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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Polonus is entering upon its fifth year of activity with a program filled to the brim with plans which will further the aims of the Society. It has just completed POLPEX 1943 which concentrated the finest Polish stamps in the United States into one giant assembly and offered for sale over a hundred lots of select Polish philatelic material.

The Publications Committee will continue with its monthly issues of the Polonus BULLETIN and has plenty of fine manuscripts waiting to be printed. The Society at its meetings will also pool together data on the stamps of Poland with a view to issue an official handbook in English. Such arrangements have already been completed. An effort will be made to bring the best speakers before the Club. The usual publicity, intermingling with other Clubs, displaying Polish stamps throughout the country, providing expertising service, etc. will complete a vigorous, well-balanced program.

It is encouraging to note the fine, cooperative spirit which prevails at every meeting or wherever two or more Polonus members get together. The officers and committees for the ensuing year are all anxious to do their jobs better than they have ever been done before. They will promote Polish philately with all their hearts. Their most earnest desire is to be able to send greetings before another year of two roll by to our brother philatelists in a free and reborn Poland and to greet them with a "Hi, there! We have carried on. Let's get together!"

Myron E. Steczynski, President,

Polpex 1943

Another POLPEX is now a matter of history — its accomplishments, achievements to be recorded on the ever growing scroll of the Society—the record set by the type of material presented and probably most important of all, the large attendance, to remain shining examples of what can be done in these most difficult times, if there is a will to do it, to overcome obstacles, all difficulties. Polonus has done it again!

However, let us take one thing at a time. The Stamp Exhibit—224 frames, all of which was the property of members of the Society, the finest Polish material in the United States. Never before were 500 copies of Poland No. 1 on exhibit at one time. On cover, off cover, mint, items Poland collectors dream of. 500 copies of Poland No. 1! Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz of Chicago, Joseph Godlef of Brooklyn and Vincent Domanski, Jr. of Philadelphia exhibited their Poland No. 1 in the Non-competitive Class and Stephen G. Rich of Verona, N. J. won the Grand Award in Class A with Poland No. 1.

There was much comment, wonderment and amazement. Truly, Poland No. 1 highlighted the show. But that is not all. Elmer Stuart's excellent collection of Penny Blacks, Ben Reeves' Early French Covers and History of Precancels came in for their share of favorable comment. Jack Domar showed his new album sheet especially designed for oddities and varieties in the stamps of Poland. Myron E. Steczynski displayed five new album pages for the approval of collectors. These pages are intended to

bring variety, color, and life to the otherwise monotonous sameness of album pages as we know them. They might well be a forerunner of a new trend.

Steve Rich's exhibit of Stamped Envelopes of the 1858-1865 period were items seen for the first time on exhibit here in Chicago. 10 frames of miscellaneous U. S. Revenues exhibited by John S. Bobo, 10 frames of Vit Stwosz Postal Stationery exhibited by Bert Powell and 5 frames of Selected Pages of Polish errors belonging to Clement A. Pulaski seemed to have been overlooked in the exceptionally fine material presented in Class A, the Competitive Class for Previous First Award Winners.

Even in Class B, the Competitive Class for those who had not won a previous award, the same high standard prevailed and the judges had a rather difficult time. In the Junior Class, the painstaking efforts of Director of Junior activities, Adam Kloskowski, showed the fruits of his labors in the most neatly presented Junior exhibition in the history of POLPEX.

The following exhibited in the Non-competitive Class:

Dr. Leon P. Kozakiewicz; 7 frames, Postal Markings, pre-stamp period—Poland No. 1 and Russia to 1870.

J. Jaworski, 6 frames—Poland at War.

Lester Jankowski, 1 frame—In Tribute to an Immortal—Ignace Jan Padewski.

Joseph Godlef, 10 frames—Poland No. 1 and Its Cancellations.

Jack Domar, 5 frames—Interesting Pages from a Collection of Poland.

Casimir M. Wojcicki, 2 frames—Postal Stationery of Poland.

Myron E. Steczynski, 8 frames—Poland Pages from My Albums.

Vincent Domanski, Jr., 6 frames—Poland No. 1's on Special Covers.

Ben Reeves, 3 frames—Early France on Cover.

Chester J. Mikucki, 3 frames—The History of Poland depicted Philatelically.

Elmer Stuart, 3 frames—Penny Blacks of Great Britain. The First Postage Stamps of the World.

Ben Reeves, 14 frames—The History of Pre-cancels. Showing the advancement of pre-cancelled postage and revenue stamps in the United States and in all precancel using countries.

The winning exhibits in Class A

were as follows:

Grand Award. Stephen G. Rich, 10 frames—The Lone Adhesive (Poland No. 1).

1st Award. F. E. Wolosewick, 7 frames, Krakow Issues.

2nd Award. Chester J. Mikucki, 10 frames, War Covers Tell the Story.

3rd Award. Lester Jankowski, 6 frames, Jozef Pilsudski "The Highlights of a Hero."

In Class B, the following won awards:

Grand Award. Roman Wojcicki, 3 frames, Historical Wilno.

1st Award. Adam Nowinski, 5 frames, Sport Stamps.

2nd Award. Leopold S. Sobanski, 10 frames, General Poland.

3rd Award. Thaddeus Stanczak, 10 frames, Vatican City.

In the Junior Class, the winners were:

1st Award. Stanley Wielgos.

2nd Award. Norbert Zielinski.

3rd Award. Eugene Gieraltowski.

The untiring efforts of Ben Reeves, Publicity Chairman for POLPEX 1943, brought forth the greatest number of visitors ever recorded in any POLPEX show. Ben began his work early and did his job very well. The generous cooperation of David Lidman, Stamp Editor of the Chicago Sun, helped no end. A stamp exhibit, no matter what type of material is presented, is no better than the number of visitors, collectors and non-collectors, in attendance and if the attendance alone were to be considered, POLPEX 1943 was a tremendous success.

The feature of POLPEX 1943 was the all Poland Auction held Saturday Night, March 13. 102 items listed in the auction catalog and 15 items received too late for listing were auctioned, bringing prices, in most instances, that brought very favorable comment from those in attendance. The prices realized were mainly on the upside showing the tremendous interest in the stamps of Poland in Chicago.

Another feature of POLPEX 1943 was the March 13 issue of STAMPS Magazine known as the "POLPEX 1943 Issue". Prepared under the direction of and edited by the Publications Committee of the Society, this issue of the magazine is another contribution by the Society to the general and specialized information about the stamps of Poland to collectors of the United States.

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This 'n' That

Pvt. F. A. Walat, 10th General Hospital, Barracks E 3260, Camp Carson, Colorado, would appreciate hearing from members of the Society. Correspondence may be either in Polish or English.

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New officers of the Pulaski Philatelic Club in Detroit are Joseph Kay, President; Ray Bartz, Vice-president; Walter Kalonkowski, Secretary; John Poznanski, Treasurer; Betty Bartz, Custodian. Frank Jancowski was appointed Publicity Director and Interclub Correspondent. Good luck to our friends in Detroit!

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How about those pictures the Secretary requested for the Society Album? Snapshots will do. Please do not send a large colored portrait. Just a snapshot.

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The treasurer reports that dues for 1943 have been due for some time and soon will become delinquent. Send your 1943 dues in now!

Members admitted before August 1, 1942—\$1.50.

Members admitted after August 1, 1942 and prior to January 31, 1943—\$1.00.

Please mail your checks to the treasurer, J. P. Rux, 6136 West Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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An orchid to L. E. Van Reeth for the nice things he said about "Polonus" in the Roosevelt straight Edge for February, 1943.

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Our members in the Armed Forces move so often we cannot be certain they receive the BULLETIN each month. Please send addresses to Publications Committee.

Watch the BULLETIN for information about the Stamps of Poland.

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The Exhibition Committee, headed by Adam Kloskowski, Exhibition Director, did a splendid job with POLPEX 1943 and deserves an extra special mention.

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Some new members will undoubtedly be added to the Publications Committee, giving it new life and a new approach to its problems.

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Anyone desiring to write to those of our members serving in the Armed Forces of the United States overseas can secure the last known address by writing to the Publications Committee.

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