

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

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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. 11)

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

Well, the big show has come and gone, and those of us who were fortunate enough to be in Philadelphia July 5 to 7 must feel the richer for it. Surely our thanks go to Bill Hicks for undertaking this tremendous task and carrying it through so successfully with the capable assistance of Don Steele (Exhibitions),- Mort Neinken (Finances),- Henry Meyer (Convention Program),- Bernard Davis (Museum),- Dave Lidman (Bulletin Editor),- Sy Colby (Publicity),- Willard Davis (Historian),- Earl Apfelbaum (Hotel) and others for their marvelous assistance. The following were recorded as being present:-

Abt, Henry E.  
Altschul, Albert  
Anthony, Warren S.  
Ashbrook, Stanley B.  
Ayer, John  
Baker, Hugh J. Jr.  
Baker, J. David  
Baker, Philip E.  
Barr, Jere Hess  
Battles, D. Blake  
Berger, Frank A.  
Blake, Maurice C.  
Blanchard, Julian  
Brown, Leroy C.  
Burke, J. F.  
Chase, Dr. Carroll  
Colby, Sylvester  
Cole, Ezra D.  
Cox, J. L.  
Daniels, Bruce  
Davis, Bernard  
Davis, Willard W.  
Domanski, Vincent Jr.  
Downing, Lester L.  
Dumas, Alexander I.  
Dunsmoor, Harry A.  
Edelman, Milton  
Farnes, George  
Fleckenstein, J. G.  
Fortgang, Morris

Fox, John A.  
Fox, William A.  
Glazier, Paul  
Golden, Robert  
Goll, Dr. Edw. A.  
Halferty, Don  
Hall, George A.  
Hatfield, John H.  
Herbert, Jos. A. Jr.  
Hertz, Dr. A. Jay  
Hierholzer, L. J.  
Hicks, W. W.  
Hollowbush, Frank A.  
Hunter, Dard Jr.  
Hunter, Rosser L.  
Jessup, Edgar B.  
Kaiser, L. W.  
Kent, Edgar H.  
Knauer, D. W.  
Lyon, Stephen C.  
Makepeace, Colin MacR.  
McConnell, Ed. S.  
Meroni, Chas. F.  
Meyer, Adolf G.  
Meyer, Henry A.  
Molesworth, Jack E.  
Mozian, Gregory  
Musser, H. Clay  
Neinken, Mortimer L.

Peck, Robert A.  
Perry, Elliott  
Perry, Thomas D.  
Pfahl, Chas. A.  
Phippen, E. Willard  
Rich, Stephen G.  
Rubel, Abe Jr.  
Rust, Philip G.  
Scruggs, J. Hubert  
Selby, John Hunter  
Shaner, James B.  
Sharpless, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Siegel, Robert A.  
Simpson, Tracy W.  
Smith, Dr. Gerald B.  
Steele, Donald M.  
Steele, John L. Jr.  
Stets, Robert  
Sturznickle, Don M.  
Taylor, Geo. Coffin  
Vanderbilt, Clinton B.  
Ward, Philip H. Jr.  
Wardwell, Arthur S.  
Webster, Towmer K.  
Wilson, Clarence Warne  
Windner, Julius  
Wolcott, Oliver H.  
Womack, R. P.  
Young, Howard B.

The first convention of the Three Cent 1851-57 Unit was officially opened at 10:00 A.M. on July 5th and the first action was the appointment of a committee to revise the by-laws of the Unit and to make their report at a later date. Next, Mortimer L. Neinken, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made his report which was joyfully accepted and included in the minutes. Mort stated that all pledges but one had been paid and that one was expected momentarily. A complete financial report will be rendered to all Unit members as soon as all bills are paid. A wonderful conclusion of a very successful undertaking.

The Report of our Secretary-Treasurer, C. W. Remele, who expressed his regrets at not being with us, was read and included in the minutes, a copy of whose report follows:-

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OPERATING STATEMENT  
of C. W. Remele, Sec-Treas.  
July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1950	79.36	
Receipts, From Membership Dues	309.50	
From Initiation Fees	32.00	
From Sales of extra Chronicles	52.23	
From Special Donations	6.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$479.09</u>
Disbursements,		
Printing and distributing Chronicles #8, 9 and 10	194.75	
Printing and distributing Chairman's Chatter	73.56	
Postage	39.45	
Membership Roster	27.15	
Stationery & Supplies	21.42	
Miscellaneous expenses	14.15	
Total Disbursements		370.48
Balance on hand, June 30, 1951 . . . . .		<u>108.61</u>
		<u>\$479.09</u>

Thirty-two new members have been added during the year.

There are now 163 members in good standing.

(Signed) C. W. Remele  
Sec-Treas.

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A discussion followed relative to the distribution of the Museum Book and it was voted that every member of the Unit should receive one copy free, while those who contributed towards the expense of the Exhibition should receive further copies in proportion to their contribution. The remainder would then be sold to the public at \$2 each. A resolution then was adopted thanking Bernard Davis, Director of the Museum, for his untiring efforts in making this exhibition so successful an affair and also thanking the entire staff of the Museum for their wholehearted support.

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Then ensued a discussion on a subject very vital to the future of our Unit:- that is to a Resolution submitted to the APS to be voted on at the APS convention in September as follows: "EACH UNIT SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF MEMBERS OF THE APS". We feel that at this late date, this is an unjust restriction to require of the Unit, one which was not made when the Unit was organized, and moreover at

that time the APS was aware the Unit was to include non members of the APS. Although a large majority of our members are APS, we have some 30 odd who are not, and we do not consider it would be equitable to compel them to join the APS or to drop out of the Unit. Further we believe that the APS should realize that there are those who have no interest in the more modern issues incident to a general collection and who see no personal return to them by being a member of the APS but who do take a great interest in the different phases of the early issues such as those of our Unit and whose interest therein is furthering the development of the philatelic knowledge of those years. We believe the encouragement of such developments is one of the prime objects of the APS.

With your ballot from the APS you will receive a brief statement with which we hope you will agree, and cast your ballot against the adoption of this resolution.

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Now to continue further with our convention:- letters of thanks were to be sent out to all who contributed articles to the Museum Book, to the philatelic publications for their publicity in our behalf, and to David Lidman for his valuable efforts as guest editor of the book. At this time Bernard Davis stated that certificates will be issued to all exhibitors and Chas. A. Pfahl informed us that the plastic name plates over each exhibit will be sent to each exhibitor for which it is hoped that all will remit the cost of the same, \$2. This concluded the business of the convention.

To the writer probably the most interesting feature of the entire three days, was the holding of the various group discussions, a brief summary of which follows, credit for which should be given to our appointed Historian, Willard (Bill) Davis, who did the best possible with the assistance of one stenographer in recording the highlights of the meetings.

On Thursday afternoon, Chas. A. Pfahl presided over a discussion by Dr. Chase, Stanley Ashbrook and Tracy Simpson on plating, recuts, cracked plates and colors.

Thursday evening was given over to the different philatelic societies with Donald Steele presiding and being the representative for the Philadelphia APS Chapter #18, H. Clay Musser for the APS, - Vincent Domanski Jr., for SPA, - Jere Hess Barr and James Shaner for the American Philatelic Congress and finally Arthur V. Nichol and Bernard Davis for the National Philatelic Museum.

On Friday morning, a group discussion under Dr. Gerald B. Smith, proved highly interesting on the rates, usages and cancellations on the Three Cent 1851 on cover with Tracy Simpson, Dr. Gerald Smith and Maurice C. Blake participating.

On Friday afternoon the group discussion was given over to Western Covers and Postal History and conducted by Philip H. Ward, Jr., with the assistance of Dr. A. J. Hertz of the APS Western Cover Unit, Stanley Ashbrook, Edgar B. Jessup and Henry A. Meyer.

On Friday evening a very successful auction, grossing \$28,802, was held by Sylvester Colby who personally auctioned off a fine and appropriate lot of material in a very pleasant and speedy manner.

On Saturday morning the final group discussion was held on the subject of Railway and Waterway Markings with John A. Fox presiding and Dr. Chase, Henry A. Meyer and Tracy Simpson assisting.

At the conclusion of these group discussions, many expressed the wish that stenographic notes could have been taken of all that was said but the discussions at times were so lively that it would have taken a battery of stenographers with philatelic training to cover all. Really enough credit cannot be given to the wealth of information these discussions brought out. They alone were worth the journey to Philadelphia.

No activities were scheduled for Saturday afternoon, this time being given over to the personal interests of each member, but at seven on Saturday evening we gathered at the Warwick for the banquet where, after a good Hotel Warwick dinner, our Chairman opened the festivities by naming and expressing thanks to all those who helped make this Convention and Exhibition possible. At this time, as an example of the co-operation and interest which is so strong in the Unit, he wished to call attention to the fact that four members had come over 3000 miles to be present at the "doings": Edgar B. Jessup, Ed. S. McConnell and Tracy Simpson from California and Dr. Gerald B. Smith from Oregon. He then turned the evening over to our Toastmaster, a Unit member who had been a bulwark of strength and activity during the entire week and one who has toiled constantly for our Unit from its very inception, the Editor of the Chronicle, Tracy W. Simpson. Tracy well performed the duties of Toastmaster, introducing first Mortimer Neinken who presented to Stanley B. Ashbrook and then Dr. Gerald Smith who presented to Dr. Carroll Chase, - our honored guests, - identical beautiful leather bound volumes, with gold stamped covers, consisting of a resolution of appreciation to the recipients, photographs of the exhibition and the signatures of all attending the convention. Although our good friend Stan Ashbrook said he would not make a speech, he did give us a short talk, expressing his best wishes and thanks to all, and leaving the rest of the evening to Dr. Chase.

After expressing his thanks, Dr. Chase gave us a very interesting half hour on his reminiscences about his work not only on the Three Cent 1851-57 but also on the One Cent 1851-57 and the five and ten cent of the 1847 issue. He then went on to tell us of some experiences he thought might interest us which he had encountered in his forty odd years of philatelic activities not only in the United States but also in Europe, especially France, where he had lived for a considerable number of years, having served as an officer in the French Army during the greater part of World War I and where he had become greatly interested in the postal history of the Napoleonic era. A talk which made a very appropriate ending for our first convention.

As we have now entered a new financial year for our Unit, Chuck Remele reminds us "DUES ARE DUE" and while many have doubtless already attended to this detail, for those who have not, may we say that the Secretary's job is a gratuitous one without reimbursement and the prompt payment of our dues will make his work much lighter.

We are glad to inform the members that Willard W. Davis has agreed to serve as Historian of the Unit, an office which he admirably filled during our Convention and which should result in a closer co-operation with the APS and other philatelic organizations.

The following activities of various members have come to our attention:-

Chick Pfahl as a guest exhibitor at the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland exhibited 36 pages of his 3 cent 5ls. In April he was elected president of his Akron Collectors Club and later showed his 3 cent 5ls at the Canton McKinley Club.

Dard Hunter, Jr., won First Award at the Chillicothe Philatelic Society.

Ben B. Newman won the Grand Award at the Austin Philatelic Society of Chicago for his showing of 19th century stamps and Paul C. Rohloff won First Award for his 5 cent 1851 US.

Roy C. Mitchell at Honolulu's Hapex won silver and bronze medals for his showing of 19th century US.

Major C. V. Turner was also a silver medal winner at Hapex. David Lidman and Mortimer L. Neinken were guests at the 4th anniversary Luncheon of the Brooklyn Junior Philatelists.

Henry E. Abt was reelected and Edgar B. Jessup elected to the Board of Trustees of the Philatelic Foundation.

Henry A. Meyer read an article on the stamps of Hawaii before the Chicago Philatelic Society.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Chuck Remole, had a very interesting and factual article in SPA for May on his specialty, Early Railroad Postmarks.

In closing we wish to welcome the following new members and express our hope that they will derive as much pleasure from their association with the Unit as we have had.

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175 Peterman, W. C.	153 Westville Ave., Caldwell, N.J.	CPM:Co51-57
176 Wyer, William	6 So. Clinton St., East Orange, N.J.	Co51 (NY):TyI 57
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178 Loflin, Wm. Gray, Jr.	P.O. Box 1482, Salisbury, N.C.	CPM:PV51-57
179 Carey, R. M.	1880 Clifton Ave., Springfield, O.	CPM:PV51-57
180 Wilkinson, R. M.	Box 129, Shelby, O.	CPM:PV51-57
181 Molesworth, Jack E.	102 Beacon St., Boston 16, Mass.	ED
182 Thibault, Raymond L.	c/o Black Rock Bank & Trust Co., Bridgeport, Conn.	CPM51-57
183 Edelman, Milton	6527 N 13th St., Philadelphia 26, Pa.	Co:CPM:PV:P51
184 Altschul, Albert	2 Elm Ave., Norwichtown, Conn.	Co:PV51-57
185 Fleckenstein, Jack G.	419 Union St., Ionia, Mich.	CPM:PV:P 1/2 51-57
186 Scruggs, Hubert	2733 Hanover Circle, Birmingham, Ala.	CPM:P51-57
187 Risvold, Floyd E.	6045 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis 19, Minn.	CPM51-57
188 Battles, D. Blake	325 Bloomington Ave., Wooster, O.	CPM:ED51-57
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With best wishes to all and the hope that the summer vacations and the following cool weather of autumn will further strengthen our stampic activities, we are

Sincerely



Lester L. Downing,  
Vice Chairman.