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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. #18

119 Washington St.,  
 Topsfield, Mass.  
 September 18, 1953.

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

September, the evenings grow longer and the urge to resume our stamp activities becomes stronger. But are we adding to the pleasure we can give our philatelic friends by sharing some of our time with them? This hobby of ours would not be half as much fun if we shut ourselves up with our collection to the exclusion of all others and the knowledge we have and desire to have would be small without the co-operation of others. But co-operation alone is not the answer. We all know that Tracy Simpson with his Chronicle must have co-operation from the entire Unit if he is to continue to produce all that interesting data. We are thinking of the friendly encouragement and help that each of us can give to those who are nearby by evenings spent together or to those at a distance with whom we can correspond about some favored aspect of our hobby. Try it and see if the results do not more than pay for the effort.

Dr. Chase advises that he now has a very extensive year color chart, showing just about every color in which the 3¢ 51-57 appeared. He will be glad to identify the color and year of any such stamps you may send him for this purpose. The charge is most moderate, 25 cents per stamp.

There follows the report of the audit of our Secretary-Treasurer's books for the past fiscal year.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS  
 JULY 1, 1952 --- JUNE 30, 1953

Cash on Hand, July 1, 1952		\$441.19
Receipts - Initiation Fees	\$ 27.00	
Membership Dues	392.00	
Sales of Extra Chronicles	83.75	
Advertising in Chairman's Chatter	41.00	
Donations	3.00	
Sale of Cenex Book	2.00	548.75
		<u>\$989.94</u>
Disbursements - Postage	\$ 40.01	
Stationery & Supplies	15.87	
Chronicles #15-16 & Index	301.39	
Chairman's Chatter #14-17 & Roster	217.67	
Surety Bonds	15.00	
Dues (National Federation)	2.00	591.94
		<u>\$398.00</u>
Balance on Hand, June 30, 1953		\$398.00
(Dues Received in Advance - \$16.50)		

During the fiscal year 27 new members have been added and 1 reinstated. Three members have resigned, three have died, and six have dropped for non-payment of dues, leaving a net gain of 16 members. As of June 30, 1953, there were 206 active members and 2 honorary members.

The above report has been confirmed and audited against entries recorded in the books of accounting of C. W. Remele, Sec'y-Treas. of our unit. I wish to state that the books are kept in good order and all money and dues received and expended are recorded. You will note that the increase in membership at \$2.00 a year still does not cover the expenditures of our unit. We actually spent \$59.69 more than we received in revenue. Of course we have a balance which was obtained from our 1951 exhibit which amounts to \$441.19. This year we have a balance of \$398.00 which includes \$16.50 in prepaid dues so that our actual balance is only \$381.50.

I propose that the membership be polled regarding a \$1.00 a year increase in dues. This would allow us to operate within our budget and also allow an extra edition of the Chronicle or an increase in the number of pages now published.

I wish to compliment C. W. Remele for his splendid work in maintaining our records.

Chas. A. Pfahl  
Chairman Auditing Committee

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Dr. Polland reports as follows for the Sales Department:- Sales of the circuit were very slow during the summer, during the fall, I hope for a good pick-up. However, good material is hard to get and even auction catalogues show very little except the rare or unusual.

The trouble with the 3¢ circuit is that the members are specialists, who want only the V.F. or unusual. It is easier to sell a V.F. \$5.00 item than a fine 50¢ item. The kind of material I need to make an active, interesting circuit just doesn't exist, except in the hands of the collector who doesn't want to sell it. I think it might be well to close the circuit during 1954.

W. Scott Polland.

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Dave Baker, Chairman of the membership committee, wishes to remind all that there must be many more collectors who are interested in our period, that have not joined the Unit and requests our members to send him the names of two or three people who should be interested. He will immediately contact them or send you the necessary stationery for your own contact if you so prefer. Supplies will be sent promptly to anyone requesting them from Dave Baker, P. O. Box 892, Indianapolis, Indiana.

To refresh your memory, the following are still members of the membership committee and also can supply you with stationery:

Sam Paige	Don Steele	Willard W. Davis	Alex Dumas
John Fox	Perry W. Fuller	Doc. Smith	R. M. Carey
Albert S. Kelley		Phil Baker	Horace S. Poole

In closing, Dave wishes to express his thanks to those members who have secured new members this year.

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To those who have overlooked sending Chuck Remele their dues for the new year, may we jog their memory to do so and thus save Chuck an extra letter.

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News of our members' activities for this past summer is rather scarce. Your editor had the pleasure of a very happy day spent with Bill Hicks at the home of Dr. Chase last month and further discussions were held on the topic of plating charts. Our results to date have not been good enough for our liking, but we feel that considerable progress is being made and hope to have some positive results to give you in the next Chatter.

Col. Edward B. Murphy won the grand award of the 57th annual Texas Philatelic Association exhibition at Fort Worth with his showing of material which was used in that territory out of which Colorado and parts of Kansas and Oklahoma were carved. He also received the APS bronze medal. Incidentally, his special interest is in covers to show the postal markings and history of Gilpen County, Colorado, where the first gold lode in Colorado was found. He is still looking for covers cancelled from Bald Mountain, Gold Dirt and Rollinsville, all of Gilpen County.

Pitt Petri had an article on Private Local Posts in Buffalo, New York, in the March Philatelist.

At the February meeting at the Collectors Club, W. C. Peterman showed some rate markings on U. S. covers from 1782 to 1845, while at the March meeting Henry E. Abt gave a wonderful evening's talk on the Private Posts of the U.S.;- both those which have been studied and recorded and also those of which little is known and furnish an interesting field for research.

Harry Haines, Jr., is away with the Navy on an extended trip to the Mediterranean, stopping at Port Lyuatey, French Morocco and Malta. With the events in that part of the world these last few weeks, it can not be a dull trip.

Last summer Chick Pfahl took an unusual trip to Africa, visiting Dakar, Conakry, Freetown, Accra, Kono, Liberia and the Belgian Congo, even going about 1000 miles up the Congo. He was, however, disappointed in the lack of interest by the natives in our 3¢ 5ls. He flew both ways and on his return stopped in Switzerland, Belgium and England.

Edgar Jessup seems to have a flair for having his picture published, first a photo in the Western Stamp Collector and again his photo in the Wall Street Journal. Some accomplishment.

We have a correction to be made in the listing for Arthur S. Wardwell, RA #38 which should show his interests as P51;U;CPM51-57:PV57 Co51:Ca51.

Please take note of the change of address of the following:  
Harry Haines, Jr., 652-43-29 AD1, USN, Patrol Squadron Ten, Fleet Post Office,  
New York, N.Y.

H. A. Dobson, III, 813 Curtis St., Albany 6, Calif.

David Lidman, 6 Sixth St., Park Ridge, N.J.

John A. Fox, 173 Tulip Ave., Floral Park, N.Y.

E. N. Sampson, 815 Main St., Lynnfield Centre, Mass.

Philip E. Baker, 4 Dartmouth St., Forest Hills 75, N.Y.

Charles E. Monroe, 262 Rich Ave., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Edgar H. Kent, 42 Third St., Attleboro, Mass.

Dr. Warren R. Coleman, Box 476, Carmichael, Calif.

Sherman E. Rogers, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y.

~~Rosser E. Hunter~~, 420 Range Road, Towson 4, Md. ----- Ross B. Hooker

Edwin M. Thayer, 6 Fremont St., Sanford, Maine

E. N. Costales, Box 87, Rockville Centre, N.Y.

J. David Baker, 3909 No. Delaware St., Indianapolis 5, Ind.

With pleasure we welcome the following new members:-

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| RA  |                    |                                                       |               |
| 244 | Minor, James E.    | 2527 McCain Road, Jackson, Michigan                   | CPM:PV:P51-57 |
| 245 | Blinn, Thomas W.   | 13288 Lauder Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.                  | CPM51-57      |
| 246 | McGrath, Edward J. | 41 Wellington St., St. Catharines,<br>Ontario, Canada | CPM:PV51-57   |
| 247 | Farrington, J. A.  | New Hope, Penn.                                       | All phases    |

We must also call your attention to the change of address of our Chairman, W. W. Hicks, 842 Lancaster Ave., Villa Nova, Penn. Due to the coming of age of the children, Mrs. Hicks and Bill were rattling around all alone in a big house and they deemed it wise to choose a smaller home in the near vicinity. May Bill continue to amass more 51s and Mrs. Hicks find continued happiness in her new home.

The address of your Chatter Editor is now 119 Washington Street, Topsfield, Mass., and his telephone is Tu 7-2763. But a short distance from either the old Newburyport Turnpike or the new cut off.

In closing, keep in mind the old saying, "Money talks", it sure does, it says "Good By".

Sincerely,

Lester L. Downing

OLD U. S. COVERS

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MY SPECIALTY

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PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO 36 1851-57 UNIT  
MEMBER'S SPECIAL NEEDS. APPROVALS GLADLY  
SUBMITTED ON REQUEST.

WRITE FOR FREE SPECIAL LISTS OF OLD U.S.  
COVERS.

Help: For my personal collection I need  
the following dates;- Jan. 19;  
Feb. 29; on #11, off cover.

E. N. Sampson, RA #85  
815 Main Street  
Lynnfield Centre, Mass.

WANTED BY

A. W. Herr, RA #206  
804 Houston St., Fort Worth 2, Texas

ANY HORIZONTAL STRIPS

OF

THREE

FROM THE LAST THREE ROWS  
OF THE LEFT PANE OF PLATE  
THREE, IMPERFORATE.

WANTED BY

A. W. Herr RA 206  
804 Houston Street, Fort Worth 2, Texas

1¢ 1851 TYPE 4

Left Pane	Right Pane
4; 10; 12; 20; 30;	11; 12; 13; 18;
40; 50; 61; 62; 73;	19; 27; 28; 41;
74; 92	42; 43; 45; 51;
	60; 63; 66; 70;
	71; 78; 81; 83;
	93

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INTERESTED IN IOWA COVERS, STAMPED  
OR STAMPLESS, HAND STRUCK OR PEN  
CANCELLED, PRIOR TO 1857. PLEASE  
SUBMIT.

HORACE S. POOLE, RA #180  
1475 MONTROSE TERRACE,  
DUBUQUE, IOWA.

I am interested in covers as listed below  
and would appreciate receiving any of the  
items on approval.

Black Hawk Point, Colorado Territory		
Missouri City,	"	"
South Boulder,	"	"
Central City,	"	"
Mountain City,	"	"
Rollinsville,	"	"
Nevada,	"	"
Black Hawk,	"	"
Bald Mountain,	"	"
Gold Dirt,	"	"

Missouri City, Kansas Territory		
Mountain City,	"	"
Nevada,	"	"

Covers addressed to Mountain City, Jeff-  
erson Territory.

EDWARD B MURPHY RA 215  
3836 Hill Top Road  
Fort Worth 9, Texas