

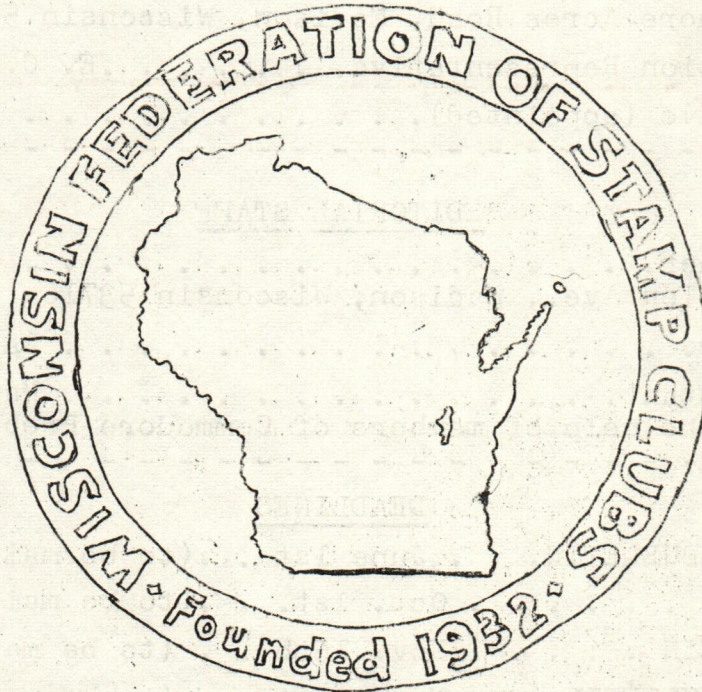
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1972-73 FEDERATION OFFICERS

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Herman Road, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54220

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DEADLINES

Post-Convention BULLETIN. . . June 1st . . (to be mailed June 15th)

Fall BULLETIN. Oct. 1st. . . (to be mailed Oct. 15th)

Christmas BULLETIN Nov. 15th . . (to be mailed Dec. 1st)

Pre-Convention BULLETIN. . . March 1st . . (to be mailed Mar. 15th)

ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page.	\$20.00	/	Christmas Ads (non-commercial only)
Half Page.	\$10.00	/	Full Page. \$5.00
Quarter Page.	\$ 5.00	/	Half Page. \$2.50
Eighth Page	\$ 2.50	/	Insert (ready to be inserted into BULLETIN)
1" x 3½" Classified . . .	\$ 1.00		Per Page \$5.00

MINUTES OF THE 41ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

The meeting was called to order by President Vern Witt at 2:00 P.M., April 29, 1972, at the Ramada Sands Motel, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Mr. Harold Kinas gave the invocation.

Roll call of the clubs. Present were:

Badger Stamp Club	Queen City Philatelic Society
Belle City Stamp Club	Sheboygan Stamp Club
Cudahy Stamp Club	Sheboygan Jr. Stamp Club
Fond du lac Philatelic Col. Soc.	So. Wis. Vatican #8 Phil. Soc.
Green Bay Stamp Club	Walworth Co. Stamp Club
Lakeshore Philatelic	Waukesha Co. Philatelic Society
Madison Stamp Club	Wauwatosa Philatelic Society
Milwaukee Philatelic Society	Wis. Blue and Gray Society
Northshore Philatelic	Wis. Chapter #5, A.T.A.
Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club	Wis. Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society
Oshkosh Philatelic Society	Wis. Postal History Society
Outagamie Philatelic Society	Manitowoc Philatelic Society
Portage County Stamp Club	Commodore Preble Chapter, USCS
Plymouth Stamp Club	

The Portage County Stamp Club was welcomed into the WFSC membership by President Witt.

Richard Leitemann, Wauwatosa Phil. Soc. welcomed the convention. Included in his remarks of welcome was an offer of the host club to share their experience with next year's convention committee. The announcement was also made that if a profit was made from this show, the Wauwatosa club would donate 10% of such profit to the Federation.

President Witt presented his president's report. A rosier financial picture was noted. Credit for a successful year of bulletins was given to Phil Rose and the Longseths. Dues cards were mentioned and a motion would be honored if the representatives wished them. A record of clubs visited was also read.

Vice President Skupski presented his report.

The report of voting for the amendments passed at the last convention was read by the secretary. Amendment IA carried, 13 to 1; Amendment IB lost with 12 against, 1 yes and 1 yes under protest; Amendment IIA carried 12 to 2; Amendment IIB carried 13 to 1.

The financial record was presented. Each delegate received a copy. (See page 4 in this BULLETIN.)

Regional Vice Presidents then gave their reports;

Northern--Les Toepal (report read because of absence)

East-Central--John Franz--limited amount of visits to clubs

Southeastern--Richard Metz--attended meetings of most clubs in area

Southwestern--Ned Lawrence--Attended 5 clubs' meetings---

La Crosse has not taken action to return to Federation.

National Federation of Stamp Clubs Representative's Report---- Ned Lawrence--no report.

Standing Committee on Exhibitions Report--Ray Van Handel--no report.

WFSC BULLETIN Editorial Staff Report--Phil Rose, editor. Under direction of an editor who isn't Sec.-Treas., the BULLETIN has fared quite well. Several innovations have appeared. There is a definite lack of material being contributed by members. The press is in need of some repair. Several ideas for improvement were set forth and acknowledgements given to those who made the BULLETIN a success. A detailed yearly cost sheet accompanied the report. (See page 7 in this BULLETIN.)

A few moments of silence followed as a memorial for those members of Federation Clubs who had passed away during the year:

Howard Plambeck
Troy Stair
Frank Brandenstein

--Outagamie Phil. Soc.
--Milwaukee Phil. Soc.
--Milwaukee Phil. Soc.

Announcements regarding meeting times and places of groups meeting annually at the convention were made.

Unfinished business-

As a result of the mail vote by Federation clubs, the secretary was instructed to amend the Constitution of the Federation to incorporate the amendments. This includes the instruction that Federation dues are 45¢ per member of affiliated clubs which dues are payable at the convention.

Due to the fact that a number of clubs had paid ahead, clubs were reminded that dues should be paid for the year AHEAD at convention time and dues paid at this convention would be 1972-73 dues unless they instructed the Sec.-Treas. of the Federation to credit them otherwise.

Clubs in arrears and who had not sent a representative were noted. As of the time of the meeting, 10 clubs had not paid their dues. (Sec. note: Several paid after the meeting at the convention.)

1976 National Bicentennial celebration--no definite information available. Several governmental agencies appear to have an interest in this matter.

Stamps to honor stamp collectors--Congressman Steiger informed President Witt that it would yield more results if individuals would contact their respective congressmen and request the issuance of such a stamp by the Stamp Advisory Committee. An announcement about this is to appear in the WFSC BULLETIN with instructions as to how our voice can be heard loudest. (See Page 9)

Request was made to discontinue a separate BULLETIN mailing to the Blue and Gray Society since they hold membership in local Federation clubs and thus received a copy of the BULLETIN already.

The need for up-to-date mailing addresses and names of persons who were to receive their club's Bulletins was stated by the editor.

New Business-

The amended Constitution is to be printed by the Editor of the BULLETIN and a copy is to be mailed to each Federation member club.

No action taken regarding printing of Dues Receipt Cards. Matter was dropped.

Editorial recompence: MSC that the editor was to include the cost of repairs to the press in his bulletin operating budget and to use his good judgement as to determining necessary repairs.

Bid for 1973 Convention: MSC to accept the offer of the Walworth County Stamp Club to hold the 1973 convention. Milwaukee Philatelic announced plans to hold the national S.P.A. Convention in 1974. Lake-shore Philatelic Club tentatively offered to host the convention. The possibility exists to tie this show in with the WFSC Convention, as mentioned in discussion regarding the 1974 convention.

Junior Awards: Need exists to have better avenues of communication regarding the funding and availability of funds for Junior Awards. The Footloose Philatelists could further help by informing the convention host club as to availability of funds for awards.

WISCOPEX - a suitable name? Wauwatosa club asked if this was an official designatiin or if a local club name should be used for a state show. Pres. Witt referred back to the 1948 convention which gave hosting clubs the option of using their club name or WISCOPEX.

Election of officers: (All by unanimous vote)

President: Carl Skupski

Vice President: Owen Davidson

MSC to suspend the rules and permit the Sec.-Treas. to come from a club other than mentiined in the Constitution, to allow for a carry-over of Federation officers and Federation operations.

Sec.-Treasurer: Harold Kinas

Regional Vice Presidents: Northern - Les Topel
Eastern Central - John Franz
Southeastern - Richard Metz
Southwestern - Bill Glennon

National Federation Representative - Ned Lawrence

The gavel was given to President Skupski who appointed Phil Rose as A.P.S. Representative. Mr. Vern Witt was appointed by the chair to a 3 year term on the Standing Committee on exhibitions.

MSC to thank Vern Witt for his services as president.

MSC to thank the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society for their efforts in presenting the 41st Annual Convention and Show of the W.F.S.C.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Kinas, Secretary-Treasurer

* A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to all the WFSC Officers, Member Clus *
* and individual members for honoring our earlier deadline for *
* this Post-Convention BULLETIN. We appreciate it immensely! *
* The Editorial Staff *

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1971-72 WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Club dues - paid May 16, 1971 to April 28, 1972	\$293.98
Received from Catherine Wettstein	<u>106.07</u>
	\$400.05

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bulletin Expenses - to Phil Rose (See note below)	\$112.52
Refund on dues (La Crosse Club - E. Lawrence	7.50
Phone and postage (Vern Witt - WFSC Pres.)	<u>4.90</u>
	\$124.92

BALANCE ON HAND:

Total Receipts	\$400.05
Total disbursements	<u>124.92</u>
	\$275.13

Harold Kinas, Sec.-Treas.
WFSC 1971-72

Since the 1971 convention, Mr. Phil Rose has taken over editorship of the FEDERATION BULLETIN and also handled all attendant expenses. A financial report of the complete BULLETIN expenses has been included in the issues of the BULLETIN, and is therefore not a part of the Secretary-Treasurer's financial report. (See page 7 for the current report on BULLETIN operational costs.)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR

WFSC BULLETIN

As your present Editor looks back over the accomplishments and failures of the past year, the decision made at the last Annual Meeting to separate the office of Editor of the WFSC BULLETIN from that of WFSC Sec.-Treas. appears to have been the correct one. The BULLETIN will only become a publication we can all be proud of if there is a continuing Editorial staff, learning from their past mistakes. That the duties of the Sec.-Treas. are also somewhat easier has already been attested to by Harold Kinass.

This past year we introduced several innovations in the WFSC BULLETIN. Pages were numbered consecutively throughout the entire volume (looking forward to an annual index). The Masthead page (with officers' names and addresses, Editorial staff, deadlines, and advertising rates) was standardized. The WFSC BULLETIN financial report appeared in each issue. The Mail Box and the Trading Post were introduced as regular features.

There were a number of problems this past year, several of which I would like to mention. The offset press on which we print the WFSC BULLETIN needs some work on it, both to improve the quality of the output and to keep the press running. There are several minor mechanical problems that your Editor hopes to be able to correct himself this summer, and some relatively major work which will have to be done before fall. A part of this cost, based on a proportional share of use of the press will have to be borne by the WFSC BULLETIN budget. More about the budget when I give the financial report.

The second major problem this past year has been the lack of philatelic articles, especially from those who were the loudest in their calls for just this sort of material. With the notable exception of one individual your Editor has received virtually no articles of other than club, show or cover nature. We would welcome any ideas for columns from those who are prepared to write them and to meet the copy deadlines. The Editor would like to begin a series of one-page articles about the various member clubs in the WFSC. He will be contacting the individual clubs about this in the near future. Articles about a collecting interest, whether plate blocks or postal history, would be welcome. Your Editorial Staff has several other ideas under consideration, but they are not yet ready to be announced.

I would like to briefly mention some of the other hopes and plans for the future of the WFSC BULLETIN. We hope to standardize the front cover permitting the preparation of an inexpensive metal printing plate. This will permit the basic cover stock for an entire year to be run off at one time, during a non-rush period. We hope to be able, beginning with the new volume, to prepare an annual index to the WFSC BULLETIN thus making it more useful to those who maintain a file of back copies.

Before I close I would like to thank those individuals who have made this job a pleasure. Pres. Witt, Sec.-Treas. Kinass and the other officers have done a better job of keeping me informed than I have for them. Those club secretaries who have sent in club news, espe-

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cially those who have put the Editor on their mailing list, have made the preparation of this portion of the WFSC BULLETIN much easier. Bill Kaufman has had at least one philatelic item for every issue this past year. President Martin Longseth and the other members of Commodore Preble Chapter, USCS have faithfully assembled the pages of the WFSC BULLETIN and prepared them for mailing. Finally, but surely not least, a special thank you to Associate Editor La Rita Longseth. Not only is she responsible for the layout and the typewriting of the masters, but she also doubles as art editor with great skill. The position of Editor would be very difficult without Rita's expert help. And she volunteered for the job knowing what was involved, having served a term as WFSC Sec.-Treas. a few years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip G. Rose, Editor

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U.S., U.N., AND CANADA STAMP PROGRAM

June 5 . . .	U.N. . . .	Human Environment 8¢ and 13¢. New York, N.Y.
June 26. . .	U.S. . . .	Wolf Trap Farm 6¢. Vienna, Va. 22180
July 4 . . .	U.S. . . .	American Revolution 8¢, Block of 4 designs Williamsburg, Va. 23185
July 6 . . .	Canada . .	Canadian Indians 8¢, 2 designs. Ottawa, Ont.
July 28. . .	U.S. . . .	Mt. McKinley 15¢ McKinley Park, Alaska 99755
Aug. 2 . . .	Canada . .	Earth Sciences 15¢, Block of 4 designs Ottawa, Ontario
Aug. 17 . . .	U.S. . . .	Olympics 6¢, 8¢, 11¢, 15¢. Washington D.C. 20013
Sept. 15. . .	U.S. . . .	Parent-Teachers Assoc. 8¢, San Francisco, Calif.
Sept. 20. . .	U.S. . . .	Wildlife Conservation (8¢ ?) Block of 4 de- signs. Warm Springs, Oregon
Sept. 27. . .	U.S. . . .	Mail Order Business 8¢. Chicago, Illinois.
Sept. ? . . .	U.N. . . .	Economic Commission of Europe 21¢. New York, N.Y.
Oct. 11 . . .	Canada . .	Cornelius Krieghoff (8¢ ?) Ottawa, Ontario
Oct. 13 . . .	U.S. . . .	Tom Sawyer (Folklore) 8¢ Hannibal, Missouri
Oct. ? . . .	U.N. . . .	Airmail Postal Cards 9¢, 15¢, air letter 15¢, and Postal cards 7¢. New York, N.Y.
Nov. 8 . . .	Canada . .	Christmas. (No details)
Nov. 10. . .	U.S. . . .	Pharmacy 8¢. Cincinnati, Ohio
Nov. ? . . .	U.N. . . .	U.N. Art 8¢, 13¢, New York, New York
?	U.S. . . .	Benjamin Franklin 7¢, Osteopathic Medicine 8¢, Christmas, and Tourism Postcards... (No other details available on these stamps)

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Editor's Annual Financial Report
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EXPENDITURES

Editorial expenses	Post-	Fall	Xmas	Pre-	Totals	
Postage	2.74	0.16	--	--	2.90	
Phone	6.46	--	--	--	6.46	
Misc.	--	--	--	--	--	
Totals	9.20	0.16	--	--	9.36	9.36
Printing expenses						
Masters	2.87	3.15	4.06	6.30	16.38	
Paper	7.56	16.20	23.76	35.04	82.56	
Ink	3.17	--	3.17	3.17	9.51	
Repair, Maint.	--	--	--	--	--	
Misc. supplies	7.75	8.25	20.55	12.50	49.05	
Totals	21.35	27.60	51.54	57.01	157.50	157.50
Mailing expenses						
Postage	12.94	12.12	16.60	10.71	52.37	
Misc.	1.33	--	1.37	5.09	7.79	
Totals	14.27	12.12	17.97	15.80	60.16	60.16
Sub-grand	44.82	39.88	69.51	72.81		
Grand Total					227.02	

INCOME

WFSC	112.52
Ads	85.00
Misc.	29.50
	<u>227.02</u>

BALANCE

Total expenditures	227.02
Total income	<u>227.02</u>
Balance on hand	0.00

227.02 Total income

COST BREAKDOWN AND ANALYSIS

	Post	Fall	Xmas	Pre-	Average
Cost per issue	44.82	39.88	69.51	72.81	56.75
Cost per copy	6.18¢	5.32¢	8.97¢	8.83¢	7.38¢
Cost per page	0.34¢	0.30¢	0.32¢	0.32¢	0.32¢
Number of pages	18	18	28	28	23
Number of copies	725	750	775	825	769

1972 EXHIBITION AWARD WINNERS

JUDGES: Dr. James Matejka, Chicago, Illinois
Paul C. Rohloff, Chicago, Illinois
Howard J. Selzer, Skokie, Illinois

BEST-IN-SHOWPostal History of Waukesha County
Frank Moertl

1 ST GRAND . . .Postal History Told by Covers as Used in a Single State
Arthur Van Vlissingen

2ND GRANDCivil War Postal History
Ron Tate

3RD GRAND . . Stamps on Stamps: British Commonwealth Centenaries
and Anniversaries Roland Liebenow, M. C.

1ST AWARDS (in alphabetical order)

Raymond A. Bournique -- The 1853 Issue of Three Cent Stamped
Envelopes
James B. Gilmore -- Types of the 1¢ and 2¢ -1902 Series
Martin W. Longseth -- Imperial German Navy Cancellations
Harvey M. Richert -- Roman States and Vatican Forerunners
Michael K. Sullivan -- War Tax Stamps of the British Empire

2ND AWARDS (in alphabetical order)

Michael Fassbender -- The 2¢ Black Jacks
Larry Robert Huebner -- 1861-1866: An Issue of Early American
Classics
E. C. Lawrence -- Commemorative Stamps of the United States,
Complete
Henry Lentz -- Specialized Austria
Powell Bros. -- British Penny No.3 Plated, Showing Various Errors
Mrs. Joseph C. Repine -- Philatelic Firsts of Great Britian-
Selected Pages

3RD AWARDS (in alphabetical order)

Ione E. Madritsch -- Vatican's Council of Trent
Mrs. Mary Ann Owens -- "E" is for Elephant
C. Rebek -- Switzerland-Semi-Postal Issues
Roger Szymanski -- Montenegro

APS MEDALS: 1ST -- Michael K. Sullivan
2ND -- Martin W. Longseth
3RD -- Harvey M. Richert

ATA AWARDS: 1ST -- Roland Liebenow, M.C.
2ND -- Mrs. Mary Ann Owens
3RD -- Carl Skupski

UPSS MARCUS WHITE TROPHY -- Raymond A. Bournique
Certificates: 2nd -- Roger Szymanski
3rd -- Mrs. Mary Ann Owens

BLUE AND GRAY SOCIETY PRESIDENTS AWARD: Ron Tate

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY --BEST--Arthur Van Vlissingen
SINGLE COUNTY -- Frank Moertl

JUNIOR AWARDS:

1st -- Randall Witt

2nd -- John Taddy

3rd -- Beth Biemel

A Philatelic Miscellany

United States Postal Service - 1971

Stamps of the United States

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A STAMP TO HONOR STAMP COLLECTORS

Would you like to see a stamp issued to honor stamp collectors?
If so, there is something you can do to help!

Congressman Steiger informed Vern H. Witt that it would yield more results if individuals would contact their respective congressmen and request the issuance of such a stamp by the Stamp Advisory Committee.

Please write a letter to each lawmaker asking his support and influence in the issuance of a stamp to honor us -- STAMP COLLECTORS!

Write:

*Your Congressman
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Senator William Proxmire
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Senator Gaylord Nelson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Make your letters brief, courteous, and friendly. You may say the same in each letter.

* Wisconsin congressman in the House of Representatives are as follows. Write to the representative from your district.

DISTRICT 1 : Les Aspin
DISTRICT 2 : Robert Kastenmeier
DISTRICT 3 : Vernon W. Thomson
DISTRICT 4 : Clement J. Zablocki
DISTRICT 5 : Henry S. Reuss
DISTRICT 6 : William A. Steiger
DISTRICT 7 : David R. Obey
DISTRICT 8 : John W. Brynes
DISTRICT 9 : Glenn R. Davis
DISTRICT 10: Alvin E. O'Konski

REMEMBER THIS STAMP IS TO HONOR YOU! AND YOUR HOBBY, SO WRITE TODAY!

WFSC CLUB ROSTER (1972-73)

*
* Please send mail to listed mailing address rather than c/o *
* the meeting place, as much of this mail often times gets *
* misplaced! *

BADGER STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Sat., 2 pm, Bethany Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison, Wis. 53705

BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB

1st Thurs., 7 pm, Wustum Museum, 2519 Northwestern Ave., Racine
Mail: c/o Bruce Nelson, 5826 Sunset Blvd. Racine, Wis. 53406

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, USCS

2nd Sat., member's homes.
Mail: La Rita Longseth, Sec., 417 Wilson St., Sun Prairie, Wis. 53590

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

1st Thur., 7pm, First National Bank of Cudahy, 5656 So. Packard Ave., Cudahy, Wis. (downstairs meeting room)
Mail: 3128 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy, Wis. 53110

FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS CLUB

1st Tues. & 3rd Thurs., Washington School, W. Follett & Doty Sts., Fond du Lac, Wis. (second floor)

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Mon., 7:30 pm, YMCA, Pine & Jefferson Sts., Green Bay.
Mail: 1716 Dousman St., Green Bay, Wis. 54303

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB, INC.

1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Janesville Chamber of Commerce.
Mail: 2426 Riverview Drive, Janesville, Wis. 53545.

LA CROSSE STAMP CLUB

1st Mon., (monthly) and 3rd Tues. (Sept.-May), 7 pm, Southside Senior Citizens Center, 12th & Denton, La Crosse
Mail: Dorance Gibbs, 223 N. 20th St., La Crosse, Wis. 54601.

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

Meetings vary -- at member's homes
Mail: c/o John Taddy, 2020 25th St., Two Rivers, Wis. 54241

MADISON STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Thur., 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, 203 Wisconsin Ave., Madison, Wis.
Mail: c/o Lesa Von Mettenheim, 13 Kingsbury Court, Madison, Wis. 53711

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Tues., Cabin #1, Lincoln Park, Manitowoc, Wis.
Mail: c/o Mrs. William Wagner, Sec., Rte. 1, Box 79, Cato Wis. 54206

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Sat. & 4th Tues., Hotel Plankinton, North Plankinton & West Michigan, Milwaukee, Wis.

Mail: P.O. Box 1980, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

NORTHSHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

First National Bank of Glendale.

Mail: E. W. Bock, 4105 N. Newhall St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53211

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

3rd Wed., members' homes.

Mail: James Gilmore, Sec. NMSC, 720 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1st Tues. & 3rd Mon., Social Services Bldg., 448 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh. (enter at Northeast door)

Mail: Robert Sparks, Sec. OPS, 328 E. Doty St., Neenah, Wis. 54956

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Thurs., (Sept.-May); First National Bank, 204 W. College Ave., Appleton (Community Room, lower level).

Mail: 608 N. Superior St., Appleton, Wis. 54911

PLYMOUTH STAMP CLUB

Every other Tues., 7:30 pm, Dairy State Bank, Plymouth (Board Room)

Mail: c/o Mrs. J. Freidee ichs, 5 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Wis.

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB

1st Mon., 7:30pm, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

Mail: c/o Carl L. Farnsworth, 3801 Robert Place, Stevens Point, Wis. 54481

QUEEN CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Tues., VFW Hall, 436 Main St., Marinette.

Mail: 618 Hosmer St., Marinette, Wis. 54143

REX PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Rex Chainbelt Inc., West Mitchell St. Plant. If you plan to attend meeting contact: Walter Jaglowski, Evergreen 4-3000, Ext. 348

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

4th Wed., 7:30 pm, Colonial Bank Bldg., Alpine Rd., Rockford (basement room).

Mail: 4146 Eastridge Dr., Rockford, Illinois. 61107

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

Every other Wed., 7:30 pm, YMCA, Broughton Drive, Sheboygan.

Mail: P.O. Box 907, Sheboygan, Wis. 53081

SHEBOYGAN JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Every other Wed., 6:30 pm, Mead Public Library, No. 7th & New York Aves. Sheboygan

Mail: Vern Witt, 2422 No. 9th St., Sheboygan, Wis. 53081.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN VATICAN CHAPTER #8

1st Sun. (except Dec. & June), 7pm, Wauwatosa Lions Club, 7336 St. James, Wauwatosa. No July or August Meetings.

Mail: P.O. Box 7001, Milwaukee, Wis. 53213.

UPPER PENINSULA STAMP CLUB

2nd Wed., Marquette Community Bldg., Main St., Marquette, Mi.
Mail: P.O. Box 375 Marquette, Michigan 49855

WALWORTH COUNTY STAMP CLUB

2nd Wed., 7:30 pm, Matheson Library, Elkhorn, Wis.
Mail: c/o Powell's Antique Shop, Elkhorn, Wis. 53121

WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd & 4th Thur., 7:30 pm, Waukesha Water Utility Bldg., 115
Delafield St. (Highway 18) Waukesha, Wis.
Mail: Fr. David Christol, 225 S. Hartwell Ave.

WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1st & 3rd Thur. 7:45 pm., Lions Club, 7336 St. James, Wauwatosa.

WISCONSIN BLUE & GRAY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5, AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION

3rd Wed., 7:30 pm, Continental-Standard Savings & Loan, 1930 E.
North Ave. Milwaukee, Wis.
Mail: 5877 N. 67th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53218

WISCONSIN CHRISTMAS SEAL & CHARITY STAMP SOCIETY

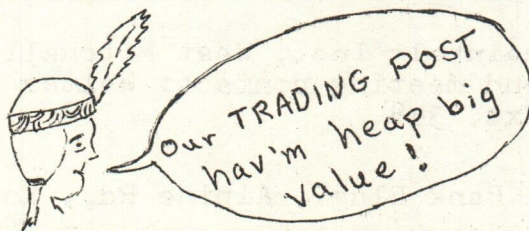
Meets yearly at WFSC Convention

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at the WFSC Convention.
Mail: c/o Harry W. Thayer, 243 Russell St., Hartford, Wis. 53027

WISCONSIN VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd & 4th Wed., Marathon County Historical Society Bldg., 403
Mc Indoe St., Wausau, Wis.
Mail: c/o Raymond Rhymer, Sec., 1506 Burek Ave., Wausau, Wisc.
54401

TRADING POST

WANTED -- Revenues of Great Britian and colonies. Accumulations and collections. D. Zinkel, 2323 Hollister Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. 53705

FOR SALE OR TRADE -- U.N. Blocks for U.S. -- all early issues. Leslie J. Topel, 3727 Irving Street, Marinette, Wis. 54143

WANTED -- Ads for the TRADING POST. These ads to appear in the Fall issue of the WFSC BULLETIN. Send them in before October 1st. We're counting on YOU!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

A number of Member Clubs were not paid up at the time of the Annual Meeting. If your Club's dues have not been paid by the deadline for the Fall BULLETIN, this is the last issue you will receive.

The La Crosse Stamp Club has voted to join the Federation. Welcome aboard.

With this issue, we are introducing a new column on topical collecting by Mrs. Mary Ann Owens. As most of you know, Mary Ann is internationally recognized as a topical collector, exhibitor, and judge. We feel quite proud and very happy that she will be writing for the WFSC BULLETIN.

I would like to call your attention to the WFSC Constitution as printed in this issue. I believe that the text as printed is correct and incorporates all changes that have been made since the major revision of 1967-69. If there are any errors, please notify your Editor and Sec.-Treas. Kinas.

The Trading Post, for which there was so much enthusiasm at the Sheboygan meeting in 1971, received no items for the Pre-Convention Issue and only two for this issue. Remember, every member of the Federation may use the Trading Post for "wants" and all non-dealer members can use it for "For sale" items. The Trading Post is free for 2 lines (plus a line for name and address).

We welcome Capital City Stamps as a new advertiser in the BULLETIN. Incidentally, Bob Dunham of Capital City is the newly-elected President of the Madison Stamp Club. We would urge you to tell our advertisers that you saw their ad in the WFSC BULLETIN.*

Bill Kaufman continues to supply the WFSC BULLETIN with interesting philatelic items from here and there. Thank you, Bill!

Phil

* Remember each dealer ad reduces the cost of the BULLETIN for you -- the Federation member.

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TOPICAL TOPICS

At the suggestion of your editor, commencing with this edition a column on topical stamp collecting will appear.

The first column will be a primer on topicals. Your suggestions for future columns and your questions regarding any phase of topical collecting would be appreciated.

Topical collecting is collecting according to the design on the stamp or other philatelic material rather than by the country of issue. Some people collect material related to their business or profession, others their hobbies, and still others prefer fields of particular interest.

There are three major types of topical collecting. The most popular is by subject; that is, acquiring all the material showing one topic such as medicine, birds, space, trains, ships, or even elephants. Most of the material will be on stamps. However, sooner or later, one will discover that his subject or topic also appears on postal stationery, postal and meter slogans, fancy cancels and cachets as well as maxim cards, souvenir sheets, miniature sheets and anything else that is available.

Most collectors pick a topic large enough to be interesting but not so large as to be overwhelming, especially if one is interested in acquiring more than just the basic stamps. In this respect picking a specific animal or two is better than trying to collect the entire animal world unless one has the patience to tackle all the material available on animals.

The second type is purpose-of-issue collecting. This includes the annual omnibus Europa issues, the U N agency omnibus issues, Red Cross Centenary, World's Fairs, specific Olympic games and similar ideas. Ordinarily this type of collecting is involved with material issued over a relatively short span of time compared with the other types. Quite often it will be part of a larger subject collection. For instance, Red Cross Centenary would be included in a general medical collection.

The third type is thematic collecting. Here the idea is to acquire the material related to a given theme. Therefore, the background of the stamp is as important as the design on the stamp. This type is usually associated with exhibiting but does not have to be.

For instance, one could collect the world-wide material connected with Wisconsin and its history, its people, its places, and its events. While the stamp may not say 'Wisconsin' to many people, we in the state would recognize it as being part of our background -- like the Carl Schurz stamps of Germany.

The many fields of philately are very much interrelated. Quite often certain items collected in one field will stimulate an interest in another field. In this respect a country collector can become interested in art or ships if his country is issuing many stamps of these topics and he starts acquiring stamps of that topic from other countries. Sometimes a topic is included on many stamps of a country or area of the world and the topic collector picks up a country or two to add to his interests. In thematic collecting many mini-topics are formed which quite often branch out into topics of their own. Or an interest in another field, as my Wisconsin collection did for me. Now I'm learning about DPO's and postal history, flag cancels, pre-cancels, meter slogans, First Days and others. Maybe it can do the same for others.

Mary Ann Owens

P.O. Box 191

Waukesha, Wis. 53186

COVERS

Wisconsin Chapter # 5, ATA

Professionally designed by K. T. Korn and skillfully printed in four colors with a six-color effect is the set of three ATA 23rd anniversary cachets to be postmarked with special "American Topical Association Conv. Sta." postmark June 23-24-25, 1972. Each depicts the new ATA coat of arms.

Orders with remittance at \$1.15 per set of three covers (or 10 IRC's) should be sent to American Topical Association, 5014-C West Center Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210. Other recent ATA cachets honor Europa's 15th anniversary, ATA's 22nd birthday 1971, and Fire Prevention (Chicago Fire 100th anniversary). These three also come in sets of 3 cachets for \$1.15 or all 4 sets of 3 subjects (12 covers) on rag content envelopes for (33 IRC's). Please indicate cachets desired and in what quantities. (Continued on Page 22)

A FEW NOTES ON STAMPS IN SWITZERLAND

During a stroll of about an hour and a half in Zurich, I noticed seven stamp dealer's displays. The largest one was in the railroad station, and the stamps and covers filled a panel about 4 feet high and 8 feet long.

The displays, as might be expected, showed more stamps of Switzerland than of any other country. There were also quite a few of Vatican, Austria, Germany, and U. N., both of New York and of the Swiss offices. Liechtenstein showed $u\frac{1}{2}$ several times also. About a third of all I saw was of the somewhat questionable material -- sand dune states and cancelled to order -- especially from Poland.

The foreign material seemed to be priced about 70% to 100% over face.

First day covers, usually of Switzerland, were common. These are displayed at the kiosks in most larger railroad stations.

One item interested me a lot -- the 60¢ and 10 franc of the Swiss U N set, used, priced at 1590 franc. This is just about one and a half times face and is also the price asked for mint stamps, so it doesn't look as if anyone has a controlled mail in operation on those.

I asked for some of the recent publicity series at a nearby branch post-office in Saint Gallen, but they didn't have them and referred me to the main post office across from the railroad station. They didn't have them either, but they sent me to a philatelic room upstairs, which did have them. All three did have the 2 franc plus 1 franc airmail--semipostal however. The airs may not be big selling items however, as the sales girl at the first place didn't even notice that there was an extra franc added to the price until I mentioned it to her.

Stamp machines are in quite a few places in addition to post offices. They have three deals--one 20¢ stamp for a 20¢ coin, two 10¢ stamps for a 20¢ coin, or a packet for 2 franc, which has the bird set of semi-postals and two other stamps to make up the two francs.

Bill Kaufman

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill sent this information from Switzerland during his recent trip there.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cancellations are the markings applied on postage stamps by postal clerks as mail goes through the post offices. They are sometimes called "obliterations," but more often collectors refer to them as "killers" because they "kill" the stamp for further mailing usage. Today most of the cancellations are straight or wavy bars, with the postmark to the left of them. When the canceling device falls partly on the envelope, collectors describe the stamp as "tied to cover," the word cover being the term for an envelope that has been franked with stamps and carried through the mails.

PREPARING AN EXHIBIT TO WIN

"Preparing an Exhibit To Win" is the lead story in the recent issue of the well illustrated Topical Time, stamp journal of the 10,000 member American Topical Association. Wolfgang Spille, TOPEX '71 Grand Award Winner, offers outstanding pointers to all exhibitors to improve the quality of their collections.

Among the 29 articles and checklists in this issue is John Henry Richert's analytical study "Nobel Prize Winners 1901-1971". Robert S. Oesch's outstanding original art accompanies his article about the new Metropolitan Cathedral entitled "The Second Crown of Liverpool," as recently shown on a U.K. stamp.

Other features include flower show, ATA's TOPEX '72--June 23-25 in Falmouth (Portland), Maine, Topical Collecting is More Than Pretty Pictures, Philateasers, railway stamps, sports & recreation, book reviews, Americana on foreign, ATA at ANPHILEX '71, Mason Michaelson, World United Nations, Folk Tales & Fairy Tales, Meteorology on Stamps, Castle of Joux, new issues by topic computerized listings, Progress of Education on stamps, Labrador's Flying Doctors, questions and answers, Italian rockets, national embroideries, and newsnotes.

New members joining in the next 30 days will receive this current issue of Topical Time along with the 164-page new May, 1972 ATA Membership Directory and a dozen free services.

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope or one IRC for free information about ATA, Topical Time, and membership benefits to Karl L. Keldenich, P.O. Box 1062, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216 or send 50¢ in stamps or coin for a random sample of Topical Time.

-- from American Topical Association

"1972-73 TOPICAL STAMP PUBLICATIONS LIST"

Exactly 120 available ATA topical stamp publications are listed and described in the detailed, completely revised, new style, new type "1972-73 Topical Stamp Publications List", just published by the American Topical Association, the 10,000-member, 90-nation stamp club with 1,000 life members.

The first section of the brochure indicates in which publication the material appears and lists 228 different topical headings, completely cross-referenced, of all the topics covered in ATA's 66 available topical stamp handbooks and 54 available issues of Topical Time, journal of ATA; as well as reprint books representing all 130 issues of Topical Time.

The second section gives complete descriptions of all 66 ATA handbooks still available. This twelve-column easy to read, large 12 x 17" list in four pages contains a wealth of data of interest to any stamp collector.

A useful innovation is a third section containing "Topical References" of general information. The entire list has been streamlined from its terse, lively descriptions to its minute cross referencing and easy to use order form.

Copies will be sent free of charge to any non-member sending a self-addressed stamped envelope or 2 coupons-response international and 10¢ in stamps or coin for handling to Karl L. Keldenich, P.O. Box 1062, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201. A sample copy of Topical Time journal and the handbook How to Collect Topicals-2nd Edition (a \$2.75 value) will be sent for \$1 postpaid or 9 IRCs. ATA members have already received this list.

A VISIT TO MEXICO

We made a trip to Mexico in March of this year. As far as stamp collecting was concerned, not much happened. As we did a year ago, we asked for commoratives at three post offices, with no results.

At one post office, the clerk didn't seem to know that there were any other than the regular stamps. That may have been a language difficulty however.

At each of the other offices, one in a town of about 10,000, the other in a town of about 25,000, they had had commoratives, but were out of them. One said, if I understood him correctly, that they were no good, and he didn't bother with them. The other said he usually had them, but just happened to be out.

Postage rates are still low in Mexico -- less than 2¢ for cards, three and one-fifth cent for letters. For registration, it still seems to be 4¢. That's a long way from our 95¢!!

--Bill Kaufman

ATA STUDY UNITS

"Knowledge through Stamp Collecting", motto of the American Topical Association, accurately describes the many Study Units open to ATA members as one of their membership benefits. These Study Units vary in size from as few as 10 to as many many hundreds of collectors who share an interest in topics such as Americana, American Presidents, Astronomy, Aviation, Biology, Churchill, Education, Eisenhower, engineering, Europa, Fairs and Expositions, Fine Arts, Geology, Jets, Journalism, Kennedy, Law and Lawyers, Lincoln, Lions International, Maps, Masonry, Medical Subjects, Music, Performing Arts, Railroads, Red Cross, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rotary International, Scouts, Ships, Space Sports, Stamps on Stamps-Centenaries, Tape Recording, Theatre, and United Nations.

Members of each of these Study Units share their knowledge and research in their respective fields via individual bulletins and through the 100-page official ATA journal, Topical Time. All topical collectors benefit from the knowledge that is gathered and published by these Study Units. Other Study Units will be formed soon, ask about your particular topic.

ATA Chapters exist in many cities through the USA and on 4 continents. New Chapters are constantly being organized. Serving the needs of collectors in their individual localities, Chapters hold regular meetings and programs for members. Some larger Chapters stage exhibits and issue bulletins. Membership in these groups is another benefit open to ATA members.

Details of ATA activities, services and publications are free for a stamped, return envelope or IRC to Karl L. Keldenich, P.O. Box 1062, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. For \$1 (or 10 IRC) he will send a sample Topical Time journal plus the new enlarged handbook, How to Collect Topicals (a total \$2.75 value).

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Postage Stamp was issued in England in 1840 (132 years ago). It was the famous "penny black", and it pictured the head of Queen Victoria.

The US Postal Service which began operations July 1, 1971, replaced the Cabinet-level Post Office Department established by Congress in 1872. The first Postal Service was created in 1775.

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CLUB NEWSFOOTLOOSE FILATELISTS

This year the Footloose Filatelists and the Fancy Frees merged into one organization. The principal role of this group is to provide awards for the Junior exhibitors at the annual show and in general to encourage junior collectors. Re-elected for another year were President Glen Tribbley and Secretary-Treasurer Don Wettstein.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The WPHS completed another successful year with the publication of the newly revised and updated Wisconsin Post Office List. We regretfully accepted the request of Charles Pierce to be relieved of the office of Secretary. Charles served for 17 years as Secretary, Treasurer, literature salesman, membership chairman, and general work horse of the Society.

Officers for the following year are:

President-Dr. Steve Darling

V. President & Editor - Jim Hale

Sec.-Treas.-Harry Thayer (243 Russell St., Hartford, Wis. 53027)

Directors-- 4 years --Ned Lawrence

3 years --Leon Christiansen

2 years --Harold Richow

1 year --Ray Van Handel, Sr.

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Congratulations to the new WFSC officers. Officers for our local club for the 1972-73 season are:

Wm. J. Stilp, President
Stan A. Haugen, Vice President
Mrs. Wm. J. Stilp, Sec.-Treas.

No meetings now till September at the 1st National Bank, Appleton.

At the annual banquet May 11, Dr. S. F. Darling showed movies of his trip to Mexico in January of this year. In March Ralph Hoffman explained his work with the Boy's Brigade in Neenah where he is teaching them the fine art of Stamp Collecting! An open-house was held at the Boy's Brigade on March 13 and some OPS members attended. For the April meeting members brought unusual philatelic items to show and explain.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Old Milwaukee Days event has invited the MPS to prepare a 1972 cachet to be carried to Milwaukee on the Circus train from Baraboo, June 29th. MPS has also been authorized to man a sales unit adjacent to the special Old Milwaukee Days postal unit which will operate on the showgrounds June 29th thru July 3rd.

MPS has accepted and a planning committee was named by President Keppler. Named to the committee were: Roger Szymanski-Chairman; Nancy D'Acquisto, Michael Ber, Klaus Birhain, & Art Rieger.

Recent activities of the club included: 1) Mps voted to donate \$100 to APS Philatelic Research Library. 2) Publication of an MPS Reference Library catalog was discussed. 3) MPS President was authorized to appoint a committee to study possible MPS action to insure updating of Milwaukee Public Library's Uihlein stamp collection. 4) A proposal to increase WFSC annual dues from \$.50 to \$.75 per member was rejected. The MPS delegate was instructed to advise the Federation that MPS would withdraw from the Federation if the increase was approved. Three other constitutional changes were approved.

MILCOPEX 72 was held March 4-5, 1972 at the Plankinton House. Top awards were:

Best-in-show(MPS Award)--Confederate States of America: selected pages from a study of the 10¢ Steel Plate Issues-1863 -- by Randy Neil, Overland Park, Ks. MPS PRESIDENT'S AWARD--"The Sheild"...a study of the regular issue of the 1903-08 series-- by J.T. Edgar, Grand Rapids, Mi.

The MPS GOLD AWARDS were won by Donald V. Ahle, Rochester, Mn.; David L. Prentice, Milwaukee, Wis.; Ann Shoemake, Austin, Texas; Martin H. Levin, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Phillip P. Edwards, Bloomington, Illinois.

--Roger J. Szymanski

WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs' convention and exhibition is now history. From all reports, our club was well represented, and some of our members made a proud showing in the exhibition.

Frank Moertl earned a "Best in Show" for his Postal History of Waukesha County exhibit.

Larry Huebner came home with a Silver Medal (Second Place). Mary Ann Owens earned a Third Place for her "Elephants" in the topical division.

Congratulations to the three of them!

Frank Moertl will be the guest speaker at the Milwaukee Philatelic Society meeting, Saturday, May 13. His topic? Why, "The Postal History of Waukesha County," of course.

--David W. Christel

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Green Bay Club had a successful auction for the second year on Sunday afternoon, March 19. It was organized beautifully, and ran like clockwork.

The attendance should have been larger, but a coin show in Green Bay on the same day probably hurt it some. The next evening a couple people told me they had trouble locating the auction.

US material sold well. Plate blocks and coils generally brought good prices. Foreign material sold lower, and a couple of dealers made additions to their stock on some of the material which sold cheaply.

-- William Kaufman

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The Portage County Stamp Club meets the first Monday of each month at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, Wisconsin at 7:30 pm. The officers for the year were elected at our annual meeting in April. President Robert Aebischer, Vice President Mary Newton, Secretary-Treasurer Carl Farnsworth, and Member-at-large Larry Glenzer. Mail should be addressed to the Secretary at 3801 Robert Place, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481.

--Carl L. Farnsworth

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, USCS

Our President, Martin Longseth, won a 1st Award and a 2nd APS Award at the WFSC Exhibition. Congratulations!

Recent club meetings have been buzzing with plans and last minute details on attending the USCS National Convention & Exhibition in Annapolis, Maryland June 10th and 11th.

--La Rita Longseth, Secretary

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

Our club can be especially proud this year of the role it played in this year's WFSC Show--and the success that our members enjoyed! Six members entered exhibits, and every one was beautifully done.

Special congratulations go to Dr. Liebenow for winning the State Third reserve Grand Award plus the First Place Gold Medallion from the national ATA for his topical exhibit. In addition, Jim Gilmore won a State First Place Award plus the Third Place Bronze Medallion from the national ATA for his topical exhibit.

Our club members have garnered a very impressive collection of statewide and national awards the last seven months in different shows. They include one Best in Show, two Reserve Grands, three national awards, one special award, two firsts, one second, and one third--and this doesn't include our own show and its awards.

--James Gilmore

COVERS (Cont. from p. 15)

WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Waukesha County Philatelic Society sponsored a cachet to honor the First Tourist Run on May 27, 1972 (Saturday) of the Kettle Moraine Railway Ltd, North Lake, Wisconsin. The tourist attraction ride will be between North Lake and Merton on the Old Milwaukee Road tracks. The cachet features an old time train and RPO car, and was franked with train stamps and a simulated RPO cancel.

Cost is 35 cents each or three for \$1.00 and orders accompanied by a #10 SAE should be sent to: Frank Moertl - WCPS, P.O. Box 121, North Lake, Wisconsin 53064.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Milwaukee Philatelic Society announced that it is offering to the public a special souvenir 4 color cachet to commemorate Milwaukee's Old Milwaukee Days (OMD), a six day celebration culminating in the giant July 4th parade.

The cachet envelopes will be carried on the Old Milwaukee Days Special Circus Train from Baraboo to Milwaukee and will receive appropriate transit markings. Cachets will also receive a unique postmark at the OMD showgrounds post office which will operate June 30th through July 3rd.

These official covers are 35¢ each or 3 for \$1.00 from Roger J. Szymanski, Box 1980, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201. Covers will be returned first class mail, unless a SSAE is provided with the order. Address labels for return mailing will be appreciated.

THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
(including Amendments through 29 April 1972)

ARTICLE I. NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

ARTICLE II. OFFICIAL SEAL

1. The Official Seal of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs shall consist of a colorless outline map of the State of Wisconsin, superimposed on a circular dark-colored field. This field shall be bordered by a narrow colorless band and this band, in turn, bordered by a wider band of the same color as the central circular field. This outer band shall bear in colorless letters the inscription "WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS" around the upper arc and "Founded 1932" around the lower arc.

ARTICLE III. OBJECT

1. The object of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs is and shall be: To acquire and disseminate a knowledge of Philately; to cultivate a feeling of mutual friendship and fraternity among Philatelists; to encourage state, national, and international legislation for the benefit of Philately in general; to foster and help organize other stamp clubs in and near the State of Wisconsin; and to assist the members of the Federation in acquiring and disposing of stamps by gift, purchase, or in any other legitimate way.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any and all stamp clubs in and near the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible for membership.
2. There may also be admitted to membership as Members-at-Large, persons known to be actively engaged in the hobby of Philately, who do not reside within the jurisdiction of a Member Club and who are not attached to any such club. Such Members-at-Large shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Federation, including attendance and right of discussion at Federation meetings; but they shall not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE V. FEES AND DUES

1. The annual dues shall be forty-five cents (45¢) per club member, to be paid by each Member Club as follows:
 - (a) The official club roster at the December meeting shall be the basis of computation of dues. These dues shall become payable at the Annual Meeting for the subsequent fiscal year, and if not paid within 60 days shall become delinquent. The

business meeting at the annual convention each year shall consider the question of clubs which are delinquent in their dues.

- (b) Provided, however, that the minimum dues from each club shall be three dollars (\$3).
- 2. Members-at-Large shall pay dues at the rate of seventy-five cents (75¢) per year, payable under the same rules and regulations as the dues of Member Clubs.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

1. The meeting place of at least one all-state gathering and exhibition per year shall be set by the Executive Committee either in convention assembled, or at a Special Session. The date for such meetings may be set by the Host Club, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and plans for the exhibition are subject to the approval of the Standing Committee on Exhibitions. Plans for the exhibition shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Exhibitions by the Host Club not less than 90 days prior to the scheduled date of the exhibition. Proposed plans thus submitted shall include the following information:
 - (a) Groupings or classifications of exhibits.
 - (b) Methods of mounting and framing, and entry fees.
 - (c) Prizes, with rules for awarding them.
 - (d) Proposed judges, accompanied with brief statement of the special qualifications of each.
2. Each Member Club shall send to the Annual Meeting, a Delegate who will be recognized as its voting representative upon presentation of a letter of authorization signed by the Member Club's President. An alternate delegate, presenting comparable credentials, will be entitled to vote in the absence of the Delegate.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Elected Officers and shall be authorized to make such decisions by majority vote for the Federation as may become necessary in the interval between the Annual Meetings. The Past Presidents of the Federation shall be ex-officio members, without a vote, of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may veto any appointment of the President by a majority vote.
2. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President, upon at least thirty (30) days notice, whenever requested by two or more Officers.
3. The Standing Committee on Exhibitions will consist of three members with the three-year term of each member expiring in successive years. The President shall each year appoint the chairman, and fill any vacancies on the Committee. The duties of this Committee shall be as outlined in Article VI, Section one, above.
4. The President shall appoint any other committee that shall be authorized at the Annual Meeting or that he shall deem necessary to the Federation's business, subject to the provisions of Article VII, Section one, above. Each such

committee shall serve at the pleasure of the President, throughout his term of office unless a shorter term is specified when the committee is appointed.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

1. The Elected Officers shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, four Regional Vice Presidents, and the Representative to the National Federation. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve until their successors are elected. Voting shall be by ballot for each officer separately, except that in case of no contest, a viva-voce vote shall be valid.
2. In the event of a vacancy occurring between Annual Meetings, the Executive Committee at its discretion may elect a qualified member of the Federation to fill the unexpired term.
3. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall both reside in the same urban territory.
4. The Regional Vice Presidents shall represent, and be residents of their respective regions as hereinafter described.
 - (a) The Southeastern Region shall consist of those nine counties lying south of Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties and east of Columbia, Dane, and Rock Counties.
 - (b) The Southwestern Region shall consist of eleven counties lying west of the Southeastern Region and south of a westerly line starting at the northeast corner of Columbia County and ending with the south line of La Crosse County.
 - (c) The Central Region shall consist of those twenty-two counties lying north of the Southeastern and Southwestern Regions and south of a westerly line starting at the north line of Brown County passing along the south line of Clark County, and ending with the north and west lines of Buffalo County.
 - (d) The Northern Region shall consist of those thirty Wisconsin Counties lying north of the Central Region and those fifteen counties lying in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
 - (e) Contiguous counties of the states of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota may be included in the adjacent Region.
5. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, all meetings of the Federation or of its Executive Committee shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX. DUTIES AND REMUNERATION OF OFFICERS

1. The duties of the Executive Officers shall be those indicated by their titles. All Officers shall serve without pay.
2. It shall be the duty of the Regional Vice Presidents, as far as may be feasible, to visit Member Clubs and organizations for prospective membership within their respective regions.

ARTICLE X. PUBLICATIONS

1. The publication of a bulletin or a yearbook, or both, shall be at the option and discretion of the President and Secretary-Treasurer, subject to the following restrictions:
 - (a) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to exercise control over these, or any other publication made in the name of the Federation, to approve, disapprove, modify, or entirely suspend.
 - (b) The Federation may at any Annual Meeting, authorize the Executive Committee to appoint an editor for any or all Federation publications to serve until the next annual convention. At the time of appointing an editor, the Executive Committee shall budget a limit of expense which he may not exceed in total outlay for publications (including postage or other means of delivery) during his term of office.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

1. After adoption of this Constitution by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, it may be amended as follows:
 - (a) By a two-thirds vote of all Delegates present at any Annual Convention. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to each member club, at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Convention which is to consider them, except that publication in the Pre-Convention BULLETIN will be considered as meeting the above conditions, providing that the BULLETIN is received by the Member Clubs at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Federation.
 - (b) Upon the written request of any Member Club, supported by the written second of another Member Club, proposing an amendment and requesting a mail vote upon it. The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail the proposed amendment to all Member Clubs for consideration and a mail vote. Sixty days thereafter he shall count the mail ballots. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of all Member Clubs shall ratify the Amendment.

ARTICLE XII. DECLARATION OF ADOPTION

1. The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, in Convention assembled at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 17, 1969, does hereby declare that this Constitution, together with such amendments as may later be passed in accordance with its provisions, is the sole and final legislative authority under which it will function, hereby invalidating all previous constitutional legislation.

Attest

La Rita (Mrs. Martin) Longseth
Secretary-Treasurer

Philip G. Rose
President