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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. #19

119 Washington St.,  
Topsfield, Mass.  
March 15, 1954

Dear Fellow Route Agent:-

Before July 1, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, 3 Directors and a Scribe must be elected for the next two year term. While we must agree with Bill Hicks, we nevertheless regret his decision, because of the pressure of his business and his belief that the Unit will be better off if the Chairmanship is not held too long by any one member, not to continue as Chairman. Therefore there follows that portion of the By-Laws relative to the nominations for the elective offices.

ARTICLE 11. (NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS)

The term of all elective officers shall be for two years. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the membership of the Unit, such election to be held during the month of April of each even-numbered year. Duly elected officers shall assume their duties on the first day of July following their election.

The Chairman shall appoint, not later than the last day of January of each election year, a nominating committee of three members of the Unit who shall prepare a ballot in a form approved by the Board of Directors, for submission to the membership. Besides making nominations on its own initiative, the nominating committee shall consider any nominations received from the members, and if a nomination of any member for any office shall be seconded by a minimum of three (3) other members, it shall be mandatory to place such nomination on the ballot. In the case of uncontested nominations, the Chairman shall issue an executive order for the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for such nominees.

The following have been named as a nominating committee: Lester L. Downing, Tracy W. Simpson and J. David Baker. We ask that the members carefully consider this question of new officers and that they will submit, in accordance with the By-Laws, their nominations for the various offices. However, be sure to obtain your candidate's consent before sending in his nomination.

We have from Heyliger deWindt a correction to our remarks in the Chatter #17, about a new postmasters provisional. It is not such but a very clear and striking "PAID 5 C.H.W." from West Stockbridge, Mass.

It is with sorrow that we heard of the death last December of one of our grand old Route Agents, Abe Rubel, Jr. He had a wonderful collection of College

Town and Railroad cancellations, on which he had spent much time and study, the railroads particularly being shown with information of the start of each road and a map showing its route. Many of us will miss his cheerful self and his desire to help all who came to him for advice.

We note some of the activities of our members but fear that we have missed the successes of many others through failure to bring them to our attention.

At the Chicago Philatelic Society's Annual Exhibition, Richard McP. Cabeen, stamp editor of the Chicago Tribune, received the Society's Newberry Award. Raymond M. Wilkinson received the Hennan trophy for his Confederate States showing and Horace S. Poole received a Silver Medal for his early Iowa covers.

At the Mound City Stamp Club's 10th Annual Exhibition, Sanford M. Arnold won the Grand Award and also the APS Medal for his covers depicting the development of the U. S. Carrier Services. William H. Semsrott has been made Chairman for the 11th Annual General Exhibition which will be held in St. Louis in conjunction with the 1954 Session of the American Philatelic Congress.

At the 3rd Annual Show of the New England A.S.D.A. held in Boston, H. P. Atherton and Alexander I. Dumas had showings in the Hall of Honor. Bruce Daniels is now Treasurer of the N. E. Chapter and Samuel C. Paige is Chairman for the 4th Annual Show.

John L. Norbeck is now President of the Twin City Philatelic Society of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

At Cenjex 1953, Walter I. Quelch showed covers carried by pioneer steamships to win the U. S. and Possessions Section Award and also won the New Jersey Postal History Trophy with his Monmouth County material. Frank A. Hollowbush won a First Award with his miscellaneous showing. Walter I. Quelch has been elected President of the Federated Stamp Clubs of Central New Jersey for the coming year.

Here is a bit of news about two of our newer members, Dr. Edward M. West is President of the Atlanta Stamp Club and Raynor Hubbell is President of the Confederate Stamp Alliance.

At the 9th Annual Stamp Exhibition of Sescal, Edward S. Bingham, Jr. won the Grand Award with his 3 cent 1851 collection, C. W. Remele won a U. S. Second Award with his early Railroad Covers and Roy C. Mitchell won a Special Award for his showing of the first U.S. Stamped Envelopes and a Gold Award with his 19th Century Stamped Envelopes.

Henry A. Meyer has an interesting article in the SPA Journal on Research Problems in Steamboat covers, one of several very fine articles which have appeared in the late issues of the SPA Journal.

Thomas W. Blinn got a First Prize in the Dearborn Stamp Club Show with his exhibit of Michigan Postal History covers.

The APS Convention will be held in San Francisco this September and undoubtedly those members of our Unit who attend would relish a Get-Together of some sort, possibly a luncheon or an afternoon group meeting. Until some local member is appointed to take charge, the writer will be glad to hear from all those planning to attend.

Also there is a growing desire for a Unit meeting some time in 1955 and it would seem that such an occasion is about due. Our 1951 Convention at Philadelphia was such a success and proved such a source for forming friendships and gaining information that it would be a shame not to repeat. Our roving Ambassador, Dr. Gerald B. Smith at Woodburn, Oregon, would be pleased to have your reaction.

Ward S. Parker of St. Louis advises that a group of St. Louis collectors is preparing an article for publication in the 1954 American Philatelic Congress Book

on Missouri Territorials and St. Louis postmarks. He will appreciate hearing from members having Missouri Covers prior to August 10, 1821 or St. Louis covers prior to the issue of the 1861 stamps.

It is with pleasure we welcome the following new members to our Unit:-

RA			
248	Beals, David T. III	1401 Dunford Circle, Kansas City, Mo.	CPM:PV 51-57 and shades
249	Wartel, Murray S.	90 Pierce St., Greenfield, Mass.	Co:P 51-57
250	Dike, Dr. S. H.	3072 35th Place, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, N.M.	NM Territorial Postal History 19th Cent. U.S.
251	Rosselot, Duane C.	419 Sycamore St., N.E. Albuquerque, N.M.	Route Markings & Territorials
252	Hubbell, Raynor	Box 573, Griffin, Ga.	Dealer
253	West, Dr. Edward M.	825 Candler Bldg., Atlanta 3, Ga.	CPM 51-57: Ga. Postmarks

The more they avail themselves of the friendship and knowledge of the Unit members, the more will we all profit.

We have the following changes of address of our members:-

Louis C. Rove, Jr.	Box 204, Route 2, Pewaukee, Wisc.
(At present and for about another year he is located in Portuguese West Africa.)	
Towner K. Webster,	Route 3, Oregon, Illinois.
Eugene N. Costales,	4106 Greenoch St., Houston, Texas.
Col. Rosser L. Hunter,	7211 Fairfax Rd., Bethesda 14, Md.
Hugo S. Barbiera,	11124 Camarillo St., Apt. 15, North Hollywood, Calif.
Leo J. Chak,	Apt. B 6, 4 Bayard Rd., Pittsburgh 13, Penn.
Philip E. Baker,	635 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J.

In closing the writer fears that at times his use of the English language may be somewhat ambiguous. Please consider the story of the hill billy boy and the city lad who were drafted into the army and bunked side by side. One morning the city lad could not find his tooth paste, so he asked his hill billy bunkie, "Have you my tooth paste?" The hill billy answered, "No, my teeth ain't loose."

Sincerely

Lester L. Downing

WANTED 3¢ 1851-57

While I am always interested in purchasing anything choice in the way of our first 3¢ stamps, I am more particularly interested in:-

UNUSED BLOCKS

- 1851 3¢ plates 1e, 1i, 0 and 6.  
1857 3¢ pl. 9e, 11e, 11L, 12-14, 16-18, 21, 22, 26.  
1857 3¢ most plate blocks.  
1851 3¢ First day covers.

PHILIP H. WARD, Jr.

1616 Walnut Street  
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

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I O W A C O V E R S

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.

WANTED

JULY 6, (1851)

JULY 16, (1851)

Covers with OBs for the above  
dates, preferably with Boston  
cancellation.

Lester L. Downing  
119 Washington St.  
Topsfield, Mass.

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