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## IN GOD WE TRUST

By John McKay-Clements

Credit is a matter of trust and in the eyes of many people with a sense of humour the motto on U.S. coins "IN GOD WE TRUST" implies that with all others, business should be done on a cash basis. This well circulated joke serves as the introduction to this report to you the fact that a decision in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District on October 12 of this year upheld Judge ~~W. L. H.~~ L.H. Burke in the U.S. District Court who refused in 1968 to call a three judge court to test the constitutionality of the use of the motto.

The Appellate judges were dealing with the latest move in the suit started by Stephan Ray Aronov of Woodland, California who contended that the phrase "In God We Trust" on the U.S. coins violates the constitution's first amendment which says that -- "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...." When ruling that the United States is legally inscribing its coins and paper money with the motto, the judges noted that Aronov's challenge was "insignificant".

The first suggestion that the Deity be mentioned on the coins of the United States originated with the Rev. M. R. Watkinson who was a minister of the gospel in Ridleyville, Pennsylvania, and is recorded in a letter dated November 13, 1861. The letter was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase. It reads, in part --- "One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form in our coins. You are probably a Christian. What if our Republic were now shattered beyond reconstruction? Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?" He then goes on to suggest

a design for the coin and further states --- "This would make a beautiful coin, to which no possible citizen could object. This would relieve us from the ignominy of heathenism. This would place us openly under the Divine protection we have personally claimed. From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters. To you first I address a subject that must be agitated."

The first U.S. coin to bear the motto was the two-cent bronze piece of 1864. This coin was authorized by an Act passed April 22, 1864 which also changed the alloy to be used for the one-cent piece. There were a number of Acts passed during the years dealing with the subject, culminating with the passing of Public Law 140 by the 84th. Congress and signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on July 11, 1955 which provided for the appearance of the motto on all United States currency and coins. As a result of the Act the motto first appeared on \$1 silver certificates printed in 1957.

In 1964, which was the centennial of the motto on U.S. coinage, a plaque was dedicated to the Rev. Mark Watkinson at the Prospect Hill First Baptist church in Pemberton, New Jersey, where he was buried, and permanently commemorates his contribution to numismatics as it relates to the motto. While his original design suggested the use of the words GOD, LIBERTY, LAW, they led to the adoption of the motto IN GOD WE TRUST. Little did he or his friends envision the possibility that 109 years after his letter to the Secretary of the Treasury the Courts would be rendering a decision upholding the legality of the use of the motto, or that a Stefan Ray Aronov would prove to be the exception to his confident statement that his design was one ---"..to which no possible citizen could object".

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DID YOU KNOW

That a Communion Token or a Church Token was a check, usually of base metal, issued on loan by a given church to one of its communicants which witnesses his eligibility to take communion in that church. He surrenders it to the church upon presenting himself for communion.

That the Coining Process is the application of a device to a piece of metal by a coin-issuing authority whereby it becomes a coin. The process may be accomplished by casting, roller, rocker-die pressure or high pressure impact. In modern times the process usually involves stamping the coin in a die cavity formed by two dies coming together against a piece of metal (in this case, a planchet) within the closely -fitting collar die.

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JUNIORS CORNER

THE FUTURE OF NUMISMATICS

By Paul Johnson

These days more and more young people are getting involved in numismatics. I, for one am seriously interested in the future of our great hobby, mainly because I am a "JUNIOR" collector myself.

The young collectors of to-day need guidance. They need encouragement, they need fraternalism. They need to be invited to join as junior members of adult coin clubs. These are the young boys and girls who will lead our clubs and our associations in the near future.

I think it is important for Junior collectors to get a good basic understanding of coin collecting -- that he know how to grade coins and know the scarcer dates from the common ones. He should take on responsibilities while in a coin club like participating actively in coin shows and show enthusiasm in learning something new each meeting.

Senior members should encourage Juniors to collect for the beauty of coins. The moment that the collector begins to value because of their rarity, he descends in the scale of Science. When he seeks to possess rare coins merely because of their being rare, he becomes a speculator, envious and uncomfortable in the presence of others and ceases to be a genuine numismatist.

In the United States, the American Numismatic Association has a very complete and effective Junior organization which is most helpful to all who participate. There are awards throughout the year for such things as the "Outstanding Young Numismatist" and a "Junior Literary Award" for the best essay or numismatic talk in competition. There are also many Junior Coin Clubs organized by Senior members of a club or the Juniors themselves.

I feel there should be more of these activities here in Canada for Junior Collectors. Sure they are welcome at the monthly coin clubs and possibly a displayer in a yearly show, but what else is there? I can't think of very many opportunities for us juniors. Ask yourselves, how many Junior Coin Clubs do you know of in Canada?

The older collectors of to-day, and in that case, anyone who collects coins, should offer this great hobby to more non-collectors. Put forth more of your free time and watch our hobby grow larger.

Anyone interested in Junior Numismatics, please drop me a line and tell me your thoughts on this: Paul Johnson

375 Rogers Street,  
PETERBOROUGH, Ontario

Ye Ed - I agree 100% with Paul's comments. Let's here from you readers -- helpful hints, just criticism, offers to help, etc. -- are urgently needed. Well??? "Wotcha waitin' 4 ??

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DID YOU KNOW

That a Bank Note is a promissory note issued by a bank in useful denominations, payable to bearer and intended to circulate as money.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if they conflict with your club's forthcoming show.

- Jan, 30 - Hamilton Coin and Stamp Show at the Hindoo Koosh Grotto, 121 Hughson St. W., Hamilton, from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. Auction at 4.00 p.m. For further details contact Chairman Gord McComb, 415 Erindale Dr., Burlington, Ont.
- Feb. 12-14-Greater Toronto Coin & Stamp Exhibition and Canadian Paper Money Society Show in the Westbury Hotel, 457 Yonge Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.
- Mar. 27-28-Waterloo Coin Society Twelfth Annual Coin Show and Banquet to be held in the Holiday Inn, Kitchener, Ont. For details re bourse and exhibits write to P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ont.
- Mar. 28 - In conjunction with the Waterloo Coin Show a special event will be held from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. called a "Token Collectors Trading Session". Any interested in trading tokens, etc. please contact Mr. John H. Shaw, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario, \* NOTE\* Location change to - HOLIDAY INN,
- Apr. 10 - Woodstock Annual Show. (Due to lack of information no further details available).
- Apr. 17 - Belleville Coin Club Annual Show in the Pinnacle Room at the Hotel Quinte, Belleville. 10 bourse tables are available, also display and auction 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. For further details contact Charles Miller, P.O. Box 125, Belleville, Ontario.
- Apr. 24-25-Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention to be held in Sudbury hosted by The Nickel Belt Coin Club in the President Motor Hotel, 99 Elm St., Sudbury. Gerry Albert is chairman and Jack Dupont co-chairman. Enquiries re bourse, exhibits, etc. to Mrs. W. Campbell, 1369 Roy St., Sudbury, Ontario. Special motel rates for convention, Please Make your reservations early.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the Dec. issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the February issue of The Ontario Numismatist.

- 785 William R. Gage, R. R. # 1, Barrie, Ont.
- 786 Dave Feddersen, R. R. # 2, Waterloo, Ont.
- 787 Kevin J. Simmons, 58 Rameau Dr., Willowdale, Ont.
- 788 Harold Don Allen, c/o Nova Scotia Teachers College, Truro, N.S.
- 789 C. R. (Ted) Turanski, 111 Lancaster St. E., Kitchener, Ont.
- 790 Jack Dupont, 463 Notre Dame Ave., Sudbury, Ont.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

From Brantford comes some very interesting thoughts on "How To Kill A Club". Here they are for thought.

1. Do not go to the meetings.
- 2, If you go, go late.

3. If you have something else to do, do it.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of everything.
5. Never accept an office. It's easier to criticize than do any work.
6. Get sore if you are appointed to a committee. Ignore the meetings.
7. If you are asked by the Chairman to give an opinion on any matter, tell him you have nothing to say.
8. After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done.
9. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but when others give their time and ability to help matters along, howl that the club is run by a clique.
10. Complain about dues! Wait until you are asked to pay up, then let them wait for the money.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

Forty-two members and three guests were present at the 35th meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club held in the Salon Richelieu of the Chateau Laurier. Major Carroll presented Joe Shkwarek with the trophy which was donated by the Professional Numismatists Guild in Canada, for the Best of Show at the C.N.A. Convention in Halifax. Art Graham presented a complete set of Royal Canadian Mint Reports to the C.N.A. library on behalf of a group of interested collectors. Mr. Allan who had just returned from Turkey, presented the President with a 1970 mint set from that country; he also donated a set which was auctioned for \$5.00. Joe Shkwarek had for display the Northwest Rebellion Medals.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

Thursday, Dec. 19th was the date of our meeting. It was the date for our Christmas Party and everyone was invited to attend and enjoy the festive occasion. The Place was The Loyal True Blue Hall, High Street, Barrie. Doors were open at 7.30 p.m. and the business meeting began at 8.00 p.m. sharp. All members were asked to bring with them something, whether it be sandwiches, pickles, cheese, items for the auction and anything you would like to donate to the Club, either for the auction or to be used for prizes. The Club had a Christmas cake, Frank Fisher brought a tree and another member decorated it. Any gift for another member was placed under the tree for distribution. Any unnamed gifts under the tree were used for draws, raffles, etc. Each member was to bring someone with them as there is no better way for making the meeting a "bring a friend night".

KINGSTON COIN CLUB-

Our 1970 Show and Banquet came and went - although they were not as successful or well attended as last year, however we did make money instead of losing. There were not as many displays as last year but they were good and ran the full gauntlet of numismatics - from tokens, medals, coins to bills. Everyone of the displays merits honourable mention whether it won or not. Too bad there were no junior displays. The banquet was an excellent meal. Every Club has to have motive power because it's just like a wheel-barrow - not much good unless you get behind it and push. Remember that idea you have been mulling over for months may be just what is needed to make things better. At the Show the following won trophies for displays:

- Best of Show - George Moore-Gough
- Best Canadian - George Moore-Gough and Frank Lieshout
- Best Miscellaneous Canadian - George Moore-Gough and G. M. Bradford
- Foreign Miscellaneous - Gordon Galway
- Best Foreign - Ernie Howlett and Nate Boomhour

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

London is moving to a new meeting place. As of January 5, 1971, meetings will be held in the Sir Lancelot Room at the Ivanhoe Curling Club on Brookside St. and Thompson Road. The feature of the last meeting was a lovely display of Christmas Cards by Tom Masters which he had received from the Franklin Mint.

ORILLIA CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

The last meeting took the form of a display and hobby night followed by a Box Social instead of a Banquet. The categories were divided into numismatic and non-numismatic groups and this proved a very interesting time.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB-

At the Christmas Party meeting the guest speaker was Mr. Terry Wedge, who spoke on the topic "Numismatics and Business". Mr. Don Thomas, Editor and Publisher of the Coin, Stamp and Antique News was there and kindly consented to judge the Junior Essay Contest and award the prizes. Another highlight of the evening was the Elimination Draw with the last ticket drawn winning the 1967 Bahamas proof-like ten dollar gold piece. There were also five 1970 proof-like sets drawn as consolation prizes.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB -

The last meeting featured a talk by Roy Longo on foreign money which proved very interesting and informative. A Christmas Party was enjoyed by all and everyone wished everyone else the Season's Best before the meeting closed.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB-

The St. Catharines Coin Club held its 121st meeting on Dec. 20 with 44 members and 15 guests present. Fred Barley gave a financial report for the year and Pat Lambert expressed the thanks of the club to Fred for a job well done. President Frank Kiley turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the nominating committee, past president Pat Lambert who presented the following slate of officers for 1971:- Pres.-Howard Hill, P.Pres.-Frank Kiley, Vice-Pres. . Voaden, Sec. - Mrs. C. Foulser, Treas. - Fred Barley, Membership Chairman - John Morrison, Historian - Mrs. P. Lambert, Librarian - Mrs. Ritchie. President Frank Kiley thanked his executive for their assistance during the year. The O.N.A. educational film "The Ultimate Achievement" (donated to the O.N.A. by the Franklin Mint) was shown to the club members and enthusiastically received by all members present.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION-

The last meeting featured a film shown of the Nickel Company of Sudbury which showed where all the new coins are coming from and the material used. The list of new officers for 1971 are :-Pres. - A. W. O'Neil, V. Pres. - W. J. Benedict, Sec. - Frances Clunas, Treas. - George Conroy, Only members in good standing as of January 31, 1971 will receive the bulletins for the coming year so all were urged to pay their 1971 dues now.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB-

The last meeting of the year was held at the Stratford Library on Dec. 14th which began at 8.00 o'clock with the membership draw at 8.15. The membership draw for the last meeting was a 1960 Silver Dollar, a 1969 P.L. Dollar and a year's membership. The speaker was Mr. Tom Orr who talked about Coin Insurance very interestingly. Memberships for 1971 were obtainable. If anyone had any



COMMENTS ON JUDGING

By Robert E. Sargent.

The method, and possibly the quality, of the judging of coin shows that I have been associated with, in one capacity or another, has been a source of concern to me for quite some time. I have served as a judge, I have been an exhibitor and I have served on a committee of one sort or another for several shows and in each instance I have observed an aspect of judging that I have felt, in my humble opinion, could be improved upon.

At one particluar show that I had the honour of being selected as a judge there was an outstanding display, as far as eye appeal was concerned, there was a wealth of information about the person depicted on the token but not one word of information about the token itself. When the judging was complete I was thoroughly amazed to discover this display had won a first award. I went back and reread the complete text of the information in the exhibit to see if I had missed something, but there was absolutely nothing mentioned numismatically.

Several times in the past I have approached exhibit committees and other people that I thought might be interested in my views, such as the desirability of having the judges meet prior to the actual judging and then to meet after the completion of the judging to compare notes. By this method I may learn where I have possibly made an error in judgment or one of the other judges could inadvertently have missed something. In either case, by comparing score sheets, if there appeared to be too wide a variance in the various score sheets on one or more displays the matter could be resolved immediately by intelligent discussion between the judges and a head judge or the head of the exhibits committee, whichever may be the case.

All points awarded a display should be given on facts only and not on whether or not it happens to appeal to a judge. What one particular person would consider an attractive and eye appealing exhibit would not necessarily appeal to another judge with a resulting wide range in the score for this portion of the score sheet. Other factors could also enter into the judgement of an exhibit, such as a person's preference for certain numismatic material along with a high degree of knowledge on the particular material, or the opposite could be true, the person could have little interest in certain items and thus very little knowledge in this area.

Currently Provincial and National Numismatic Organizations maintain a list of qualified and accredited speakers that are available for a given speakers' circuit on sufficient prior notice. This same principle could be applied to judges, for instance the O.N.A. could maintain a list of qualified judges that would be willing to travel within a stipulated radius of their home. The O.N.A. and/or the C.N.A. could prescribe the manner in which a person could become accredited and in which field they are qualified to judge.

The judges for each and every show should be appointed and notified well in advance of the show, the notification should also note the time the person is expected to start judging. An alternate judge should be appointed and notified the same time as the original appointee in the event the first appointed judge can not make the scheduled show, there may be the odd time that the original judge may not be able to give sufficient notice that he will not be able to be there. These cases would then be handled by the local show committee to provide a replace-

ment. It is most annoying, to say the least, to see the exhibit chairman at the last moment looking for a judge or judges and in a great many cases dealers are asked to perform this important duty. I feel this is an imposition on the dealer unless he has been asked well in advance, so that he may come prepared to have someone in charge of his table, otherwise he will do a hurry-up job in order to return to his bourse table. I am not trying to discredit the dealer in any manner or to say that he is not qualified, they all probably are fully qualified and competent to do this job but nevertheless if they come prepared to judge then it should be expected that they take sufficient time to do a thorough job of judging.

If the O.N.A. Executive Committee feels that any of the above suggestions have any merit, the point or points could be discussed and possibly other suggestions, pro or con, could be solicited through the O.N.A. monthly journal.

Very truly yours,  
Signed: Robert E. Sargent, ONA #751

Good article, Ye Ed.  
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THIS 'N THAT -

A new year--new resolutions--new ideas etc--firstly, an apology to Stratford Coin Club, we were sorry to omit your club show, but the news arrived 5 days after the Bulletin was in process of printing--please--All Clubs--please note--we go to press by the 23rd of the month--after that all items are kept until the following month --please will you help us to help you by sending your material in time for inclusion in the current month's news---St. Thomas Club also wrote asking why their show was not given a mention in the "Coming Events"--here again the announcement came too late to advertise the show--I am sure you folks will realizewe want to publish your show dates but if your club press releases are left until the last minute-which does happen-through no fault of the club-(usually because there is a clash with a neighbouring club or the meeting place is changed at the last minute) these things cannot be helped--again we cannot stress too often the value of setting your club show dates at the least 3-4 months in advance--by so doing we can give you 3 or 4 plugs in the Bulletin and are happy to do so--while on this subject may we also point out to give us as much pertinent details as possible where--when--time--bourse chairman and show chairman and their addresses for enquiries--this will help your show and save us having to redirect enquiries to the various clubs, often too late to do any good--finally it is most frustrating to an editor to receive complaints when he knows in most cases it was either the mail hold up or someone forgot to mail the releases or something--so please when you set your club show date either send me a postcard or a letter giving me details or let your O.N.A. Area Director know so he can pass on the information--we do try to give every club, regardless of whether they are O.N.A. members or not, full coverage of their activities--and we hope to continue to do so--keep the news and show dates coming--we'll try not to disappoint you--until next month we will say "A Happy New Year to all from

Ye Ed & Mrs. Ed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1971-1973

In accordance with our By-laws, article 7, section 4, we quote, "in an election year, the President shall make a call for nominations of elected officers six months prior to the opening of the annual General Meeting in the official publication, and at the same time shall appoint an election committee, consisting of a Chairman and 2 members. This year's Election Committee is made up of Chairman - Walter Griggs, Bill English and Bruce Razmann. Also we quote "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by two members in good standing and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. His address is as follows:

Mr. Walter Griggs, 56 Dublin Street, Brantford, Ontario.

Use the following form to send in your nominations.

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Director Area No. 8-----

Director Area No. 9-----

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Name \*\* -----

Address\*-----

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