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

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C.C. #15

48 Hancock St.
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October 10, 1952

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

Vacations are about out of the way and the season is fast arriving when we really can get back to work on our 51's. Perhaps the first item to be brought to our members' attention is Chuck Remele's report as Secretary-Treasurer for the year ending June 30, 1952 and which I am sure you will find to be encouraging reading.

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APS UNIT #11

OPERATING STATEMENT,- July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1951		\$108.61
Receipts,- From Initiation Fees	\$37.00	
" Membership Dues	402.00	
" Sales of Extra Chronicles	79.01	
" Cenex Auction	215.47	
" Philatelic Museum	225.40	
" Sale of Museum Books	71.00	
" Ads. in Chairman's Chatter	11.00	
" Donations, etc.	18.00	1058.88
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1167.49</u>
Disbursements,- Postage	\$59.79	
Chronicles, #11 to 14 inc.	373.28	
Chairman's Chatter, #11 to 13	124.22	
Cenex Flashes (net)	35.92	
Special Announcements	31.41	
Membership Roster	43.95	
Stationery & Supplies	34.68	
Surety Bonds	15.00	
Miscellaneous	8.03	726.30
		<u>\$441.19</u>
Balance on hand, June 30, 1952		\$441.19

During the year 36 new members have been added and one re-instated. Three members have resigned, three have been dropped for nonpayment of dues, and two have died,

total 8,- for a net gain of 29. As of June 30, there were 190 active members and 2 honorary members.

July 16, 1952.

C. W. Remele, Sec'y-Treas.

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The APS Convention at Philadelphia was well attended by our Unit members and we are indebted to Col. Hunter for the following report on the events there.

So far as our members were concerned, the Unit Luncheon held on September 3rd at the Hotel Warwick was the highlight of the Convention. Twenty-three members and guests attended:-

W. W. Hicks	Rosser L. Hunter	Burleigh F. Jacobs
Stephen C. Lyon	Charles A. Lott	L. S. Glaser
Pitt Petri	J. H. Atherton	J. A. Herbert, Jr.
Julius Windner	Harry A. Dunsmoor	Philip H. Ward, Jr.
H. Clay Musser	Emory E. Cochran	Robert A. Peck
Donald M. Steele	Robert Rosenbaum	Milton Edelman
Stephen G. Rich	Harry M. Buten	W. C. Peterman
Daniel W. Vooy		

Chairman Bill Hicks presided at the discussion following the luncheon. Approximately half of those present participated actively in the discussion. The large turnout for the luncheon and the following lively discussion indicates the growing interest in the Unit and its 3¢ 51-57.

Many of the exhibits at the Convention featured our stamps and the Unit members, just to show their versatility, exhibited frames of other philatelic interests. Unit members who entered exhibits were:-

Milton Edelman, Philadelphia	Roy C. Mitchell, Los Angeles
Dr. Gerald B. Smith, Oregon	Donald M. Steele, Philadelphia
John L. Steele, Wynnewood, Pa.	Philip H. Ward, Jr., Philadelphia
Harry M. Buten, Merion, Pa.	Robert H. Golden, Chicago
W. W. Hicks, Rosemont, Pa.	Raymond M. Wilkinson, Shelby, Ohio
J. David Baker, Indianapolis	Horace S. Poole, Dubuque, Iowa
Dr. Chas. L. Roser, Louisville	Bernard Davis, Philadelphia
Heyliger de Windt, Wolfeboro	

Of special interest to Unit members was the frame of 1857-60, including a mint block of 25 of #26, exhibited by Milton Edelman; the complete reconstructed right pane from Plate O exhibited by Dr. Gerald B. Smith, our roving ambassador; the specialized color study of the 3¢ 1851, each stamp in superb condition, exhibited by Bill Hicks; the 3¢ 1851 calendar exhibited by John Steele; the mail route covers to California, including beautiful specimens franked with the 3¢ 51; and the rare stamps and covers of the 3¢ 1851 issue, including an unused block of 15 from Plate 5 (late), exhibited by Don Steele.

Philip H. Ward, Jr., was honored with the Silver Plate for his France 1849-75 frame. Other Unit members who won awards were:

Roy C. Mitchell, 19th Century Colored Cancellations
Milton Edelman, 1857-60 Issues of U.S.
Donald M. Steele, Gems from a U.S. Collection
J. David Baker, Covers on California Mail Routes, 1851-61
Dr. Chas. L. Roser, Kentucky Civil War Postal History Covers
Donald M. Steele, Rare Stamps & Covers of the 3¢ 1851 Issue
Milton Edelman, Random pages from a 19th Century Cover Collection
Donald M. Steele, Pan American Issue of 1904

Raymond M. Wilkinson, Prisoner of War Covers 1861-65
H. P. Atherton, U.S. and Foreign Incoming mail cancellations
Bernard M. Davis, Special Award Ribbon for his German States

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Through the kindness of Ezra Cole our attention is brought to the sale September 23 in the Harmer, Rooke auction, of an OB on cover cancelled with a blue Philadelphia and the Franklin Carrier with the red star cancellation, a superb piece, for \$500.

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In the SPA Convention at New York, Mortimer L. Neinken won a trophy for the best 19th century exhibit with his showing of the 10¢ 1851-57 and Morris Fortgang won a first award for his 1¢ 1851 exhibit, while Harry A. Dunsmoor was one of the six members on the Board of Judges. John A. Fox put on the auction for the convention.

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Bill Hicks gave a talk on the 3¢ before the Washington Philatelic Society on July 23, during which he showed most of the recut varieties, some nice cancellations and also many of his Railroad cancellations. There were about 40 in attendance among whom were Joe Herbert, Bob Peck and Elmer Guilford.

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Some thought is being given by a few members of the Unit as to what can be done to make plating of the 51's easier and more general. While most of us are not interested in completing the entire panes of any plate, we are all interested in knowing the plate number and the correct position of the stamp therein. At the present time the only recourse for many of us is to send them to Dr. Chase for plating which he most kindly does. We would be very loath to interfere with Dr. Chase's activity in this line but we are looking ahead to such a time when Dr. Chase may not feel able to continue this practice. We have talked with him and know that his feeling is that it is impossible to plate all of the imperforate stamps from a photograph of legal size, say one and a half times actual size, but that he feels that many, possibly two-thirds of the positions of the plates having inner lines can be plated from such enlarged photos. The remainder would require accurate photos in true size, (WHICH IS ILLEGAL) to plate.

Dr. Chase says he shall be glad to give his help at the present time and we doubt if the project would have much chance of success without his active participation and reference to his plates which he uses for plating.

We would greatly appreciate any comments or offers of assistance from our members and hope that they will use the Chatter as a sort of forum for their ideas on this subject or any other subject.

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We wish to report the following changes of address:-

- RA 194 Bruce G. Daniels, 7 Water St., Boston 9, Mass.
- 50 Louis C. Rove, Jr., Geology Dept., Climax, Colorado
- 15 Dr. Warren R. Coleman, Box 476, Carmichael, Calif.
- 44 Walter A. Keightly, 1016 Main St., Evanston, Illinois
- 93 Hunter M. Thomas, Jr., 2723 South Veitch St., Arlington 6, Va.
- 137 Leo J. Chak, 4 Bayard Rd., Apt. 27, Pittsburgh 13, Pa.
- 212 David H. Filbert, 635 Far Hills Ave., Dayton 9, Ohio

We are sorry to announce the resignations from the Unit of
RA 182 Raymond L. Thibault of Bridgeport, Conn., and
RA 200 Lawrence & Graves of Hollywood, Calif.

Since our last Chatter the following new members have joined the Unit:-

RA
218 Donald M. Donaldson, 1514 E. 7th St., Olympia, Wash. Washington Territorials
219 Gordon M. Trubshaw, 4518 N. 24th St., Tacoma, Wash. CPM;Co51-57
220 Jos. A. Herbert, Jr., 3800 Fulton St., N.W., Washington, D. C. CPM51-57
222 Sherman E. Rogers, 511 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. ED
223 Emory E. Cochran, 37 W. 74th St., New York 23, N. Y. CPM51-57
224 Robert Rosenbaum, 8105 Brookside Road, Elkins Park,
Philadelphia, Penn. CPM51-57

We give them a cordial welcome to the fellowship and privileges of the Unit. May they speedily feel themselves to be one of the family.

We are also pleased to announce the reinstatement of a former member,
RA 39 H. P. Atherton, 1562 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

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At the time of writing we have not had a report on the talk given by our staunch advocate, RA #10, Abe Rubel, Jr., still among our youngest in spirit, before the Collector's Club in New York. We understand it is to be on his 51's, probably featuring his Railroad Covers which are replete with maps and historical data. Undoubtedly one of the finest in the country.

A word of encouragement to all of us who have had dreams of some day going into an old attic and making a find of early US. Last month the writer had the thrill of assisting RA Dr. John A. Rockwell in a find under just such circumstances of a package of about 60 covers all bearing the 5¢ 1847 with Boston postmarks. So you see it really does happen.

May you all have some such experience in the near future.

Sincerely,

Lester L. Downing.

Through the writer's oversight the name of Dr. Wilbur F. Amonette was omitted from the foregoing list of new members and an additional list of new members has just been received which follows:-

RA
221 Amonette, Dr. Wilbur F. McGuire Veteran's Hospital
Richmond 19, Va. P51;Va.Covers.
225 Cooper, Lowell B. R.R. 2, Newcastle, Ind. CPM51-57
226 Foreman, Rev. M. William, Jr. 115 Chapel St., Fayetteville, N.Y. P;CPM51-57
227 Wagner, C. Corwith 1834 Boatmen's Bank Bldg.,
St. Louis 2, Mo. CPM51-57
228 Thayer, Edwin M. 1 Park St., Sanford, Me. P51;Maine covers
229 Liessenhoff, R. C. 409 E. Beechwood Blvd.,
Columbus 14, Ohio P51;eto

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