

BULLETIN OF THE

EMPIRE STATE POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another fine year has just passed, which I think calls for a review of our activities. I am pleased to announce that we now have 157 members, without counting this month's applications. Most of this gain is a result of the American Philatelic Society Handbook of Services which featured write-ups on Units and Affiliates and encouraged through returnable coupons expansion of membership in these units. We also derived membership growth because of Cal Hahn's publicity concerning the ESPHS in various philatelic publications.

Emma Koberg's Ontario County book has been published and well received by the membership. Henry Chlanda has accepted the post of an important editorship - the manuscript post offices - and with everyone's cooperation we can look forward to more information on this popular branch of collecting.

Dave Prosser has catalogued our library. Rules and regulations and the list of our holdings is enclosed with this mailing. Cliff Tuttle in his capacity as awards chairman has issued Society certificates to several shows and is looking for more which might qualify. Several nice auctions have been conducted by George Bernadt, which have benefited both the Society and the sellers and highly pleased the successful bidders. We plan to issue and expanded Bulletin until a decision has been

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, UTICA, N.Y. MAY 7, 1978

The meeting was called to order by President Seifert at 2:30 P.M. There were 22 members present. Minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as mailed.

The President called for a report from the Committee on Elections. Mr. Reynolds had handed in a tabulation, which, with one vote cast from the floor, resulted in Haefeli - 31 votes, Lange - 38 votes, Todaro - 31 votes, Waite - 40 votes. The President declared Lange and Waite elected to two of the three vacant executive board posts and called for a run-off election between Haefeli and Todaro for the remaining vacancy. He instructed the secretary to prepare a ballot to be mailed with the June Bulletin. Ralph Reynolds consented to continue the duties of chairman of the committee until a candidate was elected.

The Treasurer's report was read in summary, full details to be published in the June Bulletin. It was moved, seconded and carried without dissent that the report of the Treasurer be accepted. The Secretary reported there had been an increase in membership during 1977-78 at a record pace, full details to be published in the June Bulletin.

Chairman Tuttle of the Awards Committee presented his annual report to the President, requesting it be printed in the Bulletin. The Awards Committee announced it had received favorable action by the Executive Board on a request for granting major Society support to the planned regional exhibition and bourse in Albany in 1979. The theme of the show was stated to be the 150th anniversary of the successful experiments of Professor Joseph Henry at the Albany Academy which resulted in the discovery of electro-magnetism and the production of an electric motor.

Librarian Prosser announced he had drawn up a set of library rules which had been shown to the Executive Board and that a complete listing of the ESPHS library would be distributed with the June Bulletin.

President Seifert announced that the morning meeting of the Executive Board had taken up the subject of the Society's journal Excelsior with a decision being made to continue its suspension until such time as a new publication committee had studied the subject and reported back to the Board. Seifert stated he was talking with prospective members of the committee, which will be composed of five persons. In the meantime, supplements to the Bulletin will be continued.

Director Koberg then addressed the meeting on the subject of member response. She called their attention to the fact that, although President Seifert had solicited comments pro or con on the new style of the Bulletin, only one member out of 150 had replied. Koberg reminded the members present that it was difficult for the Executive Board to know the real wishes of the membership in general if no response is received to such requests for comments.

The members were reminded the manuscript book editor Henry Chlanda was planning a revised edition that will incorporate all supplements since introduction of the book in 1973 as well as data gathered which was not made a part of the supplements. Here again, negative response makes an editor shake his head in puzzlement. Don't they want this information - or do they want to keep their own little secrets and take them to the grave?? There are a number of members who have information on manuscript offices which has never been submitted to the Society and they are asked to cooperate with the new editor in making his efforts meaningful.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING (Continued)

There was some discussion on the new edition of the American Stampless Cover Catalog. Very little has been done to the New York State section, although other state sections are completely revised. Director Todaro suggested that the President set up a committee to contact the section editor or publishers to be able to offer some assistance on the next edition. President Seifert replied he would consider this suggestion but would first like to contact our own member Bill Bauer, as his name is listed as the New York State section editor.

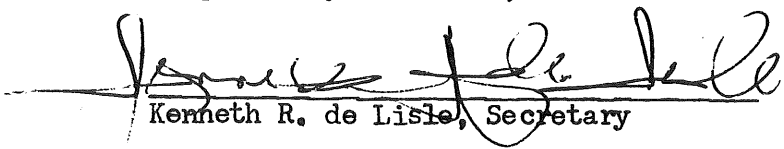
Director Hahn brought the subject of replevin to the floor, since it has been in the forefront lately in postal history circles and manuscript societies. In particular, Herman Herst, Jr. has been writing a lot about the North Carolina court decision which ratified the seizure of certain documents which the State of North Carolina claimed as public property, regardless of the manner in which the present owner acquired it. Hahn warned that this action could spread to other states and, in New York, no person owning covers addressed to the State Comptroller, Surveyor-General, Commissioners of the Canal Fund, Adjutant-General, etc., could be sure their property was exempt from seizure unless they possessed a valid receipt FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK, not from a private party or a dealer. The members agreed these minutes should reflect this concern.

Auction Manager Bernadt reminded the members of our next auction on June 25, 1978. Lists should be in the mail shortly after you receive the Bulletin, if not before. If you are not receiving a list, tell George about your interest.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, motion for dismissal was made, seconded and carried by unanimous vote at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Albany, N.Y.
May 10, 1978


Kenneth R. de Lisle, Secretary

PAID ADLET: WANTED - COVERS, CANCELS, PHOTOS AND INFORMATION for research article on ROCHESTER, N.Y. STREET CAR RAILWAY POST OFFICE SYSTEM 1896-1909. I will appreciate information and will purchase any of the above articles that may be for sale. Copies or loans will also be appreciated. Due credits given for any help furnished. Postage and insurance reimbursed for loan material. Please contact M. Jarosak, Box 192, Stormville, N.Y. 12582. Member - ESPHS, MPOS, Dutchess Philatelic Society.

POSTAL MARKINGS OF ITHACA, N.Y.

Due to the bulk of the Bulletin this month, the second installment of the Ithaca article will not be distributed. You will receive it as a supplement to the August Bulletin.

Author Hutchinson asks that any new or unreported markings, markings outside the time frame set up by him, or other data which would add to the value of the work be sent to him for acknowledgment and publication.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

For the period May 1, 1977 to April 30, 1978, three invitations to participate in our award program were sent to three exhibitions which we judged might qualify. One award certificate was sent out and returned, not used.

One award certificate was sent to ROPEX, Rochester, N.Y. which was awarded to Warren Stevens for "POSTAL HISTORY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK."

We have prepared a report and recommendation for awards at FOPEX '79, to be held in Albany, N.Y. on May 11 - 13, 1979. This will be presented at the meeting of the Executive Board on May 7, 1979 with our strong recommendation it be approved.

Sidney, N.Y.
May 7, 1978

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Clifford Tuttle
Chairman

FORT ORANGE STAMP CLUB INC. ANNOUNCES 1979 EXHIBITION AND BOURSE.

Some time ago, this headline brought to fruition several months of effort on the part of the Albany club. At the October 16, 1977 meeting of the ESPHS Executive Board, the directors voted a subsidy to any of our members exhibiting at the show, in the amount of 50% of the frame fee up to a maximum of 10 frames. At the May 7 meeting of the Board, further support was given this show on the recommendation of the Awards Committee of our Society. The following awards were approved:

For Non-Members of the Society

Award for Best New York State postal history exhibit (unlimited as to frames)
Award for Runner-up in this category

For Members of the Society

Award for Best New York State postal history exhibit (unlimited as to frames)
Award for Runner-up in this category
Award for Best County postal history exhibit (limited to three frames) NY State
Award for Best Other Specialty postal history exhibit NY State (also 3-frame limit)
Award for Best one-frame exhibit of NY State postal history.

All participants receive certificate of the Society.

It should be pointed out that an exhibitor wanting to place a county or specialty exhibit in competition exceeding the 3-frame limit will not, of course, be eligible for the 3-frame award but will compete in the "unlimited" class.

The show prospectus is being prepared, however, we can furnish a few details. The event will be held in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center with virtually unlimited space for frames and bourse, as well as free underground parking. The frames will be the 16-page INTERPHIL units. More details in our next Bulletin and from now on into the show. We are shooting for 100 frames from the Society, no mean feat BUT IT CAN BE DONE!!!

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1977 - 1978

Bank Balances: Checking Account, Bank of New York, Albany Apr. 30, 1977	\$ 269.06
Savings Account, Bank of New York, Albany Apr. 30, 1977	4,483.45
Less Escrow, check not cleared	<u>(714.08)</u>

Cash on Hand April 30, 1977	\$ 4,038.43
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REVENUES:

Current Dues 1977-78	\$ 375.00	
Advance Dues 1978-79	350.00	
Application Fees	<u>38.00</u>	\$ 763.00
Sale of Publications	157.11	
Adlets in Bulletin	8.00	
Auction Commissions	266.26	
Miscellaneous	<u>0.17</u>	431.54
Bank Interest		244.83
Reversal of Charge - Excelsior #9	<u>40.00</u> a	1,479.37
		<u>5,517.80</u>

EXPENSES:

Postage: Bulletin Mailings	\$ 137.99	
Secty-Treas.	100.64	
Syracuse Meeting	15.60	
Albany Meeting	<u>2.42</u>	\$ 256.65
Printing: Bulletin	503.43	
Membership Cards	20.00	
Application Blanks	25.20	
Publication Listing	19.64	
Miscell. Xerox	7.63	
Excelsior #9	<u>40.00</u> a	630.22
Editor, Excelsior Exp.	4.78 b	
Copyright Fees	20.00	
Library Subscription	5.00	
Dues, S.P.A.	7.00	
Stationery and Supplies	20.44	
Mailing Envelopes	18.40	
Mailing Labels	<u>33.13</u>	108.75
		<u>995.62</u>
Cash on Hand, April 30, 1978 c		\$ 4,522.18

Financial Notes: a - Statement rendered by editor for printing Excelsior #9 was paid by check. Check returned, refused to cash, resulting in cross-entry on books.

b - Editor (Excelsior) presented statement total of \$21.87, of which \$17.09 was returned to Treasurer and re-deposited. Liability for \$17.09 still exists.

c - Cash balance on hand, exclusive of dues received, pre-payment of Ontario County book or other cash payments received late in April.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL 1977 - 1978 (Continued)

Cash on Hand, April 30, 1978 (Page 5)

\$ 4,522.18

Reconciliation with Bank Accounts:

Bank Accounts, Checking Account, Bank of New York, Albany Apr. 30, 1978	\$ 507.98
Savings Accounts, Bank of New York, Albany Apr. 30, 1978	4,728.28
	5,236.26
Less Held in Escrow	(714.08)
Net Bank Balance	\$ 4,522.18

The statement of cash on hand shows a net increase of funds in the past fiscal year amounting to \$483.75. As stated in the notes to the report, Excelsior editor Hahn's account for reimbursable expense remains outstanding in the amount of \$17.09 for items incurred on behalf of the Society, which would reduce the cash gain by a like amount.

Separation of fund income and expense is as follows:

	<u>GENERAL OPERATIONS</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
INCOME	\$ 1,077.43	\$ 157.11	-	\$ 244.83	\$ 1,479.37
EXPENSE	<u>934.79</u>	<u>55.83</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>995.62</u>
SURPLUS	\$ 142.64	\$ 101.28	(5.00)	\$ 244.83	\$ 483.75

Dues and other fees in advance, exclusive of Ontario Book prepayments and funds received late in the month of April, are included in above income.

Members will notice that, as in all previous years, our principal expense is the cost of printing and postage. There is pending a postage rate increase, applicable to business mail which will raise our costs for postage by 25% or more.

The Treasurer is not in favor of a dues increase at the present time and will request at the Executive Board meeting that the present \$5.00 fee be retained in fiscal year 1979 - 1980. The Society has been running a surplus each year since founded, certainly a sign that the dues are adequate to maintain our financial integrity.

Certain small economy steps were taken in the past year, such as the abolition of annual membership cards. Members now receive an initial membership card at the time of admittance. Members requesting an annual membership card are also sent one. The overall saving is significant.

Interest income and commissions from our auction sales add materially to our funds without any offsetting expense. Publications over the long run are profitable. Thus my estimate that a dues increase is not warranted in the next two years, unless the revenues decline or expenses increase at a much greater rate than predicted.

Respectfully submitted,
Albany, N.Y. May 3, 1978


Kenneth R. de Lisle

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We welcome to membership Messrs. Bauer, Buxbaum, Cooke, Hart and Wardle AND the Collectors Club (Chicago) whose names were published in the April Bulletin.
New applications:

AZARKEVICH, JOHN J. Box 6021, Cont. Sta. #6, Schenectady, NY 12306

References: Members George Bernadt and Robert Gallup

Interests: Postal History of NY State; 2¢ red-browns of 1883-87, also part-time mail dealer as J&E Stamps.

PROULX, DAVID 7629 Homestead Drive, Baldwinsville, NY 13027

References: Members Cliff Tuttle and Ken de Lisle

Interests: Onondaga County, New York

SHAFFER, WILLIAM H. 25 W. Boscawen Street, Winchester, VA 22601

References: None required (APS #60987)

Interests: General U.S. especially covers; philatelic literature

Reinstatement: TOLY, MARTIN H. JR. 4159 Chariot Lane, Liverpool, NY 13088

We have eight changes of address this month. They will not be listed due to space limitations. Address labels, carried on a computer print-out, will be corrected and the changes noted in our next directory.

About the time this issue of the Bulletin is being delivered a number of our members will be attending CAPEX 78 in Toronto, Canada. While they may not pick up any bargains, at least they will be on the ground floor for that peculiar first day of the United States souvenir sheet. This is a distinct departure from other foreign internationals where souvenir CARDS were issued.

We note that Cal Hahn was the speaker at the May 13 meeting of the Junior Ambassadors, a leading junior philatelic society, held in the Collectors Club, New York. The meeting was devoted to an examination of the collecting opportunities in railroad philately. This junior organization had just received a donation of a thousand railroad covers from the Mobile Post Office Society through the good offices of that society's president, Charles Towle, noted railroad authority and a member, too, of the ESPHS. Hahn's presentation included slides of some of the rarest U.S. railroad covers as well as examples of strikes from the R.P.O. period and subsequent duplex postmark era.

You will note from the minutes of the annual meeting that we elected two Executive Board members - the other vacancy cannot be filled until the result of a run-off election is known. You are urged to mail in the enclosed ballot in order that the Board be fully manned. The suggestion was made at the annual meeting to have a brief biography of both candidates (Haefeli and Todaro) printed for the Bulletin. As you can see, space is at a decided premium and we reluctantly abandoned the idea.

Members are urged to send in news releases, press items, clippings, etc. telling us of the philatelic activities of our members; awards received and other philatelic news. We like to know how we are doing.

Librarian David Prosser has prepared a nice inventory of the Society library. He has volunteered to keep up a card file for articles in a number of the publications (not the periodicals, however). It will pay to write him for information from the shelves. Please, PLEASE, include SASE for reply.

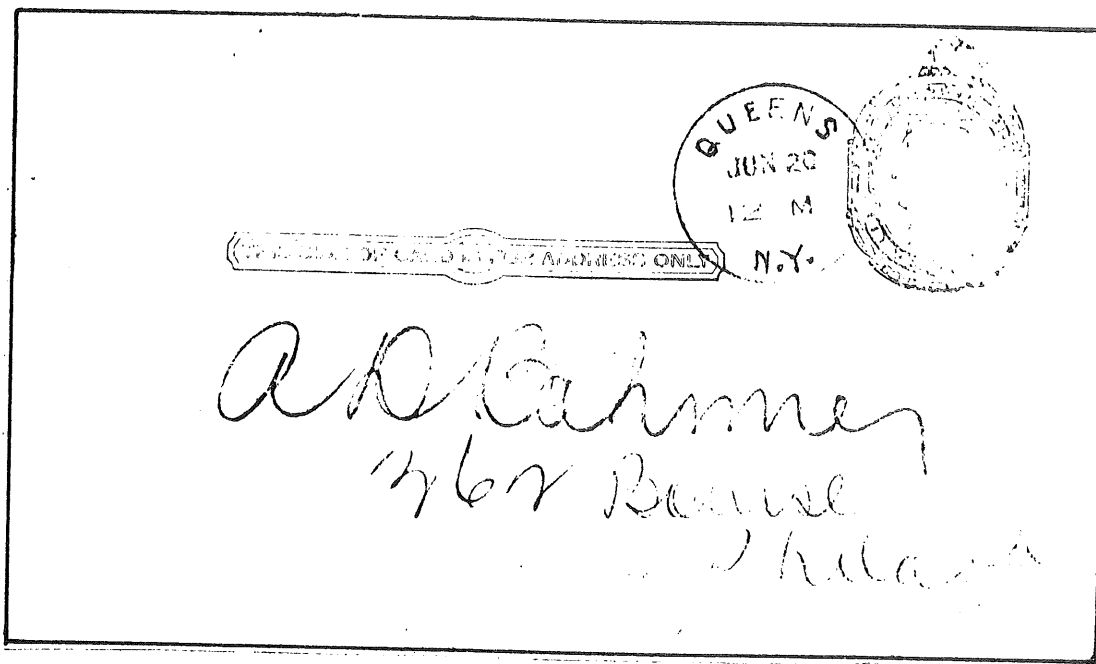
PAID ADLET: FOR SALE U.S. AIRPOST POSTAL HISTORY COVERS - all over 40 years old.
6 different \$3.00; 10 different \$5.00. Mail orders to William Seifert, Jr.
4 Russell Road, West Albany, N.Y. 12205.

PAID ADLET: Manuscript Post Offices of New York State from Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chenango, Cortland, Erie, Franklin, Genesee, Greene, Lewis, Madison, Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Steuben, Tompkins and Wayne Counties. Send SASE for listing of covers in the counties of interest. Many are the listing cover for the Manuscript Post Office book and supplements. Kenneth R. de Lisle, 54 Ramsey Pl. Albany, N.Y. 12208

Do you have something for sale? Is there something you want? Perhaps an adlet in the Bulletin will bring buyer and seller together. Rates are cheap, cheap!! Three lines \$1.00 per insertion, **6 lines \$2.00**. We have an informal limit of 6 lines. However, see the December 1977 Bulletin for longer ads or displays. Minimum one-quarter page, \$12.50; one-half page \$25.00 and full page \$50.00

QUESTION CORNER

At last we have a question from one of our members which can be illustrated and put to the Society at large. Charlie Hoffer is curious about a government postal card he ran across recently. It's a common-looking item, UX22 with printed message, mailed at Queens, N.Y. in 1916. But wait - what is a Queens, N.Y. cds doing on a card dated June 20, 1916? According to the Federal Post Offices of New York State 1792-1969 the Queens, N.Y. office was discontinued June 30, 1902. Here it shows up on a piece of mail fourteen years later.



Above is the face of the card clearly showing the Queens, N.Y. postmark in black, JUN 20/12 M. This style of duplex cancel normally had the year date between the town name and the barred oval. 1916 does show on the card although not clearly reproduced on the photo print. QUEENS and N.Y. have been slightly touched-up in india ink for clarity.

QUESTION CORNER (Continued)

Turning the card over, we find a printed form of the Long Island Railroad Company, Form A 121, of which 40,000 were printed in January 1916 according to the print code in the upper right corner.

This raises another interesting point. UX 22 was issued in 1910 and according to the United States Postal Card Catalog of the United Postal Stationery Society, it is estimated one and one-quarter billion cards were issued before it was replaced by UX 24, the same design but in a different color. Of this carmine color in several shades some two and one-half billion cards were issued between 1911 and June 1914, when the familiar 1¢ Jefferson card was issued. The interesting point is this - did the LIRR Co. print 40,000 UX 22 in January 1916, five years after it was replaced by UX 24, or was the printing done on an existing inventory of UX 22, UX 24 and UX 27? If so, which of these numbers is scarce? It certainly is an interesting point - no? It also is a railroad item for the Long Island fans.

Form A 121		The Long Island Railroad Company		1-1916-40,000	
<i>Queens</i>		Freight Station,		1916	
The freight described below waybilled from.....					
(Original point of shipment)..... is ready for delivery					
on payment of charges.					
C A R		ORIGINAL CAR		DESCRIPTION	CHARGES
Initials	Number	Initials	Number		
<i>W. H.</i>	<i>105-279</i>			<i>B-1</i>	<i>50</i>
Subject to storage and demurrage charges according to published tariffs.					
Draw check to order of The Long Island Railroad Company				<i>W. H. Hoffer</i> Agent.	
				Please give this notice to teamster with an order for delivery to him.	

Mailed to Philadelphia by a freight agent in Queens, it is hand dated June 20, 1916. No question of the date of use, no question it is the Queens, N.Y. duplex, used on that same day.

There must be an explanation for the use of the cds at this period. How many of our members can furnish the correct answer. Come on, now, you Long Island postal history men. Address your reply to Bill Seifert, 4 Russell Road, West Albany, N.Y. 12205. Our August Bulletin will give the answer, together with the names of those who provided a solution.

Incidentally, Charlie Hoffer has donated this card to the Society and it will be in our Fall auction sale.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: May 1, 1977 to April 30, 1978

Membership in the Society stood at 119 members beginning fiscal 1977-78. Since then we have added 42 new members, dropped only one for non-payment, received one resignation and recorded 2 deaths, for a net gain of 38, at the end of April 1978.

This gain is the largest one-year growth in the history of the Society and can be attributed in large measure to increased publicity during the year on several fronts. This current year starts out with the reinstatement of one long-time member and three applicants to continue our drive toward the 200 mark.

The Society held its annual meeting in May 1977 at the usual Utica area location, which seems to be central to a large majority of those usually attending. There were two auctions held during the year, at the same place in May and in October. There is little or no interest in holding a formal meeting at these auction dates, President Seifert with unanimous consent dispensed with any business other than the auction.

Regional meetings were held in Syracuse in June and in December under the leadership of Director Todaro. There was a regional meeting in Albany with President Seifert in charge.

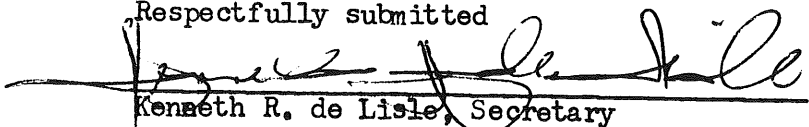
Supplement No. 4 to Manuscript Post Offices of New York State was distributed to the membership in October, keeping this popular book up to date with the latest changes and discoveries. There was no supplement issued to Federal Post Offices of New York State 1792-1969, No. 6 is planned for the June issue of the bulletin.

During the year the Society completed work on producing Emma Koberg's Collected Postal History Notes of Ontario County. Prepaid orders were filled at the annual meeting. Prepaid mail orders are being filled in order of receipt.

In accordance with our By-Laws, two meetings of the Executive Board were held during the year, on May 1977 annual meeting date in Utica and on October 16, 1978 in Albany.

Albany, N.Y.
May 7, 1978

Respectfully submitted


Kenneth R. de Lisle, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Continued)

has been made on the question of Excelsior. We will issue an up-to-date roster in the Fall and we have ready for distribution a new printing of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Goals for the coming year are highlighted by the action of the Executive Board when approval was granted for a major cooperative effort with the Fort Orange Stamp Club to make FOPEX '79 a major regional show with heavy emphasis on New York State postal history. You will be hearing a lot more of this event in the coming months.

My thanks to all members for their support, but especially to Ken de Lisle, our Secretary-Treasurer for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Society.

WILLIAM A. SEIFERT, JR.
President