

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

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C H A I R M A N ' S      C H A T T E R  
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Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

The season for shows, expositions, exhibitions and such is now on with full force and our members have been very active participants in them with exhibits, papers and also articles in philatelic publications.

Probably foremost among all was the honor conferred at Cipex, Toronto, on Stanley B. Ashbrook of signing the ROLL OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS, established in 1920 by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, this being the second time in its history that the roll has been brought to America.

As Judges, our Unit was represented in the Cipex International Jury by Harry A. Dunsmoor and Edgar B. Jessup, and Unit members winning awards were as follows:-

Gold Award by Chas. F. Meroni for his U. S. Postal History from the Colonial Era through the Civil War.

Certificate for Silver Award by Chas. F. Meroni for his showing of 19th Century Postal History of Canada.

Silver Awards by Chas. F. Meroni

Mortimer L. Neinken

Paul C. Rohloff

Bronze Award by Colin Mac R. Makepeace

Donald M. Steele

Jere. Hess Barr

Silver Gilt Certificate by Chas. F. Meroni (he seems to have missed taking a bronze award, must be allergic to bronze), for a showing of Great Britain Postal History.

At the Tri-State (Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky) Federation of Stamp Clubs' Convention held in Indianapolis the last of September Dr. Edward A. Goll was a co-chairman.

Dr. Chas. L. Roser won the Nearing Trophy for the best paper at the Congress, being a very instructive reading on Kentucky Postal History.

J. David Baker won a Gold Medal for a paper and also the Grand Award for his early California Covers.

Hugh J. Baker, Jr., won the trophy for the best showing of U.S., having on display 6 frames of the 19th Century. He also won an award for an exhibit of 16 frames of the 5 and 10 cent 1847.

Henry A. Meyer, at the Saturday morning meeting, presided over a discussion on various items of the postal history of Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois, ably assisted by Dr. Roser, J. David Baker and Hugh J. Baker, Jr., who showed material involved in the discussion.

Leo J. Shaughnessy has reported a Janesville, Wisconsin, cancellation of September 4 with the year date 1853, and we hope that all Unit members have

read his fine article in the SPA Journal of markings on the 1857 perforated type II stamps with continuous frame lines. If you have not, we advise you to borrow a copy from some friend.

The theme at SESCAL, - the convention of the Southern California Federated Stamp Clubs, - was THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THREE CENT 1851. Edwin S. Bingham, Jr., is president of the Beverly Hills Philatelic Society which was instrumental in putting on SESCAL and also chairman of that show. Now we have another chairman who has found out the hard way of the tremendous amount of work the chairmanship entails. However, we doubt if he has any regrets because of the pleasure it has given others.

Roy C. Mitchell won the medal for the best THREE CENT 1851 collection, a well rounded exhibit of the colors by years, colored cancellations, early dates, fancy cancels, plate varieties, grids, Express Mails, towns, Paids, etc.

Chuck Remele, our Secretary-Treasurer, won a Gold Cup Award for his railroad covers and attendant postal and railroad history, A. R. Rowell sent in for publicity purposes a beautiful first day cover with a Cambridge, Mass., oval cancellation.

Dr. Gerald B. Smith, our roving ambassador of good will, was the main speaker at the Banquet and was presented with a plaque in honor of his showing, five first day covers, strips, blocks, reconstructed imprints and plate numbers, singles with year dates, Wells Fargo covers, February 29 cancellations for 1852, 56 and 60 and so on. We wonder if Doc has finally secured the one day he was missing of the July 11 to 26, 1853 year dated New York cancellations. His exhibit was not in competition as the show was limited to California collectors.

Tracy Simpson, the Editor of our Chronicle, has been working diligently on the next two issues of the Chronicle, one of which you will shortly receive if indeed you have not already. He would remind the members that every one of us has something in our collections that is worthy of notice in the Chronicle. We may be a little hesitant about offering it, feeling that it is not of universal interest, but consider that although trivial to us, it may be the very answer to someone working in a very specialized field.

Tracy Simpson, in the 11th Annual Exhibit of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, had on show a first day cover and the reconstruction of the Orange Browns, Plate 1 (int) in the Court of Honor (non-competitive).

Gilbert M. Burr had an article in stamps recently relative to the so-called hollow type cancels of New York City and the question as to whether this type appeared as a result of wear of the cancelling device.

Adolf Meyers was one who exhibited his U.S. 1851-57 issues at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit for the Michigan Stamp Club.

At the SPA Convention in Cincinnati last August, the Hil F. Best Award for the top U. S. entry went to John D. Baker for a display of Postmaster Provisionals and the 5 and 10 cent 1847 issue. Dr. Chas. L. Roser and Hugh J. Baker, Jr., also won awards there.

We are happy to inform our members that at the APS Convention in Toronto the resolution requiring all members of an individual Unit to also be members of

the APS, was soundly defeated. We believe this to have been in the best interests of both the APS and our Unit for, as we see it, the APS will profit most by promoting the interests of all sincere collectors.

At the APS Convention, Earl P. L. Apfelbaum and Donald M. Steele were elected Vice Presidents and David Lidman elected Editor of the American Philatelist.

We are sure the members will be interested in the following letter received from Stanley B. Ashbrook, which is self-explanatory, accepting the Unit's election of him to Honorary Membership:

Mr. W. W. Hicks,  
1 Garrett Ave.,  
Rosemont, Pa.

My dear Bill:-

I trust that you will pardon the delay in acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 20th.

I was simply overwhelmed with the advice it contained and I do most sincerely appreciate the high honor paid me by the 3¢ 1851-57 Society. I was, to be quite frank, deeply touched by this tribute because I am fully conscious that I do not deserve it, because there are so many fine students in the Unit who are far more deserving than myself. I feel rather guilty in accepting this honor but I can assure you, and each fellow member of the Unit, that I am deeply grateful. To be made an Honorary Member alongside of my old and dear friend Carroll Chase is most gratifying.

Will you please extend my thanks to the officers and members of the Unit.

With every good wish.

Cordially yours,

(s) Stanley

We think also that our members will be interested in the fine series of 5 or 6 articles by Stanley B. Ashbrook which are now appearing in STAMPS on the U. S. Postal History of the 19th Century.

Of the books issued by the National Philatelic Museum for Cenex at Philadelphia last July, there are only about 250 left and the sale of these will be of material help to the Unit. We find through the efforts of several of our active Route-Agents that these books, because of the substantial information contained in the Cenex Book, are readily sold to non-Unit collectors who may be interested in early 19th Century USA and who are without copies of Dr. Chase's and Stanley Ashbrook's books. Clarence Warne Wilson has already sold about a dozen and expects to sell many more to members of his Detroit Philatelic Society by simply showing the book to his fellow members. Edwin S. Bingham, Jr., of the Beverly Hills Philatelic Society and Dr. Gerald B. Smith have each sold copies to others.

Will you be willing to act as our sales agent among your philatelic friends and your local stamp club? The price per single copy is \$2.00, or six or more at a time, \$1.50 each, parcel post prepaid in either case. We sincerely feel in so doing you will be doing your friends a favor and also help the finances of the Unit.

Dr. Polland reports that our Sales Department has, as of November 1st, gross sales of \$1500 to \$2000 with nine circuits in operation with a value on the material in each circuit of about \$1000 and about 30 members in the circuits. He reports a very strong market for very fine material and would like to have more members submit their duplicates for sale in the Department. Won't you look over your stock and send some in to Dr. Polland at Ross, California. You will realize on your duplicates and some other member will have a chance to improve his collection. Or perhaps you will join the circuit, the only expense you incur beyond your purchases is for the postage and registration fee at the Post Office which is the minimum as the value of the material is covered by insurance paid for by the Sales Department.

The title of Scribe has been given to that office whose duty it is to foster our relations with the philatelic world. Willard W. Davis, who has held this position under the temporary title of Historian, will now have an official title.

We are sorry to report the resignations from the Unit of RA #135 Henry E. Lack, 152 George M. Flint and 163 George C. Hahn. The following are being dropped from the Unit for non-payment of dues:

41	Ernest S. Park, Wolfboro, N. H.
83	Jerome Mehringer, Butler, Wisconsin
84	Bob Stayner, Salt Lake City, Utah
134	Robert S. Kershaw, Akron, Ohio
155	Eugene W. Wilkin, Warwick Neck, R. I.
173	Maj. Clare V. Turner, Honolulu, Hawaii

We hope this is a matter of forgetfulness and not of desire and that they will soon amend their error.



We wish to inform the members of changes of address of the following members:-

RA

28 Harry I. Darr 121 W. Mowry St., Chester, Penn.  
 74 Charles E. Monroe 41 Ehrbar Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.  
 76 L. W. Kaiser R.D. #2, Ellis Hollow Road, Ithaca, N. Y.  
 99 J. L. Norbeck 1907 Lyndale Ave., So. Minneapolis 5, Minn.  
 120 John E. McBrian 45 Longview Rd., Port Washington, N. Y.  
 130 William S. Orr, 123 Tracy Ave., Batavia, N. Y.  
 186 Hubert Scruggs, should be listed as Hubert Scruggs, Jr.

It is with much pleasure we announce the following new members:-

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8	Warren Stewart	10439 N.E. Fargo St., Portland Oregon (An old member returned)	Co51-57;P51
190	Poole, Horace S.	1475 Montrose Ter., Dubuque, Iowa	CPM51-57 & Iowa Covers
191	Sherman, Harold	P.O. Box 133, Newburg, N. Y.	PV:CPM51-57:SC
192	Glazier, Paul R.	Box 603, Torrington, Conn.	CPM51-57
193	Barr, Jere. Hess	11 Howard St., West Lawn, Penn.	CPM stampless & Penn.
194	Daniels, Bruce G.	77 Tunstall Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.	ED
195	Scholl, Frederick L.	2935 South Salina St., Apt. 15, Syracuse 5, N. Y.	CPM51-57:Covers

We trust our association together will be a mutual pleasure and benefit to all.

In closing may we offer the hope that you observed Thanksgiving according to the old adage "Eat hearty and give the house a good name", and that Christmas and the New Year will bring you many 51s and much happiness.

Sincerely,

Lester L. Downing,  
Vice Chairman.