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

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C.C.    #16

48 Hancock St.  
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January 20, 1953

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

The thoughts of March 15th and Internal Revenue are not conducive to further acquisitions of 3¢ 51s and 57s just now. Nevertheless, the year 1952 has seen the Unit make its greatest progress in soundness and maturity as well as growth in membership. Meanwhile, an incident of a while back causes the writer to venture a few thoughts about membership in our Unit. Even in the single field of philately, our philatelic interests may be so varied, our interpretations of the particular manner to collect so many, and our angles of approach to its postal history so diverse, that we often find ourselves in direct opposition to another member's beliefs and ideas on the subject, which is quite natural among such strong individualists as most philatelists are known to be. Our Unit has brought us all more closely together and formed friendships among many members through informal get togethers, or maybe just an evening or two with an individual member, so that the Unit has built up the esprit-de-corps and friendliness of a social club. Probably it is unavoidable that we do not always agree with or approve of the actions or opinions of some member or would be member, but the fact still remains that membership in our Unit cannot be denied to anyone who is a member in good standing in the APS because we are an APS Unit. Persons who are not members of the APS are naturally in a different category and the directors of the Unit and its membership committee are then called upon to use their best judgment in admitting such a party. In the light of the above, it is incumbent upon us all, to set aside personal differences or dislikes and hope that perhaps the recalcitrant brother will be brought around to more harmonious ways.

But as to the circulation of sales books, it appears to the writer that, whether the Unit member is a member of the APS or not, it is up to the Sales Manager to keep informed as best he can,- one source is the A.S.D.A.,- to prevent sales books getting into the hands of those whose credit reputation may be in doubt. Certainly he is under no obligation to send sales books to any such party.

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We saw in Linn's recently an article concerning the find Dr. Rockwell made of about 60 covers of the 5¢ 1847 and the very fine gesture he made in giving a cover to each member of his Philatelic Club. Many a collection was enriched far beyond the expectations of its owner.

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Further notes on Abe Rubel's showing at the Collector's Club last Fall; we find the following in the Collector's Club Philatelist for November:-

At the 2nd meeting of the 1952-53 season, 56 members and visitors had the pleasure of hearing two interesting talks and displays on widely separated fields of Philately. The first display was selections from a collection of U.S. 3¢ 1851-57, formed by Mr. Abe Rubel, Jr. Two speakers commented on it: Mr. Hicks of Philadelphia and Mr. Sylvester Colby.

The material shown was mainly covers, classified according to cancellations and included a fine lot of Railroads, Express, Territorial and colored cancels, also College Covers, Valentines, multiple rates, ship covers and so on. Among the stamps there were included complete reconstructions of both panes of Plates V and VII. Altogether it was a fine showing of philatelic interest.

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We note that John L. Norbeck was elected Vice President of the Twin Cities Philatelic Society of St. Paul and Minneapolis and that his presentation of Minnesota Territory covers won the grand award of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society held in Waterloo, Iowa. Mortimer Neinken won a grand award in the Court of Honor there for his showing of the 10¢ 1855-59. One of our newer members, Lester G. Brookman, was one of the judges.

Joseph A. Herbert, Jr. was Chairman of the 18th Annual Session of the American Philatelic Congress held at Washington, D. C., this fall.

Dr. A. Jay Hertz of New York has been elected president of the Western Cover Society.

Our Unit did pretty well at the 66th Anniversary Exhibition of the Chicago Philatelic Society, Burleigh E. Jacobs being the speaker at the banquet and at the table with him were Richard McP. Cabeen and Ernest R. Jacobs, both honorary members of the Society. Dr. Charles L. Roser won one of the trophies by the Collectors Club of Chicago, silver awards were won by Raymond M. Wilkinson and John David Baker and a bronze award was also won by Dr. Roser.

Two volumes of the collection of 1¢ 51-57 belonging to Mortimer L. Neinken were exhibited November 17th at the Oakland Philatelic Society, Oakland, Cal. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Neinken, our members Edward S. McConnell and Tracy W. Simpson pointed out the many varieties in this prize winning showing.

Tracy W. Simpson exhibited the following selections from his 3¢ 51-57 collection, not for competition, at the Annual Exhibit of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies at San Jose, Calif., November 8 and 9.

California U. S. Mail and Expresses.

4¢ rate Pick up Carrier Usage of 3¢ plus 1¢ stamp.

Territorials, including the Unique Sioux Falls City, D. T. oval on cover with S3.

At Sescal, in Los Angeles, Earl Oakley and members of his family showed U.S. 1847 and 1851 issues specialized with color chart explanations and color key to win the Grand Award of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California, also the American Philatelic Society medal, the Research Award of the S.P.A. and the Federations Award for Philatelic Research. Almost a monopoly. Henry H. Clifford won the Superior Stamp & Coin Company award with his Wells Fargo & Co. Express Franks, - Roy C. Mitchell won the Lockheed Stamp Club award with his Miscellany, 19th Century U.S. and C. W. Remele gained the Gold Award of the Stamp Dealers Association of Southern California with his early Railroad Covers.

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Bill Hicks does a lot of getting around, both geographically and philatelically, so I have asked him to give us an inkling of what he has been doing. He does so herewith under the following heading.

"THE TRAVELS OF AN ITINERATE 3¢ 51 BUG"

July 23rd, gave an illustrated talk on the 3¢ recuts and varieties before the Washington Philatelic Society, APS. This is one of the best and most active groups in the country, with widely divergent interest in stamps, but always ready to learn more about an individual's specialty. If you are ever in Washington, D. C., on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month, by all means attend one of their meetings. Contact Joe Herbert, Jr., who will make you feel most welcome. Bob Peck of this group is co-operating with us in trying to develop a series of lantern slides for display to various clubs.

September 3rd, attended a swell luncheon of Unit Members and guests at the APS Convention in Philadelphia.

October 17th, attended Abe Rubel, Jr.'s showing at the Collectors Club in New York, mention of which has already been made in this Chatter. Abe is one of our "Young" seniors and rarely misses a NYC auction sale where any nice 3¢ 51s are included; and who has one of the most comprehensive collections of our stamps in the country, requiring many volumes to house it, and all beautifully lettered and illustrated with pictures and data. Abe is always willing to try and lend a helping hand to a fellow collector.

October 17th, while attending a business convention in St. Louis, had the real pleasure of an evening's visit with all St. Louis members at the home of Ward S. Parker, whose other hobby incidentally is tennis. Ward and his wife are doubles champions of the St. Louis area. An envious glimpse at the U.S. collection owned by Corwith Wagner revealed many most unique covers and cancellations, rarely if ever seen before, and in pristine succession; Bill Semsrott also showed us many of the beautiful items of his vast collection. We also enrolled at the meeting two new strong members for the Unit, Sandy Arnold and Louis Yeckel. If ever in St. Louis, look up this group and I assure you they will give you a most hospitable and enjoyable evening.

November 15th, attended our eastern regional meeting at the Collectors Club, a report of which is given on a following page by Phil Baker, the chairman.

December 2nd, attended the Siegel sale in NYC of part of the Burger & Company stock, and as is the trend, prices on 51 material continued relatively strong. Will gladly supply lot price realizations to any member desiring the same.

December 8th, attended the Apfelbaum sale in Philadelphia which included many RR markings and corner cards. Prices high. Can also supply lot prices from this sale.

December 10th, had the pleasure of addressing our Philadelphia Chapter #18, APS, on "What to look for in the 3¢ 1851", over 30 in attendance. Unfortunately Don Steele, President of #18, was unable to attend due to a trip to the hospital, but am glad to report he is now rapidly on the way to a full recovery. Milt Edelman won first prize in the "Plate Guessing Contest." Our members in this area hope to increase interest in the 3¢ 1851-57, and the Unit, among local collectors by means of this type of educational talks.

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Dave Baker, Chairman of our Membership Committee, is actively soliciting qualified members for the Unit; and recently allotted the names of a large list of prospective members to the members of his committee, who are as follows:-

Philip E. Baker  
R. M. Carey  
Willard W. Davis  
Alec Dumas

John Fox  
Perry W. Fuller  
Albert S. Kelley  
Samuel C. Paige

Horace S. Poole  
Dr. Gerald B. Smith  
Donald M. Steele

Dave would be pleased to have the names of any prospects you would care to recommend for membership, his address is J. David Baker, 3902 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

Our Vice Chairman, Towner K. Webster, is now busy compiling the final touches of the Unit's new set of By-Laws, originally corrected and brought up to date by Henry Meyer. These will be passed on to the membership as soon as completed.

Dr. Gerald B. Smith, our genial West Coast Ambassador of Good Will, continues to have good luck both philatelically and on the road. Returning to Portland from a few days trip to San Francisco (you guessed it, to talk about stamps), got through the mountain pass just ahead of a bad snow storm that blocked traffic for over 48 hours. So he can devote more time to his beloved stamps, Doc needs a capable assistant Doctor at his Woodburn Hospital in Woodburn, Oregon, and will gladly entertain applications from a budding medic.

Ye Editor of the Chronicle, Tracy Simpson, is hard at work preparing copy for the next issue #16, we hear.

Dard Hunter, Jr., of Chillicothe, Ohio, is now temporarily located at Newcastle, Delaware, P.O. Box #253, where he received the honor of a year's scholarship in the decorative arts in connection with the H. F. DuPont Winterthur Museum. May we congratulate Mr. Hunter on the acquisition of a charming wife as of last Spring.

Phil Baker's report follows:- Regional meeting held November 15th at the Collectors Club, New York. Due to a heavy rain, the following only were in attendance, Hicks, Wardwell, Rubel, Neinken, Lyon, Sturznicke and Baker. Several others who signified attendance were evidently held back by the inclement weather. Mr. Rubel showed selected pages of his excellent RR cancellations. Mr. Lyon had a trunk full of various covers, including many 1851-57s, from a new find. Most activity centered around his table. Plating mats were discussed, with no definite conclusions reached. The questions involved were whether or not the Unit could afford to make these mats, who would do it and the size they were to be. Pros and cons were offered on each point, but the net result of this very important matter was still undecided.

With sadness we report the death last month of Russell C. Wood, RA #123, one of our pleasant and respected dealers here in Boston.

May we urge our members to look through the ads at the end of this Chatter which have been placed by various members in the hopes of obtaining some much desired material.

It is with pleasure we welcome the following new members to the Unit and trust that they will find as much help, inspiration and comradeship as

we have enjoyed from the Unit.

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230 Barbiera, Hugo S.	1812 Bay Ridge Pky., Brooklyn 4, N.Y.	CPM51-57
231 Woodard, Lane B.	14578 12th Ave. N.E., Seattle 55, Wash.	P51;CPM
232 Arnold, Sanford M.	66 Crestwood Dr., Clayton 5, Mo.	CPM51-57;StLouis Covers
233 Kuhlmann, Henry	127 No. Dearborn St., Chicago 2, Ill.	ED
234 Brookman, Lester G.	121 Loeb Arcade, Minneapolis 2, Minn.	ED
235 Yeckel, Louis F.	6543 Walsh St., St. Louis 9, Mo.	CPM51-57
236 Hutchinson, John	3211 Hunter Blvd., Seattle 44, Wash.	CPM51-57

We are sorry to announce the dropping from membership of the following for non-payment of dues,

- 8 Warren C. Stewart  
67 Donald F. Wharton  
108 James E. Hughes  
139 C. S. Ernst  
173 Clare V. Turner  
191 Harold Sherman

We have the following changes of address:-

Henry E. Abt, 37 W 57th St., New York 19, N.Y. The old address was at 119 of the same street, but apparently this is too great a distance for the New York post office as they could not locate Mr. Abt.  
Jonah R. Shapiro, 501 Eckel Bldg., Syracuse 2, N.Y.  
Harry Haines, AD 2, USN, NATTC, Barracks S 49, Memphis 15, Tenn.  
Dard Hunter Jr, to Box 253, New Castle, Delaware

Our members are very reticent about telling us of their activities. We would be very happy if they would let us know about their successes. We hope that any complaints our readers may have will be no more severe than the one received by the automobile dealer who boasted that their car was assembled in 6 minutes. A customer called him on the phone to advise him, he had that car.

Sincerely,

Lester L. Downing

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