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THE THREE CENT 1851-57 UNIT
Associated with APS Unit #11

C H A I R M A N ' S C H A T T E R
C.C. #13

48 Hancock St.
Lexington 73, Mass.
March 27, 1952

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

Julius Caesar was advised to beware the Ides of March and it still has a very ominous and much too present sound. However, we hope that Uncle Sam's wringer has not made the 3¢ 1851-57 urge extinct as we see some very intriguing sales about to be held.

With this issue of the Chatter we are including some ads, the space for which has been paid for by those members of the Unit who desire to buy or sell material. This is in the nature of a trial and if the demand warrants, we will be glad to continue. It is hoped that all our members will look over the ads for items that interest them. Our thought on this advertising is that any notice in which there is a financial benefit should be paid for but if we can help any of our members doing research work, a free plug for information or the loan of material is in order.

It is with deep sorrow we inform the members of the death of our #1 Route Agent, Leo J. Shaughnessy, on March 8 at Pleasanton, Texas, of a heart attack.

Leo J. Shaughnessy was for years manager of the Bell Telephone office in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and on his retirement he moved to Corpus Christi and then to his home in Pleasanton. He was admired by a multitude of friends whom he had helped along in the Philatelic world, especially in his first interest, the 3¢ 1851-57, and the formation of this Unit was greatly furthered by him. Although the writer has never seen them, his collection of reconstructed plates always drew high honors whenever shown. We had all hoped to see him last July at Philadelphia and he and Mrs. Shaughnessy had already started from Pleasanton last summer to come to Philadelphia but a severe sickness forced him to return home after he had reached California. The Unit has suffered a great loss and our sympathies are extended to his family.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, with the assistance of Dave Baker, has prepared a new membership application and you will find one enclosed with this Chatter. We hope that you will find a friend who wishes to sign one.

For some reason there seems to be a dearth of reports of our members' activities in the philatelic press. Has a wave of extreme modesty swept over our members? It would be greatly appreciated if the members of the Unit would give us a hint of their activities.

Dr. Gerald B. Smith has been roving again and there follows a letter from him which tells of the enthusiasm on the West Coast and also gives us an idea of his strenuous travels in our behalf. A further most acceptable result of his roving ambassadorship is the fact that he recently sent in the applications of four of our new members.

"Woodburn, Oregon
Feb. 29th, 1952

"I have just gotten back home from my trip down thru California. "Spent one whole evening with Tracy Simpson, had lunch with Hughes "and Dr. Pollard at the hotel in San Fran. Then one evening with "Chuck Remele at Santa Barbara and an afternoon looking over Rex's "collection of covers and off-cover stuff. He is one of those old "time stamp dealers long time retired that bought OB covers for "thirty cents as they were passing thru his stock. Boy, what a lot "of territory he does cover. Of course, tho, it was his biggest "delight to get California covers. Imagine seeing four albums of "that kind of stuff. From there I went on down to L.A. and attended "a meeting with Ed Bingham and visited at his house one evening and "he has been Dr. Chase's new recruit. He has built up his stuff "faster than you or I ever thought one could. He went all out. He "has a lot of very nice material. Also saw my friend Earl Oakley "and a few others. Just keeping up my Roving Ambassador Job as you "named me. At least, the Unit gang on the Pacific Coast are doing "nicely and I would say are in a very healthy condition. Good "material seems scarce and in demand out here.

As ever

Gere"

George A. Hall and Robert H. Golden have been elected President and Vice President respectively of the Ravenswood Stamp Club of Chicago. At their show in Chicago, George Hall received the Grand Award for his "Polar Exploration" and Robert Golden the Grand Award for his "Lincoln on Cover".

Bill Hicks reports that our new Membership Committee is becoming more and more active under the fine leadership of Dave Baker. At present the committee consists also of Sam Paige and Alec Dumas for Massachusetts, Don Steele for Pennsylvania, John Fox and Willard W. Davis for New York, Perry W. Fuller for Maryland, of course Dr. Gerald B. Smith for Oregon, R. M. Carey for Ohio, Albert S. Kelley for Texas, Philip E. Baker for New Jersey and Horace S. Poole for Iowa.

Chas. A. Pfahl of our Nominating Committee is now at work on a new slate of officers for the period of 1952-54. Suggestions of names or nominations from our members are urgently needed and should go direct to him.

Wm. Wyer of New Jersey, one of our railroad specialists, has recently been made a director of the Long Island Railroad. Am sure John Ayer, as well as other RR Specialists, would appreciate any information the Long Island R.R. may have on its activities in the 1850s.

In answer to a letter to him from Bill Hicks as to his title, Van Buren Perry, one of our newer members, replied as follows,-

Dear Hicks:-

I am flattered, but this is no proper case for enlargements. I am not a United States Circuit Judge. I am a State (of South Dakota) Circuit Judge, one of the common garden variety of trial Judges. Some call me "The Just Judge" and others refer to me as "Just the Judge". The office is entitled to rate "Honorable" whether I do or not. Just call me Judge and let it go at that.

Cordially

Van Buren Perry

Dard Hunter, Jr., has prepared a special cachet for the Chillicothe Philatelic Society's exhibit and is active in the organizational work.

Our members will be pleased to learn of the very generous act of Stanley B. Ashbrook in donating his records, photographs, and files on the early U. S. issues to the Philatelic Foundation. Mr. Ashbrook will of course keep these in his possession during his lifetime.

We have seen an announcement of the coming sale of Charles F. Meroni's World Postal History Collection by John A. Fox at some date in the future, not yet announced. There must be a wealth of wonderful material in such a collection which is of vital interest to our members.

Philip E. Baker is again active in the Universal Ship Cancellation Society's exhibit this coming June in Newark, N. J.

Not Philatelic, but Edgar B. Jessup has been elected President of the American Ordnance Association of San Francisco.

The 14th Exhibition of the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware gave a Grand Award and also the APS medal to Donald E. Steele and the trophy for the best U. S. Exhibit to Milton Edelman.

President Richard K. Meyer recently gave an interesting talk on the postage rates of the period from 1812 to 1815 and Dr. C. D. Sneller is active in planning the annual exhibit of the Peoria Philatelic Society to be held this month.

Dr. Charles L. Roser has given further evidence of the diversity of his philatelic interests by a fine article in Linn's Weekly in January on the early Irish Postal History.

Dr. Carroll Chase tells us he is doing further research on the 3¢ perforated of 1857, Type II, with continuous frame lines, and he would appreciate the loan of any multiple pieces which include a stamp with a damaged transfer.

Harry B. Keffer is to be the principal speaker at the celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the Meriden Connecticut Stamp Club in May.

Alec Dumas gave a very interesting talk in February before the Boston City Club Philatelic Group on his specialty, the 3¢ 1857 Type II perforated, and on the firm of Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co., of which he has made quite an intensive study.

Chuck Remele will be very grateful for any help the members can give him to complete his set of tracings of railroad cancellations, both hand-stamped and manuscript, prior to 1861. He already has about 80% of the known

cancellations and would like to have the members write him about such as they have. He will promptly write you suggesting those cancellations he would like to borrow for a day or two and will return all material fully insured. We are sure the future issues of the Chronicle will benefit from all the help you give Chuck.

Our sympathies go out to Henry A. Meyer for an unfortunate condition at home which we hope will soon be overcome.

A suggestion has been made as to the desirability of reports on the results of sales at auctions of the 3¢ so that members might have an idea of how prices were running in the various auctions. We would be glad to know the members' reactions to this suggestion and whom they could suggest who has the necessary experience and contact with the different dealers.

Another suggestion has been received;- for the members to collaborate and prepare a demonstration collection which could be loaned by the Unit to different stamp clubs for exhibition at one of their meetings in the hope of creating more collecting interest in our stamp. Such a collection might well include a page of color samples of the various years, a page or two of examples from the different plates with some information about the characteristics of each, a page of paper and impression varieties as well as a few pages of different postal markings. Again we would be glad to have your ideas about the desirability of the same and suggestions of those willing to undertake such a task.

We are very happy to announce the following new members:-

RA

196	Clifford, Henry H.	1048 Armada Dr., Pasadena 3, Calif.
197	Ponnay, George N.	2747 Woodhaven Dr., Hollywood 3, Calif.
198	Kaufman, Ed.	Box 742, Beverly Hills, Calif.
199	Jones, Sander W.	515 So. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif.
200	Lawrence & Graves	6727 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, Calif.
201	Raymond & Roger Weill	407 Royal St., New Orleans 16, La.
202	Perry, Van Buren	1322 No. Lincoln, Aberdeen, S. D.
203	Kerr, Willis H.	470 W. 7th St., Claremont, Calif.
204	Kelley, Albert S.	Box 1726, Midland, Tex.
205	Cleveland, Dr. Mather	115 E. 61st St., New York 21, N. Y.

May we extend a cordial welcome to them and a hope that they will find good fellowship and a desire on the part of all members to augment their interest in the 3¢ 51-57s. We are also glad to state that E. W. Wilkin and Clare V. Turner are again members of the Unit and believe that congratulations are in order to Eugene W. Wilkin who is now a proud father.

There follows on the next few pages our new feature, the ads of various of our members. We hope you will look them over carefully for material you need or extra copies of which you can dispose and remember we will be glad to run more ads in the next Chatter next June if you will only notify the writer, cost 50¢ a quarter page.

We also include the latest membership list which is now arranged alphabetically within each state.

Before we close we would like to advise the members that a Unit Luncheon is being planned during the A P S convention at Philadelphia next

summer. Be sure to let Earl Apfelbaum know if you plan to attend the A P S convention and take in this luncheon.

Think of the old saying,- "SPEAKING OF MONEY MATTERS,-----IT USUALLY DOES", but don't let this thought dampen your 3¢ 51-57 ardor.

Sincerely,


Lester L. Downing.

WANTED

I O W A C O V E R S

Interested in Iowa covers, stamped
or stampless prior to 1857. Please
submit.

Horace S. Poole, RA #190
1475 Montrose Terrace,
Dubuque, Iowa

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W. W. HICKS, RA #3

1 GARRETT AVE.

ROSEMONT PENNA.

WANTED:-

CORNER OR SIDE MARGIN

COPIES 3¢ 51s.

WILL PAY WELL, OR CAN SUPPLY
EQUAL EXCHANGE.

WANTED FOR MY COLLECTION

UNUSED BLOCKS

1851 3¢ Plates 1 (e), 1 (i), 0, 6.
1857 3¢ Plates, Type I, 2 to 6 inclusive.
1857 3¢ Plates, Type II, 9, 11 (e), 11 (late),
12 to 18, except 15, 21, 22, 26.

Also mint blocks, the larger the better, of
1851 3¢ as well as plate blocks of the 1857
3¢ Type II.

Covers 1¢, 3¢ used First Day - July 1, 1851 as well as those used
later from Andora, Bridesburg, Chestnut Hill, Frankford,
Jenkintown, Spring Garden and Northern Liberties, all in
Penna. Want in quantities for a specialist - 1851 3¢ and
1869 3¢.

In the market to purchase for immediate cash desirable
early U. S. previous to 1870 in any amount,

PHILIP H. WARD, JR, RA #92

1616 Walnut Street

Philadelphia 3, Pa.

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ALL TYPES OF 19TH CENTURY U. S.

COVERS, STAMPED OR STAMPLESS.

WHY NOT SELL THE COVERS YOU ARE

NO LONGER INTERESTED IN, TO MAKE

ROOM FOR YOUR NEWER INTERESTS?

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821 KINGSHIGHWAY,
EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS

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STAMPS -- COVERS

We are interested in buying
better grade United States
and Foreign stamps and covers.
Will travel any distance to
view a worthwhile property.
Immediate payment.

JOHN A. FOX RA #146
116 Nassau Street
New York 38, N.Y.

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W A N T E D B Y

ABE RUBEL, JR., RA #10

120 East 79th St., New York 21, N.Y.

The following 3¢ 1851-57 stamps in very fine to superb condition and in bright shades.

35 and 58 L 4	11, 15, 21, 55, 67, 80 and 90 R 4
8, 14 and 43 L 5	
18 and 25 L 6	9, 74 and 80 R 6
8, 33 and 82 L 7	1 and 5 R 7
12 L 8	34 and 46 R 8

Also the following Calendar Dates, stamp must show complete four frame lines, no pen or heavy cancels, a clear date on face of stamp and in bright shades.

January 19, 25	July 9, 10
February 19, 20	August 9, 13, 14
March 11	September 5, 22, 23
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May 13, 22	
June 1, 8	December 7, 9, 16, 18, 21

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New York 38, N.Y.

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Dr. Gerald B. Smith, RA #7

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To Complete My Series.

ONE-

New York
July 17, 1853
Year Dated Cancellation.

ONE-

New York
July 26, 1853
Year Dated Cancellation.

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Any Cover 1851-1857 Pen Cancelled
FORT DEFIANCE, N. C.

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Please submit price wanted.

P. O. Box 10,
Woodburn, Oregon.

W A N T E D B Y

Tracy W. Simpson RA #5
66 Alvarado Road, Berkeley 5, Calif.
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In better condition than I have

L0: 3, 22, 29, 45; R0: 27, 71.
L1(e): 28, 41, 57; R1(e): 19, 20, 37, 84.
L1(i): 24, 30, 31, 39; R1(i): 36.
L2(e): 19, 81, 82, 84; R2(e): 74, 80.
L5(e): 30; R5(e): 21, 23, 71.

Plate Numbers

Showing numeral.
7, 8.

Markings on cover with 3¢ 51-57
or 3¢ 53 envelope.

Gal. Dub. Dun. & Min Pk Co.
G.D.D. & Min P. Co.
Lake Champlain S.B. 25¹/₂ mm diam.
St. Louis & Keokuk Steam
St. Louis & Memphis R.M.

On Covers or on single

Imitation Boston PAID
of Turner, Me.
Colorless PAID in stroke
of "3"

NOTE: Taxes are high and the budget is low, so I do not guarantee to buy everything above right away.

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R U S S E L L C . W O O D RA #123

45 Bromfield Street

Boston 8, Mass.

I have a large stock of #10 and #11, 3¢ 1851. Can supply many plate positions for all plates, all plated by Dr. Carroll Chase.

I would appreciate receiving your want list. I may have some of your missing plate positions.

Can supply pairs and strips.

Block 69, 70, 79, 80 R4, . . . , \$30.00

Strip 5 mint OG, 93 to 97 L3 . 35.00

Strip 5, 11 to 15 L3 20.00

Last three rows of the Left

Pane of Plate 3, (30 stamps) . 50.00

Can supply Calendar month
dates of 3¢ 51.

Can also supply Calendar
month dates of 3¢ 57.

I have the 3¢ 1857 Calendar month dates complete, except for
Feb. 26 and Sept. 26. I would be pleased to buy these two dates
to complete my calendar.

OLD U. S. COVERS
ARE MY SPECIALTY

PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO
3¢ 1851-57 UNIT MEMBER'S SPECIAL
NEEDS.

APPROVALS GLADLY SUBMITTED ON
REQUEST.

WRITE FOR FREE SPECIAL LISTS OF
OLD U. S. COVERS.

E. N. Sampson, RA #85
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Itasca, Illinois

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NICE RAILROAD
CANCELLATIONS ON 3¢ 51s.

WILL PAY TOP PRICES OR CAN
OFFER SUPERB 3¢ 51s IN EX-
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WANTED

Any example of a Packet Boat
Marking, and an Inland Waterway
Postmark on 3¢ 51 or 57 on cover.

Nice pairs and strips from any
plate.

Example of triple transfer on
74 L1 (i) or 84 L1 (i)

98 R11(i), 98 R11 (late),
91 R11 (late), 61 R10 on
57 type II.

Paid and Paid 3 cancels on 3¢
51 and 57.

Philip E. Baker, RA #53
76 Edwin St.,
Ridgefield Park, N. J.