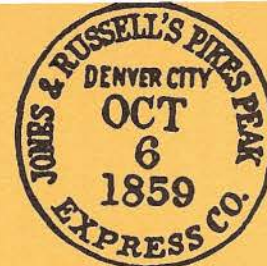


# Western Express



News-Letter of the Western Cover Society

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of 11 pages, plus \*  
one photo page. \*  
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## NEW OFFICERS

Mr. Edgar B. Jessup, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, has announced the election of the following officers of the Western Cover Society:

Mel C. Nathan -- Director and President  
H. Parker Johnson -- Rocky Mountain Director and Vice President  
Henry H. Clifford -- Southwestern Director and Vice President  
Roy Taylor -- Director and Secretary  
Henry Chaloner -- Director and Treasurer  
Stanley B. Ashbrook -- Southern Area Director  
Dr. A. Jay Hertz -- Eastern Area Director  
Charles Meroni -- Central Area Director  
Edgar B. Jessup -- Pacific Area Director

Mr. Jessup further reported that only two ballots had substitute names written in. This strongly suggests that the membership as a whole was highly pleased with the list of nominees selected by the Nominating Committee. Our thanks to Mr. Jessup and the members of his Committee!

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Fellow Members:

I have just been informed that I have been elected to take over the helm of the Western Cover Society. Thank you very much for your confidence. I shall endeavor to deserve it.

The untiring efforts of Dr. Hertz in successfully directing the Society since its inception will indeed serve as an inspiration to continue the fine job that he started. I hope that our new Board of Directors will continue to have your enthusiastic support.

I expect to have a message in each of the coming issues of "Western Express" on some pertinent subject of interest to you all. Your constructive suggestions or criticisms will always be welcome.

Sincerely,

M. C. Nathan

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PLEASE ADDRESS all communications intended for WESTERN EXPRESS to the Editor, Henry H. Clifford, 639 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 14, Calif. But note that advertising copy, and the payment therefor, should be sent to Henry Chaloner, 2612 Ashby Ave., Berkeley 5, Calif.; and inquiries regarding membership should be sent to Roy Taylor, 68 Post Street, San Francisco 4, California.

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THE EDITOR'S PAGEThe Oregon Forgeries -- A Deplorable Fraud!

In the April Issue of WE appeared an article by Dr. Polland concerning certain forgeries of western express and other handstamps that had recently appeared on the market. Since that Issue went to press the entire matter has been brought to light, the culprit unmasked, the money refunded to those who had been duped, and the forged handstamps thoroughly destroyed. So while there has been a certain measure of wrong-righting, at the same time there remains a great deal to be disturbed about. So let's put the cards on the table, face up!

The "unkindest cut of all" was the fact that the forger was a member of Western Cover Society, and used his membership as a lever into the pocketbooks of fellow members. (How low can you get?) Furthermore, he was a "charter" member of WCS, within the first hundred who joined. Unfortunately, your Editor is not presently at liberty to mention his name without specific authority from the new officers of WCS. Perhaps that is all for the best, for we would not like to see his name perpetuated through these pages -- as was the case with Shakespeare's "Musty Christopher".

Credit for exposing these forgeries goes to Dr. Polland, Ed Payne and Howard Mader of Salem, Oregon, and Jack Schwartz of Portland, Oregon. Dr. Polland proved them spurious, and the other three did the detective work which ran down the forger and secured his confession and restitution. Ed Payne and his two Oregon friends first secured 21 handstamps from the guilty party -- their sworn and notarized statement reads as follows: "This is to certify, that the undersigned, at Salem, Oregon, on May 20, 1954, in the presence of each other, did completely destroy the twenty-one fake handstamps, which had been made in Eugene, Oregon, late in 1953. Sample impressions of these 21 forgeries are attached hereto." Those 21 handstamps appear on the photo-page which follows, which was prepared from the impressions accompanying the sworn statement. Since that photo-page was printed, the forger subsequently surrendered a handstamp of the Goleta "Kicking Mule" with the date "Aug 26 1882" -- hence it is not illustrated. It was destroyed at a Bay Area meeting of WCS members.

So much for the facts. Ed Payne's letters read like a miniature "Who Done It?" and should be written up separately, to do them justice. Now let's get down to the question of what can be done to prevent a repetition at some time in the future.

The best guide to future action is a careful and thoughtful study of what has happened in the past. There have been many forgeries, some of them very clever. The objective invariably is to "get something for nothing" by passing a fake as an original. It is safe to say that all of us have been "taken" at one time or another, with greater or lesser monetary injury, but always with great mental discomfiture.

Forged western express covers are nothing new -- witness the "Tandler" forgeries, which have placed under suspicion all the covers in the Tandler correspondence, in spite of the fact that many are genuine. Then in recent years came a group of covers with printed franks of "Spear's Express" and handstamps of "Pioneer Express" and "Dorsey & Swift". These were traced to the San Francisco Bay Area.

THE EDITOR'S PAGE (Continued)

While the Tandler forgeries were made years ago, with their origin correspondingly obscured, the question arises as to what action was taken with the more recent forgeries which emanated from the San Francisco Bay area. The answer is, unfortunately, "practically nothing" other than the restitution of the ill-gotten gains. No names were mentioned, other than by hearsay; and the guilty party lost nothing other than the cost of the handstamps and a few cheap covers, and perhaps the local loss of a little "face".

And therein, I feel, lies the solution of our problem. It is a simple solution, involving human behavior and human reactions. No one likes to admit having been duped; and no one likes to accuse another of immoral practices even when he is in possession of very strong circumstantial evidence. Furthermore, our laws have been so interpreted in recent years that one is fearful of making an accusation, lest he be sued for slander or libel. That is an unfortunate situation; but it can be overcome, with a little courage.

As regards the Oregon Forgeries, a "confession" was extracted more or less with the understanding that no names would be named, so as to protect an innocent family. Gentlemen, I submit that the same gag was pulled in the case of the Bay Area Forgeries -- another "innocent family"! Now that might solve the immediate problem; but it doesn't solve the problem which will arise next year or the year after! Somewhere along the line, some one has to be the "horrible example", or else this plague of forgers will be with us for years to come. And some one must have the "guts" to call a spade a spade, and let the chips fall where they may.

So here's my solution to the problem, and I'll back it up with all I've got. When next a forgery appears and is proved bogus, the matter will immediately be turned over to the Postal Inspectors and the F.B.I. Those organizations are not noted for their consideration of "innocent families"; but they are very considerate of innocent victims! Their impersonality also serves to protect anyone who submits a valid charge against such a forger. Remember that the laws of the United States are violated when the U. S. Mail is used to defraud people; and there are plenty of other laws which can be brought to bear if the U. S. Mail is not involved.

In the case of the forger from Eugene, Oregon, I would like to see him branded as such, simply as an example to those who might be contemplating some similar undertaking. I myself have nothing against him personally, except that he has damaged this field of interest to no small extent. I would not hesitate to name him, but for the restraint put upon me by my good friend Ed Payne. For those who might question my defense of a legal action for slander or libel, I have this to say. I happen to be a Deputy Sheriff of Los Angeles County; and I have sufficient of this world's goods to fight any legal action up to and including the Supreme Court.

MORE FORGED HANDSTAMPS FROM SAME SOURCE -- See Editorial and last issue.



NEW MEMBERS OF WCS -- Continued from April 1954 Issue

- 252 - Yale University Library, New Haven, Conn.  
 253 - John H. Shepard, East Coast Highway, Carpinteria, Calif.  
 254 - John L. Luellen, Route 2, Box 5200, Aptos, Calif.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS -- New Addresses Shown

Frank W. Sheer, P.O. Box #428, Union City, New Jersey.  
 Nyal W. Anderson, 555 So. 5 E, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 George E. Swett Jr., 1410 Grove Ave., Burlingame, Calif.  
 Robert A. Siegel, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, New York.  
 R. Jordan Harmon, 3712 Maple Ave., Oakland 2, Calif.  
 Robert A. Hanson, 527 Coventry Road, Berkeley, Calif.  
 Ernest G. Meyers, 5405 E. Shields Ave., Fresno, Calif.

RESIGNATIONS -- Regret to report the following:

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 62 - Stannard   | 116 - Bedrin  |
| 84 - Abbott     | 89 - Konwiser |
| 144 - Goldstein | 64 - Sawyer   |
| 187 - Kraft     | 111 - Warren  |
| 189 - Oakes     |               |
| 203 - Cohen     |               |
| 7 - Antrim      |               |
| 234 - Rusk      |               |

Note: The Oregon forger is NOT included in the above list of resignations.

GENERAL NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

It is with sadness that we report the death on June 2nd of Milton LEVY, WCS 240. Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow, Mrs. Mildred Levy.

Henry CHALONER has made a most attractive donation to WCS -- those ceramic badges in the form of a stagecoach and four horses, and all in color. Our hearty thanks for such a thoughtful gift!

Regarding a new ROSTER, it seems to be the desire of the membership to have Henry Chaloner prepare another pocket-size edition, rather than have it appear in WE on letter-size paper. Apparently the members like to take it with them while traveling.

AUCTIONS at the A.P.S. Convention in San Francisco -- not one, but two! John A. Fox will hold his auction on Thursday, Sept. 16th at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Hotel. This auction will contain only western covers and western express covers, and is being sponsored by WCS. In return for this sponsorship, Mr. Fox contributed \$150 to WCS. In addition, Jack Hughes of Oakland will conduct the regular A.P.S. auction on Friday, Sept. 17th, with both afternoon and evening sessions.

GENERAL NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

CONVENTION DATA. WCS has taken a room at the Convention headquarters, where members and their guests can meet and relax. After the Fox auction, we will have our own tables at the A.P.S. banquet that night. Saturday afternoon we will visit the home of Waddel Smith, a direct descendant of the Pony Express people, where we will have a buffet lunch (with ladies and guests) and an opportunity to see his wonderful collection of guns and other Pony Express material. Mr. Smith's home is located in San Rafael, about 40 minutes from San Francisco, and transportation will be provided for all those wishing to go. The cost of the luncheon will be around \$2.50; and all WCS members can be well assured of a very wonderful day with this most hospitable gentleman.

WCS meetings in the San Francisco Bay area. At the June 9th meeting 21 members were present, together with Mr. Cleary, Chairman of the A.P.S. Convention in September -- the purpose was to dovetail WCS and A.P.S. activities, so as to avoid any conflicts. At the August 7th meeting in Oakland, Ed PAYNE gave a very interesting talk on the recent Oregon Forgeries -- see editorial. In addition to the speaker, the following members were present: Jessup, Nathan, Chaloner, Goodman, Clary, Hanson, Levy, Jack Hughes, Hackett, Gray, McConnell, E. Meyers, W. R. Parker, Lampson, Burns, Perham, Frickstad, Bilyeu, Simpson and Taylor -- again a total of 21.

Your Editor took a trip to Dallas, Texas, in May and saw Mr. J. E. GUEST, who handles the A.P.S. sales circuits. He has incorporated WCS in his sales department, but reports that so far no covers have been entered. So if members are interested in such sales, they had better start weeding out their duplicates and sending them to Mr. Guest.

Through "STAMPS" (and not through regular WCS channels) comes word of a very special trophy which Edgar B. JESSUP will offer for the best 19th Century Western Cover exhibit at the A.P.S. show in San Francisco in September. The author of the article, one Fred B. Thomas, says that it wouldn't be fair to "tell all" about it; and then goes on to give a reasonably graphic description. At any rate, it sounds like a very worth while trophy, and should bring out some mouth-watering exhibits.

DATA REGARDING SHIP SAILING DATES

Many of you undoubtedly have in your libraries John C. Kemble's "THE PANAMA ROUTE", which contains so much valuable data regarding gold rush steamers and the Panama Mail. He has generously submitted to us a brief article and detailed tabulation of steamer sailing dates covering the period 1848-1869, gleaned from his exhaustive research in preparing the subject book. The List embraces the sailings from San Francisco, Panama City, Chagres or Aspenwall, and New York City, which he feels are reasonably complete. But he frankly admits that his New Orleans section is rather sketchy. Your Editor and your new Officers are now contemplating ways and means of getting this comprehensive list published, for we consider it to be highly important.

EXPRESS COMPANY NOTES

Jim BERRY of Las Vegas, Nevada, submitted an interesting cover, along with an inquiry. The cover bears the black oval printed frank of Langton's Pioneer Express, with a blue oval handstamp "Wells Fargo, Silver City, N.T." and a red circle handstamp of Bamber, San Francisco. Mr. Berry holds to the theory that the Langton-franked envelope was a remainder, acquired by Lamping and subsequently by Wells Fargo. Since the cover bears no year date, and no inclosure, it seems rather impossible to formulate any positive proof.

Your Editor agrees that Mr. Berry's theory is sound. At the same time, another theory would seem equally plausible, as follows: Perhaps the unused frank was simply carried by some miner from the Yuba area over into Silver City, and there used and deposited in Wells Fargo's letter box -- undoubtedly many unused express franks were thus carried from one area to another as the miners moved about. If this possibility is correct, then Wells Fargo's Silver City agent should perhaps have handstamped the cover either "Paid" or "Collect" -- unless Wells Fargo and Langton had some working agreement to the effect that each would honor the franks of the other. Has any member any better suggestions?

Apropos of "remainders", your Editor recently acquired an intriguing cover: a 3¢ 1861 stamped envelope with the red printed ribbon frank of Holland & Wheeler's Express, and a manuscript notation that the "check inclosed dated March 25, 1865". The cover bears the blue oval "Wells Fargo, Marysville, Mar. 31" and a black postmark of Atchison, May 11. There is also a pencil notation of receipt in May, 1865. Since there is no good reason to doubt the manuscript dates, it would follow that this frank survived the change to "Wheeler's Express" and then to "Wheeler, Rutherford & Co.'s Express" and then to "Rutherford & Co.'s Express". The 6-day lapse between March 25th and 31st would suggest that the letter originated quite some distance from Marysville, and hence was carried by Rutherford to Marysville. But the lapse between March 31st and May 11th makes one wonder what delayed this cover in crossing the plains.

Stephen C. LYON reports a "Gregory's Express Pocket Letter Book" of 1851, containing letter dated Sacramento, Nov. 14, 1852. The letter describes a big fire in the city and the subsequent hardships of the people. It also tells of the presidential election, and how the writer voted twice for Pierce! It would be nice if some member would prepare an article on those Letter Books, and the various types thereof which are known to exist.

W. M. LESTER calls attention to "The American Philatelist" of August 1932, which contains an article on forwarding agents of the period 1845-47. Two are listed, both with oval handstamps -- Thomas O. Larkin of Monterey, and Mott Talbot of Mazatlan.

EXPRESS COMPANY NOTES - (Continued)

Regarding PRAIRIE CITY -- see page 8 of the April 1954 Issue of WE. Dr. W. Scott POLLAND writes as follows: "Mr. Bilden's Virginia Pony cover was once mine. It is an oddity, because the Wells Fargo agent at Prairie City amused himself by covering the envelope front and back with strikes of "Wells Fargo Prairie City" and "Paid". Prairie City is said to have been located two miles below Folsom, and for a short time was a very prosperous mining town. Both Adams and Wells Fargo had offices there, and perhaps other express companies. Mr. Bilden's cover was forwarded by the Folsom agent to the Prairie City agent, because the addressee had moved to the latter town. As I remember it, the cover was addressed to the Rev. Benton, who used to travel from one mining camp to another; and I suppose he made arrangements about having his mail forwarded to him."

Albert V. PHILLIPS submits some interesting opinions regarding Adams & Co.'s printed franks. One is in the shape of an adhesive and reads "Adams & Co. Express Paid 50"; the other is similar to Wells Fargo's woodblock" (Type 2) and reads "Paid, Adams & Co. Over our California and Coast Routes". His opinions follow: "If Adams & Co. actually used printed franks, it would seem to me that the old papers would have mentioned it. I did not have time to examine my notes thoroughly, but at a glance saw nothing concerning it. My personal opinion is that the franks were printed for Adams & Co. with intention of being used, but that Adams & Co. failed before they were put into use. In such a case, the unused franks would be good; and franked envelopes showing postal use would be good. But those showing express use would be faked insofar as additional express handstamps were concerned. Incidentally, any that I have ever seen or heard of before were either UNUSED or POSTALLY USED." (NOTE: your Editor had sent him photographs of the two franks and of an Adams-Bamber combination cover almost identical with the one illustrated on page 132 of Harlow's "Old Waybills". The cover has been obviously faked, since Adams failed years before Bamber entered the express business through the purchase of Hoag.)

George B. SLOANE has an item on Western Franks in the May 22nd issue of "STAMPS", page 281. It references "Mekeel's Complete Standard Catalog", published at St. Louis in 1904. In it is a section by H. B. Phillips on western express franks and handstamps, together with some 80 or 90 illustrations. Mr. Sloane also mentioned Charles H. Coster's listing of western express companies, published by J. W. Scott in 1879.

Mr. SLOANE covered the "Waldron's Express" fakes in his column in "STAMPS" of July 31st. A most interesting exposition of the origin and perpetuation (for a time) of something which never existed.

Charles F. MERONI, one of our new Directors, has just published a book entitled "Evolution of World Posts", profusely illustrated. It can be ordered from John A. FOX, 173 Tulip Ave., Floral Park, N. Y.



ARTICLES OF INTEREST IN THE PHILATELIC PRESS

During the last few months, some five articles have appeared which are of particular interest and pertain to western express and western postal history. The titles and authors are listed below, together with the publications in which they appeared.

"Fort Laramie Mail Post to the Pike's Peak Region", by H. Parker Johnson, S.P.A., appearing in the "S.P.A. JOURNAL" of April 1954.

"Leavenworth and Pike's Peak Express Company Father to the Pony Express", by H. Parker Johnson, S.P.A., appearing in the "S.P.A. JOURNAL" of May 1954.

"Stamped Envelopes Carry Coveted Express Franks", by Prescott Holden Thorp, appearing in "COVERS" of May 1954. Mr. Thorp ends his article by giving a deeply appreciated boost to Western Cover Society.

"Wells Fargo and Company Express -- Honolulu", by W. Scott Polland, M.D., appearing in The Collectors Club "PHILATELIST" of May 1954.

"U. S. Expresses -- Nevada and Utah", by A. Jay Hertz, appearing in "THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST" of August 1954.

EDITORIAL CONCERNING THE FIVE ARTICLES MENTIONED ABOVE

This editorial might better be headed "How to Kill a New-Born Child by Starvation"! All five of the above articles are right down the alley of the Western Cover Society. It seems to your Editor almost unbelievable that four out of five were written by WCS members! Not one of those four articles was submitted to "WESTERN EXPRESS"; and it is to be noted that this Issue contains no such lead article to fatten its lean sides. And it is also interesting to note that the only mention of WCS appears in the article by Mr. Thorp, who is NOT A MEMBER OF WCS.

Gentlemen, let's be reasonable about this matter. There are many members who simply can't write articles, either because of limited time or knowledge of the subject -- but their cheery letters and inquiries act as an editorial tonic, and are most welcome. Those who can write articles on western subjects would do themselves and WCS a service by submitting their material to "WESTERN EXPRESS" for publication. If those articles are good and deserve wider distribution, they can always be reprinted in "THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST", since we are a unit of the A.P.S.

And now may I quote the last part of Pep Thorp's article: "The Western Cover Society is doing yeoman work in advancing the study of this field and is publishing a bulletin which often is replete with a hatful of pictures of the finest covers anyone has ever seen. ... A plug? Certainly is, but a plug for a group that is doing groundwork for the very thing in which readers of this magazine are most interested -- covers!"

TREASURER'S REPORTCovering Period July 21, 1952 to June 25, 1954

| <u>Receipts - 1952</u>   |                 | <u>Expenses - 1952</u> |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| July 21 - Dr. A.J. Hertz | \$352.73        | Aug. 26 - H. Clifford  | \$156.53        |
| Aug. - Dues              | 22.00           | Oct. 2 - H. Clifford   | 15.63           |
| Sept. - Dues             | 2.00            | Oct. 25 - Postage      | 15.00           |
| Oct. - Dues              | 10.00           |                        |                 |
| Nov. - Dues              | <u>9.00</u>     | Total Expenses         | \$187.16        |
|                          |                 | To Balance             | <u>208.57</u>   |
|                          | <u>\$395.73</u> |                        | <u>\$395.73</u> |

| <u>Receipts - 1953</u>   |                 | <u>Expenses - 1953</u> |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 1 - Balance forward | \$208.57        | Jan. 7 - H. Clifford   | \$ 61.46        |
| Jan. - Dues              | 275.00          | Feb. 10 - H. Clifford  | 71.05           |
| Feb. - Dues & Sponsors   | 86.00           | May 19 - H. Clifford   | 172.03          |
| March - Dues & Sponsors  | 52.00           | Aug. 17 - H. Clifford  | 137.00          |
| April - Dues & Advs.     | 22.20           | Nov. 12 - H. Clifford  | 81.01           |
| May - Dues               | 14.00           | Nov. 12 - H. Clifford  | 35.41           |
| June - Dues              | 7.00            |                        |                 |
| July - Dues              | 16.00           | Total Expenses         | \$557.96        |
| Sept. - Dues             | 9.00            | To Balance             | <u>228.81</u>   |
| Nov. - Dues              | 10.00           |                        | <u>\$786.77</u> |
| Dec. - Sponsors & Advs.  | <u>87.00</u>    |                        |                 |
|                          | <u>\$786.77</u> |                        |                 |

| <u>Receipts - 1954</u>              |                 | <u>Expenses - 1954</u> |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 1 - Balance forward            | \$228.81        | Feb. 9 - H. Clifford   | \$ 21.53        |
| Jan. - Dues                         | 25.50           | May 15 - H. Clifford   | 46.96           |
| Feb. - Dues, Sponsors & Back Issues | 137.60          | June 25 - Postage      | 15.00           |
| March - Dues                        | 321.00          |                        |                 |
| April - Dues & Back Issues          | 124.50          | Total Expenses         | \$ 83.49        |
| May - Dues                          | 54.10           | To Balance             | <u>874.02</u>   |
| June - Dues & Sponsors              | <u>66.00</u>    |                        | <u>\$957.51</u> |
|                                     | <u>\$957.51</u> |                        |                 |

Of the money received for General Store Advertisements, that which was in stamps (\$7.48) has been used for postage; that which was in checks has been deposited in the bank, and is shown in the above Account.

/s/ Henry Chaloner, Treasurer

Editor's Report to Accompany Treasurer's Report  
Covering Period April 11, 1951 to May 17, 1954

| <u>Receipts</u> |              |                   | <u>Payments</u>         |                   |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sponsors        |              | \$ 273.78         | Stationery - Paper      | \$ 331.14         |
| Membership Dues |              | 96.50             | Reprinting Back Issues  | 43.71             |
| Back Issues     |              | 85.98             | Photographic Costs      | 101.57            |
| Advertisers     |              | 59.30             | Printing Costs of "WE": |                   |
| A. Jay Hertz:   |              |                   | Vol. I - No. 4          | \$ 24.80          |
| June 25, 1951   | \$133.74     |                   | 5                       | 50.86             |
| Aug. 28, 1951   | <u>48.19</u> | 181.93            | 6                       | 56.12             |
|                 |              |                   | 7                       | 68.98             |
| H. Chaloner:    |              |                   | Vol. II- No. 1          | 82.57             |
| Aug. 27, 1952   | \$156.53     |                   | 2                       | 140.42            |
| Oct. 10, 1952   | 15.63        |                   | 3                       | 82.33             |
|                 |              |                   | 4                       | 78.58             |
| Jan. 9, 1953    | 61.46        |                   | Vol. III. No. 1         | 105.05            |
| Feb. 11, 1953   | 71.05        |                   | 2                       | 114.89            |
| May 20, 1953    | 172.03       |                   | 3                       | 69.76             |
| Aug. 19, 1953   | 137.00       |                   | 4                       | 45.71             |
| Nov. 13, 1953   | 81.01        |                   | Vol. IV- No. 1          | 32.96             |
| Nov. 13, 1953   | 35.41        |                   | 2                       | <u>66.65</u>      |
|                 |              |                   |                         | <u>1,019.68</u>   |
| Feb. 11, 1954   | 21.53        |                   |                         |                   |
| May 17, 1954    | <u>46.96</u> | <u>798.61</u>     |                         |                   |
| Total Receipts  |              | <u>\$1,496.10</u> | Total Payments          | <u>\$1,496.10</u> |

/s/ H.H. Clifford, Editor

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 and other collateral material also  
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 material for the collector who is  
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COVER SALE--LATE SEPTEMBER.  
 During A.P.S. Convention lots will  
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 Harry E. Gray - The Stamp Lounge  
 383 17th St., Oakland 12, Calif.

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CARRY-OVER FROM LAST ISSUE

The following articles pertain to collecting in general, and are by no means confined to western subjects:

"Care and Feeding of Covers" -- by Stephen G. RICH -- in "Covers", March, 1952. This was mentioned a couple of years ago in WE. Your Editor still is trying to find some spare time to enlarge upon this subject, adding data gleaned from working with the Huntington Library's manuscript department.

"De-Oxidizing Stamps" -- by George B. SLOANE -- in "Stamps", April 3, 1954.

"Permanence of Paper" -- by Gerould T. LANE -- in "Stamps", August 15, 1953. A most interesting account of the development of paper, and a rather "caustic" critique of modern papers. Points up the necessity of careful preservation if we wish to keep our covers from falling apart in another century or so.

"Illustrating U. S. Postage Stamps" -- lead article in "Stamps", January 23, 1954 -- excerpts from an article by U. E. Baughman, which appeared in "The Graphic Arts Monthly" for August 1952.