

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

BULLETIN



UNIT 28

FEBRUARY 1974

AN APPEAL from YOUR PRESIDENT

Because of the sudden limitation of gasoline sales, it was deemed necessary to cancel the Dec. 3 Meeting at Rizzo's (The Ranch).

Since indications are that the situation may worsen, your officers are somewhat at a loss as to the best way to proceed concerning future Society meetings. Therefore I am appealing to all members for ideas or opinions on the best course to follow in order to keep E.S.P.H.S. alive and functioning.

One suggestion is to hold REGULAR REGIONAL MEETINGS while suspending general meetings until fuel becomes more readily available.

These meetings would have to be held with some regularity to be effective. - The dates and places of meeting should, if possible, be announced in advance in our bulletin. All this, I believe, would require some reorganizing at the regional level in order to assure cohesion and responsibility.

I know regional meetings have been discussed in the past but these were to be supplemental to our regular meetings.

However, under the current energy crisis conditions such regional meetings seem to me to be imperative if we are to survive as a functioning unit.

Please send me your thoughts on this subject as soon as possible so that your officers can best carry out the wishes of the Empire State Postal History Society membership.

George J. Bernadt

SECTIONAL MEETING:

In line with the above, members in the Capital District are cordially invited to attend a regional (sectional) meeting to be held in Albany on March 24, 1974. The event will be hosted by VP Seifert at 283 Washington Avenue. Coming from the west, look for the COBURN INSURANCE sign on the north side of the street just east of where Western Avenue merges with Washington Avenue. Coming from the east, pass the State Office Building, keep on Washington Ave. past a small park to just beyond Northern Boulevard.

Meeting time will be 1:00 P.M. and those of you from beyond the Capital area are welcome if your gas will get you here and back home. There are no service stations open on Sunday on a regular schedule. We have been assured there will be a variety of material for cover-hungry members.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE:

The New York Clamshells and Ovals: Calvet M. Hahn. 12 pages Xerox incl. illustr. The story of these New York City markings, 1798-1804. 50¢ ppd.

New York City Markings: The 1851-1855 Unpaid Five and Ten Cent Rate Marks: Calvet M. Hahn. 19 pages Xerox incl. illustrative matter. 50¢ ppd.

Post Offices of Allegany County: 5 pages Xerox. These are pages 5 through 9 of the publication Post Offices of New York State. 25¢ plus postage.

Post Offices of Monroe County: 4 pages Xerox. These are pages 103 through 106 of the publication Post Offices of New York State. 25¢ plus postage.

Manuscript Cancellations of New York State Post Offices: January 1972. A provisional listing of recorded markings on stampless and stamped covers. 29 pages, photo-offset, plus covers and title page. This was the original listing from which the definitive book was prepared. \$1.00 ppd.

Manuscript Post Offices of New York State: 1973, Edition of 150 copies. 40 pages, photo-offset, plus cover and title page, the definitive work on the post offices of New York State having recorded examples of manuscript or handwritten postal identification. \$1.25 ppd.

Federal Post Offices of New York State: An alphabetical listing of all post offices established in New York State, 1792-1973. Pocket size. 69 pages, photo-offset, plus cover and title page. \$2.25 ppd.

Postal History: Journal of the Empire State Postal History Society. Vol. 1, No. 1: January 1972: 4 pages photo-offset incl. illustr.

Postal History: Journal of the Empire State Postal History Society. Vol. 1, No. 2: May 1972: 12 pages photo-offset incl. illustr.

EXCELSIOR: Journal of the Empire State Postal History Society. Vol. 2, No. 1: April 1973: 8 pages photo-offset incl. illustr.

EXCELSIOR: Journal of the Empire State Postal History Society. Vol. 2, No. 2: November 1973: 16 pages, photo-offset, pocket size, incl. illustr.

The above journals are available only in sets, at \$2.50 ppd.

Prices on publications apply to members only. Order from Ken de Lisle, 54 Ramsey Place, Albany, N.Y. 12208. Checks or MO made out to the Society.

COUNTY POST OFFICE LISTS:

The above two counties (Allegany and Monroe) are the only lists for which extra copies have been saved from the binding of the Federal Post Office book. Members who wish extra copies of any county should let Ken de Lisle know and when enough requests are received to warrant duplication it will be done, at 50¢ per county. Don't send any money, you will be billed when completed and mailed.

CICERO (N.Y.) POST OFFICE:

Martin Toly of North Syracuse supplies this account which was printed in a local paper in May 1973, under the byline of Lona Flynn, Town Historian.

Mail service commenced in the Village of Cicero in 1821, then called Cody's Corners, later changed to Cicero Corners and finally to Cicero. Isaac Cody was appointed postmaster April 7, 1821 and located the post office in his tavern which he had purchased in 1818 for \$90.00. This building was included in what later became King's Hotel. Demolished in 1965, it is the site of the present A. & P. store which is located on the west side of Rte. 11 in the center of the village.

Mail arrived weekly by horseback from Salina. A stage company was formed in 1825 and carried the mails along the route to Watertown, this is principally Rte 11.

Mail was delivered to Cicero on the Syracuse Northern trolley line, which started operations August 27, 1908. Mail was carried by truck beginning about January 1932.

The present Cicero stands on the site of the 128-year old Universalist Church which was torn down in 1960.

BULLETIN FOOTNOTE: The above points up the often wide difference between historical accounts and official records. Post Offices of New York State 1792 - 1969, lists this Onondaga office as being established April 20, 1821, some two weeks after Cody's appointment. The office was known as Cicero at that time and has continued so until today, a span of some 153 years of service.

THE POSTAL BULLETIN: (Contributed by William Seifert Jr.)

The Postal Bulletin is the official publication of the U.S. Postal Service. It is published every Thursday and the subscription cost is now \$13.00 annually. It contains rules, regulations and directives of the postal service.

The Postal Bulletin has many features of interest to a stamp or cover collector and to postal historians. These include announcements of new stamps, first flight notices, stamps removed from sale at the Philatelic Agency and special official slogan cancellations.

Each month a list of new, discontinued and changes in U.S. Post Offices is shown. This is the ONLY official source of this type data readily available. Changes in domestic and international postage rates are announced in advance. Many other items such as postal offenders, fraud orders, stolen money orders, etc., are found.

The Postal Bulletin, as you can see, is an invaluable aid to the collector or postal historian.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Society, I herewith issue a call for nomination of candidates to stand for election in 1974. Three director terms expire in April: Warren Stevens, Ralph Reynolds and Charles Sweeting.

Any member in good standing may forward his or her selection of a candidate for Director, term expiring 1977. Incumbent directors may stand for re-election.

Please forward name or names to Secretary-Treasurer de Lisle, to arrive not later than March 20, 1974.

Schenectady, N.Y.
February 20, 1974

George J. Bernadt,
President

All members in good standing are eligible for the office of Director, except the officers now serving: Bernadt, Seifert, de Lisle, DeGraff, Hahn, Mrs. Nelson, Rau, Taber and Todaro.

Please DO NOT send in the name of a candidate for office unless you have first secured his or her consent to stand for election. Ballots will be made up, containing the names of all candidates who have received three or more nominations or seconding nominations and will be mailed to the membership in April.

Ballots should be returned to the address contained thereon no later than three days prior to the annual meeting of May 5, 1974. Those attending the meeting may, in lieu of the ballot, cast their vote in person.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Application for Membership:

KNIGHT, ROBERT 72 Roosevelt Street, Pearl River, N.Y. 10965

Interests: Postal History of Rockland County, N.Y.; U.S. Postal Stationery.
References: Member Harold Laroff, Monsey, N.Y.; and others.

We are happy to welcome Hideo R. Yokota, Fremont, Cal. as published in October.

We regret having to drop from our rolls Burlingame, Fisher, Jones, Turner, Martin, Mason and Rosintoski.

Because of the many additions, changes of address, etc., since our membership roster was last printed, we are about to prepare a new listing. If anyone has changed his or her collecting interests or wants other data than shown, please advise Bill Seifert at once.

QUESTION AND ANSWER COLUMN:

The officers have been asked "What happened to the proposed Question and Answer feature?" Well, NOTHING HAS HAPPENED. We can't have answers unless someone sends in questions, no one has written thus far. If you have a problem on rates, mail routes, unusual cover, etc., please write to our Q&A editor, Robert Dalton Harris, P.O. Box 175, Wynantskill, N.Y. 12198. Please include SASE if you expect a direct reply. Interesting answers will be printed in the Bulletin.

ADLET: (Paid Advertisement)

The upcoming stamp exhibition KAPEX '74 to be held in Albany April 27 & 28, 1974 will have a special pictorial cancel featuring William B. (Billy) Winne, Albany Penny Postman and the city's first official carrier, on cacheted cover.

Cost for a cover is 40¢ or 3 for \$1.00. Please mail your requests to KAPEX 74, P.O. Box 6277, Quail Station, Albany, N.Y. 12206.

POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY AFFILIATE:

We have been notified by the POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY that our organization has been elected to membership as Affiliate No. 2. We will receive a courtesy copy of their prestigious journal (quarterly) in addition to other benefits. We are quite proud of this honor.

Although PHS interests lie in world-wide postal history, their articles often touch on our own limited field. Members of the ESPHS desiring to know more about active membership are urged to write our own William Reiner-Deutsch, Box 24, Bayside, N.Y. 11361 for information.

COUNTY LISTINGS:

The Society has had under way for nearly a year a project to list, by county, the number of offices in active operation year by year since 1792. The following have been completed:

Albany	Erie	Nassau	Suffolk
Bronx	Essex	New York	Tioga
Broome	Greene	Ontario	Tompkins
Cattaraugus	Hamilton	Putnam	Ulster
Chautauqua	Herkimer	Queens	Warren
Chemung	Jefferson	Richmond	Wayne
Columbia	Kings	Rockland	Yates
Cortland	Lewis	Saratoga	
Dutchess	Montgomery	Seneca	

The following have been promised, but not received:

Delaware (Taber) Fulton (Reynolds) Oswego (Todaro) Schenectady (Bernadt)
Schoharie (DeGraff) Washington (Bernadt) Livingston (Doolittle)

Which leaves the following, for which we need volunteers to complete the project:

Alleganey	Monroe	St. Lawrence
Chenango	Oneida	Schuyler
Clinton	Orange	Steuben
Franklin	Orleans	Sullivan
Genesee	Otsego	Westchester
Madison	Rensselaer	Wyoming

COUNTY LISTINGS (Continued)

It is the object of this work, as previously announced, to compile a statement of the number of post offices in operation for each particular county year-by-year and a summary, by individual years, of the State of New York as a whole.

It was undertaken as a club project to get as many people as possible involved. So, come one, those who have not yet volunteered! The access to a copy of THE FEDERAL POST OFFICES OF NEW YORK STATE 1792-1969 is necessary, but there are many of our people who own a copy who have not taken part.

It is planned to make this study our next publication. Each participant will be acknowledged in the foreword. Fair enough?

TREASURER'S REPORT: 6 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 1974

Bank Balances, July 31, 1973: Checking Account	\$	267.91
Savings Accounts		<u>2,037.13</u>
	\$	2,305.04

SIX MONTH REVENUES:

Dues, 1973-74	\$	70.00	
1974-75 in advance		10.00	
1973-74 half year		2.50	
Registry or entrance fees		<u>4.00</u>	\$ 86.50
Sales: Federal PO lists		16.75	
Manuscript PO Book		<u>15.50</u>	32.25
Miscell. - Adlet		1.00	
Bank Interest on Savings		<u>61.00</u>	<u>180.75</u>
			\$ 2,485.79

SIX MONTH EXPENSES:

Printing Bulletin	23.92	
Postage Bulletin	26.16	
Postage "Excelsior"	<u>9.64</u>	59.72
Secty Expense and Postage		8.11
Trophy and Awards		<u>11.00</u>
		<u>78.83</u>
CASH BALANCE		\$ 2,406.96

Bank Balances, January 31, 1974: Checking Account	308.83
Savings Accounts	<u>2,098.13</u>
Cash Increase, 6 months = \$101.92	\$ <u><u>2,406.96</u></u>