

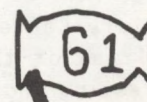


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OFFICERS FOR 1956-57

President Parsons appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of E. W. Eddy, Adolph Steeg, Arthur VanVlissingen and your Secretary. The Committee has met (by Mail) and has decided that the present officers should serve for another term. As most of you know we have established a custom of "progression" in office. The First Vice-President has been moved to President, the Second Vice-President to First and a new Second nominated. The outgoing President has become Chairman of the Board of Governors. Chairmen of Committees, Members of the Board and Managers of Departments have continued to serve where possible. This custom, in a Club like ours, where members seldom meet, has made the work of a Nominating Committee much simpler and has also made operation of the Club functions much more efficient than would be the case with a whole new slate every two years.

There are two reasons for altering this custom this year. First, certain activities the present officers have started but not completed, notably the publication of the Whitfield book, and second, the wish of our First Vice-President, Burleigh Jacobs, to take a year off from being President to a Philatelic organization, he being just about to complete a very active and very successful term as President of APS. The Committee hopes the members will approve this action.

A ballott is enclosed. Please vote.

THE RUTLAND EXHIBITION

At the 1955 Philatelic Exhibition in the Rutland, Vt. Free Library held late in April and sponsored by the Rutland County Stamp Club the USCC Certificate was awarded to Leonard M. McCabe Jr. of Belmont, Vt. for a specialized showing of USA 20th Century Cancellations. Mr. Fred L. Baldwin, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee sent an interesting and comprehensive report on the Exhibition. We regret that space will not permit us to use it all. The exhibition and Convention in which several neighboring Clubs were included must have been outstanding. Our congratulations.

MORE FREQUENT PUBLICATION -- INCREASED DUES

Ever since dues were increased from \$2.00 per year to \$2.50 many of our members have suggested that \$3.00 would be a much more convenient amount to handle than \$2.50. Also since the QUARTERLY was started a number of you have suggested that we issue our publication six times a year instead of four. Your Officers and Members of your Board of Governors have decided to try more frequent publication. Accordingly, as soon as the change can be made our QUARTERLY will be published under a new name every two months.

This will increase our expenses to some extent and will necessitate increasing the dues to \$3.00 per year. Also we will make a somewhat different arrangement for new members' dues. Although the cost of processing applications is substantial we still do not charge any membership fee. New members joining between Jan. 1 and April 30 will pay \$3.00 for the current year. Those joining between May 1 and April 31 will pay \$2.00 and for the last four months of the year new members will pay \$1.00. We believe this arrangement will prove to be fair and convenient.

In connection with the more frequent publication of our official organ we will need a new name for it. Please suggest one. On the ballott enclosed space will be found for your suggestion. A committee will be appointed to choose from your suggestions the name which best expresses the purposes of our publication.

CONTRIBUTION TO PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

Most of you will remember that, when George Hale's philatelic properties were sold, a group of collectors bid in the collection of photographs and Postal History articles and presented it to the Philatelic Foundation. However, no provision was made for housing and arranging and the Director, Mr. Boggs, has had somewhat of a problem. At the suggestion of our President and our Sec'y-Treas. U S CANCELLATION CLUB has contributed \$25.00 to help the Foundation toward this expense. Letters from Mr. Boggs and from Louise B. Dale, Chairman, have expressed their appreciation for the gift.

It is the understanding of your Secretary that this material is available for inspection by interested collectors at 22 E. 35th St., New York, N.Y. during regular office hours.

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ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

At the Norwegian Centenary Exhibition held in Oslo in June Dr. C. S. Hitchins won a silver medal for his showing of the stamps of Manchukuo. The exhibit also was awarded a bronze medal at Stockholm 55 at Stockholm in July.

The Lynchburg Stamp Club, Lynchburg, Va. held its first exhibition in June. Although no awards were made the showing of first & second issue USA by Mrs. Clyde Jennings attracted a great deal of attention.

At the SPA Convention in Louisville, Ky. in August the following won awards in the U. S. Cancellation Division:

Trophy &amp; Medal; Hugh J. Baker Jr.

Medal &amp; USCC Certificate; Charles R. Kihnley

USCC Certificate; William M. Able.

All three are members of USCC.

Sometime in October John Fox plans to sell at auction the famous Burleigh E. Jacobs U. S. cancellation collection. This collection, which specializes in the 1862 issue has won many awards and contains many rare items.

At the Flatbush Member Exhibition 1955 early in June, Gaspare Signorelli was awarded the Blue Ribbon and also the SPA Research Award for his showing of Indian Territory.

Deane C. Bartley suffered a broken leg in an auto accident in July. We trust his recovery is prompt and complete. Mr. Bartley is Executive Secretary of the Collectors' Club of Seattle, which seems to be a most successful organization. They maintain Club Rooms and a Library, put out a monthly bulletin and sponsor a host of philatelic activities.



## SALES DEPARTMENT

All members who use the Sales Dept.  
are requested to read carefully.

Charges to those using the Sales Department as sellers are now as follows; Sales Books for 120 stamps, 8¢ each; Sales Envelopes for up to 20 Covers, 5¢ each both postpaid from the Sales Manager. These are supposed to be paid for when ordered. Commission on sales is 10% of actual sales; Insurance is 1% per year of original value with a minimum charge of 15¢ on each Sales Book or Sales Envelope; a flat charge of 25¢ on each Sales Book or Sales Envelope. This flat charge is supposed to cover the expense of transportation of circuits to the first member on the list and also of returning retired books & envelopes to the owner. These three charges all are deducted at the time of retiring.

I think USCC has the only Philatelic Sales Department still paying the Manager only 10% on sales for commission, also the only one charging 1% per year for Insurance and surely the only one charging a flat fee of 25¢ each for books and sales envelopes circulated. This charge for Ins. is cumbersome from a bookkeeping standpoint and the 25¢ fee requires a separate account.

Our Officers and Members of our Board of Governors have approved some changes in these charges.

Beginning with books or sales envelopes submitted after Oct. 31, 1955 charges will be as follows:

Cost of blank books and sales envelopes will remain the same at least until we need a new supply except that we hope members will order at least five at a time so the cost of postage on them can be absorbed.

We will eliminate entirely the flat fee of 25¢ on each sales book or envelope. The Sales Manager will pay transportation of a circuit to the first member on the list out of his commission which will be increased to 15% of gross sales with a minimum charge of 25¢ on each sales book or envelope. Cost of returning retired books to their owners will be borne by the owners. This is the same procedure which other Philatelic Sales Departments follow. On material sent in on Nov. 1 or later the charge for Insurance will be 1½% of original value with a minimum charge of 25¢ for each sales book or envelope.

These two charges along with return postage will be deducted at the time of retirement.

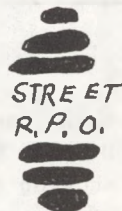
We think these changes will not make a great deal of difference to the owners of the material circulated but they will simplify considerably the bookkeeping necessary, as you can easily recognize. To take an example; suppose a book valued at \$10.00 circulates 18 months and sells

one half, present charges would be; Commission 50¢, Insurance 15¢ & Flat charge 25¢, a total of 90¢. Under the new arrangement charges for the same book with the same sales would be; Commission 75¢, Insurance 25¢ or \$1.00 plus return postage making a probably difference of 13 or 16¢. Suppose, on the other hand, the book circulates without making a sale, present charges would be 40¢ and under the new arrangement they will be 50¢ plus cost of return postage. (We have very few such books.) It will be seen that, including the cost of the blank book or Sales envelope the minimum for which one can be circulated is about 60¢.

We shall continue to accept and circulate any material members wish to submit but please bear in mind that very low-priced material must sell a high percentage to be of any value at all to the owner. Also it is well to remember that, while we have an excellent market among our members for all sorts of postal markings either on or off cover, material priced too high does not sell well.

As always we need fine material for the Department, our greatest need being for all types of off-cover material and for covers priced from \$1.00 apiece up and worth it.

Members not now using the Sales Department are urged to do so either as buyers or as sellers or both. For the benefit of those of you who have not had circuits the only cost to buyers is the price of what they buy plus the transportation to the next member on the list.



Two Chicago Street Car RPO cancels  
from the 20th Century Cancellation  
Collection of Mrs. Larie Konikoff.



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 to bottom.

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 which is  
 purple, # 14  
 which comes  
 in both blue  
 & black, and  
 # 23 which is  
 red.

#s 13 & 14  
 are patent  
 cancels.

#s 21 & 22  
 are Masonic

#s 20 & 23  
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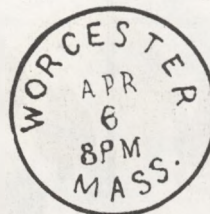
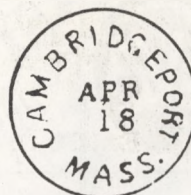


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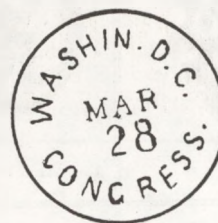
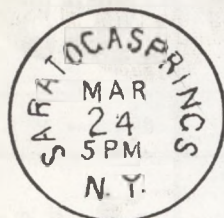
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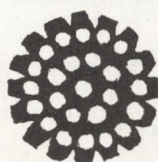
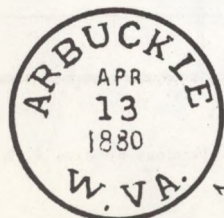
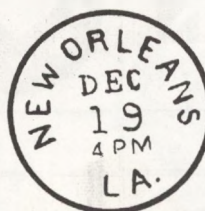
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MAGENTA





Port Townsend,  
Wash.



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Stoneham, Mass.



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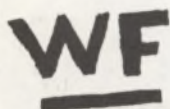
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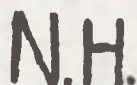
Ann Arbor, Mich.



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West Fairlee, Vt.



Orford, N.H.



Calais, Vt.



Big Rapids, Mich.



Jericho, Vt.



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Plymouth Meeting



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SOME CANCELLATIONS ON THE 2¢ BROWN #210 FROM THE  
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# MICHIGAN RATING MARKS 1845-51

by Maurice F. Cole

From 1845 -1851 the single letter rate was five cents for distances up to 300 miles, ad ten cents for distances of 300 miles or more. We illustrate 48 different rating marks used by Michigan offices during that period. Where no color is given, the strike is known only in black.

1-Paw Paw, 2-Constantine, 3-Grand Rapids (red), 4-Centreville, 5-Union City (red), 6-Port Huron, 7-Jackson (red, black), 8-Almont, 9-Allegan C. H., 10-Adrian, 11-Albion, 12-Ann Arbor (red, blue, black), 13-Birmingham (blue), 14-Marshall (red, blue), 15-Pontiac (red), 16-Pontiac (red), 17-Saline (green), 18-Ypsilanti (red), 19-Ionia, 20-Monroe (blue), 21-Grand Haven (blue), 22-Clinton (red), 23-Mount Clemens (red), 24-Hartland (red), 25-Schoolcraft (red), 26-Constantine, 27-Lansing (red), 28-Grand Rapids (red), 29-Almont (blue), 30-Coldwater, 31-Colon, 32-Dexter, 33-Ann Arbor (red, blue), 34-Jackson (red), 35-Almont (red), 36-Ionia (red), 37-Pontiac (red), 38-Flint (red), 39-Birmingham (blue), 40-Sault de Ste. Marie, 41-Dearbornville (red), 42-Grand Rapids, 43-Allegan C. H., 44-Pontiac (red), 45-Battle Creek (red), 46-Clinton (red), 47-Rochester (red), 48-Monroe (blue).

