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

1 Garrett Ave., Rosemont, Pa. July 21, 1949

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER (C.C. No. 4)

Dear Fellow Route-Agent:-

We have picked a cool evening to send you herewith our 1st annual report on The Unit status; and to advise you of an important announcement The Unit is making thru this column and the philatelic press (see below).

First, we wish, officially, to introduce you to Route-Agents Nos. 112 thru 118, who have joined since our last C.C. Letter:-R.A.

#112 Ralph MacCracken, Jr., 428 N. Mt. Pleasant St., Lancaster, Ohio (CPM.PV etc. 51-57)

#113 Earl Oakley, 732 S. Citrus Ave., Los Angeles, 36, Calif. (CPM,Co,Pv,P51-57)

#114 Edgar H. Kent, 189 Union St., Apt. A, Attleboro, Mass. (CPM,Co,P 51-57)

#115 C. Bradford Leonard, Jr., South of Commons, Little Compton, R.I. (CPM, Co PV, P51)

#116 E. Willard Phippen, % Cambridge Trust Co., 1336 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 38, Mass. (CPM,Co,PV 51)

#117 Lester L. Downing, 48 Hancock St., Lexington, 73, Mass. (CPM, PV etc. 51-57) #118 C. E. Kephart, P.O. Box #262, Seaside, Calif. (CPM, PV etc. 51-57)

It is a pleasure to welcome these new members, and we hope you fully enjoy--and benefit--from your membership.

Will you also make note of the following address changes of other

members as recently reported to us:-R.A. #51 Edw. J. Morgan fo Box 1826, Cabanna Sta., St. Louis, 12, Mo.

R.A. #5 Tracy W. Simpson to 66 Alvarado Road, Berkeley, 5, Cal.

R.A. #26 Rev. Chas. H. Gibboney to 115 - 16th St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

(formerly Norfolk, Va.)

R.A. #104 Harry Haines, Jr., AD2, USN, to Fasron Eight, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.

We most regretfully advise of the recent death of R.A.#82 Dr. Ralph W. Payne of Greenfield, Mass.

In a few days you will be receiving your 1949-50 dues statement from our Secy-Treasurer, Warren Stewart. Your Board of Directors voted for only a modest increase in dues to \$2.00 per annum and reduced the initiation fee to \$1.00 for new members. This increase was kept to the minimum so we can continue all Unit activities at their present vigor, and we ask your continued 100% support. With your co-operation, our Unit can develop and go places. Mr. Stewart's financial report for this lst year is attached for your information.

Please note that The Unit actually has a balance! and that the 23 Publication Fund subscribers made a most valuable contribution to our present solvency. It is expected that the new dues set—up will eliminate the necessity of another Fund drive.

Now, to our important announcement! Dr. Carroll Chase has suggested that The Unit should stage an Exhibition on July 1, 1951 to commemorate The Centenary of the 3¢ '51. The Board has unanimously approved his idea. Therefore, the following announcement is being made public now in case other individuals or groups might have the same bright idea and get ahead of us. Collectors of the 1¢ and 12¢ '51s--issued on the same day--will be included on Committees etc., but we feel that our Unit should run the show:-

By approval of its Board of Directors and officers, The Three Cent 1851-57 Unit (Unit No. 11 of The American Philatelic Society) wishes to give advance notice that it will hold a National Exhibition on July 1, 1951 to commemorate The Centenary of the 3ϕ 1851, and to include also the 1ϕ and 12ϕ 1851, which were also issued on July 1, 1851. The location of The Exhibition and further details yet to be worked out will be announced as soon as more definite plans are completed. Provisional committees will be appointed in due course.

A snappy report from R.A. #11, J. M. Schwartz, Manager of The Unit's Sales Department indicates that 316 items have been sold for \$344.00 from the 37 books already entered by various members, as of July 1, 1949. 7 Books are ready for retirement covering \$115.00 in sales. This sounds like a fine report. If you have nice duplicates to sell, or if you wish to see some of the books already circulating—write to Mr. Schwartz at once.

An informal meeting of Eastern members in N.Y.C. is being planned for September, with Phil. E. Baker (R.A. #53) in charge of arrangements. We recommend other regional meetings and let us know if we can cooperate with you in helping to arrange such meetings.

Are you going to the APS Convention in Boston August 16-20? If so, please clip the coupon below, or write us. We will have an informal, social or what-not, get-to-gether 2 P.M. Friday the 19th at the Convention for all Unit members, and interested non-members, and we would like an advance list of those who can make it. Director John Ayer (R.A. #34) is Chairman of the meeting and is making all the necessary advance arrangements. I personally hope to attend and am looking forward to meeting many other fellow route-agents there.

If, by chance, you are one of our members not yet affiliated with APS, can we furnish you with information or an application blank? The APS is the strongest and largest group of organized stamp collectors in the World and

we strongly recommend membership in it to you. The APS needs and deserves the support of all serious philatelists.

You will be hearing from us again in the Fall with further Unit developments and news. In the meantime, we hope you have had and will have a most enjoyable and pleasant summer and vacation.

Cordially yours,

W.W. Hicks, Chairman.

John Ayer, % Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, 8, Mass.

I am planning to attend APS Convention in Boston August 16-20 and you can count on me to attend The Unit meeting on Friday the 19th at 2 $P_{\bullet}M_{\bullet}$

Signed _____

THE 3¢ 1851-57 UNIT # 11 of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Statement of financial condition, July 1, 1949

Income,			
General fund,		ŧ	
Ninety-one members admitted @ \$ 3.00 Twenty-five members admitted @ 2.50	\$ 273.00 62.50 \$ 335.50	\$ 335.50	
Chronicle fund,			
Donations from twenty-three members Sale of Chronicles Total income	\$ 211.50 29.71 \$ 241.21	\$ 241.21 \$ 576.71	\$ 576.71
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Disbursments,			
To publish The 3¢ 1851-57 Chronicle To issue Chairmans Chatter and	\$ 333.60		
Chairmans Bulletins	96.06		
Chairmans expense, prospect letters, miscellaneous printing and mailing Secretarys expense, postage and	15.53		
stationary	10.50		
Printing, 1000 application blanks	32.00 487.69	\$ 487.69	
Total disbursments		\$ 487.69	\$ 487.69 \$ 89.02
On hand, July 1, 1949,			•
Cash	••••	•••••	\$ 89.02

Signed, Warren C. Stewart, Secty-Treas.