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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR O.N.A. PRESIDENT

With the end of one year and the beginning of another, at this time I would like to wish you one and all a Very Happy and Prosperous 1972 with a very special wish for a successful year numismatically.

We in the Executive of the O.N.A. are looking forward to a very good and exciting year with our 10th Annual Show and Convention coming up on April 22nd. and 23rd. hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Last year the O.N.A. had a very good annual convention hosted by the Nickle Belt Coin Club in Sudbury, Ontario. This was one of our most successful shows, and many thanks are due to the Nickle Belt Club members and their committee for a job well done.

The O.N.A. has a good hard working executive gratis, who are quite willing to give your club what assistance they can on your annual show or your monthly meetings if you would get in touch with your area director and let him know your troubles and wishes.

We have in the O.N.A. library 29 sets of Audio-Visual numismatic slides with recorded tapes and type written transcripts that are helpful, educational and entertaining, which are available to any O.N.A. member club to borrow for a fee of \$1.00 per set to pay for postage and insurance. We also have one 16 MM colour sound, "The Ultimate Achievement" by the Franklin Mint for a fee of \$2.00. These slides are available for any O.N.A. member, through your area director, for showing at School, Church meetings and other clubs for the same fee.

I would like to get around to one of your meetings of every O.N.A. member club to say "Hello" and chat, but distance and time will not permit me to do this.

Numismatically yours,

Chas. B. Laister  
President O.N.A.

THE BREAD TOKENS OF ONTARIO - continued from the December issue

1 Loaf/Iliffe (Crown)	
(Uniface)	L-R-19
(Uniface)	B-R-24
(Uniface)	L-R-24
1 Loaf/Iliffe (Crown) (Incuse)	
(Uniface)	W-R-23
Charles Ledword/855/Somerset/St.	
Good for/½/loaf	A-R-25
Good for/1/loaf	A-R-28
Union Bakery/½/D. Lee (L.I.)	
(Blank)	B-R-22
(Blank)	C-R-22
Union Bakery/1/D. Lee. (L.I.)	
(Blank)	B-R-28
(Blank)	C-R-28
Union Bakery/1/D. Lee (L.I.)	
Pritchard & Andrews Ottawa (L.I.)	B-R-28
L. G. Marineau/Ottawa,/Canada/Boulangier	
Bon pour/1/pain	C-R-24
Bon pour/½/pain	A-R-20
Bon pour/½/pain	B-R-20
Bon pour/½/pain	C-R-20
Bon pour/1/pain	B-R-24
Bon pour/1/pain	W-R-24
L. G. Marineau/Baker/Ottawa/Can./288 Clarence St.	
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	A-R-24
L. G. Marineau/Baker/Ottawa,/Can./288 Clarence St.	
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	B-R-24
Good for/1/loaf/of/bread	C-R-24
Morrison-Lamothe/Good for one loaf/Bakery Limited.	
(Uniface)	A-R-29
Good/for/one/loaf/morrison - Lamothe Bakery Ltd.	
(Uniface)	F-R-29
Charles Pearce/Baker/Ottawa,/ont.	
Good for/1/loaf of bread	A-Sc8-29
E. Renaud/325/Clarence/Ottawa/Boulangier	
Bon pour/½/pain	W-R-20
Bon pour/½/pain	C-R-20
Bon pour/½/pain	B-R-20
Bon pour/1/pain	C-R-24=
Bon pour/1/pain	W-R-24
Aug. Roy/Good for/½/loaf	
(Blank)	A-0-22
Aug Roy/Good for/1/loaf	
(Blank)	A-0-27
B. Slinn/½/loaf	
549 Bank St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	A-0-25
0'Connor St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	B-0-26
Victoria/Bakery	A-S-25
549 Bank St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	B-R-25
0'Connor St. & New Edinboro'/Confectionery	A-R-25

- B. Slinn/1/loaf/Pritchard & Andrews Ottawa  
 O'Connor St. & New Edinboro/Confectionery A-R-28  
 O'Connor St. & New Edinboro/Confectionery B-R-28  
 Victoria Bakery/549/Bank St./&New/Edinboro/  
 and Confectionery A-R-28  
 Victoria Bakery/549/Bank St./&New/Edinboro/  
 and Confectionery B-R-28  
 O'Connor St. & New Edinboro/Confectionery  
 (Blank) A-R-28  
 Slinn Brothers/1/loaf.  
 Victoria Bakery/Cor./O'Connor/&Queen./& Confectionery B-R-28  
 Slinn Brothers/1/loaf. (C/S "B. Slinn")  
 Victoria Bakery/Cor./O'Connor/&Queen./& Confectionery B-R-28  
 Slinn Brothers/1/loaf. (C/S "B. Slinn")  
 Victoria Bakery/Cor./O'Connor/&Queen./& Confectionery B-R-28  
 East End Bakery/1/8/Slinn. (L.I.)  
 (Blank) B-R-21  
 East End Bakery/1/8/Slinn.  
 (Blank) B-R-28  
 East End Bakery/1/8/Slinn (L. I.)  
 (As obverse, but double struck) B-R-28  
 A. Sugarman/Ottawa.  
 Good for/1/loaf/of/bread A-R-25
- OWEN SOUND  
 D. B. McColl/Fancy/Cakes and/Confectionery/Owen Sound, Ont. A-R-26  
 Good for/one small/loaf  
 D. B. McColl/Fancy/Bakery/&Confectionery/Owen Sound, Ont. A-R-25  
 Good for/one small/loaf of bread  
 McLaughlin & Sons Co., Limited/Bakers & Confectioners/  
 Owen Sound, Ont. A-RE-32x19  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread  
 Shirley & Rathwell/Bakers/and/Confectioners/Owen Sound, Ont.  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread A-Ov-30x22  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread (8 struck) B-Ov-30x22  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread (8 struck) C-Ov-30x22  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread (8 struck) W-Ov-30x22
- PAISLEY  
 J. Hyde/Leading/Bakery/Paisley.  
 Good for/1/2/loaf of bread A-Sc8-29
- PARIS  
 Station/Bakery/Paris.  
 Good for/one/loaf/of/bread. A-R-25  
 Good for/one/loaf/of/bread A-R-25
- PARRY SOUND  
 J. Brint/Baker/Parry Harbor/Ont.  
 Good for/1/2/loaf of bread A-Sc8-24
- PEMBROKE  
 F. Lehman/Baker/&Confectioner/Pembroke  
 Good for/1/2/loaf A-R-25  
 Good for/1/loaf/bread. A-R-30

Leitch's/Penbrooke/Bakery,  
 Good for/1/small/loaf  
 Good for/1/large/loaf

A-R-25  
 A-R-30

W. McGaughey/1/Baker/ (L.I.)  
 (Black)

B-R-28

PENETANGUISHENE

G. Copeland & Sons/Penetanguishene,/Ont.  
 Good for/one/loaf/bread

A-Sc8-29

G. Copeland & Sons/Penetanguishene,/Ont.  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-S-22 $\frac{1}{2}$

J. C. Lee/Baker/Penetanguishene  
 Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-Sc4-29  
 A-R-25

J. C. Lee/Baker/Penetanguishene/Ont.  
 Good for/one loaf/of/bread

A-R-25

PERTH

W. A. McLaren/Baker/Perth, Ont.  
 Good for/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /loaf of bread

A-RE-32x19

PETERBORO

N. Lush & Sons/Machine Made/Bread/Bakery  
 Good for/1/Small/loaf

A-R-28

T. Lush,/Baker/Peterboro/Ont.  
 Good for/1/loaf/of bread,

A-Sc4-29

PETROLIA

J. Pitman, (Incuse)  
 Good for/1/loaf (Incuse)

B-R-28

PETROLIA

Fletcher's/Petrolia, Ont.  
 Good for/one/loaf/bread

A-Sc4-28

PICTON

E. Herrington & Co./Confectionery/and/Groceries/Picton, Ont.  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread  
 Good for/1/loaf bread

A-R-25  
 A-R-25

PORT ARTHUR

D. M. Davidson/Terms/Cash/Port Arthur  
 Good for/1/loaf of bread

A-0c-25

Henry Foote/Baker/Port Arthur.  
 Good For/1/loaf of bread

A-R-25

O. Kivela & Co./Bakers/Port Arthur/Ont.  
 Good for/1/Doz./Buns

A-R-25

PORT DOVER

James S. Leaney/Port Dover/Ont.  
 Good for/one/loaf/of/bread  
 Good for/1/loaf/of bread

A-0c-25  
 A-0c-25

PRESCOTT

G o to/W. McGrovy/for/Choice/Bread  
 Good for/1/small/loaf

A-0c/26

(continued next month)

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Check, please, to see if any of these dates will conflict with your club proposed date.

- March 11 - North York Coin Club Show and Bourse in North York Community Hall, 5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario from 12.00 noon to 10.00 p.m. Information may be obtained from P.O. Box 294, Willowdale, Ontario.
- March 25 & 26 - Waterloo Coin Club Annual Show at the Holiday Inn, No. 8 Highway Kitchener. Details re bourse, etc. to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 11, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 8 - Woodstock Coin Club Annual Show and Banquet in Old St. Paul Parish Hall. Details next month.
- Apr. 22-23 - O.N.A. 10th Annual Convention in the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club. Enquiries re bourse, etc. to Chairman, Mel Fiske, 7795 Beaverdams Road, Niagara Falls, Howard Hill, 1 Hayes Street, St. Catharines and for accommodations to Mrs. Marge Smith, 5138 Willmott Street, Niagara Falls.
- Aug. 2-5 - The joint C.N.A. - C.P.M.S. will be held at the Holiday Inn, Toronto Civic Square. Details re bourse, etc. in next issue.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

By Mel Fiske Area 2

THE DUCAT

A duk-at, a coin generally of gold and of varying value, formerly in use in many European countries, was first struck by Roger II of Sicily as Duke of Apulia, and bore an inscription "Sit tibi Christe, Datus, quem tu regis, iste ducatus", (Lord, Thou rulest this duchy, to Thee be it dedicated). Hence it is said, the name Ducat. Between 1280 A.D. and 1284 A.D. Venice also struck a gold coin known first as the Ducat, afterwards as the Zecchino or Sequin, the Ducat becoming merely a money or term of account. The Ducat was also currency in Holland, Austria, the Netherlands, Spain and Denmark. A gold coin termed a Ducat was current in Hanover during the reigns of George I and III. A pattern gold coin was also struck by the Royal Mint in 1887 for a proposed decimal coinage (84 years ahead of time). On the reverse was the inscription "One Ducat" within an oak wreath above "One Hundred Pence" and below, the date between two small roses.

ELECTRUM - WHAT IS IT?

This is a question that is often asked. Referring back to the material first used in coinage, the principal metals in which coins are struck are electrum, gold, silver, copper and bronze. Electrum is a natural mixture of gold and silver which was used for the earliest Greek coins struck in Asia Minor "Lydia" until Croesus replaced it by pure gold. The mixture of silver and gold varied from 50/50 gold and silver to as little as 10% gold and 90% silver.

(Facts obtained from Encyclopedia Britannica)

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IN PASSING

A really wise man says nothing at the right time.  
To look forward to a pleasure is also a pleasure.  
Prevention is better than knowing who did it.

CHOPS OR CLEAN

Most collectors have at one time or another come across various crown size coins curiously stamped with Chinese characters. These stamps or 'Chops' were, until quite recent times, impressed upon all crown size pieces which passed through the hands of the native merchants and bankers of Hong Kong and the South China ports.

These so called Chop Marks, from the Hindoo 'chhap' being an official mark on weights and measures or a customs house stamp or seal showing paid, guaranteed the weight and fineness of the individual piece and showed that the coin was considered genuine by the merchant or banker who's mark it bore. Some of the more common of these chop-marked coins are:- Spanish Dollars, Mexican Eight Reales, British Coins, Maria Theresa Thalers, United States Trade Dollars, Straits Settlements and Hong Kong Dollars.

The practice of 'chopping' coins became so prevalent that the Royal Mint, London, reported in 1875:

".....the possibility of excluding all but clean dollars from circulation (in Hong Kong), I would remark that it is at present the practice of the native Chinese merchants to 'chop' every dollar imported as it comes into their hands, and that ordinarily the currency of Hong Kong consists chiefly of 'Chopped' coins. It is clear, therefore, that as no proclamation issued in Hong Kong could directly compel the native merchants to abandon the practice of marking the dollars with their 'chop' or sign, the effect of excluding 'chopped' coins from legal circulation in Hong Kong would be to interfere seriously with the trade of that colony with Chinese ports. This remark applies only to the southern ports, as in Shanghai and throughout the north of China the old Mexican dollar 'clean' is the only coin accepted".

The author has in his collection the following two pieces, Mexico 1857, 8 Reales with a total of 15 or 16 chop marks on the obverse and the reverse; and Straits Settlements, 1904 Dollar with two marks.

It would be interesting to see how many different types of 'chopped' coins one could add to his collection.

Thanks to William N. Clarke, London Numismatic Society.

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NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now 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.

827 Jack Wm. Benn, 630 Vesta Drive, Apt. 403, Toronto 349, Ont.

828 Wm. Dodgson, 35 Joseph Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario.

829 F. Stewart Taylor, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Head Office, 25 King St. West, Toronto 1, Ontario.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BAY OF QUINTE COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the auction was held with the junior members in mind, the material was donated by the members and the bidding was very spirited among the juniors. Also club president, Archie Sinclair, gave a reading on the rural scene on the reverse of our Canadian two dollar bill.

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the last meeting two films from the Public Library entitled "People of Japan" and "The Channel Islands" were shown and enjoyed by all. The Christmas Party was also a great success and was a time of getting together and horse trading and was followed by an auction.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the club enjoyed a White Elephant Sale when many interesting articles were brought up for sale. Mr. Robert Aaron gave a very interesting and educational talk with slides on the various mints of Europe. The club is pleased to announce that Mr. Frank Lieshout has been made a Director of the O.N.A. in area 6.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB ORILLIA

The last meeting was the banquet dinner and was a great success. Mr. Bill Gage supplied a film which was very amusing and there was a very good turn-out.

COIN IRREGULARITY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA (CIAC)

It was announced that a new addition to The Kayak magazine is a column written by co-editor, Joanne Regitko, entitled "Who's Who in Kayak" and this will feature one of the members each month and thus will show what personalities belong to the organization. CIAC has been going now for a year and the members are looking forward to an even better second year.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the speaker was Dr. I. David Brown who spoke about "The Adventures of a Shilling". He read an essay with this title from the Nov. 11, 1710, issue of an English 'Broadsheet' called "The Tatler" and this proved very interesting. A Christmas Party was enjoyed by all.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting the film "Barrie-Borden-Parade" was shown and featured the highlights of the 1967 Centennial celebrations in Barrie. A lively auction was conducted to close the meeting by Ken Prophet and the ladies served a light lunch.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB

The highlight of the last meeting was a very interesting talk by James Finch on "Russian Coins, Imperial and Soviet" and his talk was illustrated by two cases of Russian coins. Also a report was given on the Windsor Coin Show by Charlie Laister.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured a White Elephant sale and a real scrumptious Christmas Party, and also three films were shown. The White Elephants consisted of books, knick knacks, games, old jewellery, in fact just anything you no longer needed about the house. The Party was lots of fun.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

A report was given by President Smith on a coin show he attended in Toledo, Ohio, and reported the Best of Show was won by a one case, one coin display which was a very rare 1894-S dime. The members were reminded that club dues are now payable and the members are asked to co-operate. A tribute was given to Lloyd T. Smith for his excellent work as editor of the Bulletin and for the many articles he personally contributed to make the L.N.S. Bulletin so interesting. One of the members commented on a display of Christmas medallions he had received from the Franklin Mint.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB

The Capital City Coin Club and the Ottawa Coin Club have now amalgamated and are known as the City of Ottawa Coin Club. An interesting door prize at the last meeting was a set of Hong Kong coins brought back by one of the members, R. M. Allen. A lively quizz and auction closed the meeting.

PETERBOROUGH JUNIOR COIN CLUB

A very informative talk on "Coin Displays and Judging" by Norman Wells highlighted the last meeting. Also a wish for a very Merry Christmas and the best in numismatics for the coming year of 1972 was extended to all members.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the guest speaker gave a very interesting talk on "How to Make Money without Working" relating to the way criminals defraud the unsuspecting public, and although this was not about coins it proved very interesting.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the O.N.A. slide presentation on Newfoundland coins along with slides on the countryside and fishing ports courtesy of Etobicoke Camera Club, were shown. These were much enjoyed by all.

TILLSONBURG NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The executive for the next two years are as follows: President - Edith Melchior, Vice-Pres. - Frank Ebdon, Secretary - Lorence Wiwchairyk, Treasurer - Velma Reynaert and Directors - G. Reynaert, Fred Cole, Chas. Laister, Bill Baxter, Bill Dodgson. The Christmas Party featured the final meeting of the year.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

At the last meeting the latest slides of the C.N.A. library on the Medals of the Governor Generals of Canada were shown. The executive for the coming year is:- Pres.-Harvey Farrow, 1st vice-Pres.-Charles Danby, 2nd Vice-Pres./Mrs. Louise Graham, Tres.,-Fred Jewett. The club is looking forward to a good year.

WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY

The feature of the last meeting were three enjoyable films, "A Day at the Calgary Zoo", "Moving Day Cartoon" and "Three Christmas features". As this was the last meeting of the year a Party was forthcoming and was enjoyed by all.

WELLAND COIN CLUB

The following are the officers for 1972:- Pres. - Claude Trudel, Vice-Pres.-Denis Laverdiere, Sec.-Carol Sommerville, Treas.-Peter Campbell and Corresponding Secretary - Andre Guillenette. At this meeting special slides showing a pictorial history of Welland County were much enjoyed.

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COINS STRUCK IN CANADA FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES

By Paul Sullivan F.R.N.S., O.N.A. Director of Area 8

When I started to work on my display for our 1970 coin show I picked a topic that I thought would be interesting not only to myself but also interesting to anyone looking at it. One field that I knew very little about and I thought that I should know more about was "What coins were struck in Canada for other countries".

With help from the C.N.A. library, various coin publications and my good friend Major Sheldon Carroll I set out on the information trail. The information listed below represents about 11 months of research, unfortunately no one publication listed all the information that I required. The reference books I used are listed below:

Modern Latin American Coins by Robert Harris  
A Guide of English Coins by K. E. Bressett  
The Guide Book & Catalogue of British Commonwealth Coins by Renick, Linear and James.  
Current Coins of the World by R. S. Yeoman.  
News Releases from the Sherritt Mint  
The Royal Mint and the Royal Canadian Mint Reports.

The work I have put into this has given me much pleasure over the last year and I would recommend that any member who wishes to add to his knowledge to try this type of research. It will give you hours of constant challenging work that I am sure you will enjoy to the fullest.

GREAT BRITAIN SOVEREIGNS

In 1908 a branch of the Royal Mint was opened in Ottawa. This year saw the first of the so-called "Canadian Sovereigns". The Sovereign being a sterling, not a decimal denomination, frequently brings up the question whether these struck in Ottawa with the "C" mint mark can be considered as Canadian coins. For this reason, I have included them in this display.

Sovereigns were struck with the portrait of King Edward VII in the years 1908, 1909 and 1910. The portrait of Edward was by George W. De Saulles, Chief Engraver of the Royal Mint, London, England.

Sovereigns were struck with the portrait of King George V in the years 1911, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. The portrait of George was by Sir Bertram Mackennal.

The St. George and the dragon on both Edward and George sovereigns is the famous Pistrucchi design;

The mint mark "C" is found on the reverse side of the coin, on the ground under the dragon, centred above the date.

The total mintage of the Edward "C" sovereign was 44,921.

The total mintage of the George "C" sovereigns was 582,913.

The gold content of the sovereign is .2354 Troy ounces.

Thanks to City of Ottawa Coin Club, Editor Al. Driega.

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AUCTION TENDERS WANTED - 1972 O.N.A. CONVENTION

There have been one or two tentative enquiries with reference to our forthcoming convention auction, but to-date nothing concrete has been placed before your executive. Be it noted that an auction is usually one of the highlights of any show, even more so with a two-day convention. We could urge, therefore, any who are interested to please submit your offer within the next two or three weeks to President Chas. Laister, No. 3 Highway, Tillsonburg.

LATE, LATE COIN SHOW DATES RECEIVED

TOREX AND CENTRAL COIN CLUB SHOW - Feb. 26/72 at the Westbury Hotel, Toronto, Ontario. No further details available.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB annual show and banquet Saturday Oct. 21/72. Further details later.

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SPECIAL NOTE

With reference to the special note on page 110 of the December Bulletin, we would respectfully point out that upon receipt of your 1972 dues, which are due Jan. 1st. in each and every year, all bulletins back to and including January will be mailed to our members, so that there will be no break in your collection.

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THIS 'N THAT

On Page One of this, your first bulletin for 1972, our President gave us a brief outline of our activities for 1971. In part he said - and I quote "The O.N.A. has a good hard working executive who are quite willing to give your club what assistance they can", etc. I have repeated this for a very good reason -- we are willing to do all we can to assure your club success in your shows - we ask only that each club co-operate by giving us firstly, the fullest details of your show -- dates - place - your chairman and his/her address, etc., and secondly, to insure that someone from your club represents you at the up-coming Convention at Niagara Falls - we want delegates to come and make your clubs wants and wishes, problems and criticisms known, which your club feels are important to the betterment of your club and your hobby, please, this year, let us see a far greater "Club Participation" at the Convention on April 22 - 23 at Niagara Falls ----- Another problem arises now and then is the dearth of speakers at our club meetings -- recently I attended at two club meetings where a good speaker would have assured a much larger turn-out than was experienced -- In fact, I believe, someone who can talk on their hobby, particularly their part of it, will always draw interest, at least someone should be enthusiastic enough to speak about it -- the O.N.A. has many times tried to organize a "Speakers Circuit" but to date, Ken Prophet tells me his efforts have met with little or no success -- gosh, I would think that those members who are so keenly interested in their coin collections, (and there numbers are growing every year) would be only too willing to stand up and tell others the enjoyment they receive from collecting -- it's not so difficult -- I know, for although I am no orator I am often called upon to speak for a few minutes, without notice in many instances, I can always find something of interest to say about our hobby, and, I hope, of interest to my audience -- Will you, then, my long-suffering readers, join with me in sharing not only your great hobby but also the great enthusiasm which made you a coin collector in the first place, by getting up on "YOUR TWO BIG FLAT FEET AND TELLING ALL ABOUT IT"? This is all for now, I would appreciate your comments on the above. See you in Feb.

Ye Ed