

THE THREE CENT 1851-57 UNIT  
Associated with APS---Unit No. 11

48 Hancock St.,  
Lexington 73, Mass.  
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C H A I R M A N ' S     C H A T T E R  
(C.C. No. 8)

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

First off, because there were no other nominations received for Officers of the Unit, the Secretary has cast an unanimous ballot for the nominees given in our C.C. No. 7 of last May. As a result, the following will carry on for the coming two years, that is until July 1, 1952.

W. W. Hicks (RA #3) . . . . . Chairman  
Lester L. Downing (RA #117) . . . . . Vice Chairman  
C. W. Remele (RA #55) . . . . . Sec'y-Treasurer  
John Ayer (RA #34) . . . . . )  
Chas. A. Pfahl (RA #2) . . . . . ) . . Directors  
Dr. Gerald B. Smith (RA #7) . . )

We know that all of them have the best interests and prosperity of the Unit at heart and, with the exception of the Vice Chairman, a most excellent selection. With a continuation of the cooperation and good will which we have enjoyed in the past, we hope that the Unit will continue to improve the niche it holds in Philately.

Before this, you should have received two communications from other Officers of the Unit:-

First: A statement from Chuck Remele, our Sec'y-Treasurer, reminding us that dues and their payment are essential to the well being of the Unit. Doubtless most of us have already attended to that matter, but if not, this is just a gentle reminder to do the needful. Don't you think the Chronicle alone is ample return for the \$2 dues? A copy of Mr. Remele's Report and Financial Statement as of July 1, 1950 will be found in a later part of this Chatter.

Second: Issue No. 8 of the Chronicle. Tracy Simpson has put an enormous amount of time and thought into these suggestions for improving the out-of-date listing of our stamps in Scotts Specialized Catalogue. Please give it your very careful consideration and we think you will thoroughly agree with it. If you have a thought which might help in securing its adoption, will you kindly advise Tracy Simpson. We are sure he will be encouraged by your support which will be a slight token of appreciation of his labors. It is functions such as this that will give further justification for the Unit and help it to expand.

If you plan to attend this year's APS Convention in Washington, D.C., during September 6th to 9th, by all means be present at the Unit's meeting which will be held on September 7th. Colonel Rosser L. Hunter (RA #70) will act as Chairman and is arranging the details for an interesting get together. Let Colonel Hunter know if you are coming or contact him on your arrival in Washington. His address is 6821 Fairfax Road, Bethesda 14, Maryland, on the outskirts of Washington.

With pleasure we announce the following new members in the Unit:

RA		
147	Roser, Dr. Charles L.	629 So. First St., Louisville 2, Kentucky Ken. Cancels; CPM 51-57
148	Siegel, Robert A.	124 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, New York ED
149	Ryder, Gideon G.	216 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester 25, Mass. CPM 51-57 ; PV 51-57
150	McInroy, D. N.	16003 16th Ave. S.W., Seattle 66, Washington PV-CPM 51-57 & year colors

We greet them with a hearty welcome and trust that they will make full use of the Unit and that the Unit may mutually profit from the benefit of their experience and knowledge.

We have the following changes of address:

77 H. A. Dobson, III has removed from Portland, Oregon to  
228 McAllister St., San Francisco 2, Calif. Room 214

93 Hunter M. Thomas, Jr., has removed from Richmond, Va., to  
2000 R Street N.W., Washington 9, D.C.

111 Frank Roffey has changed his address in England to  
Ivybank, 72, Epsom Road, Guildford, Surrey, England.

EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA EXTRA

CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION OF OUR FIRST 1¢, 3¢, and 12¢  
POSTAGE STAMPS 1851-1951

That is the official title of our 1951 Exposition in Philadelphia next July as selected by Stanley B. Ashbrook and Dr. Carroll Chase, our eminent Judges for title and slogan. For brevity it will be informally spoken of as the "51 CENEX", which nickname was suggested by Ye Editor, Tracy Simpson.

"OUR FIRST 1¢ and 3¢ STAMPS- FIRST TO BE ISSUED-  
FIRST IN BEAUTY- FIRST IN INTEREST AND FOREMOST  
AS A SPECIALTY"

This winning slogan was one of twenty received and was submitted by Donald M. Sturznickel (RA #121) of White Plains, New York. This is the slogan which will be featured in the central exhibit of our show and we believe our visitors will agree with its accuracy.

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More and more our exhibition is beginning to shape up. Starting in the early fall, Bill Hicks, who is also carrying on as Chairman of the show, will be after every one of us to line up in our own minds what each of us individually will show at the Exhibit;- very fine covers- plates- or specialized collections which show your own particular interest. July 1, 1951 falls on a Sunday, so the official opening of the Exhibition will probably be Monday, July 2. This will be a heavy date for the Unit, therefore plan your vacation to be in Philadelphia at that time. While we think of this Exhibition as our own THREE CENT Exhibition do not forget that the ONE CENT and TWELVE CENT stamps are equally entitled to the honor and will be shown plenty.

OPERATING STATEMENT OF THE SEC'Y-TREASURER FOR  
THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1949 TO JUNE 30, 1950

THE THREE CENT 1851-57 UNIT

Cash on hand, July 1, 1949	\$89.02	
Receipts,- From membership dues	280.00	
From initiation fees	30.00	
From special donations	9.00	
From sales of extra Chronicles	<u>24.06</u>	
Total Receipts		\$432.08
Disbursements,-		
Printing and distributing three issues of Chronicle, plus reprinting No. 1	\$269.77	
Printing and distributing Chairman's Chatter	62.94	
Stationery & supplies	13.97	
Postage	<u>6.04</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>352.72</u>
Balance on hand, June 30, 1950		\$79.36

Thirty new members have been added during the fiscal year.

There are now 139 members in good standing.

(Sgd) C. W. Remele, Sec'y-Treas.

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Dr. Carroll Chase returned to his New Hampshire home July 1st after a very pleasant two months spent around his old haunts in France. Flew both ways, could not waste his time on slow ocean travel.

From various sources, we find the following Unit Members have made news in the Philatelic Press.

Paul C. Rohloff (RA #132) won first and grand prize, 19th Century Postal Markings for the second time at the 17th annual exhibition of the Austin Philatelic Club, Chicago on April 29-30.

Leo J. Shaughnessy (RA #1) won Grand Award for his Exhibition of THREE CENT 1851-57 at the convention of the Texas Philatelic Association at Corpus Christie, Texas on June 9-11. Incidentally, Leo is not the only Shaughnessy in the philatelic limelight, as Mrs. Shaughnessy (Leo J.) won second prize for her exhibit of Texas covers.

Dr. Gerald B. Smith (RA #7) and our "Travelling Ambassador of Good-Will" at the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs' exhibition in Portland, Oregon on May 28-30 won the Bank of California Cup for the best exhibit for an Oregon Stamp Society member for his US 19th Century; and also the Milton L. Gumbert Trophy.

Roy C. Mitchell (RA #142) won the Grand Award at SESCAL (Federated Stamp Clubs of Southern California) at Los Angeles in May.

Adolf G. Meyer (RA #71) won second prize Centenary Committee Trophy for his 19th Century US at Ferndale, Michigan at the 12th annual Peninsula State Philatelic Society exhibition. Mr. Meyer was elected Treasurer of this group.

Henry A. Meyer (RA #62) of 516 Read St., Evansville 11, Indiana who has done an outstanding job with his series of articles in the SPA Journal on "Markings of Domestic Waterways Mail", earnestly pleads for the loan of as many covers as possible bearing the markings Steam, Steamboat, Way, Ship and Water-borne Contract Route, Route Agent and R.P.O. markings. These should be not only THREE CENT 1851-57 covers, but everything from the earliest stampless down to the present time, if they fall under the above categories. Mr. Meyer hopes to extend his series of articles into a handbook. If you have any such markings on cover, will you please write to Mr. Meyer at once. He deserves your full support in completing this important assignment.

We hear from Philip H. Ward, Jr. (RA #92), of 1616 Walnut St., Philadelphia 3, Penna., that he needs for his own collection mint blocks of 4 from all the perforated THREE CENT 1857 plates. If you have any such for sale, please write Mr. Ward.

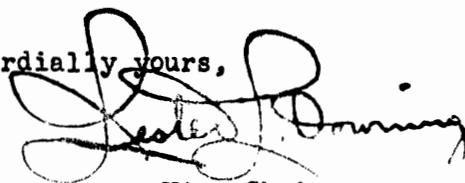
We appreciate the help each individual member of the Unit has given and can give us in the future by dropping us a line telling of his own activities or those of some other member of which he happens to hear.

In closing, may we call your attention to the wealth of material mentioned in the paragraphs above as an indication of those pet wanderings in diverse fields which may lie in our own collections and which modesty may deter our entering in our own "CENEX" next July. Just consider if they are not a lot more interesting than we have given them credit for and if they will not be more appreciated in "CENEX" than we thought. Probably a misquote but it applies,

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene  
The dark unfathomed waves of ocean bear  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

The motto, don't be a shrinking violet.

Cordially yours,



Vice Chairman.