
7. Make all checks or other forms of remittance payable to BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB and mail to Raymond Wood, Exhibition Chairman, 1011 Yout St., Racine, Wis.
8. Any frame of 22" x 26" glass size will be acceptable. By a special arrangement members of LAKE COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY will use their club frames and provide the easels for display.
9. Entry fees per frame will be:
For vertical exhibition.....35 cents
For horizontal exhibition.....50 cents
For Lake County frames.....75 cents
10. The exhibition committee reserves the right to place any entry in its proper classification if improperly entered.
11. Entry form must be signed by exhibitor and such signature shall signify acceptance of these rules and the decisions of the judges. Sponsor will sign along with Junior Entrants.
12. Exhibits sent to this exhibition to be mounted in frames must reach Exhibition Chairman no later than April 22, 1955. Said exhibit must be mounted on looseleaf album pages and in suitable binder, with charges prepaid and insurance to cover damage while in transit.
13. All exhibits must be at Exhibition Hall, the Racine YWCA, at corner of Eighth and College Ave., before 9:00 p.m. Friday April 29, 1955. Any exceptions to this rule must be made by personal arrangement with the Exhibition Chairman.

SENIOR EXHIBIT ENTRY BLANK

24th ANNUAL
EXHIBITION-BOURSE, WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1955

READ THIS: All Philatelic material that is to be put in frames by the Belle City Stamp Club must be in the hands of the exhibit chairman not later than April 21, 1955. All material in frames must be delivered to the YWCA, Eighth and College, Racine, Wis. not later than 9 PM, April 29, 1955. Special consideration will be given to those who have far to travel BUT arrangements must be made ahead of time. In the event you wish to bring your frames to Racine ahead of time contact the exhibit chairman. Do not leave any frames at YWCA before 9:00 am., Friday, April 29, 1955. DEADLINE FOR ENTERING EXHIBITS IS APRIL 15, 1955. SEND ALL ENTRIES TO-

Raymond Wood, Exhibition Chairman
1011 Yout Street
Racine, Wisconsin

I will exhibit in the following class, LIMIT _____ OPEN _____

I will enter

_____ frames - Wisconsin standard - displayed vertically	
_____ frames - Wisconsin standard - displayed horizontally	
_____ frames - Illinois standard - at 75¢ each	

I wish to rent _____ frames at 35¢ each	total _____
	total sent _____

Title of my exhibit is _____

APS # _____ SPA # _____ BIA # _____

Affiliated stamp club _____

MAKE ALL CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

Signature _____

In the event that more blanks are needed contact your club secretary or write to Exhibition Chairman. Due to the late date at which the next issue of the Bulletin will be distributed, blanks will not be included in the next Bulletin.

Entries
close
April 15

ENTRY BLANK---JUNIOR EXHIBIT
24th ANNUAL EXHIBITION
WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

Entries
close
April 15

INSTRUCTIONS

The same rules, other than classifications, apply to Junior exhibits as to Senior exhibits.

Junior exhibits are not in competition with Senior exhibits.

Junior awards are donated by Footloose Philatelists and the Fancy Free.

I hereby make application to enter my exhibit in classification indicated below. Please check one.

JUNIOR-JUNIOR
5th-6th-7th
Grades

JUNIOR
8th-9th
Grades

SENIOR-JUNIOR
10th-11th-12th
Grades

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed vertically
Wisconsin Standard Size at 35 cents each; Total.....

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed horizontally
Wisconsin Standard Size at 50 cents each; Total.....

I will enter _____ frames to be displayed vertically
Illinois Standard Size at 75 cents each; Total.....

I wish to rent _____ frames at 35 cents each; Total...

Total amount inclosed.....

Make checks or money orders payable to BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB
mail entry to RAYMOND WOOD, 1011 YOUT ST., RACINE, WISCONSIN.

I am being sponsored by _____ (CLUB)
a member of WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS.

(SIGNED) _____
member of sponsoring club

Age _____ (SIGNED) _____
Junior exhibitor

Print Name _____

Address _____
Street number

_____ City and State

Date _____ 1955. # _____ Loc. _____
For use of Exhibition Chairman

