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Association News:

As your president and acting editor, it has been my privilege to serve you in both capacities during the year 1979. Now that the year is coming to a close and 1980 is fast approaching, it is my wish that the hobby of Numismatics returns to the collector, and not to the speculator as it has in the past

You will notice that printing of this bulletin is much clearer. The reason is that I had to rent a Type-write till I received the O.N.A. machine. I agree some of the pages in the last bulletin were a disaster, but it will be a improvement in the future.

It gives me great pleasure to announce as of Dec. 1st; 1979, that RICHARD SNIDERMAN C.A. will be the Director for Area No: 4, which is Hamilton and surrounding district.

On behalf of the Executives and our families I would like to wish each and everyone a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Bruce R. Watt
President



St. Nicholas Precursor of Our Modern-Day Santa

Legend has it that the figure of our present day Santa Claus is rooted in the personality of St. Nicholas, fourth century bishop of Myra, Turkey.



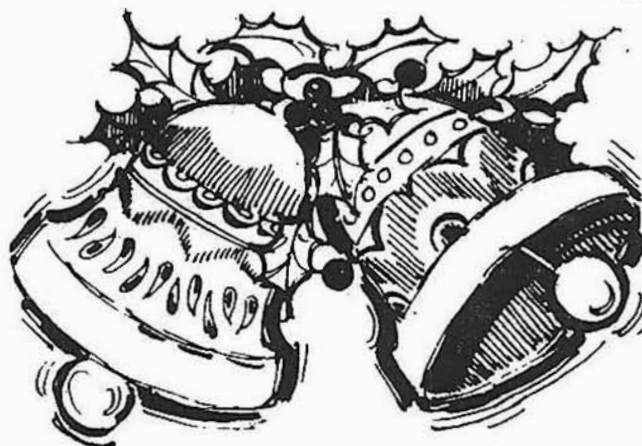
According to reports, Nicholas was just a boy when he became bishop. He loved to give the poor gifts, but hated to be thanked for for them. Many miracles are attributed to him but during his lifetime he was noted primarily for his kindness.

Often he delivered gifts to the needy at night. One story tells of how he presented a bag of gold to each of three girls as a dowry. The girls father was impoverished, and was about to give up to a life of shame. Nicholas rescued them, and his good deed later formed the

basis for the giving of gifts in secret on the Eve of St. Nicholas. The custom was eventually transferred to Christmas.

It was the Dutch colonists who brought the custom of Saint Nicholas and gift-giving to the United States. The tradition spread rapidly, but English speaking children couldn't pronounce the words " Saint Niklaas" and they corrupted the name to Santa Claus.

**"I Heard the Bells on
Christmas Day..."**



Canadian cent to be smaller, lighter

More pennies to the pound

OTTAWA.

The Royal Canadian Mint is going to shrink your money before it gets into your pocket.

Starting January 1st; 1980, the onecent piece will be made thinner and lighter, although not so light and thin as the coin the Mint had hoped to introduce at the beginning of 1978.

The new coins will be reduced to 2.8 grams from the present coins 3.24 and in thickness to 1.38 millimetres from 1.65. Yvon Gariepy, Master of the Mint, said the change will hardly be noticeable and will not affect the operation of coin machines.

The Mint had planned to introduce an even smaller 1.8 gram coin last year but backed off in response to objections from operators of vending machines and from the Toronto Transit Commission which complained that the coins would fool its subway turnstiles.

The 1.8 gram coin would have shaved up to \$6-million from the Mint's production cost, Mr Gariepy said. Not so the compromise coin. Like the current coins they will cost more than one cent apiece to produce, and the cost of a run of 600 to 700 million of them will be only about \$500,000 less.

The new coins will continue to be made of an alloy that is 98 per cent copper.

Mr Gariepy said rising cost of nickel and labor are also putting pressure on the five-cent coin, which costs between five and six cents to produce, but it will be three to four months before the Mint is ready to make specific recommendations for changes.

DON'T FORGET YOUR 1980 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE
JANUARY 1st; 1980



NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS

TORONTO COIN CLUB C79

The November 19 meeting of the Toronto Coin Club was held at the Royal York Hotel, with virtually a record attendance thanks to the class of the numismatics course from Yorkdale Secondary School.

Dan Bowyer, Club President, chaired the meeting, while Acting Secretary, Dr. Marvin Kay, read the minutes of the October meeting.

The program for the evening, a paper and slide presentation entitled "Climpses of Rembrandt" presented by Jack Veffer covered the history just prior to the days of Rembrandt, his lifehistory, his works of art and, most important, the banknotes on which his paintings appear. Veffer's unique 2-projector presentation enabled the audience to compare detail between the original painting and the scene as it appeared on the banknote issued by Holland Jack brought with him a number of reproductions of Rembrandt's famous paintings as well as the notes.

Dr. Marvin Kay spoke on his recent trip to the British Museum during which he visited their Department of Coins and Medals. John Regitko spoke on the history of the Ashanti Tribe and their use of Gold Weights that they used in carrying out trade in the Ivory Coast (now Ghana).

A record number of door prizes were offered and everyone seemed happy to have attended another successful meeting .

John Regitko, Nominations Chairman, proposed the following slate of Officers for the calendar year 1980:

For Past-President: Dan Bowyer
 For President: Dr. Marvin Kay
 For 1st; Vice-President: Dr. Don McIntyre
 For 2nd; Vice President: Don Bunjevac
 For Treasurer: Dan Bowyer
 For Secretary: Brain Chinn
 For Directors: Harvey Farrow
 Mirko Kotic
 Axel Nielsen

STRATFORD COIN CLUB C20

The Christmas Meeting party of the Stratford Coin Club will be held on December 10 1979 at St. John's United Church at 8:00 P.M. The Club provided delicious fried chicken to all. The members were asked to bring their wife, girlfriend (not both) husband etc; There was a super gift exchange, valued up to \$2.00.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB. C59

The Christmas Meeting of the Ingersoll Coin Club was held Monday November 19th; 7:00 P.M. Lions Hall Thames St; Featuring a Pre Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A \$2.00 gift exchange followed. There was very little business conducted as this evening was to a happy social gathering. There was an O.N.A, slide presentation and attendance draw.

The officers for the year 1980 are as follows:

President:..Tom Masters

Vice-President:.. Stella Hodge

Treasurer:..Leonard Coles

Directors:.. Lorne Mercer, Glen Springer, Aulis Koslonen.

Presidents appointments:.... Hostess ... Stella Hodge

Editorial Staff:..

Thomas Masters

Barbara Macnab

OSHAWA DISTRICT COIN CLUB. C35

The December meeting of the Oshawa District Coin Club was held Sunday December 9th; 2:00 P.M. There were 8 dealers 100 members and guests in attendance.

There was very little business conducted, followed with a coin auction and dorr draw. Christmas cake and coffee was supplied by the club.

NORTH YORK COIN CLUB. C74

The November Meeting of the North York Coin Club was held Tuesday November 27th; at the North York Community Hall 5090 Yonge St; Willowdale.

The Members draw was won by Paul Johnson, which was \$4 00.

It was announced that Mrs Louise Graham had successfully undergone an operation for cataracts on her eye, and was convalescing in the North York General Hospital. She was expected to be released by the week-end.

The 1980 Executive is as follows:...

Immediate Past President . F.C. Jewett

President:.. Harvy Farrow

1St; Vice President:.. George Fraser

2Nd; Vice President:.. Alan Cornish

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Auctioneer : Glen Williams, Librarian D.Bowyer, Editor G. Frase

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS: C83

Stan Clute the O.N.A. ex-editor has been appointed as Editor of the monthly news letter that is sent out to the C.A. O.W.M.C. members. Keep up the good work Stan.

CANADIAN LARGE CENTS CLUB : C85

Leslie Winners of Pineville, La; writes in his December News Letter that there will be no DUES for 1980. (thats beating inflation)

C.N.A. awarded the C.L.C.C. a free C.N.A. membership for 1980. This is due to their recruiting efforts during COIN WEEK CANADA.(take note Membership Committee)

C.L.C.C. is celebration its FIFTH ANNIVERSARY this month. C.L.C.C. has been a viable, active force in Canadian numismatics.Keep up the good work Les.

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

STELLA HODGE

For active participation in a number of clubs - for proving that numismatics can be fun - and for showing that women have a place in the field of numismatics.

MERRY MERRY MERRY
Christmas

SHOW AND BOURSE

FEBRUARY 16, 1980

BARRIE, ONTARIO..

Huronian Numismatic Association's Coin, Stamp
and Antique Show

Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St; North Barrie.

MARCH 1st; 1980

NORTH YORK, ONTARIO.

North York Coin Club Annual Coin & White
Elephant Sale

North York Community Hall.

5090 Yonge St; Willowdale, Ontario.

For Information... Chairman, Harvey Farrow

P.O. Box 294. Sta; "A"

Willowdale. Ontario

MAY 23 to 25, 1980

OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

18th; Annual Convention

Down town Ottawa Holiday Inn Tower,

Host Club ..City of Ottawa Coin Club

P.O. Box 6094, Sta; "J"

Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1T2

JULY 22 to 26, 1980

MONTREAL, QUEBEC..

C.N.A. 1980 Annual Convention

Information ..Guy Lestrade

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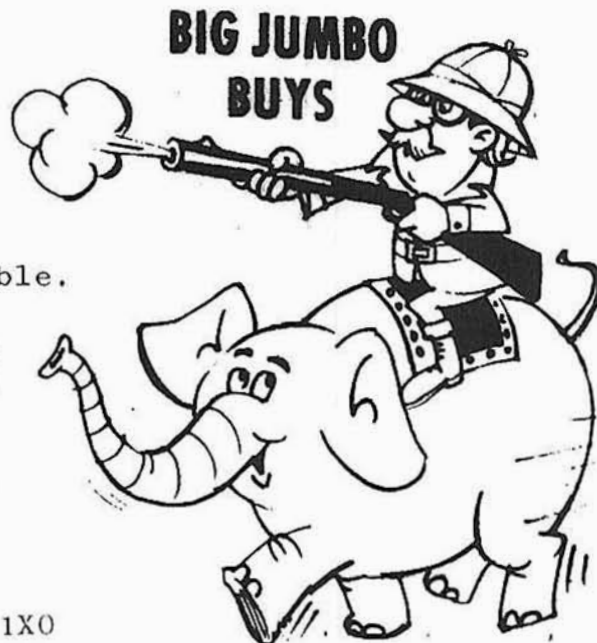
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Both for \$75.00

1919 Can. .05¢ ...UNC...\$20.00
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Both for \$37.00

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Send for free price list..

Mike Jaeger
 69 Rouse Ave;
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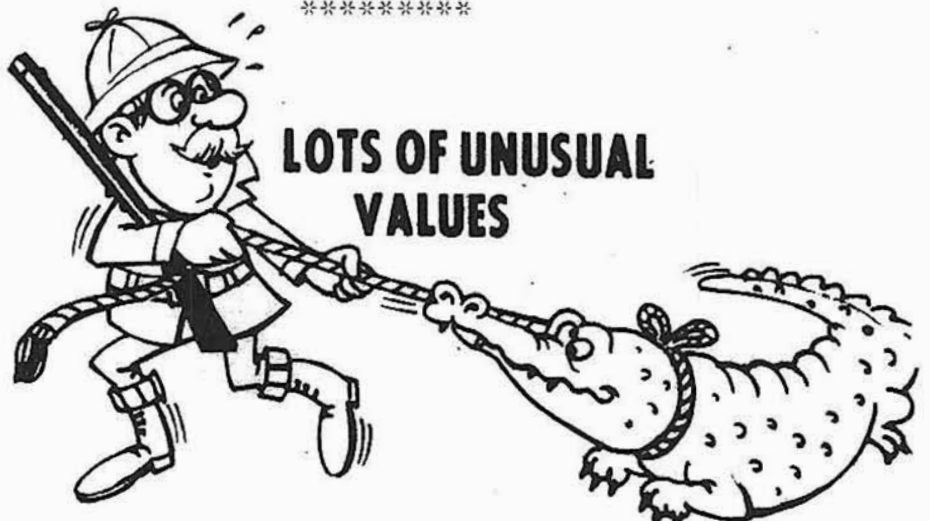



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