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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. #20

119 Washington St.,
Topsfield, Mass.
July 1, 1954

Dear Route Agent:-

Our first duty is to announce to the members the new officers of the Unit for the term from July 1, 1954 through June 30, 1956. They are as follows:-

RA #29 Towner K. Webster, Chairman
7 Dr. Gerald B. Smith, V.C.
55 C. W. Remele, Sec-Treas.
33 Maurice C. Blake, Director
3 W. W. Hicks, Director
2 Chas. A. Pfahl, Director
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53 Philip E. Baker, Scribe

May they enjoy a pleasant and successful term and be assured of our hearty co-operation.

Tracy Simpson, Ye Editor of the Chronicle, and your Chatter Editor will continue with their duties. At this time it is appropriate to give the following nice letter from Bill Hicks.

Dear Fellow Route Agents:-

Yesterday concluded my third term as Chairman of the Unit. I wish to express my appreciation of the marvelous co-operation I have had during this period from the many Route Agents, especially my fellow officers and Directors, which is the main reason why the Unit continues to grow and prosper; and to wish the newly elected officers and Directors the greatest success in their new capacities. Their jobs will have headaches and trials, but the whole-hearted support which they will receive, and the pleasant associations which they will form, will more than compensate them, as it has me, for their efforts.

Although I am retiring as Chairman, I remain a Director, as our By-Laws specify that our retiring Chairman is to serve as a Director for the following two years. You can be sure I'll be in there "pitching" in any way I can be helpful.

Again, my thanks to all Route Agents who have been so kind and helpful to me, and with every good wish that the Unit may continue to grow and flourish,

Very sincerely
Bill
W. W. Hicks

We have just received a letter from Tracy Simpson about the APS Convention in San Francisco this September and we give you an outline of his efforts in behalf of the Unit members at the Convention.

He expects to have a Unit breakfast or luncheon for our members attending sometime during the Convention. Tracy's house will be open to any member who wants to look at his collection and the same goes for our other members living in the San Francisco area. Dr. Gerald Smith wants to give a trophy for the best 3¢ 1851-60 exhibit. Tracy hopes that a good showing of our stamp can be made, although entries will close pretty soon and space is beginning to be a little limited. Gerald Smith will show his first week covers in the Court of Honor and Tracy will show his reconstructed plates of Orange Browns in the same area. He will also exhibit his Domestic Waterways Route Agent Markings and related Waterways Mail of the period as well as a frame on the Boston Paid and its imitations.

Tracy also will be glad to assist any of our members who care to have him help in the arranging of their exhibits or in other matters. Be sure to advise him on your arrival in San Francisco and keep in touch with him.

It is with pleasure that we announce the names of four new members:-

RA		
254	Grasser, Joseph G.	417 Sixth Ave., Eau Claire, Wisc. CPM Wisconsin
255	Webb, William G.	38 Norman Rd., Newark 6, N.J. CPM51-57
256	LaGanke, Nelson P.	903 Carnegie Hall, 1220 Huron Rd., Cleveland 15, O. ED
257	Fisher, Paul J.	16 Thomas St., Johnson City, N.Y. Cancellations

May they obtain pleasure from their membership in the Unit and their co-operation with the other members.

Our members have been quite active in philatelic affairs, among which we note the following:-

Raymond H. Wilkinson received the Grand Award at the Columbus Philatelic Club Exhibition with his 3¢ 1851s.

Henry E. Abt and Edgar B. Jessup were elected trustees of the Philatelic Foundation.

Burleigh Jacobs gave a talk on U S Cancellations at the ASDA meeting in Chicago.

At the Annual Competition Night of the Collectors Club of New York, Henry H. Clifford won an Award of Honor for his Western Express Covers.

O. H. Wolcott won the Jesse Trophy for the best exhibit of Postal History with his Railroad Cancellations at the annual anniversary party of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

Adolph G. Meyer won the Bott Trophy at the Michigan Stamp Club's 40th anniversary exhibition with his showing of 3¢ 1861s.

Milton Edelman won a First Place Ribbon at 1954 Sojex with his exhibit of 19th Century U.S.

Horace S. Poole has become president of the Iowa Postal History Unit.

For those interested in Maine Postmarks, we understand that a few copies of Sterling Dow's new book on them are still available.

Ward S. Parker of 4027 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis 10, Missouri, anxiously hopes that members having material on Missouri Territorials, that is any cover prior to August 10, 1821, or St. Louis covers or postmarks prior to the 1861 stamps of the National Bank Note Company, will communicate with him in order to aid in the preparation of an article for publication in the 1954 American Philatelic Congress Book.

In order to more nearly cover the cost of the ads placed in the Chatter, we advise that in following issues the cost for a quarter page ad will be \$1.50, a half page ad \$3.00, and a full page ad \$6.00.

In retrospect, as kids ten cents was big money, how dimes have changed. A pleasant summer to all.

Sincerely

Lester L. Downing.

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1789 to date.

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Chase, Ashbrook, Stamp Specialist etc.
Many early magazines of importance.

Now and then a few covers, Stampless
to date are available.

Stephen C. Lyon, RA #9
51 Empire St.,
Providence 3, R.I.

WANTED

Covers with Boston, Mass., Cancellations and Orange Browns for following days in July 1851.

July 2	July 3
July 5	July 6
July 7	July 10
July 11	July 12
July 13	July 16
July 16	July 17
July 18	July 20
July 22	July 27
July 31	

Also covers for the following
dates from any handstamped office
with OBs for July 1851.

July 6 July 16

Lester L. Downing
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