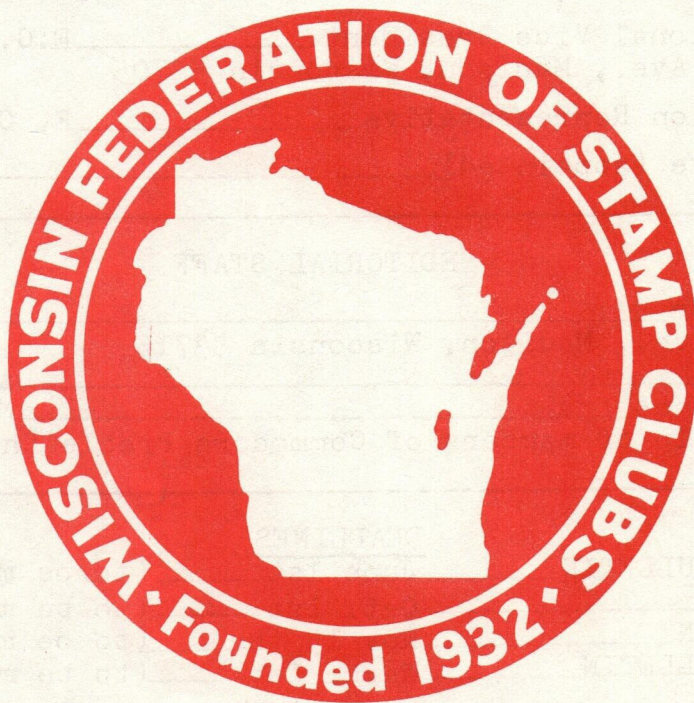


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is good news in Federationland this time. Received a joint bid from the Portage County Stamp Club and the Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society for the 1975 Convention and Exhibition. Passed the invitation on to the Board and it was accepted.

The 1975 will be held at the Holiday Inn on the North edge of Stevens Point on Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11. This is a nice new facility with plenty of room for our needs. Will see you there in May.

I am happy to report that the Milwaukee Philatelic proposals to the Constitution of the WFSC were passed. There were 24 affirmative votes and 7 abstentions. These should improve the stature of the Federation.

As a direct result of the changes, I have appointed immediate past-president Carl R. Skupski as chairman of the nominating committee. Vern H. Witt and Donald Wettstein have also been named to the committee. It is their duty to canvass the clubs of the Federation for nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. The terms of the first two will be for the years 1975-77. This time the term of Secretary-Treasurer will be for one year so that this office will alternate with the top two. Clubs are encouraged to communicate names of qualified candidates to Carl R. Skupski, 4839 South 96th Street, Milwaukee WI 53228. Your submissions will be appreciated.

I have been successful in seeing more clubs and shows. I am able to report that DANEPEX, Wausau Philatelic Stamp Show, and La Crosse Stamp Club Exhibition were all fine local shows. I saw many interesting exhibits and talked to many Federation friends. A highlight in November was the 75th Anniversary banquet of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Alice and I enjoyed ourselves at the event and wish to thank the club for the invitation to attend. I have also been able to visit the Portage County Club, Madison Stamp Club, Waukesha County Philatelic Society, and the Fond du Lac Philatelic Collectors Club. I am sorry to have missed TOSAPEX. I was still east that weekend.

Alice and I extend Holiday Greetings to all our friends in the Federation. We hope that all of you have a happy holiday season.

Respectfully submitted

Howard C. Koeppen, WFSC PRESIDENT

Season's Greetings



From the co-sponsors of

THE 1975 WFSC CONVENTION

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB

and

WISCONSIN VALLEY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

To be held at the

Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

May 10-11, 1975

See Page 41 for Details

WFSC CONVENTION NEWS!

The Portage County Stamp Club and Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society will co-sponsor the WFSC Convention on May 10-11, 1975, at the Holiday Inn, Stevens Point.

Roy Northwood (PCSC President from Wisconsin Rapids) will be the General Chairman of the Convention. Any inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. Deanna Juhnke, 3701 Jordan Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Details on theme, exhibits, etc., will be covered in the WFSC Pre-Convention BULLETIN since the two clubs are just beginning to work on the plans.

The only item that can be brought to your attention at this time is that Sunday, May 11, is also the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Spring Commencement. It is anticipated that the motel space at the Holiday Inn and elsewhere in Stevens Point will be at a premium Saturday night, May 10. So please plan to make room reservations as soon as possible for the weekend.

AFFIRMATIVE VOTE PASSES AMENDMENTS

Twenty-four affirmative mail votes were received by Secretary La Rita Longseth making the following amendments a part of the WFSC Constitution:

Insert new Section 3 in ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES, to read:

3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the three latest available past presidents of the Federation. It shall be the duty of the Committee to canvass the various clubs of the Federation for qualified candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer as required by Section 1 of ARTICLE VIII, OFFICERS, and to present two nominees for each such office as required.

Change the numbers of Sections 3 and 4 of the same ARTICLE to numbers 4 and 5 respectively.

Strike the second sentence of Section 1, Article VIII. OFFICERS, reading "The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve until their successors are elected" and substitute the following sentence:

The officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting with the President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, being elected for two year terms, with the Secretary-Treasurer being elected in alternate years, and all other officers being elected for one year terms, with all officers to serve until their successors are elected.

SHOW DATES

February 22-23, 1975.....JANESVILLE STAMP EXHIBITION & BOURSE,
16th annual exhibition, to be held at the
Holiday Inn of Janesville.

(Continued on page 42 this issue of the BULLETIN)

A NEW GROUP

The second meeting of the Revenue Study Group was held in Madison on 6 November 1974. After a dinner at the Cuba Club we went to Ned Lawrence's home. We had a fine meeting there.

E. F. Vilter was elected President, Robert J. Lackner Vice President, Eugene Bock Secretary, and Daniel Rhodes Treasurer. The name "Revenue Study Group" was made official. Dues were set at \$3 per year. A proposal to affiliate with the WFSC was also approved.

Twenty members attended the session. They came from Elkhorn, Madison, Milwaukee area, Rio, and Sheboygan. All seemed to enjoy the session. A list of members names, addresses, and collecting interests were compiled and will be distributed. One project embarked upon was to make a "Revenuer" out of the WFSC President. Guess I'll have to collect the battleship revenues.

The next meeting will be held in Elkhorn at the Hotel, downtown at the stop & go lights, on February 19th at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be selected from the menu. We hope some of our Illinois friends will join us. Anyone interested in revenues is welcome to attend.

(Continued from p.41)

SHOW DATES

March 7, 8, & 9, 1975.....MILCOPEX '75, annual exhibition of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Plankinton House Hotel, downtown Milwaukee.

May 9 & 10, 1975.....WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS 1975 Convention and Exhibition, Holiday Inn on the north edge of Stevens Point. (Full details, directions, and exhibition entry blanks will arrive in your Pre-Convention BULLETIN to be mailed March 15th)

?????????????????.....When is your club's next philatelic local, area, or regional show? Just drop your editor a postcard or letter with the dates, place, and time (if you wish). Your show will be listed under this column, Show Dates, from the time we first receive it until the dates of your show are past. There is no charge for this column. It is one of your Federation aids, so why not use it?

A Stork Announcement..... The Karl Keldenichs are the happy parents of a baby girl, Jennifer Marie. Karl is a past president of the WFSC and a member of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Congratulations Karl and Mrs. Keldenich.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS STAMPS ON SALE AT POST OFFICES

Two 10-cent traditional Christmas postage stamps are presently on sale at your post office.

This year's Christmas Masterpiece stamp is based upon a detail from "The Perussis Altarpiece", a large oil painting which hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Designer of the stamp is Bradbury Thompson of Riverside, Connecticut.

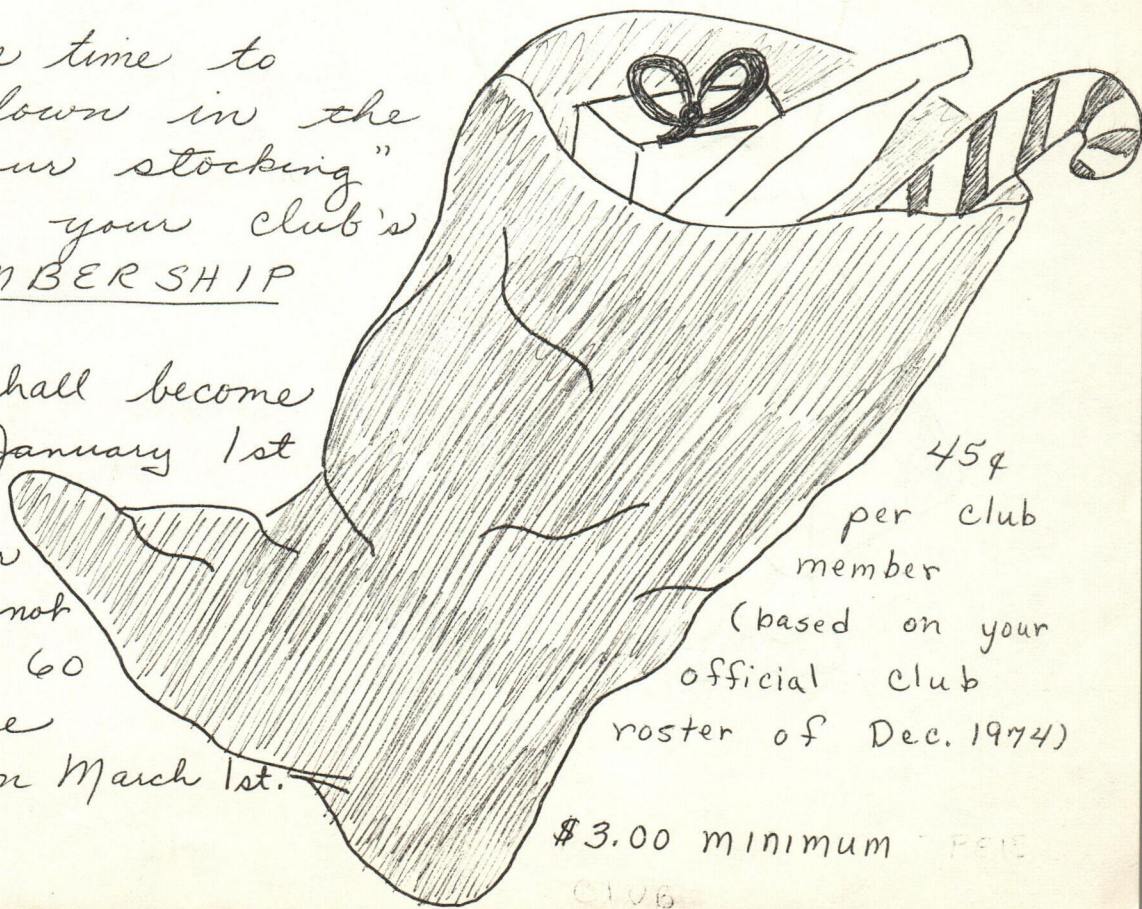
The stamp features an angel taken from the central of the five panels making up the large altarpiece painting. The angel is one of two in the central panel--one is depicted in flight on either side of the upright portion of the cross that dominates the panel.

The identity of the artist who painted the altarpiece is unknown. The painting is known to have been done in 1480, although it is not where it was hung upon completion.

The second Christmas stamp is taken from a 1853 lithographic print, "The Road Winter", by the firm Currier and Ives. The drawing was done on the lithography stone by Otto Knirsch, one of the celebrated American artists Nathaniel Currier employed to produce drawings that were to be colored on an assembly line of girls, each of whom applied a single color.

*Now is the time to
reach way down in the
"toe of your stocking"
and pay your club's
WFSC MEMBERSHIP
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*These dues shall become
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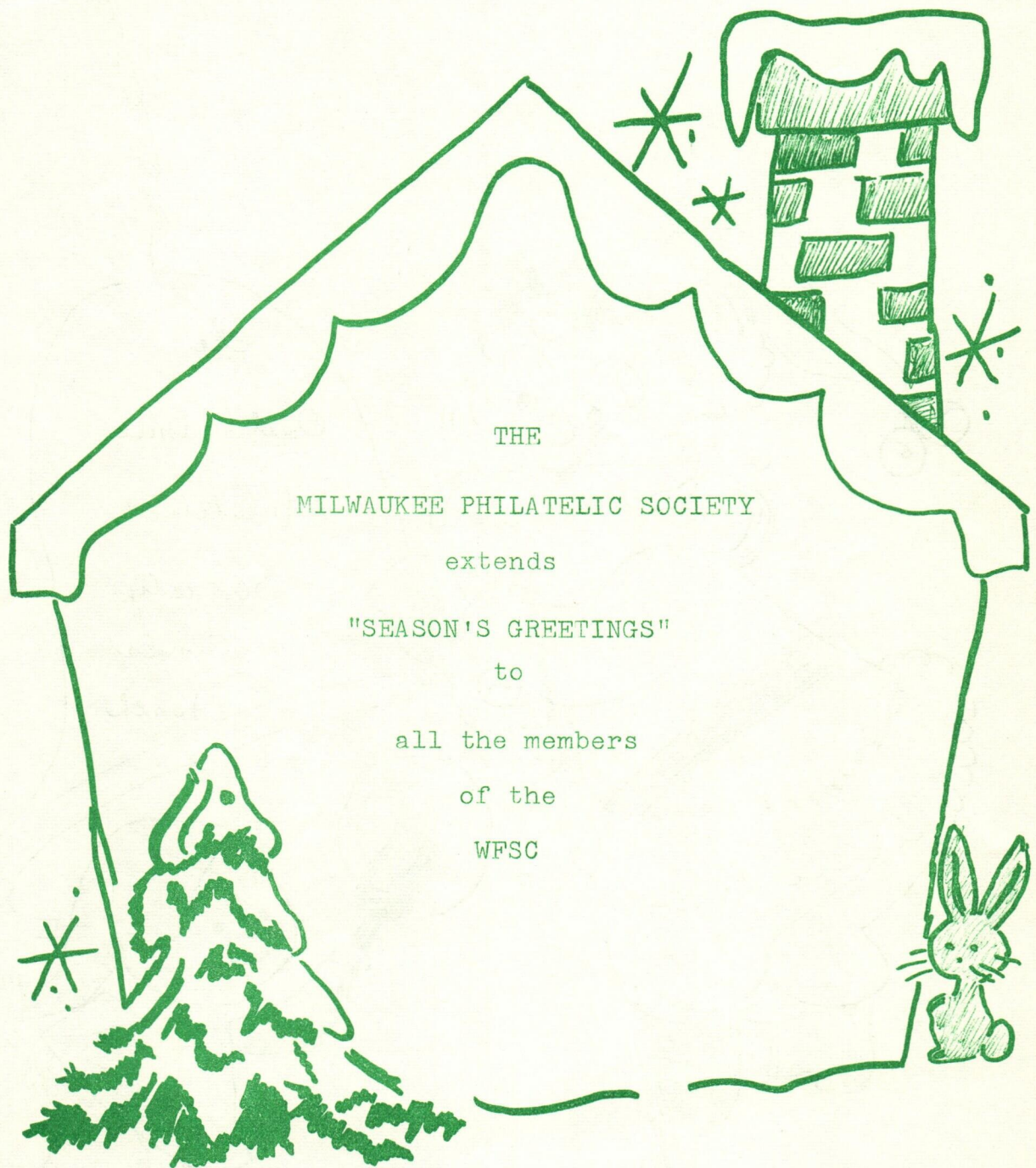


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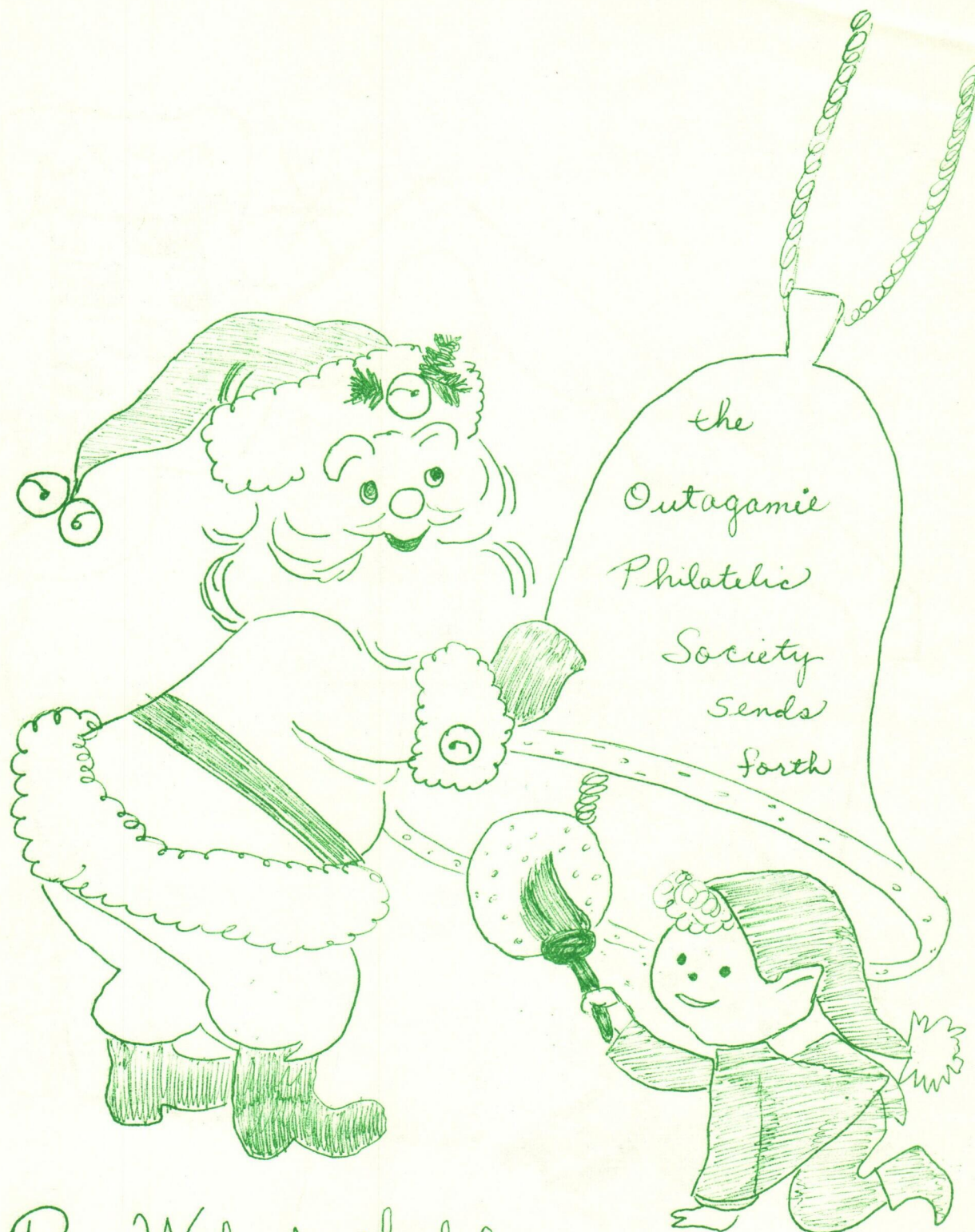
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THE
MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY
extends
"SEASON'S GREETINGS"
to
all the members
of the
WFSC



Best Wishes for the holidays
and happiness in the New Year !

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

I'm advised by the JPSA, noted in the last column penned here, a special Christmas gift membership is being offered by the Junior Philatelic Society of America. Applications are available from the JPSA Central Office, P. O. Box 9634, Midtown Raza Station, Rochester, NY 14604. Upon request, a Christmas or New Year's greeting card will be sent along with a packet of stamps (including a mint SIPEX souvenir sheet) to the young collector. All applications must be signed by a parent or guardian. Applications received by December 15 will be confirmed in time for Christmas.

The Federation is placing a well deserved accent on youth, as noted in past columns, and even better for the Federation, keeping lines of communications open between conventions, a sure sign of progress.

What is the role stamp clubs can play in spreading the gospel of philately? Certainly, the one shot approach, speaking to a group of children in a class room is far short of what is needed. Clubs should sponsor Junior Groups, or at least Junior nights, an introductory session to stamps.

There are materials available to clubs. Many groups (including the USPS) have made available audio-visual aids to stamp clubs. The USPS recently has made available a filmstrip set entitled, "The Post Rider" which is geared for the 4th to 6th grade crowd. Cost of the filmstrip is \$4.50, on either cassette or record, and is available from Kathie Coll, USPS, Room 10520, Washington, D.C. 20260. Two other Bicentennial-related projects are also planned.

Recently, a group I've mentioned quite often, the JPSA, released handbook #JPSA-202 entitled, Spirits of the Revolution-American History as Depicted on US Commemorative Postage Stamps, by Mark Winnegrad. This work, which had been published prior by the JPSA and Linn's Stamp News, is available at the address listed above for \$1.00 plus postage in the amount of 20¢. Ten copies are sent for \$7.50 postpaid.

Scott Publishing Company has begun a publication entitled Scottalk, which is written by kids ages 10-14 from the New York area, and is aimed at the young collectors. A Sample copy is available on request or they'll send 7 issues and a philatelic map for a buck from Scott Publishing Co., 604 Fifth Street, New York, NY 10020.

What I am trying to say is that there is a lot of help available, especially in educational aids, to stamp clubs which want to work with school and recreation officials on stamp clubs.

Let's use them.

By John Taddy

SPEAKERS BUREAU

President Howard Koeppen has forwarded the following name to be added to the list of speakers in our WFSC SPEAKERS BUREAU:

Arthur J. Schmitz, 3615 N 47th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216....Beginning and/or General Collecting; Irish; Education on Stamps; and Philatelic Accessories. He has a set of slides for the Irish.

Anyone else wishing to have their name placed in the BUREAU as a speaker, just send your name, address, (phone number, if you wish), and topic or topics you wish to speak on to Howard Koeppen, WFSC PRESIDENT, Post Office Box 397, Rio, WI 53960.

JUGOSLAVIAN STUDY GROUP, (J. S. G.)

The main goal of J.S.G. will be to serve its membership by keeping them informed on the current as well as past and future news of the Jugoslavian Philatelic World. The Croatian Philatelic Society will be glad to publish articles written by J.S.G. members in its publication, The Trumpeter.

If you are interested in the Jugoslavian Study Group and want to contribute your talents in writing, photography, art, or just ideas, then contact the Jugoslavian Study Group Chairman, Michael Lenard, 1504 North First Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401.

The committee chairman has been collecting and studying stamps for twenty-three years and Jugoslavian stamps in particular for ten years. Mike Lenard is the President of both the stamp club and coin club in Wausau, Wisconsin. He hopes to see a comprehensive publication of all facets of the Jugoslavian Stamp World with the help of the Croatian Philatelic Society by the next few years.

APPRENTICE JUDGES

The MILCOPEX 75 Planning Committee has invited the members of the WFSC interested in serving at MILCOPEX 75, March 7th thru 9th, as Apprentice Judges to contact MILCOPEX 75 General Chairman Karl Keldenich. His address is Box 1062, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

We thought that this would give interested members an opportunity to become more qualified in judging.

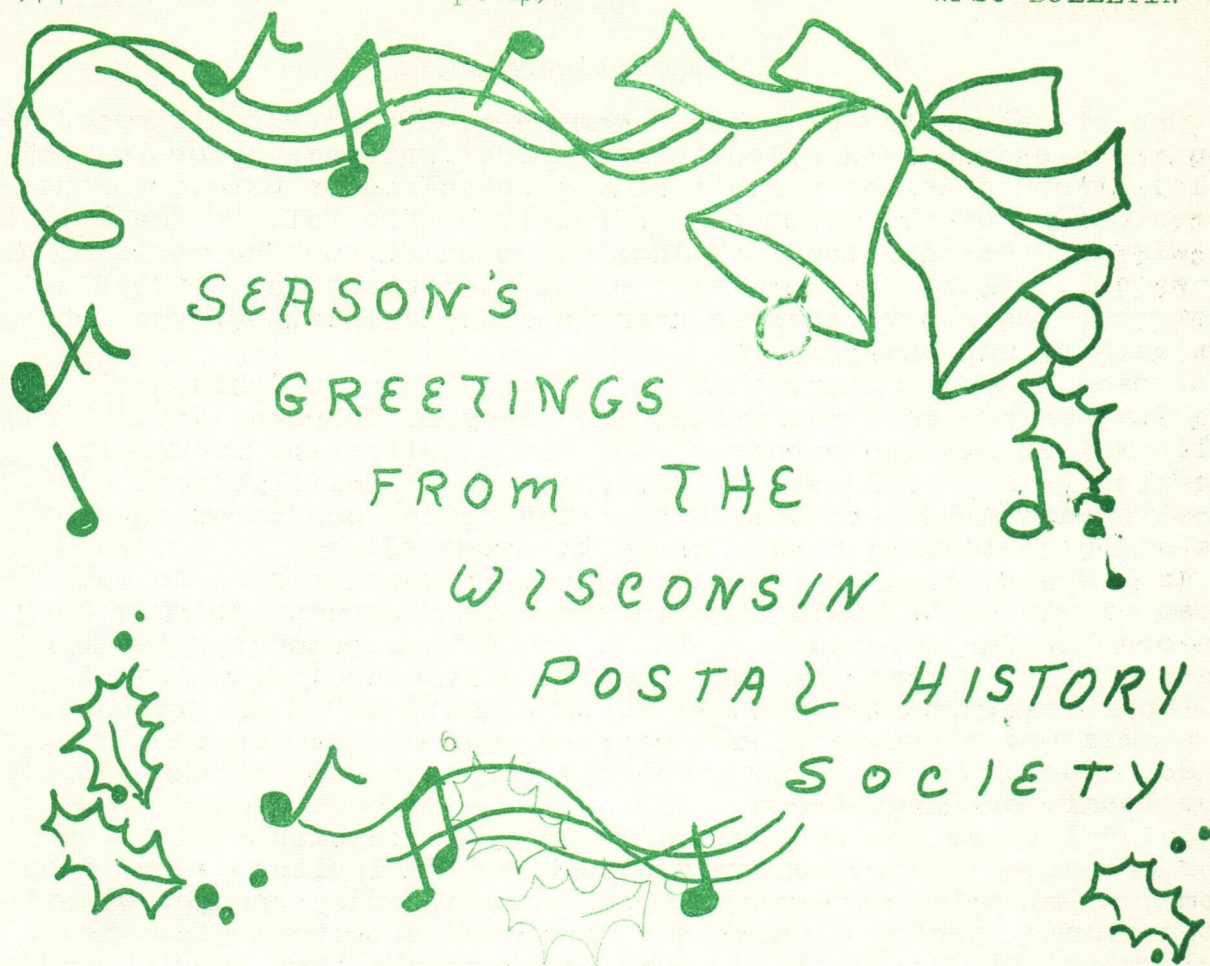
Roger Szymanski, MPS President

COVERS

The Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society has a limited number of cacheted covers commemorating the 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIG BULL FALLS and the WAUPEX '74 STAMPS SHOW that was held in Wausau on October 6, 1974. The covers are franked with a current commemorative stamp and bear the postmark of the show postal station. Covers are 40¢ each or 3 for \$1.00 and can be ordered from Raymond Rhyner, 1506 Burek Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401. Because these covers are already postmarked, a self-addressed, stamped envelope is required.

The LaCrosse Stamp Club, at its recent 3rd annual stamp show, had a special show cachet designed by one of the club members. Several of these are still available, both serviced & unserved with a special cancel on the Sleepy Hollow Stamp. Write John Atkisson, 4011 Glenhaven Dr., La Crosse, WI 54601. A self addressed stamped envelope will be appreciated I'm sure.

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 1975 with the issues to be mailed March 15th. Please send your material so we receive it in time for publication. This issue of the BULLETIN will include all the WFSC Convention details.



TOPICAL TOPICS

One of the assets of being a member of the philatelic press is that you get a chance to sample other members' writings prior to their public sale. Another is the variety of mail received to browse through and digest. One of the items that I received this fall is the 1974 Revised Edition of the Boy Scouts of America pamphlet for the merit badge in stamp collecting. The pamphlet was last revised in 1966 and all of us know that ideas have changed even in stamp collecting even though the basics have not changed.

I read with great interest the requirements for this merit badge and the further explanations written by Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., a noted philatelic writer and the author of the stamp collecting column in Boys' Life magazine. Any Boy Scout who conscientiously fulfills each of the ten requirements will certainly have a very good foundation for furthering his stamp collecting knowledge as he grows older.

As I was reading the pamphlet, another thought came to me. Some of those requirements would make interesting programs not only for our juniors but for the adults. These could be a demonstration type program similar to that given by the Scout to his counselor, or a quiz program on those requirements that ask for explanations of the various purposes of stamps and stationery, or whatever your program chairman would like to do. There should be no problem securing a copy of the pamphlet from your local Boy Scout troop.

Several years ago our Waukesha County Philatelic Society had another type of program that you could consider. We invited a Girl Scout troop from a neighboring community as our guests. They brought with them their albums, perforation gauge, watermark detector, etc. Several of the girls were able to complete their requirements that evening and others received an excellent start.

The Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts working toward their merit badge in stamp collecting certainly could be a source of program material either in connection with the requirements or in their field of collecting. I would think that someone who has fulfilled the requirements and received his badge would make a very interesting speaker.

Earlier this year your writer was very fortunate to be appointed to the Philatelic Advisory Panel for Scott Publishing Company. Our first meeting as a whole (9 members--eight men and me) will be at ASDA in New York prior to your receiving the BULLETIN. As the notice was in the general philatelic press, I have been receiving many suggestions for improvements and changes in the albums and catalogs. Your suggestions would also be appreciated. Just drop me a line and I will correlate your ideas for my written report later on. My address is at the end of this article. Thank you. We want you to have what you want within economic reasoning.

As you know I like to attend international exhibitions and there is one next year that will interest me more than the others. That will be THEMABELGA which will be held in Brussels, Belgium, in December, 1975. It will be an all topical thematic show including exhibits and literature. I have been appointed the U.S. Commissioner which means that I am looking for top exhibits and literature to be entered for competition. For the exhibits the requirement is at least a silver in national competition and for literature it must have been published in the last two years. Wisconsin has some exhibits that qualify and I am hoping that these will be entered in the show. Also any exhibitors living on the fringes of Wisconsin and receiving the BULLETIN are welcomed to enter. Or if you know of any topical collector in other parts of the country or world who should be informed, please have them contact me.

TOPICAL TOPICS (Cont.)

The provisional entry forms are due January 31st and I hope that I will have them in my hands by the 20th so that I can get them to Belgium before the deadline date. Your cooperation will be appreciated and you will hear more about THEMABELGA in future issues. As commissioner I will also be taking the exhibits to the show, setting them up, taking them down, and bringing them back home. It will not be necessary to mail them, which is something all exhibitors hesitate to do.

I will close this time wishing you all a Happy Holiday season and may your favorite present be something philatelic.

Mary Ann Owens
P O Box 191
Waukesha, WI 53186

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION RELEASES

"The Stamp Chart" by Fred Foldvary is featured in the current issue of Topical Time, stamp journal of the ATA. A detailed article plus four full page charts show all the different aspects and specialties of all types of philately. The second two of the four charts show all the different branches of topical collecting. The author writes:

"There is a kind of order and organization to all the thousands of possible ways of collecting stamps, and I think the charts can give us insights into how we can collect stamps in diverse ways. We can see what topicals are in relation to the rest of philately and also see the internal structure that topical collecting has." To our knowledge this comprehensive report is the first time this approach to total philately has been published.

Other checklists and articles among twenty in this issue include: Christmas Stamp list, UPU & Space, Philateasers, Austrian Space Cancel, Philately & the Energy Crisis, newsnotes, World United Nations, questions & answers, Kid's Korner, topical new issues, keys (on stamps) to a world of pleasure, publication reviews, Europa, flowers, etc.

Send self-addressed stamped envelope or IIRC for free information about ATA, Topical Time and ATA membership benefits to Karl Keldenich, P O Box 1062, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or send 75¢ in stamps or coin or 7 IRCs for a copy of the handbook How to Collect Topical Stamps for Fun and Relaxation (a \$2 seller).

Over 6,000 stamps picturing various topical subjects issued by the world's governments during 1974 will be computer listed by ATA. These stamps are all arranged alphabetically by country, alphabetically by topics and within each topic, in the new, well illustrated ATA checklist handbook to be issued in February, 1975 by the ATA.

Many thousands of stamps are listed with a brief topical description under more than 100 topical headings including Scott 1975 catalog numbers, as well as numbers from the latest Scott Monthly Journals after the 1975 catalogs appear. This new Handbook No. 84A, compiled by Ruth Y. Wetmore, is priced at only \$3 or 25 IRCs.

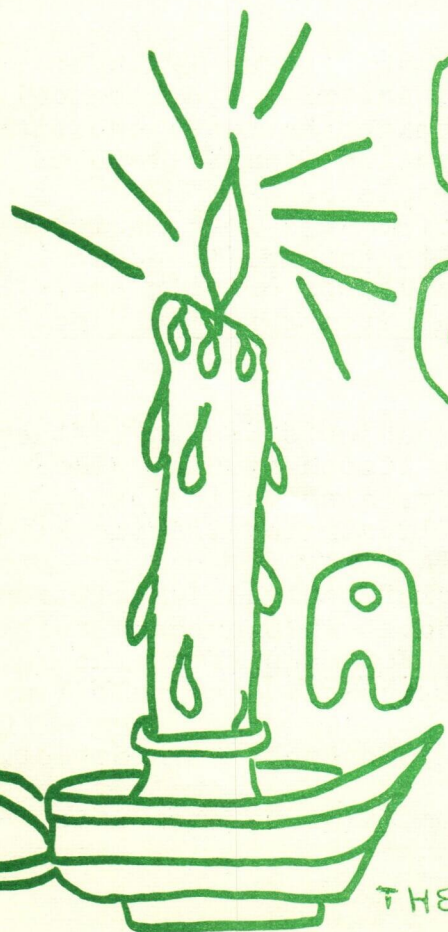
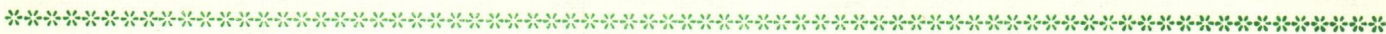
Send orders to American Topical Association, 3308 North 50th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216 U.S.A.

A free copy of the stamp journal, Topical Time, will be sent with immediate acknowledgement of order.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

the Cudahy
Stamp Club



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY 1975

THE WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

CLUB NEWS

WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5 ATA.....Our last two meetings although blessed with an attendance of around a dozen each time, were marked by the rare warmth and congenial exchange of philatelic interests and experience of sincere collectors helping each other.

The first one was a "tight wire exhibit" in which members hung a page of their collecting interest fastened to a wire with a spring clip clothes pin. Those who did so, then talked about their material, leading others to ask questions about the material, why and how it was presented as it was and....

The next session was characterized by a round table demonstration and discussion in which almost all present shared their "for" and "agins" of various mounting techniques and materials, cutting devices and so on. After a full hour of lively shared talking and doing, we were ready for our refreshments.

And as indicated in the Fall BULLETIN, even us oldtimers learned something.

To me personally, one of the most meaningful questions that brought out some of the most enlightening answers was: "How much time per week do you spend on your stamps?" The light that was shed on individual family and philatelic relationships was priceless, to say the least.

After an 80% post card response to a mail referendum with a unanimous YES vote, the ATA Chapter #5 has chosen to move its meeting place to Kremer's Enterprises at 4725 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee; meeting on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Art Schmitz, President

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB.....began their 1974-75 season with election of officers. Gary Wentworth, Janesville, is president; Ken Morton, Beloit, vice president; and M. J. Westfall was re-elected secretary-treasurer for the sixteenth year.

Plans for the 16th annual exhibition and bourse are under way. The show will be held at the Holiday Inn of Janesville on February 22-23, 1975. We hope to have a larger than usual exhibit. Dan Hammell will show four frames of "Lombardy-Venetia, first issue" in the Court of Honor.

Janesville's 1975 cachet will mark the 200th anniversary of the Postal Administration.

M. J. Westfall, Secretary-Treasurer

The LACROSSE STAMP CLUB.....held their 3rd annual stamp show November 9 & 10th. The show was a great success. Attendance and enthusiasm were both high. There were 29 frames on display consisting of 16 entries in the adult division and 5 in the junior division. Best of Show went to Gertrude Giracek for her exhibit "Medicine on Stamps". Look for this exhibit at the WFSC Convention this spring. There was a special show cachet designed by one of the club members. Several of these are still available, both unserviced and serviced with a special show cancel on the Sleepy Hollow Stamp. Write John Atkisson, 4011 Glenhaven Dr., La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601

In September, the La Crosse Postmaster, Harold Ristow, attended the club meeting to talk about the new post office being planned for La Crosse. In return he has invited the club to the present post office in December to view how the Christmas rush is handled. December is also election month for the club.

From the banks of the mighty Mississippi, the La Crosse Stamp Club wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.....A special commemorative overprint in red was applied to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing MILCOPEX 74 souvenir card in honor of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society's 75th anniversary dinner held at Milwaukee's Red Carpet Inn on Friday, November 8th. The overprinted card was given free to the approximately 150 MPS members and guests who attended the dinner. The overprint features a stylized emblem of the society, dating from the turn of the century.

Among the honored guests who attended were C. C. Cratsenberg, former President of the American Philatelic Society who represented that national philatelic organization, and Howard Koeppen, President of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The Milwaukee Society which has a membership of over 200 members from throughout the nation and is one of the oldest US philatelic organizations, was founded on November 5, 1899. The MPS is chapter #24 of the APS.

The original BEP MILCOPEX CARD was issued in March, 1974, to complement the society's 75th anniversary exhibition.

Door prizes, a birthday cake, and postbanquet dancing were features of the evenings events.

The future membership meeting programs are: Sat., Dec. 14th--United States Naval Covers; guest speaker Phil Rose, Madison. Sat., Jan. 11th, 1975 Good Fellowship Party and Auction at Serb Memorial Hall--free buffet supper to MPS Members and Installation of Officers. Tues., Jan 28th is Philatelic Quiz; Carl Skupski. Sat., Feb. 8th --Roumanian Covers with guest speaker Prof. Ralph Aderman, UWM.

Roger J. Szymanski, President

The OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.....saw an ATA slide program put on by their president Douglas H. Henkle. The program consisted of about 90 slides on the "ABC Topical Collector". Fourteen members and guest Helen Cogger were present.

The Show and Tell night was a success even with the small turnout in attendance. Shown and discussed were: "Odd Post Marks from the U.S." by Wm. Cogger; "Foreign Auction Catalog" by Charles J. Peirce; "Chess on Stamps" by Milton Goldinger; "Foreign Slogans on Meters" by George Weitenbeck; "Scale for the Mail" by Ralph Hoffmann; "Odd Covers and Junk" by David Zuern; and "Tuberculosis Milk Bottle Caps 1926-53" by Herbert E. Burgett.

November 18th, Vice President's Night, featured a real treat from our Vice President Ralph Hoffmann. Ralph presented us with an out-of-town speaker, Mrs. Mary Ann Owens. She showed about 100 slides on "Elephants and her Trip In India". Mrs. Owens is an outstanding person in her topical collecting field.

We were delighted to have Robert Sparks at this meeting. He has been progressing very well after his open heart surgery and now is allowed to drive his car short distances.

Our December 3 meeting will feature Auction Club Material and the 16th of December will be the Holiday Party.

The Federation deserves a thank you for introducing us to such a nice speaker as Mary Ann Owens.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Herbert E. Burgett, Secretary

WFSC CLUB ROSTER (1974-75)

We remind you once again that mail should be sent to the listed mailing address rather than c/o the meeting place as this mail often becomes misplaced. The following listing is as up-to-date as your BULLETIN Editor's correspondence with your club. Please check your club listing carefully and mail any changes or corrections to the Editor. The address is Philip Rose, 1706 Ellen Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53716.

AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION, WISCONSIN CHAPTER #5

3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm (No July or August meeting). Kremer Enterprises,
4725 W. North Ave., Milwaukee.

Mail: c/o Arthur J. Schmitz, 3615 North 47th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216

BADGER STAMP CLUB

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

BELLE CITY STAMP CLUB

1st Thurs., 7pm, Wustum Museum, 2519 Northwestern Ave., Racine, WI

Mail: c/o Bruce Nelson, 5826 Sunset Blvd., Racine, WI 53406

COMMODORE PREBLE CHAPTER, USCS

2nd Saturday monthly at Member's homes.

Mail: La Rita Longseth, 417 Wilson St., Sun Prairie, WI 53590

CUDAHY STAMP CLUB

1st Thur., 7 pm, First National Bank of Cudahy, 5656 S. Packard Ave.,
Cudahy, WI. (downstairs meeting room).

Mail: 3707 E. Grange Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110.

FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC COLLECTORS CLUB

1st Tues. & 3rd Thurs., Lincoln School, 338 Forest Ave., Fond du Lac,
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Mail: Ray Schmitz, 195 Marquette St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

GREEN BAY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, YMCA, Pine & Jefferson Sts., Green Bay, WI

Mail: 1641 Bruce Lane, Green Bay, WI 54303

JANESVILLE STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Janesville Chamber of Commerce.

Mail: 1930 E. Racine St., Janesville, WI 53545

LA CROSSE STAMP CLUB

1st Mon. (monthly) & 3rd Tues. (Sept-May), 7pm, Southside Senior
Citizens Center, 12th & Denton, La Crosse, WI

LAKESHORE STAMP CLUB

3rd Sat., Sept-June; 3rd Mon. 7pm, June-Aug.; Joseph Mann Library,
1516 16th St., Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Mail: P.O. Box 265, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MADISON STAMP CLUB

1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 pm, Employees' Cafeteria, Methodist Hospital,
309 W. Washington Ave., Madison, WI

Mail: Dr. Walter Urben, M.D., 1219 Wellesley Rd., Madison, WI 53705

MANITOWOC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd Tues., Cabin #1, Lincoln Park, Manitowoc, WI

Mail: Mrs. William Wagner, Sec., Rte 1, Box 79A, Cato, WI 54206

MILWAUKEE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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

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

NORTHSHORE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE

2nd Monday monthly, Whitefish Bay Village Hall, 5300 N. Marlboro Ave.

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

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL STAMP CLUB

3rd Wed., Members' homes.

Mail: Mrs. Gloria J. Vollbrecht, Sec. NMSC, 720 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

OSHKOSH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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

Mail: Herbert Burgett, 615 Amherst Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901

OUTAGAMIE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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

Mail: 608 Superior St., Appleton, WI 54911

PLYMOUTH STAMP CLUB

1st Tues., 7:30 pm, Dairy State Bank (Board Room), Plymouth, WI

Mail: Mrs. J. Freiderichs, 5 Forest Ave., Plymouth, WI 53073

PORTAGE COUNTY STAMP CLUB

2nd Mon., 7:00 pm, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI

Mail: Mrs. Deanna Juhnke, 3701 Jordan Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481

QUEENS CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

3rd Tues., Recreation Building, 2916 Parkridge Ave., Marinette, WI

Mail: 618 Hosmer St., Marinette, WI 54143

REXNORD PHILATELIC SOCIETY

4th Thurs., 7pm, Rex Chainbelt Inc., West Mitchell St. plant.

If you plan to attend meeting contact: Walter Jaglowski, Evergreen 4-3000, Ext. 348

SHEBOYGAN STAMP CLUB

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

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

SHEBOYGAN JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

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

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

VATICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY, WISCONSIN CHAPTER #8

1st Sunday except July & Aug., 7pm, 557 North 108th Street, Wauwatosa

Mail: 5854 North 35th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209

WALWORTH COUNTY STAMP CLUB

2nd Wed., 7:30 pm, Matheson Library, Elkhorn, WI

Mail: c/o Powell's Antique Shop, Elkhorn, WI 53121

WAUWATOSA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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

WAUKESHA COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm, Waukesha Room, Wisconsin Building & Loan,
100 East Sunset Dr., Waukesha, WI

Mail: Mr. James Maher, 150 Terrace Lane, Hartland, WI 53029

WISCONSIN BLUE AND GRAY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at the WFSC Convention.

Mail: Ron Tate, P.O. Box 14, Manitowoc, WI 54220

WISCONSIN CHRISTMAS SEAL AND CHARITY STAMP SOCIETY

Meets yearly at the WFSC Convention.

WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meets yearly at the WFSC Convention.

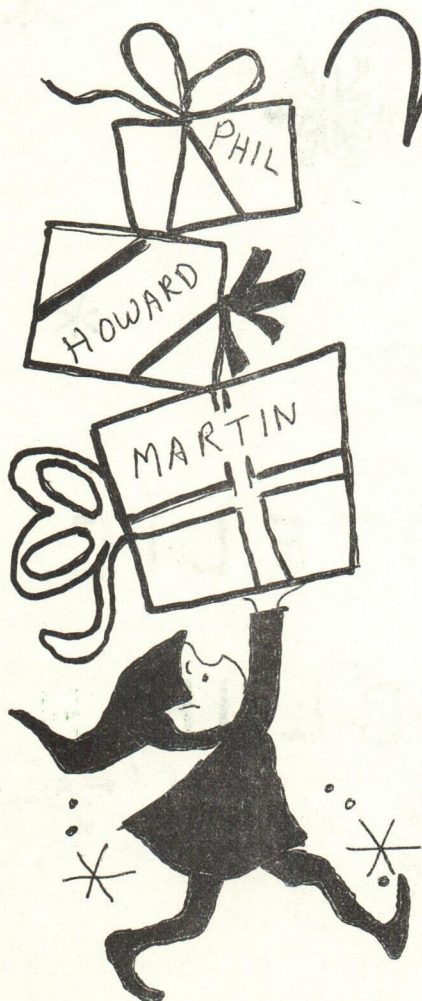
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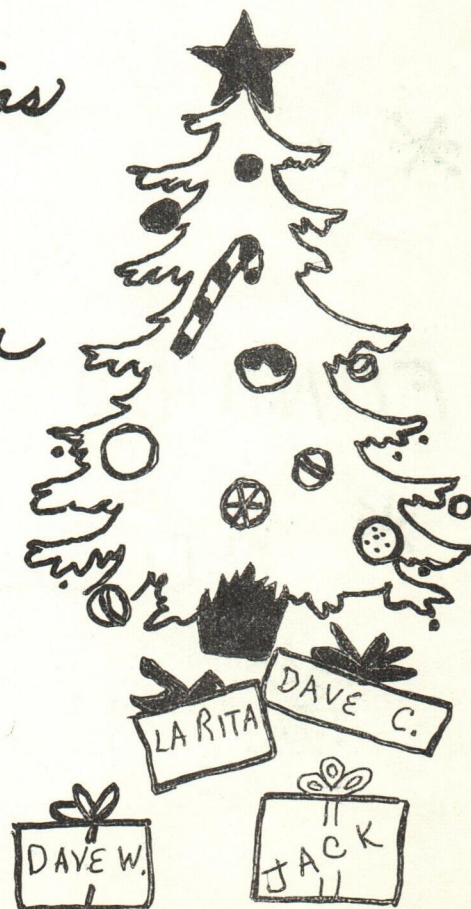
2nd & 4th Wed., Marathon County Extension Center, 517 S. 7th Ave.,
Wausau, WI

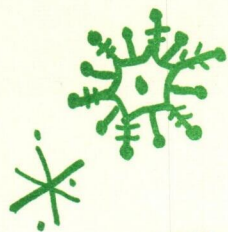
Mail: Madge Ball, Sec. Treas., 19 Wilson Ave., Rothschild, WI 54474

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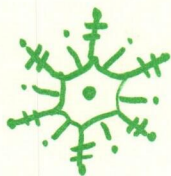


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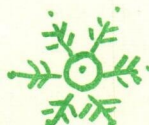




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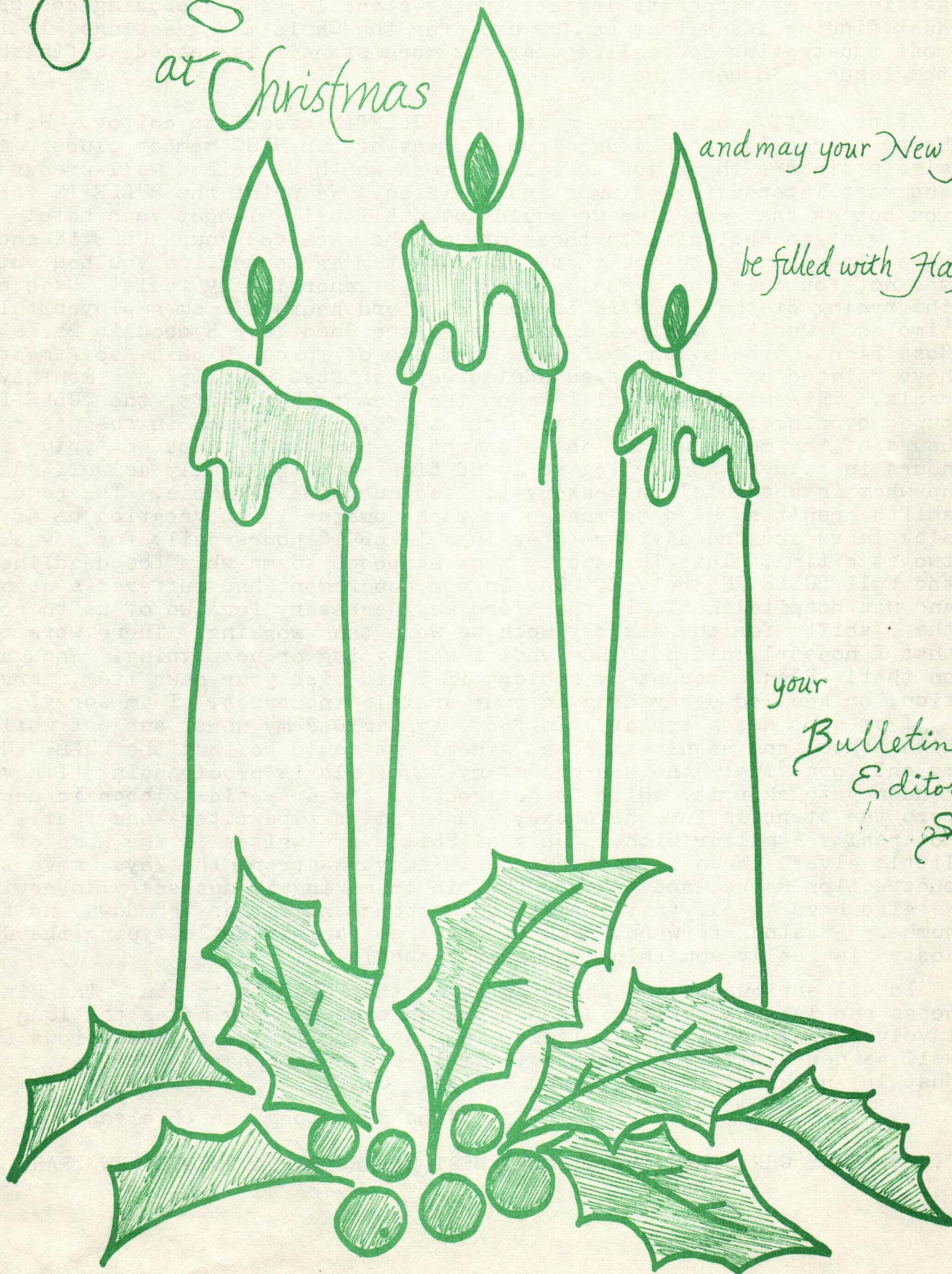
FROM THE
FOND DU LAC PHILATELIC
COLLECTORS CLUB



Greetings
at Christmas

and may your New Year

be filled with Happiness



your
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Another issue of the WFSC BULLETIN is ready for the press as I take a few minutes more to bring this column to you. One thing that I am never really prepared for is to run short of copy and that is exactly what has happened. After many hours of work in compiling information, setting up my temporary layout, typing stencils, and sketching ads or just finding ideas that can be used for the Christmas greetings, it is most frustrating to realize that one more stencil is needed to finish the issue. So here goes. . . .

First off, a note from me as your BULLETIN associate editor. We're happy to receive news items from so many of our WFSC member clubs. And also a sincere thank you to all of those who have mailed well-prepared and most interesting columns and articles. We print the BULLETIN for you but at the same time we could not publish it without your help!

I want to apologize to those of you who received your BULLETIN and were disappointed to see that the news item or correction you had mailed was not found in the issue. This is most generally my fault! Much of the typing of the BULLETIN is done at wierd hours. I am employed full time as a Quality Control Inspector at the Good Year Hydraulic Brake Hose Plant here in Sun Prairie. I am one of three in this department & have rotated on all three scheduled work shifts, usually on a monthly basis. This means that if I am on the 8 am to 4pm shift, the BULLETIN is typed evenings; on the 4 to midnight shift, it is typed in the wee early hours of the morning; and the midnight to 8am shift finds me typing at all hours in between and trying to spend time with the family as well as keep up what is absolutely necessary to keep our home liveable. The regular shifts aren't as hard to manage as when someone is on vacation or off on sick leave and the day stretches into 12 or 16 hours daily for a week or two at a time. This is exactly what happened to me when the deadline for the Fall BULLETIN arrived. One in our department had suffered a stroke and was hospitalized. It therefore was necessary for two of us to cover the 3 shifts for the six day week we were then working. There were times that I honestly did not know what I was typing or not typing. Enough said on that! Please accept my apology if I did miss your news item, correction, or spelled everything in your article incorrect. I am sorry!

I am also not a typist. In fact, typing was my worst subject while in high school and hasn't improved since. It could be that the BULLETIN is my only practice! Another one of my downfalls is proofreading (I have a tendency to skip it, which is not good!). As a special ribbon is used to type the stencils for the press, I use Phil's typewriter--one I still am not really familiar with. (Oh yes, Phil's typewriter is the home of busy little elves. When I least expect it they re-arrange the keys, move the punctuation marks, and advance the ribbon making it necessary to rewind it. We also have an elf that insists on keeping the letter "a" down and the number "5" stuck forward. How he moves so rapidly while typing the Club Roster is really something you should see!)

In all seriousness we enjoy bringing the BULLETIN to you. The kind notes and letters telling us what you enjoyed and why makes the long hours involved seem not quite so long. Keep sending in those corrections as well as news items and articles. If it doesn't appear in the next issue, just let us know. We will keep trying. O.K.?

--La Rita Longseth (& elves)

P.S. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.



*A very
Merry*

CHRISTMAS

*to all you collectors
from the Sheboygan
Stamp Club*



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