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*Depression-inspired wooden nickel from the state of Washington was the 1933 issue from Blaine, shown in obverse and reverse*



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# WOODEN NICKELS - take 'em!

## A HISTORY OF WOODEN MONEY

WHO EVER FIRST SAID " Don't take any wooden nickles" was obviously not a numismatist, for if he were he would know that wooden money forms an interesting and important part of collecting. As long ago as the Byzantine Empire wood was used for making money. The Byzantines were great traders and found wood a convenient and easily obtainable means of exchange. In the eastern areas of the ancient world, wood was also used as a means of exchange although the value of the money was seldom stabilized. The media of exchange reflected the unstable situation that existed in the last few centuries before Christ.

The wooden tally sticks of England and China are the best known examples of wooden odd and curious money. In England, willow tally sticks were used in the late Middle Ages, and in Asia they were employed as late as the beginning of the nineteenth century. These sticks, made of light wood could be marked to indicate the amount of money that was due. The sticks were then cut in half lengthwise by the creditor who kept half and gave the other half to the debtor. Wooden money was used almost exclusively in Asia. Japan issued necessity money in wood during the Russian-Japanese war. Other countries to issue wooden money were Tibet, China, and areas in Africa and the South Seas.

During the post World War 1 depression in Europe, wooden money was used as a medium of exchange. This money was similar to well known porcelain tokens that were issued in the period that found German and Austrian currency worthless.

It was also because of depression that wood was used in the United States to make money. The city of Tenino Washington, in Thurston County issued the first wooden money in the U.S. in 1931. This allowed the people of the city to have a medium of exchange to replace the frozen assets of the bank. Besides being an easily obtainable medium of exchange, it enabled the Chamber of Commerce of Tenino to make the most of the fact that their city had issued the long maligned wooden money. This currency was issued in the denominations of 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00. They were issued in various series starting with the December, 1931 set.

The number of pieces printed varied from 105 of the December, 1931 ten-dollar pieces to 5000 of the April, 1932 twenty-five cent pieces. In order to protect against counterfeiting the signatures of the three trustees of the bank were stamped on the issues. The rectangular tokens were printed by Tenino's newspaper and made of Sitka spruce with a sheet of paper in between the two pieces of wood.

Blaine, Washington issued the first wooden nickel in 1933. This issue was also made for the purpose of assisting the depression stricken people of the city. It commemorated the Peace Arch, under which President Johnson and Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson signed a treaty for mutual use of the Columbia River, when they were in office. Today both the Tenino and Blaine issues are desirable numismatic items. When one compares the December, 1931 \$10.00 Tenino piece with a total issue of 105 to the 1931 S Lincoln cent with an issue of 866,000 it is obvious how scarce these pieces are.

The Tenino and Blaine issues brought a great deal of publicity to wooden money. Orders from all parts of the world poured into these cities.

It was not long after therefore, that some enterprising individuals sought to take advantage of the publicity gotten by the wooden issues of Washington. These individuals issued several different varieties for the Century of Progress worlds fair in Chicago in 1933. After 1933 wooden nickels were issued in every part of the country for every imaginable purpose. To honor the opening of GONE WITH THE WIND in Atlanta, to commemorate the Kewanee Illinois Hog Days, and to memorialize the death of Will Rogers, to open different types of businesses, to honor birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

It was discovered that issuing wooden money was an easy way of paying for local celebrations and anniversaries. These issues in the late thirties and forties were printed on  $2\frac{1}{4} \times 4$  inch pieces of light wood. Many of these issues were printed by the John B Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, Ohio. In the early fifties, however, rectangular issues which were extremely fragile and relatively expensive to print were replaced by thin circular tokens similar to those issued by Blaine in 1933. These



*In 1933, the city of Tenino, Washington issued this thin sheet of timber with a \$1 evaluation. President Calvin Coolidge was portrayed in ink.*

wooden issues were also too fragile and relatively expensive to print. Since 1957 the most common type of wooden money has been printed on  $1\frac{1}{4}$  pieces of harder wood. Usually these issues have a stock design on one side saying "wooden nickel" or a similar slogan and a special design on the other side..

The first Canadian issue of wooden money was issued at Prescott, Ontario, 1938. This issue commemorated the St. Lawrence International Peace Centennial. There were 5000 pieces issued.

In Montreal Quebec, 1880, the Dominion Exhibition issued a black walnut wooden medal. There were only 30 known issued pieces. It is the rarest issue in Canada.

After two decades of obscurity, wooden money again received a great deal of publicity last spring. On May 20, 1964 the First National Bank of Monroe, Wisconsin issued 20,000 wooden nickels which were to be used in place of standard coins because of the coin shortage. The news wire services picked up the story and soon orders for these wooden nickels were flooding into the bank as they had thirty years earlier in Tenino. After all but 450 of these nickels had been distributed, the Treasury Department decided that the bank in Wisconsin was issuing their own money because the tokens had no expiration date, as did all other wooden tokens. Since the Secret Service seized the issue, the 1964 Monroe tokens have become very scarce.

The great success of these wooden issue caused many businessmen to issue wooden nickels to advertise their store or business. It seems that people do not wish to discard wooden money and they do serve as excellent advertising devices.

In order to classify wooden money we can say there are three principal groups of wooden nickels:

- 1.. Depression issues
- 2.. Celebration issues
- 3.. Private advertising issues

In the last fifteen years, wooden nickels have become extremely popular numismatic items. Due to the rise in coin prices many collectors have turned to the vast field of wooden money to find enjoyment while there is no need to spend a great deal of money. In the spring of 1964 the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors was founded, and it now has about 1000 members in the United States and Canada. In January 1st; 1975 the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors was founded. The Canadian Association has 185 members in Canada and United States, plus one member in Darwin, Australia. Whoever says

" DON'T TAKE ANY WOODEN NICKELS " is passing up an enjoyable aspect of our hobby which affords a vast collecting area at a relatively low cost.

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ATTENTION ALL COIN CLUB PRESIDENTS AND EXECUTIVES ETC:

The Ontario Numismatic Association and the Canadian Numismatic Association has joined to gather to promote COIN WEEK CANADA, April 14th; to 19th; 1980 in Ontario.

You will receive from your reginal director a Coin Week Canada Kit. We would like for you to set up displays in your local shopping malls, schools, Libraries, and stores, etc. We would like to see this hobby of Numismatic to grow. In order for it to grow we must work hard to promote our local clubs and our various associations.

Lets have a successful COIN WEEK CANADA, APRIL 14 to 19, 1980 this year.



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FEBRUARY 16, 1980

BARRIE, ONTARIO...

Huronian Numismatic Association's Coin,  
Stamp and Antique Show  
Bayfield Mall, Bayfield Street,  
Barrie, Ontario

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MARCH 1st; 1980

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North York Coin Club's Annual Coin Show &  
White Elephant Sale.  
North York Community Hall  
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Willowdale, Ontario.

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Ottawa, Ontario.....

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For information... Host Club... City of Ottawa Coin Club  
P.O. Box 6092, Sta; "J",  
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JUNE 29th; 1980

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Brantford Numismatic Society's  
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C.N.A. 1980 Convention

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OCTOBER 19th; 1980

Tillsonburg, Ontario...

Tillsonburg Coin Club's

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The following have transferred from regular membership to Life Membership...

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## CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

C85 CANADIAN LARGE CENTS CLUB,  
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February 1st; 1980

Dear Fellow Numismatists,

We are in the second month of the year of 1980, and fast approaching our Convention in our Nation Capital, Ottawa, May 23 to 25, 1980. The Host Club, The City of Ottawa Coin Club members are hard at work. The various Chairmans have told me at the December meeting that they will have exciting programs for everyone.

So plan to attend, one of the most exciting shows this year. I know of members and guests are planing to attend, as far away, Florida, Saskatchewan, Quebec, Alberta, and maybe one family from Australia if certain elements permitted.

I have heard that we do not put enough club news in the Numismatist. We only put in what is mailed to us. So Mr COIN CLUB PRESIDENT, if you want us to print about your club meetings, up coming shows, send in the information and we will print it.

I am sorry that the January Issue of the Numismatist was late, the reason was the typewriter was in the repair shop for an overhaul.

Have a good day, till next month I remain,

Sincerely

Bruce R. Watt  
President

## COLLECTING OF FOREIGN COINS IS REWARDING.....

To the sophisticated collector of Canadian and United States coins, or to the novice, the world of foreign coins can add interest, beauty, intrigue, knowledge, history and even appreciation to your hobby. Due to the reasonable prices of foreign coins, a fairly comprehensive collection may be assembled with a low initial investment. The coins may be appreciated and displayed in one's own home rather than being hidden in a vault.

Where to start and what to collect are the questions facing most new collectors. Foreign coins may be collected in a variety of methods or combinations. The most common is by country and type. The collector adopts a country of his choice and he starts collecting each type of coin.

COLLECTING CROWNS is perhaps the second most popular method. A crown is generally defined as a larger (34-37 millimeter) silver coins, usually of commemorative importance. To many the crown is the most beautiful type of all. Technically it, allows the designer more latitude and virtuosity, and most mints pride themselves on their striking of crowns. Several albums are available to hold one crownsize coin from each country in the world.

Perhaps the world's most beautiful and best known crown is the Maria Theresa taler. This coin has been the unofficial trade dollar for many countries bordering the eastern Mediterranean sea and is still struck bearing the date of 1780. These re-strikes are most attractive and available through many dealers for approximately \$5.00.

Another popular collecting method is according to the picture on a coin. For example, some people collect their own menagerie of coins bearing pictures of animals. One of the most popular is the traditional Irish barnyard set which consist of eight coins of Ireland, all with different pictures of animals and packed in a green government holder. These can be purchased from most coin dealers for approximately \$3.00 for the smaller denominations.

THERE ARE MANY such methods of collection, limited only by the imagination of the collector. Current events, portraits of famous people, pictures of famous places - all qualify for an interesting collection.

Once having arrived at the method best suited for his interests and needs, the collector must obtain information as to which coins will complete his collection. Association with other collectors, the joining of a coin club, acquisition of a basic numismatic library, and careful reading of one or more of the many numismatic publications will greatly enhance the collector's knowledge and direction.

For a general listing and pricing of coins since the 19th; century, R.S. Yeoman's catalog of MODERN COINS is recommended. A similar catalog, with some older coins and more selective in its scope, is Reinfeld's WORLD'S MOST POPULAR COINS. If your hobby is specializing in commemoratives or crowns. Becker's WORLD COMMEMORATIVE COINS would be invaluable. If your specialty is English coins, the standard catalog would be A GUIDE TO ENGLISH COINS. For the more broad scope of British commonwealth coins from old coinage through 1958 is Friedberg's COINS OF THE BRITISH WORLD. IF you are specializing in gold, Friedberg's GOLD COINS OF THE WORLD would be the standard reference volume.

THESE ARE BOOKS which do not give price, but impart much valuable information. One is MONEY IN BRITAIN, by C.R. Josset. An excellent general view of the world of numismatics is given through the ANA publication of selections from the NUMISMATIST, a four volume work. For a current view of the world monetary situation, and the standard bank reference, Pick's CURRENCY YEARBOOK, is recommended.

Some of the better known United States numismatic publications of a weekly or monthly nature are COIN WORLD, NUMISMATIC NEWS, Coins, Coinage. In Canada CANADIAN COIN NEWS, in Australia, the AUSTRALIAN COIN REVIEW, in England U.K. COINS.

ONCE THE COLLECTOR has satisfied himself as to what he wishes to collect and how he will go about it, he should compare the offerings of several dealers who advertise coins of interest to him. He should not be misled by price alone, there are other important factors. A close dealer-collector relationship can be invaluable. So can dealer reliability, integrity and speed of service. Most important, the quality of the coins offered far outweighs any price difference of pennies or percentage points.

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QUARTER

## STANDING LIBERTY



HALF DOLLAR

MISS LIBERTY has appeared on UNITED STATES coinage for more than 150 years. During this time there have been two issues of minor coins in which she portrayed with special significance the spirit of the times and the feeling of the people.

These were the STANDING LIBERTY quarter and the WALKING LIBERTY half dollar. The latter also is sometimes referred to as a STANDING LIBERTY coin.

In the years before their issuance in 1916, the UNITED STATES had been following a policy of nonalignment in foreign affairs. MISS Liberty, no matter how tense grew her face, on our minor coins had always been seated and passive.

In 1916 Hermon A. MacNeil introduced to the nation a coin design that gave MISS LIBERTY new life and vigor. No longer was she seated. The STANDING LIBERTY quarter brought her to her feet, ready to meet the challenge of the times.

And what a challenge! Torn with war, the world was looking for strength and guidance in a period that imperiled all the ideals held dear by LIBERTY and her followers.

On her left arm she bore a shield; in her right hand rested the olive branch of peace. She was prepared to move forward into a world in crisis, ready for defense but equally ready to proffer peace, a lady with a mission.

The STANDING LIBERTY quarter was a symbol of the American spirit through the latter years of World War 1, the postwar peace and the boom and bust period leading to a great depression. In 1930 it faded from the scene, succeeded by the Washington quarter.

The WALKING LIBERTY half dollar, which not only brought the lady to her feet but also put her in fluid motion, was minted in 1916 from a masterful design by A. A. Weinman. In full stride toward the rising sun. LIBERTY carried in her left arm a flourish of oak and laurel branches, symbols of military and civil glory. Her right hand was outstretched before her in the age old gesture of friendship and understanding.

On the half dollar, MISS LIBERTY strode through the crises of World War 1, the depression of the 30s, the recovery period and the great new trails of a second world war. The coin's mintage was discontinued in 1947.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY C15  
November 18th; 1979 meeting  
Senior Citizens Centre 25 Charlotte St;  
Brantford, Ontario.

The theme for this meeting was Grading of Coins, an O.N.A. programme. The members brought some of their coin out to be graded by other members etc.  
There were 37 members and guest attended.

Director Bill Sutor canvassed for new blood in the executive for 1980.

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RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB C66  
The Christmas party was a again a successful evening.  
There were guest and members from all over Toronto area, plus Oshawa, Australia, Markham. They played bingo, exchange gifts and had a checken dinner. Everyone had a good time and are planing to attend next years party.

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ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB C13  
The St. Catharines Coin Club held their 208th; meeting on January 20, 1980, with 48 members and 36 guests in attendance. The meeting was held at Westpark Secondary School.

President Hilda Shepard reported that two members had died recently, George Cartmer and Ed Lord.  
Vice President Glen Waite Introduced the guest speaker, Mrs Diane Marino. She gave a very interesting talk on the Canadian Pension Plan, with a question and answer period following her talk. Past President thanked Mrs Marino and presented her with a Grape and Wine Festival Medallion.  
A Coin Auction was conducted by Lloyd Dorsey with the assistance of George Oblinsky and Peter Kostyk.

Adolph Greggio and John Depasquale was presented with 1980 membership cards as new members.

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## ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION C78

The St. Thomas Numismatic Association held their November 12th; 1979 meeting at the Central United Church, Wellington St; St. Thomas, Ontario, at 8:00 P.M.

There was a very good attendance to hear the guest speaker, Harry James to speak Tokens, his speciality.

Harr has been a member for some years of the St. Thomas Coin Club, and is an authority on Tokens that he has collected from Canadian, Local and Historical sources.

There was a lively auction held after the business of the club was concluded.

Lunch of tea, coffee, cheese and crackers was served.

The Christmas dinner was to be held on December 10th; 1979.

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## CANADIAN LARGE CENTS CLUB C85

The Canadian Large Cent Club has moved Moose Jaw, Sask; from Piveville, La; U.S.A. at the new year.

This is a very interesting club. It offers a lot of information on Canadian Large Cents, plus some goodies once in awhile.

They like to receive new members, if any one is interested, contact..... Mr. Louis H. Lewry

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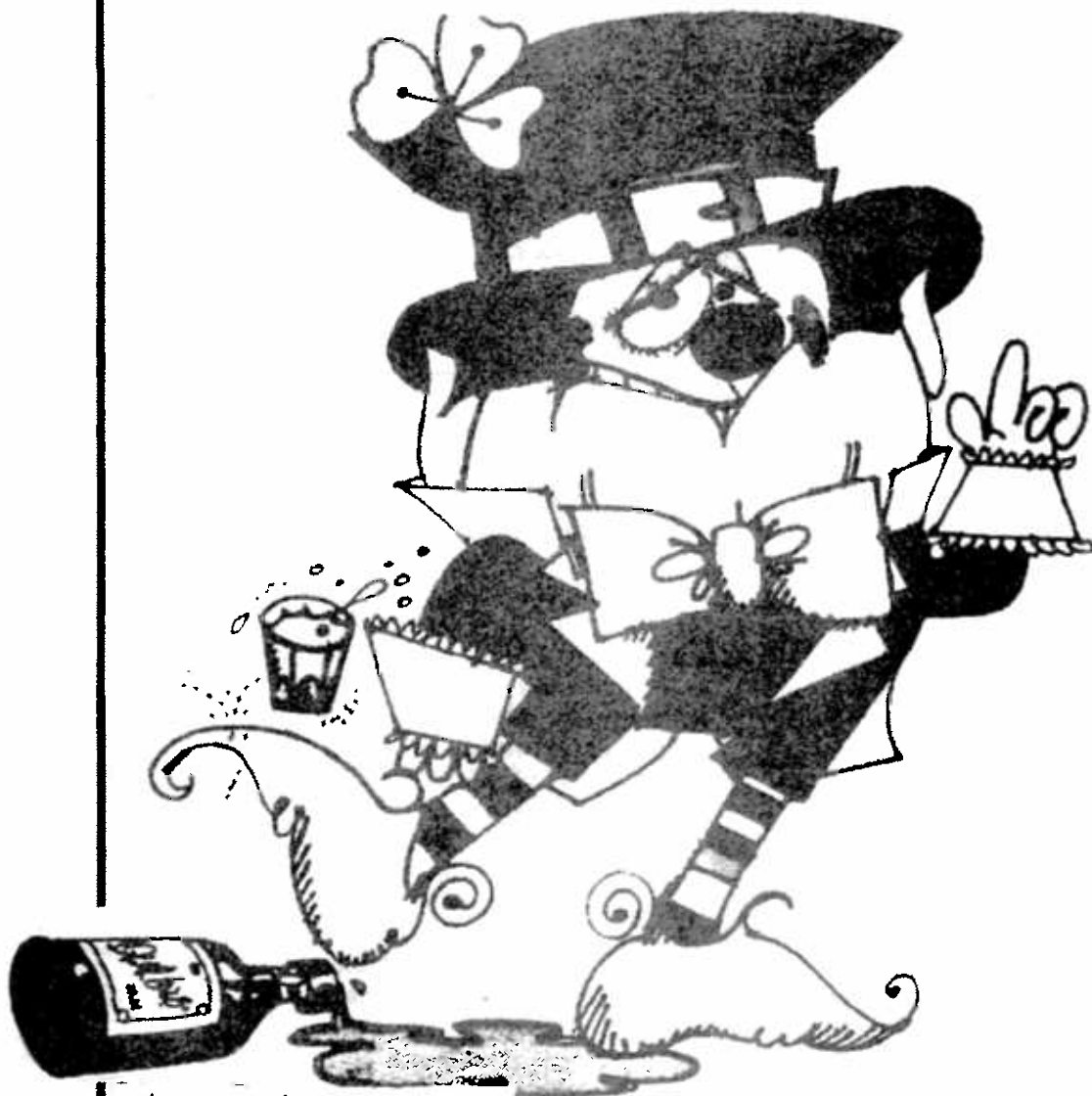
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William T. Card

The world is full of problems,  
There's much to cause distress;  
We all are bowed beneath the cares  
That daily round us press.  
There's only one solution,  
'Tis simply stated thus:  
"A little less of you or me,  
A little more of us."

*The rule of each one for himself  
Most foolish is to follow;  
It brings no savor to the game,  
Its victories are hollow.  
But the other plan has never failed  
To bring satisfaction, plus:  
"A little less of you or me,  
A little more of us."*

A flake of snow is very small,  
'Tis lost to sight quite quickly;  
But many flakes combined will fill  
The roads and pathways thickly.  
United we can face the fight  
Without distress or fuss:  
"A little less of you or me,  
A little more of us."

Our sincere thanks to the author  
whose address we were unable to locate

# O.N.A. DRAW

## "IT'S UP TO YOU."

Every Club, Organization, or Association have an Executive who put many hours and much effort into the successful operation of the group. These people who do so much and ask so little have shown in the past their support for the Ontario Numismatic Association and now we are calling on all members!

## "IT'S UP TO YOU."

This month included with most issues of the NUMISMATIST, is a book of Draw Tickets. These tickets, on a Gold Kruggerrand or \$750.00 Cash with a Second Prize of a 1976 Olympic Silver Proof Set Series One should sell well. To really make this Draw a Success we need your support.

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One of the most unique features of the draw is the distribution of profits. For every book of tickets sold a \$2.00 rebate will be returned to a designated O.N.A. Club.\*\*\* The tickets are put up in books of 12 with \$10.00 to be turned in so in fact their sale of these tickets will help not only the O.N.A. but also your own individual Club. In fact, even you can profit by selling these tickets.

## "IT'S UP TO YOU."

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## "IT'S UP TO ME ."

After the draw a financial report will be prepared and published in the Numismatist showing the distribution of profits and Club rebates. The winners names and prizes won will be listed so all members will be aware of all information. The financial records of the draw will be available for any club to examine.

## "THIS IS UP TO US."

\*\*\*CLUB REBATES WILL BE PAID AFTER THE PRIZE EXPENSES, AND DRAW EXPENSES HAVE BEEN COVERED. I personally feel that there is a 98% probability that the full rebate will be awarded. In closing I would like to suggest that any person who did not receive a book of tickets or who could sell another book or two, drop me a line. Remember I can't answer mail if it isn't written. We are not asking only the Executive of the Clubs but each and every Member for their support.

*Ken Wilmot*

Ken Wilmot,  
O.N.A. Draw Chairman,  
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The "Chas. B. Laister Trophy" donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of O.N.A. Member Club Displays

This trophy will be up for competition at the 18th. Annual O.N.A. Convention. hosted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club. May 23-24-25th. 1980 at the Holiday Inn Tower, Kent St... Ottawa, Ont

The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time The display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club. but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two, or three O.N.A. cases. The category will be of any category that the Club wish to put in. But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any other O.N.A. categories.

The Club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Annual Convention. At that time the Trophy has to come back to the O.N.A. Annual Convention for the next competition.

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Canadian Association Wooden Money Collector's Trophy

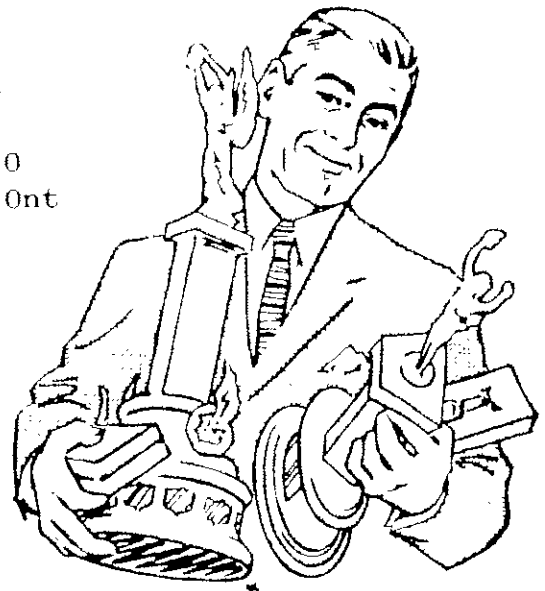
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W.E. "Pat" Lambert Memory Award

The O.N.A. has purchased a new Trophy this year In Memory Of The Late W.E. "Pat" Lambert This award will be awarded to the Best Junior Exhibit at the Annual Conventions.

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by

*Charles Laister*

CLASSIFICATION ON DISPLAY CATEGORIES

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

1. JUNIOR All displays entered by persons under 16 years of age. A contest by themselves apart from all other categories.
2. CANADIAN Includes all Provincial and Canadian Coins (including Newfoundland).
3. U.S.A. Includes all U.S.A. Coins
4. BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH Includes all coins of British Colonies, Dominions and Great Britain (except Canada).
5. FOREIGN From any one country excluding categories 2,3 and 4.
6. PAPER Includes all paper money, documents and other forms of exchange, etc. from any one country or from various countries, including Canada and U.S.A.
7. MEDALS Includes all War Decoration Medals.
8. MISCELLANEOUS Includes all other numismatic items and novelty exhibits not applicable in any of the above categories. This includes any one display showing metal items from more than one country (other than defined in #5 and 11, and or any one display showing both metal items and Paper items together (seals and stamps not included).
9. ERRORS Errors occurring in the official production of numismatic material.
10. TOKENS Including tokens from U.S.A., Canada and Foreign countries.
11. WOODEN MONEY All wooden money, Canada, U.S.A. and Foreign.
12. BEST O.N.A. CLUB MEMBER DISPLAY Includes all above categories, O.N.A. club members in good standing 6 months prior to the show date, only can participate in this category. Material must be from Club Archives or Library.
13. BEST OF SHOW All categories listed above will constitute one category to ascertain the identity of the highest point scoring displays in the entire exhibition.
14. NON-COMPETITION EXHIBITS Open to Collector Dealers, Banks, etc. No award is given in this category.

AWARDS AND RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED ACCORDING WITH DISPLAY RULES.

1. Security will be provided during the day by private protection
2. Competition for exhibitors is open to all members of any numismatic club.
3. The display material must be the property of the person displaying same.
4. The name or identity of any of the exhibitors shall not appear on the exhibit unless non-competitive
5. The exhibitors are asked not to attend their exhibits while the displays are being judged.
6. All matters relating to the displays at this show shall be determined by the display chairman.
7. The exhibitor is responsible for setting up and removing his displays
8. The exhibit (display) chairman, in conference with the exhibitor may transfer an exhibit from one category to another before the judging, if it appears the exhibitor has entered his exhibit in the improper class. A small amount of related material is allowed to present numismatic information to the viewer without changing the classification of the exhibit to a general one
9. The judges will submit final points scores for all competitive exhibits to the exhibit chairman at the close of the judging. The selection of the prize winning exhibits is the responsibility of the judges and their decision is final. Judging sheets will be held for seven days and then destroyed.
10. No moving or animated displays are allowed.
11. No material of any kind is allowed outside the case.
12. An exhibitor may enter only one display in each category.
13. The exhibit, in order to qualify for judging must be registered no later than 12:00 noon Saturday Of Convention Week. Judging starts at 2:00 p.m.
14. A separate application for each exhibit must be submitted
15. No advertising of any kind will be permitted with any of the exhibits.
16. Any material known to be legitimate copy or replica must be labelled, any material known to be forged, spurious, or counterfeit cannot be displayed, unless the exhibit is labelled and titled as an exhibit of forgeries, and displayed non-competitively for educational purposes only. Exhibitors shall not violate any Canadian or Provincial Laws relating to the holding or exhibiting of forged, spurious, or counterfeit numismatic items.
17. Display prizes will include ribbons and trophies with the appropriate inscribed details.
18. The exhibitor is responsible for his displays. The executives of the Ottawa Coin Club or the C.N.A. Association itself will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged materials or displays

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NAME OF EXHIBITOR.....

ADDRESS .....

I wish to enter a competitive exhibit in the following category ..

My exhibit will occupy ..... cases. I will supply my own cases

Yes .... No..... I would like to be provided with .... cases.

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I hereby agree to abide by the attached rules, regulations, categories, exhibit rules which are being published in the March 1980 issue of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATIONS NUMISMATIST. If any or part of my exhibit is damaged, lost or stolen at the O.N.A. 18th; Annual Convention, in Ottawa, I will not hold the City of Ottawa Coin Club the O.N.A. their executives, convention committee. or the Holiday Inn responsible.

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Signature

O.N.A. Number if member.....

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IMPORTANT:    Make sure two signatures are on your nomination form as two are required. Members not wishing to mutilate their copies of the NUMISMATIST, may take the necessary information down on plain paper and mail it to Mel Fiske, but make sure YOU HAVE TWO SIGNATURES.

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## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB C13

The St. Catharines Coin Club held their 209th; meeting on February 17th; 1980, with 53 members and guests in attendance. The meeting was held at the Westpark Secondary School. Door draw winners were Catherine Oblinsky and Florence Wipple. Winner of the Valentine Day draw was Lucy Ray.

The programme on O.N.A. slides, " Romance of World Gold" was well received by everyone.

Robert Johnson and Mark Breton were presented with their 1980 membership cards as new members.

A Coin Auction was conducted by Lloyd Dorsey with the assistance of George Oblinsky and Denis Laverider.

President Hilda Shepard announced the date of the Annual Coin Show and Banquet, which will be Saturday October 25th; 1980.

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### St. Thomas Numismatic Association C78

The St. Thomas Numismatic Association held their February 11 th; 1980 meeting at 8:00 P.M. at the Central United Church. Wellington Street, St. Thomas, Ontario.

A informal discussion of information and ideas was held by the President, Donald I. Houghton.

Mrs. Helen Gloin serve the coffee and tea, also a cake she baked for the meeting.

There was a lively auction held after the business of the club was concluded.

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### Toronto Coin Club C79

The Toronto Coin Club held it's regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 18th; 1980 in the Saskatchewan Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, at 7:45 P.M.

The feature program was it's President Dr. Marvin Kay. His topic for this meeting was entitled " Medicine In Numismatics"

Dan Bowyer Club Representative to the Coin Week Canada : Toronto Committee gave a report on the progress made towards Coin Week Canada April 14 - 19, 1980.

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### Ingersoll Coin Club C59

The Ingersoll Coin Club held it's regular meeting January 21, 1980, at the Lions Hall on Thames Street. One of the largest attendance in years was present.

President Tom Masters opened the meeting at 8:15 P.M. with a warm welcome to all.

Two new members joined and was introduced to the membership, they were Cecil Westra and Jim Todd.

It was decided that the club would once again support the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club, to raise money for the Easter Seal Campaign, and the Cripple Children.

The hostess Mrs Stella Hodge seved soup, cold drinks, tea, coffee and cookies at the 15 minute recess.

The regular prize winners were A McIndoe, J Addison, L Coles, H. Whitfield and A. Leff.

Feature program for the evening was the talk by the President Tom Masters titled " Reminesing of the Past, and Look Into The Future. A coin auction was held at the closing of the meeting.

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City of Ottawa Coin Club C19

The City of Ottawa Coin Club held it's 142nd; meeting on January 28th: 1980 at the War Museum, with 23 members and 11 guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Al Cockren who extended a cordial welcome to the guests.

The door prize was won by Chis Faulkner, one of the guest. and the 50/50 Draw was won by Rick McVeen.

Len Fletcher reported on his visit to the Trade Mark Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce in Hull, in connection with the registration of the Clubs name and logo. In view of the requirements to be met and the exspense involved, it was agreed that no further action at this time would be taken in this respect.

The Membership Applications of David Harres and Mark Wylie were accepted.

Mr. Ronald Seguss, a member in charge, Central Bureau of Counterfeit Paper Money, R.C.M.P, gave a talk on counterfeit paper money.

A thirty items auction was conducted by Dick Nash.

The club is about to launch a membership drive for the O.N.A. and the C.N.A.

Meeting schedule for 1980

Following dates have been booked by the club as meeting nights..

|          |         |         |          |          |
|----------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| March 24 | May 19  | July 28 | Sept. 22 | Nov. 24  |
| April 28 | June 23 | Aug. 25 | Oct. 28  | Dec. 15. |

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Champaign Coin Club C21

The Champaign Coin Club held it's monthly meeting at the St. David Anglican Church, Orillia, February 7th;

The President conducted his ever popular Numismatic Quiz.

It was noted that the January meeting there were 16 Boy Scouts attended.

There was a Coin Auction held as well a very good fellowship

North York Coin Club C74

The North York Coin Club held its January Meeting on January 22, 1980, at 8:00 P.M.

Mr Jewett announced that this was the 1st meeting in the club 20th; year of operation and that it was also the termination of his term as President. He then called upon Mr Bruce Watt President of the O.N.A. to act as Installing Officer in the installation of the new executive.

After the installation ceremony, the new President called on the Treasurer Dan Bowyer to read the treasurer report for the year ending Dec. 31st; 1979 .

The President acknowledged a generous donation to the juniors box by Glen Williams.

Our guest speaker for the evening, Ken Bunnett one of the founding members of the North York Coin Club, who holds membership #3, gave an extensive talk on the history of numismatics in Canada. Ken dealt with the history of coin clubs, numismatic literature, Jetons and tokens from the early days of Canada to the present. A few of the interesting slides showed the Chateau De Ramsey before and after alterations, Card money Jetons, tokens etc. Ken also showed pictures of members of North York Coin Club enjoying social functions over the years.

Interest was shown in Ken's talk by the many questions asked Ken was thanked for his presentation by Dan Bowyer.

Some of the draw prize winners were Glen Williams, Carl Anderson, F.C. Jewett, Roger Fox and Ian Marshal.

Refreshments were served by Jean Orr, and the auction was conducted by Glen Williams.

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**Keep that CLUB NEWS coming in, folks!!!**

## From the Library

### Ex-Libris-

The Ontario Numismatic Association is continually up-dating the library, so that it can be a creditable service to its members.

As the librarian, I am constantly reviewing new and old issues of books available. Books that fall in the category of being useful to the association. A library can be a beautiful thing to behold, but I believe that it has very little value if it's not put to use. Our library has been getting more use each year. We are now loaning books at the rate of 3 per week. It's true that I have many volumes that have not been borrowed, and the most frequently asked for volumes are Nickel and Silver Dollars of Canada (4 copies) and World Coins (3 copies). Since I received the Nickel and Silver Dollar of Canada books by Stephen Dushnick, there has not been one week where one or more have not been on loan, and many weeks I had a waiting list. Since last October when I got the 1980 World Coins by Krause Publications, they have been in constant use.

Some of our members have written to me these last two years requesting books or if I knew where they could be purchased or borrowed. In all but one case I have been able to be of some assistance, either through the O.N.A., my own, or club libraries.

Just recently I received a request for the book "The Beauty and Lore of Coins, Currency and Medals". This volume was not in our or my own collection, and a letter of enquiry to Toronto and Chicago only brought the answer "out of print". It was to my surprise, while browsing through one of the local book stores, that I found this book. It is indeed a credit to our library-written by Elvira and Vladimir Cain-Stefanelli, who are curators of Numismatics at the Smithsonian Institution.

- This hard covered, 256 page volume contains 10 chapters incl.
- 1 - Primitive Money: Early means of Exchange
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  - 3 - Roman Coins: Power, Glory, and Belief
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  - 8 - Paper Money: From Chaos to Confidence
  - 9 - Counterfeiters and Collectors: The Art of Coveting
  - 10 - Medals: Man's Quest for Immortality

Beautiful illustrations and photos of coins are to be found on almost every page. These photographs provide the novice and experienced collectors with untold information. No matter what your specialty in collecting you will find one or all these chapters very exciting and educational. I am sure that many of our members have this book in their own library but I'm also sure there are many more who do not. I believe that this book will be in great demand and some delay may be experienced in borrowing

Another volume I would highly recommend is Burton Hobson's "Historic Gold Coins of the World". We have one copy in our library with two more available to us through other sources.

If there are those who have books they would like to donate to the library, mail them to my home address. Your donation will be acknowledged in the Numismatist and in each book donated.

Thomas Masters,  
Librarian.

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The following article is from the February 1980 issue of the City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin.....

CARL WILHELM BECKER, Famous Counterfeiter - By "Coins "

Carl Wilhelm Becker, born in Germany in 1772 was probably the best known counterfeiter of all times. In his life he produced over 500 superbe copies, many so perfect they fooled the experts throughout Europe.

Tradition has it that he entered his chosen profession due to a rather unusual incident in his life. Early in life he purchased a coin of the Roman Emperor Commodus from a Baron S of Munich. It was rare, valuable and beautiful. The only snag was that it turned out to be also counterfeit. Becker took the coin back to Baron S and complained the coin was false, but the Baron S. only laughed and told him to quit playing around with something he did not understand.

At this turn of events, Becker decided to get even. He set out to get the necessary training in die-engraving and minting, then made a coin that was just as rare and costly as the one the Baron had sold to him. As you have probably guessed, he successfully passed this off on the Baron, thus paying him back. A truly great career had been launched.

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**Have you used your O. N. A. Library lately?**

# Membership

## NEW MEMBERS:

The applications for membership which appeared in the Nov./79 and Jan./80 Bulletins have been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the April issue of The Ontario Numismatist.

1138 Wayne Dailey, 44 Windsor Drive, Brockville, Ont.  
K6V 3H6.

1139 Leslie A. Winners, P.O. Box 212, Pineville, La.  
71360 U.S.A.

C88 Scarborough Coin Club, c/o Clyde Cockburn, P.O.  
Box 465, West Hill P.O., West Hill Ont., M1E 2P0

The Following have been transferred from regular membership to Life membership.

LM55 C.B. Laister, Toronto, Ont.  
LM56 Jan. L. Bajorek, Oshawa, Ont.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Something new has appeared among us - Life Members have donned new bright blue and yellow name badges.

Executive Officers are also wearing similar badges with their Office recorded.

Regular Members may obtain a "Member's badge by the payment of \$5.00. The additional cost of about \$2.00 will be absorbed by the Association.

If you are interested, send your cheque for \$5.00 and the wording you wish used on the badge (maximum eighteen letters and spaces) to: ONA Box 33, Waterloo, Ont. N2J 3Z6  
Delivery will take about three months.

# SHOW AND BOURSE

March 20-23 1980

Toronto, Ontario.

Spring Torex.

Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St; W;

Toronto, Ontario.

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April 19th; 1980

Pembroke, Ontario.

Spring Coin-A-Rama

Pembroke Centennial Coin Club

Pembroke Mall.

For information... Pembroke Centennial Coin Club

10 White St;

Petawawa, Ontario, K8H1Z6

April 27th; 1980

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Chatham, Ontario

Kent Coin Club's Spring Show.

Wheels Motor Inn,

Chatham, Ontario.

For information... Lou Wagenaer,

27 Peter St;

Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5B2

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May 23 to 25, 1980.

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100 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

For information... Host Club... City of Ottawa Coin Club

P.O. Box 0094 Sta: "J"

Ottawa, Ontario.

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June 29th; 1980.

Brantford, Ontario....

Brantfords Numismatic Society's

20th: Anniversary Coin Show

Brantford & District Civic Centre, Auditorium

For information... John Barchino

P.O. Box 953,

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July 22 to 26, 1980

Montreal Quebec...

C.N.A. 1980 Convention

For information ... Guy Lestrade,  
P.O. Box 114,  
Station "B"  
Montreal, Quebec,  
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October 4th; 1980

Hamilton, Ontario.

Hamilton Coin Club's Annual Fall Show

Centre Mall, Barton & Kenilworth Streets.

For information ... Lou Henderson  
1861 Main Street. E;  
Hamilton, Ontario.

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October 19th; 1980,

Tillsonburg, Ontario...

Tillsonburg Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show,

Tillsonburg Community Centre,

Tillsonburg, Ontario

For information... Doug Mitchener  
1 Myrtle Street,  
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July 15 to 18, 1981

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*April*

Edgar Daniel Kramer

Although she is weeping  
As she treads the hills,  
As she walks the meadows  
With the daffodils,  
While folks wisely whisper  
Of her doubts and fears,  
I see April smiling  
Through a mist of tears.

Although she is weeping  
As she shyly goes,  
Where the lilacs murmur  
To the waking rose,  
While folks are complaining  
As her white feet pass,  
I hear April laughing  
In the fragrant grass.

Although she is weeping  
As she walks the earth,  
As the clods are lifting  
Into glad new birth,  
While folks are lamenting  
That she fares with grief,  
I hear April singing  
In each trembling leaf.

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# HISTORY OF MT. ALBION

## THE DEDICATION

I would like to dedicate this bit of Hamilton history to my late father, Robert Watt, Uncle James Watt and Aunt Maude Perfcund. If it was'nt for their family stories, I would never have be able to write this true story of an area where I grew up when I was a boy.

Therefore to them this account, with all its merits and demerits, is respectfully dedicated.

This record of the events, persons and incidents of Mt. Albion and vicinity, well known to my family, is a truthful narrative which covers a period of over one hundred years.

Bruce R. Watt

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## MOUNT ALBION HISTORY

The village of Mount Albion is situated on the Mountain at the western side of the Township of Saltfleet, six miles south east of Hamilton and equally as old.

Ailion is the ancient and poetic name of Britain, and has been used many times for many things, in many parts of the world. Three saw-mills and grist mill accounted for the last name. Since 1880 the name has been Mount Albion, before 1880 it was known as Albion Mills. There were in other days fifty persons, all English, Irish and Scottish, in the community. For a time, school was held in the village during the winter season, the nearest public school being too far away.

Three hotels, two blacksmith shops and one general store served the district. These taverns were patronized daily by dozens of men hauling cord wood and farm produce from distant points to Hamilton.

Mail was brought every Friday afternoon by a carrier on horseback from Ryckman's Corners, four miles west, where it was received from the stagecoach running between Hamilton and Caledonia. The first Post Office was kept in the home of

the Miller, Mr. James R. Cook, whose garden was a beauty spot and where hospitality was enjoyed by many people of all classes.

Travelling by oxen, on horseback and in horsedrawn vehicles was very slow, especially in the spring, (three miles an hour, over mud roads). The main road through the settlement, was and still is, called Mud Street.

A stone and toll road to the city was built in the 1880's by Messrs. Carpenter and Waddel. This was one of the first of the country's Macadam roads, now tar macadam is named after the inventor Sir George MacAdam, later was improved by his son, The Honourable Tar MacAdam. The toll-gate keeper collected fifteen cents return for one-horse wagons and twenty cents for two-horse wagons.

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#### A VILLAGE STORY

This village has a strong sulphur spring of blackish water pouring up from a shallow drill hole. This water does not freeze easily but it is too strong for domestic use, yet valuable for farm stock. This has continued for years, from the earliest history of the place. On the farm near by there is a small but well kept cemetery, where many of the pioneers are interred. Here in former times a church, known as the "Auld Scotch Kirk" was built of frame and white rough cast. It had a steeple, gothic windows, a heavy plank floor, pews with doors, both trimmed with walnut, a high pulpit and large sounding board above. The collection was taken in little wooden boxes on the end of a walnut staff five feet long. This Kirk, built before the disruption in Scotland in 1843, was pulled down in 1878.

In the early fifties, a survey party of engineers, for the Great Western Railway, ran a line through this community. One of the stakes was in the lawn of a friend of my fathers, for years after the present railway was opened.

It is a curious fact that four decades later, surveyors for the T.H.&B. Ry; followed almost the same route in their first survey for the line as it is today.

Half a mile west of Mt. Albion, the Hamilton North Western Railway was built in the twenty years following 1850. The road as far as Caledonia including the steep hill section, cost one million dollars. Near the top of the grade up the mountain, there is a long deep rock cutting. This work lasting almost three years, was done with hand tools by a large force of Irishmen who lived in groups of shanties called the "Patch" close to the job. Their one recreation was on Saturday

nights when paid, they cheered with gallons of village whiskey. They held a Donnybrook Fair, fighting each other like a colony of Kilkenny cats. The women added to the hilarity with sticks, stones, screams and malediction.

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#### PASSENGER PIGEONS

The residents of this region about 1860, frequently saw vast flocks, millions in numbers, of Passenger or Wood pigeons flying from dawn till dusk, east to west, over that area between Mt. Albion and Red Hill. The flight of the birds was not high, about four hundred feet. At the corner of the mountain, above Bartonville, many of them were struck down with sticks by the residents and used for food.

Forty years later not one of these pigeons could be found in America, although a reward of one thousand dollars was offered for a single specimen.

Their complete extinction is one of the mysteries of Natural history on this continent.

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#### THE USE OF OXEN

From the earliest settlements these animals were employed in farm and other work as late as 1875. The standard names were "Buck" and "Bright". They were guided by drivers shouting, "Gee" and "Haw" for right and left, and "Whoa" meant stop. The yoke over oxen's harness whatever were used. Occasionally they were shod with iron shoes like horses. Their rate of motion was three miles an hour. If unruly, the tails would be tied together to prevent them from turning outward, reversing ends, and thus breaking their necks in the yoke. They could not be used on the old horse powers for threshing machines, as horses were, because travelling in a circle made them dizzy.

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#### CANDLE LIGHT

Candle light was used till the oil lamps came into general use around 1880. For making candles every home had a tin frame with twelve tubes in which wicks were inserted, then filled with melted tallow. A pair of iron scissors with a little wax on one blade and the lid on the other was used for trimming the candles. If these were lacking the good housekeeper could make a "cruse" in a few minutes. This was simply a piece of wick laid across a saucer with grease poured over it. Many times a small boy went off to bed with this wee light as his only protection and defence from great black shadows, ghosts, spooks, apparitions and yowling banshees.

### CHEYNE CHURCH

The Reverend George Cheyne, M.A. Scotsman from Aberdeen about 1840, founded and ministered for thirty years to this Presbyterian Church that bears his name.

Mr Cheyne was the first public school inspector in the Township of Saltfleet.

The Church was one mile east of the village of Mount Albion and near the No. 6 School house.

In the service of worship no musical instruments were allowed. Tuning forks were used in the singing.

The women brought their babies in arms, who, when the sermon exceeded sixty minutes, made a vigorous protest.

Dogs followed their masters into the sanctuary and in spite of many admonitions of neighbourly love occasionally fought fierce battles until, like evil spirits, they were cast out.

The congregation built a new church in Stoney Creek in 1918. The original building was sold and moved to Hannon, where it is used as a public hall today.

### APPLE PARING BEES

The drying of apples for home use every fall season found many young people attending paring bees. The apples were peeled by hand, quartered, cored and strung with a large needle on yards of white cord which was hung in festoons around the kitchen and dried in the smells of cooking, the smoke of the iron stoves, clay pipes and open fire places.

The apples, shrunk to one third their former size, were of a light brown colour and would keep for years.

Later, hand peeling machines came into use and the quartered apples were placed in wooden racks suspended over the kitchen stoves and thus dried in a shorter time and more sanitary manner than formerly.

### A LOYALIST FAMILY

Near the village of Mount Albion was the fine estate and home called Harmony Hall of Mr. Jonathan Davis, whose Loyalist Grandfather, Mr. William Davis of Welsh descent, came to Canada in 1792, from North Carolina with his seven young children and a few faithful slaves. For the family losses in the south caused by the Revolutionary War, the British Government gave them a large tract of land near Albion Mills. Mr Jonathan Davis share of this property contained two hundred acres, much of it virgin forest of hard maple, red oak, white pine and black walnut. This farm had a distillery, a tannery, and orchard, a never failing spring and a prize herd of Ayershire cattle.

Mr. Davis was the Secretary of the Central Fair of Hamilton, inspector of hotel licenses in South Wentworth for many years, and a highly respected gentleman.

A nephew, Mr. James Alfred Davis, taught in local schools for a generation. He was a fine teacher, penman, advisor, friend and citizen to everyone.

Other members of this family have been prominent in farming, finance, manufacturing and Parliament.

### THE PICTURE OF THE MILL

The first known picture of the Mill at Mount Albion was taken about April, 1900, when the mill was owned and operated by my Great Uncles Robert and George Grassie.

The location was at the head of the ravine, which is two hundred feet wide and nearly as deep.

At the base of the tall smoke stack was the steam power plant. The small stream of water is from the turbine driving the machinery. The workmen discovered gas when making this wheel-pit. A repair shop is shown at the end of the building where the millstone picks were sharpened. Lover's Leap is opposite the falls, and above, the roadway formed the bank of the mill dam. Nearby is the old storehouse. The highway to Mt. Albion, a quarter of a mile to the left, is visible in the middle of the picture. A few steps from the falls on the right was the toll gate, post Office and general store.

Cook's Castle stood on the hill close to the barn, and behind it are the two little lakes still to be seen. The Table Rock, near the foot of the falls ( large pieces of it are scattered below ) underlies the country southward and dips seven feet to the mile. Under this very thick layer are strates of soft shale, red and green slate.

The banks of the ravine were once heavily timbered. This property is now in the King's Forest Park of over 600 acres and extends northward for a mile and one - half towards Bartonville. Kings Forest is now a residential place. Bartonville is now included in Hamilton.

### THE MILL

The grist mill was of three stoies, built about one hundred sixty years ago, and was constructed of huge timbers and fine pine lumber by the best of tradesmen. The active power was a large over - shot water wheel thirty feet in diameter and forty inches wide. A small wheel below the first, used the water a second time. This water came from a dam nearly three acres in extent above the mill, and was fed by a spring creek. Many years later the big water wheels were supplanted by a sixteen inch turbine which gave excellent power and service. During the middle of the last century stream power, for use when the water was low, was installed. The boiler was fired by pine wood, later mixed with cord wood, and finally by soft coal.

The mill stones for grinding wheat were sixty inches in diameter. They were made of many pieces of very hard French Burr Stone cemented together and bound by wide bands. One stone was secured in the floor, and the other turning above, ground the wheat which was then sifted by a long wooden, silk covered, revolving cylinder. This separated the two grades of flour, shorts and bran. Farmers brought their wheat and received these products in return. The charge, or toll fixed by law, was one-sixth when steam power was used, and one-seventh by water. These mill-stones required to be dressed by the miller with mill picks, several times a year. This was a careful operation.

The second stone called a "chopper" ground coarse grain for feeding farm stock. It had a capacity of fifty bushels an hour. On one occasion a farmer brought very poor grain, chaff, straw, nails and trash. Said the miller when returning the chop to the owner, " What are you going to do with this stuff?" "Feed it to the pigs", said the farmer. "Well," returned the miller, "the pigs will laugh when they see this stuff coming."

The mill owners and operators were all Scottish, directly or indirectly. As far as is now known they are Mr John Secord in 1814, Messrs. Ness and Reid, Messrs. Donaldson and Cook, Messrs. Cook and Robb, and the Grassie Bros; covering a period of over a century.

This flour mill serving a large farming district was a busy industry in 1900. Today the traveller can scarcely find any evidence that it ever existed.

Well might he say in the gloomy words of Cowper: "Change and decay in all around I see."

Will continue in the May issue

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## For your information

### TROY WEIGHT

1 Grain..... = .0648 Grams  
 1 Ounce..... = 31.1035 Grams  
                   = 480 Grains  
 1 Pound          = 373 Grams  
                   = 12 Troy Ounces  
                   = 5760 Grains  
                   = 822 Pounds Avoirdupois

### AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT

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                   = 437.5 Grains  
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Once to every man and nation  
 Comes the moment to decide,  
 In the strife of Truth and Falsehood,  
 For the good or evil side.

— James Russell Lowell



## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74**

On Feb. 26th; 1980 the North York Coin Club celebrated its Twentieth year as a coin club. Harvey Farrow had all the bulletins issued for the twenty years, pointing out that early ones were mailed for 2¢, while to-day it costs 17¢. George Fraser distributed souvenir notes to commemorate the 20th; year, and a decorated cake was served during the coffee break.

The highlight of the evening however was Dr. Marvin Kay's presentation of " Medicine In Numismatics " Dr Kay showed colored slides of medical medals, coin, tokens and bank-notes, illustrating his interesting talk on Physicians on Medals and others who made contributions to medicine. Louis Pasteur, the bacteriaologist, Pierre & Marie Curie, pioneers in research on radio-activity, Alexander Graham Bell, whose invention of the telephone came from his efforts to help deaf people, Dr. Kay's facinating subject revealed medals commemorating hospitals, nurses medals, Red Cross medals, Life-saving medals, Coins with medical themes, Bank notes with Portraits of Physicians, Chiropractors, Druggists, Radiologists, War medals, and private hospital medals, all with a medical theme. Dr Kay also displayed many of the medals from his collection.

Harvey farrow thanked Dr. Kay and presented him with an honourary membership.

The Annual Show that was held on March 1st; was a big success. There were visitors from, Peterborough, Waterloo, Oshawa, Woodbridge, Hamilton, Wainfleet, Woodville, Angus and Aurora.

The draw prize winners were Jean Orr, Fred Stamper, Fred Jewett, Carl Anderson and Olaf Sorra.

## STRATFORD COIN CLUB C20

There were 30 members and guest attended the March 10th; meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 P.M. by the President Wilf. The membership draw for a 1978 SILVER DOLLAR was won by Jim Jung.

Winners of last month's major draws were - 1968 P.L. Set Mike Ogilvie and the O.N.A. Membership - Barb. Savile.

Dave Luna gave an interesting talk on Mexico with its history, present politics, agriculture, natural resources and coins and currency.

A Auction was held, followed with coffee, Chocolate milk and cookies to close off the meeting.

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## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS C83

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors will hold a get-together meeting on Saturday May 24th: 1980 4:00 P.M., at the O.N.A. Annual Convention at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Ottawa.

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## OSHAWA &amp; DISTRICT COIN CLUB C35

The regular meeting of the Oshawa & District Coin Club was held on March 23rd; 1980, at 2:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by the President Henry Burke with 42 members and guest present.

There was a presentation of O.N.A. slides of the Hurst Castle in San Francisco .

There was a lively Auction held followed by coffee and Donuts.

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**You cannot run away from a weakness; you must some time fight it out, or perish; and if so, why not now, and where you stand?**

- Robert L. Stevenson



# SHOW AND BOURSE

April 27th; 1980

Chatham, Ontario.

KENT COIN CLUB's Spring Show  
Wheels Motor Inn,  
Chatham, Ontario.

For information ... Lou Wagener  
27 Peter St;  
Chatham, Ontario, N7M 5E2

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May 10th; 1980

Peterborough, Ontario.

PETERBOROUGH COIN CLUB's Annual Show  
Holiday Inn,  
Peterborough, Ontario.

For information... R. Trustham  
P.C. Box 1870  
Peterborough, Ontario

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May 23rd; to 25th; 1980.

Ottawa, Ontario.

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June 21st; 1980

Cannington, Ontario

VICTORIA SIMCOE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION's  
21st; Annual Coin Show and Banquet  
Cannington, Community Centre

For information... Elmer Workman  
Cannington, Ontario, L0E 1E0

June 29th; 1980  
 Brantford, Ontario...

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 Montreal, Quebec,  
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October 4th; 1980  
 Hamilton, Ontario

HAMILTON COIN CLUB'S Annual Fall Show  
 Centre Mall, Barton & Kenilworth Streets,

For information . . . Lou Henderson  
 1861 Main Street, East,  
 Hamilton, Ontario.

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October 19th; 1980  
 Tillsonburg, Ontario

TILLSONBURGE COIN CLUB'S Annual Coin Show  
 Tillsonburg Community Centre,  
 Tillsonburg, Ontario

For information.. Doug Mitchener  
 1 Myrtle Street,  
 Tillsonburg, Ontario,  
 N4G 4G4

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October 26th; 1980

Stratford, Ontario

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Bruce R. Watt.

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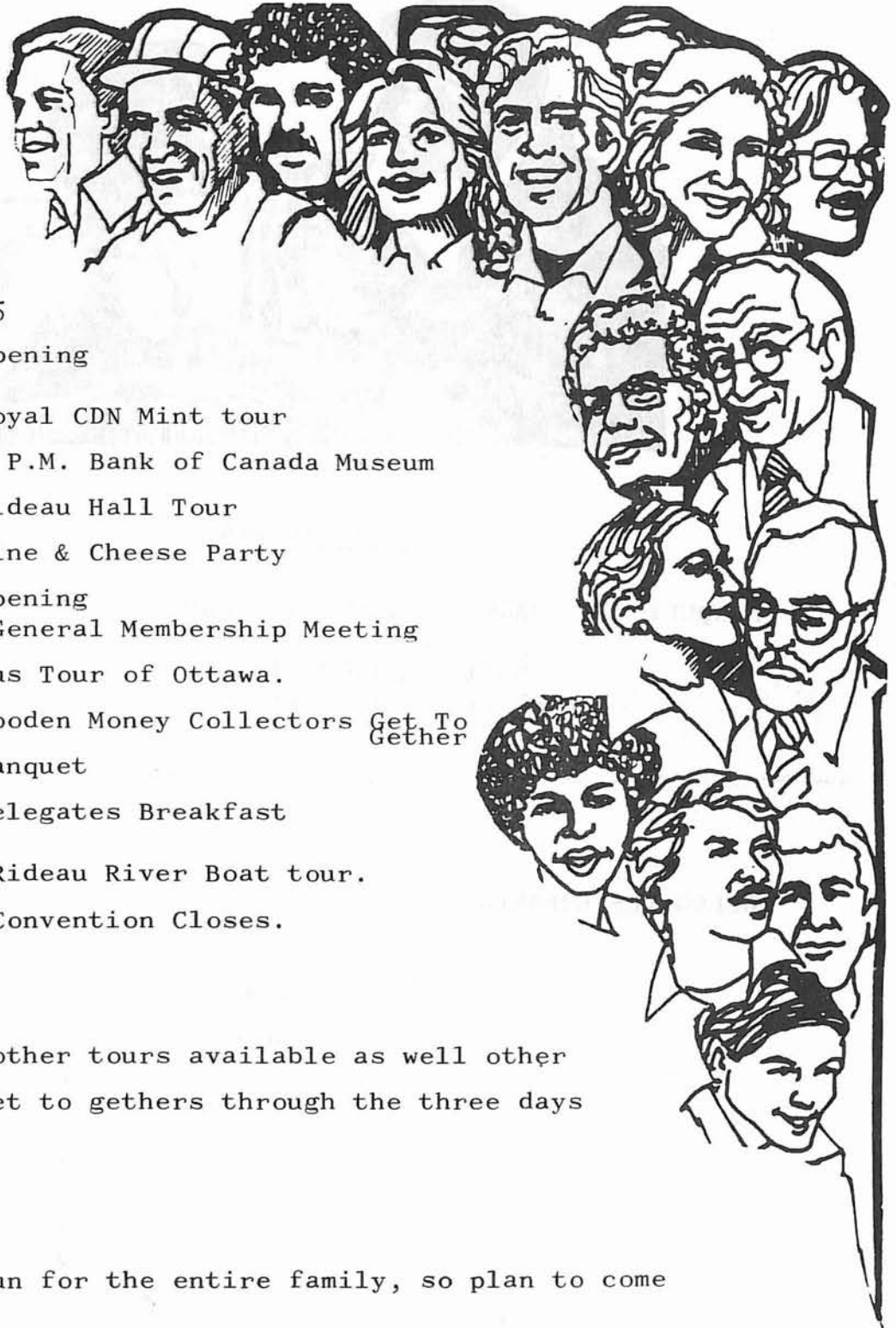
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## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **NORTH YORK COIN CLUB C74**

On March 25th; was the 223rd; meeting of the North York Coin Club. The feature of this meeting was C.N.A. Night, Jack Veffer, President of the C.N.A. was one of the guest speakers. Jack explained in capsule form some of the activities of the C.N.A.

There was a film quiz presented by the C.N.A. 1st Vice President, John Regitko. The questions seemed simple, but it was a surprise how many that were not answered.

Paul Johnson, the 2nd; Vice President of the C.N.A. & Chairman of the Toronto District Coin Week of Canada Committee gave a report on the progress of the activities of the project.

Mrs Beatty served the refreshments at the end of the very interesting evening.

The lucky draw winners were: Dan Bowyer, Henry Burke, Frank Dennis, Jim Donaldson & Fred Jewett.

A Coin Auction was conducted by Glen Williams assisted by Basil Latham.

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### **WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY C1**

On March 18th; 1980 the Waterloo Coin Society met at the Waterloo Public Library, lower floor, 35 Albert Street, Waterloo, with 36 members and guest present. This was their biggest turnout in many months.

Prize winners for the evening were as follows:

(a) 8 o'clock Draw - Paul Miller, \$1.00 for being on time.

(b) Feature Draw:

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| 1st prize | Bert Dortmans |
| 2nd prize | Joan Gordon   |
| 3rd prize | Wilf Erb      |

Bill Gordon, O.N.A. and Club Director of the O.N.A. upcoming convention in Ottawa on May 23-25. He asked the members to prepare a display for the convention, and also reminded the members to sell the O.N.A. Draw Tickets. For every book sold the club will receive \$2.00.

## CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB C21

The March meeting was held at 6th; of March, at St. David's Anglican Church, Orillia, at 8:00 P.M. There were 23 members present, who enjoyed a presentation of slides and a display on Historical Tokens by Ray Gregory.

The 50-50 draw was won by Mrs Hilkens, the Old Coin Box won by Ray Rutherford and Bryon Booth was the lucky member to guess the closest number of coins in a jar.

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## THISTLETOWN COIN &amp; STAMP CLUB C39

The monthly meeting of the Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club was held on April 8th; 1980, at the Etobicoke Public Library at 8:00 P.M.

This meeting was a birthday party. a special cake was served and Al Kasman and his helpers made the coffee and refreshments to make it a successful party. Ken Pepper chaired the meeting for Bob Rook who was ill.

Bruce R. Watt President of the Ontario Numismatic Association was presented a Permanent Honorary Member by Ken Pepper.

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## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS C83

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors will present an award shaped of the Orovince' of Ontario to the top exhibitor in the wooden money category at the Ontario Numismatic Association Convention in Ottawa.

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## FORT McMURRAY COIN &amp; STAMP CLUB

Thr Fort McMurray Coin & Stamp Club was founded in 1978 Ed "Tony" gordon with 14 other coin and stamp collectors present. After one full year of operation the grew to 46 members.

At the present time the club is taping 13 shows on one half hour bases, for a local cable T.V. The members act as their own camera men, floor director, lighting and audio technicians as well stars of the show. They design their own back drop and studio set.

At the present time the membership is raising money to purchase their own tapes, once this is done they hope to make them available to other clubs, who wish to use them in their educational program.

Should anyone like to visit the club this summer, they meet 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Kinsmen Centre, south Franklin Ave, which is the main street of Fort McMurry.

The mailing address:

Fort McMurray Coin & Stamp Club  
Box 8175,  
Clearwater Postal Station,  
Fort McMurray, Alberta,  
T9H 3J1

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CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB C19

The 143rd meeting of the City of Ottawa Coin Club was held at the War Museum on February 25, 1980, with 36 members and 6 guests in attendance.

The meetin was called to order by the President, Al Cockrem who advise the members of the passing of Charles W. Downie on February 24th; 1980. In recongnition of the late Mr. Downie's service to the club over a number of years, the President introduced Mr Ken Hooles, President of the Pembroke Centennial Coin Club, who was given a hearty welcome by the members. A cordial welcome was also extended to the Ottawa members to attend the Pembroke club meeting.

The door prize was won by Mark Wylee and the 50-50 Draw by Ray Kelly.

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**No Monkey business Here!**



# HISTORY OF MT. ALBION

## PART TWO

Continued from the April issue of the O.N.A. Numismatist.

By .... Bruce R. Watt, O.N.A. President.

### THE GAS

Possibly the first natural gas in the Hamilton area, was at Mount Albion, when the mill was built. Two Irishmen were quarrying rock for the wheel pit, when one stopped in a corner to light his pipe. The match ignited the gas which flared up, singeing his hair, whiskers and clothing. He was terribly frightened and shouted, " Mike, we've broke through to the infernal regions, and the devil is after us for sure. May all the saints preserve us!"

The gas was used for lighting the Mill for 100 years. A flame, 16 inches long burned night and day from the end of an iron pipe. It came from the base of the wheel pit 30 feet below. The odor was unpleasant and wherever it was used, it took the colour out of the sale bills or the wall paper in a short time. It is sulphur gas, only found in this region in small quantities and of no commercial value. At low water, it is seen in the creek bed bubbling up through the water, and can be lit with a match.

There was little or no natural or manufactured gas in Canada at this time. Half a mile down the creek was a spring, a flame of two feet high was burning on a pool of water. It attracted many people at this time. A near by hotel supplied their wants for food, drink and shelter. The stone foundation was there in my childhood days. Close to the spring group of oil and gas men, from Bradford, Penn. in 1884 drilled an eight inch hole 1700 feet deep, but all Messer. Emerson and Haymakers got for their money was experience, a smell of gas, and a taste of salt. Where the adjacent creek crossed Barton Street three miles east of the city there was a salt works farm. Here salt was found in early days, but the quantity was small and the work was given up.

### THE STOREHOUSE

This building, well constructed in the distant past, has had a variety of uses. In my childhood days it was a nice dwelling and restaurant, owned and operated by a Mr. Oliver Carpenter and his capable wife and daughter. The property includes the house, the mill dam, the creek and the hill fields beyond, in all, 15 acres.

This storehouse, as it was long called, was built and used for hop kiln. Hops were grown where the city Parks Board now have a fine grove of Scotch Pine trees. The hops were dried on the lattice and jute covered floor of the second story, over wood fires in a big iron stove below. They were then pressed into bales and sold to the brewers for the making of beer.

A mile down the valley was the Ine Vale Farm, part of which is now the Glendale Golf Club course, where hops were produced on a large scale. The vines were grown in hills and grew up cedar poles twelve feet high, where they formed large fluffy clusters of hops. Picking was done every year in late August, by a band of forty or more Indians, men, women and children in picturesque garb from the Six Nation Reserve on the Grand river near Caledonia. They camped on the farm for nearly a month. Their earnings for the time were fifty cents to one dollar a day. Each year the braves gave a tribal dance and every night dancing was held on the floor of the hop house. Young white men would come and dance with the dusky maidens. Thus, for the pickers, it was hops night and day.

In a big law suit over the failure of a brewing company in Hamilton, one lawyer said "we had hopes", when a rival lawyer shouted "What you needed was hops".

### THE FALLS

Albion Falls is an interesting and moving sight in March or April when it is in flood or "Spare" as the Scots would say.

The stream has its source in a fine spring at Rymal Station, not far distant. A branch of this creek comes from near Barton Stone Church. The area drained is around a thousand acres. The waterfall is not vertical nor so high as the adjacent Ingles or Buttermilk Falls, that receives its water from the Mt. Hamilton district. The thick ledge of rock on which the water falls is Niagara Lime Stone and underlies the whole country. It is over this ledge that Niagara pours its torrent of water.

Rumours says that lightning struck and shattered this table rock, and hugh pieces of it many feet thick are scattered in the channel below. Doubtless the elements, heat and cold, frost and water have contributed to this end.

In the mill dam above, now partially filled with silt, ice was cut in the winter, and the summer brought boating and bathing. Each spring, when the water is high, river fish or suckers, in large numbers come up from the bay to the foot of the falls, to spawn. When the water recedes, men and boys catch them with dip nets, spears and even with their hands. These fish are from twelve to sixteen inches long. The flesh is white, very soft and filled with bones. However they have been cleaned, smoked and stored for use by the settlers. The traveller who knew this region in its early days and visits it now, sees many changes in all the babbling brook. To him the words of Tennyson ring true:

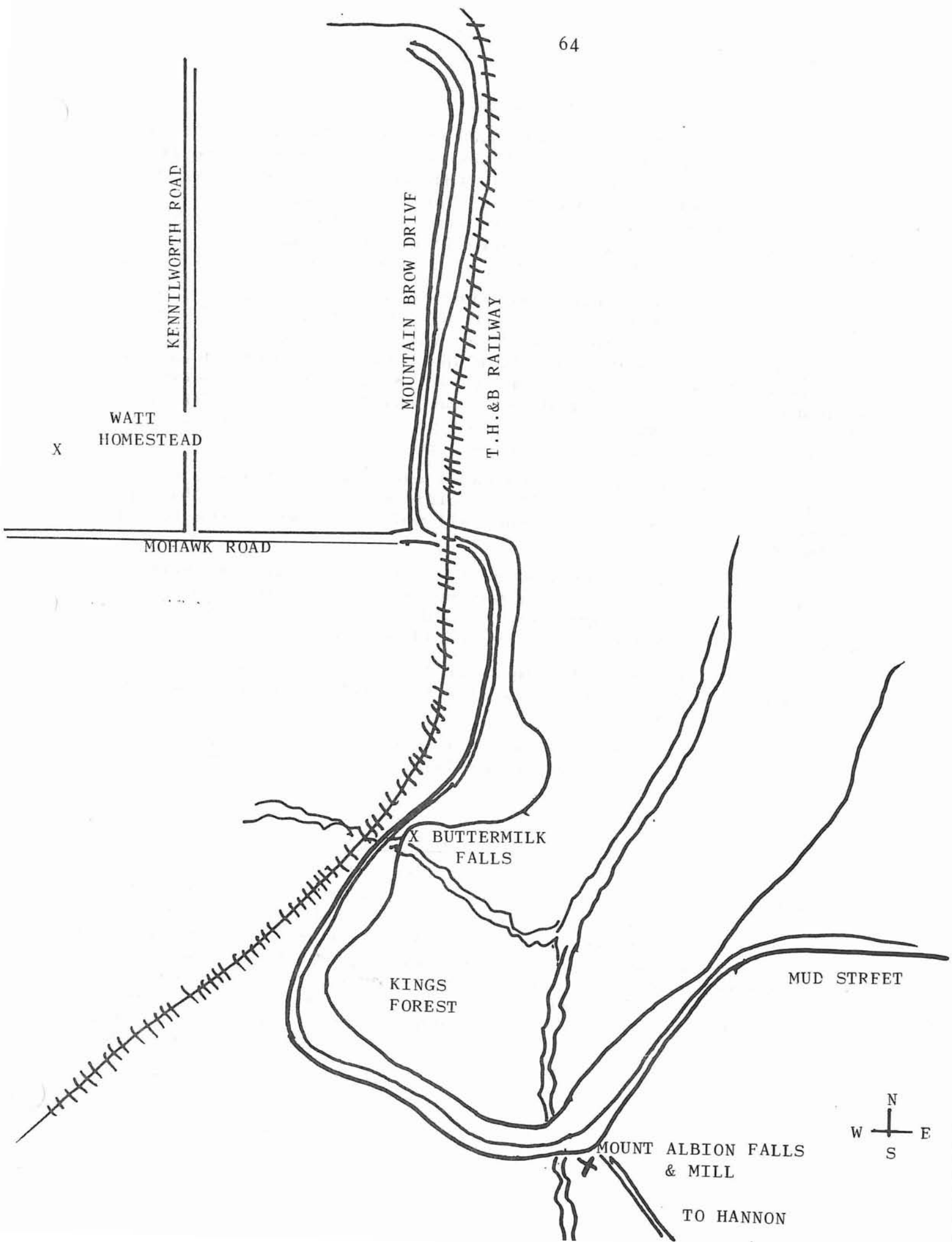
"Men may come and men may go  
But I go on forever".

#### THE LOVER'S LEAP

Opposite the falls, only a very short distance, there is a perpendicular wall of rock one hundred feet high. this is now partially obscured by tall trees that have grown up from the bottom of the gorge. It was from this high point that Jane Reilly, disappointed in love with Joseph Rousseau, flung herself. Hence the name " LOVERS LEAP ". The time was probably the first of the last century. this story has been accepted as true by residents for three generations.

In recent years there was a fatal accident to a young girl when a pick-up truck left the road, went through the fence, and plunged into the valley below. This tragedy was only a few yards from Lover's Leap.

Earlier, in 1907, the miller, Mr. Robert Grassie, my great uncle, a very fine man in character and conduct, met his death by a fall in the wheel pit of the mill, with his passing, the milling business came to an end for all time.



KENNILWORTH ROAD

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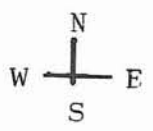
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FALLS

KINGS  
FOREST

MUD STREET

X MOUNT ALBION FALLS  
& MILL

TO HANNON



### THE CASTLE

On the hill above and south of the falls, Mr. Wm. Cook a Scotsman and the Welland Canal contractor, about 1840, built a five story stone castle that had fourteen fire places. Ten acres of park lands surrounded the house. There were walls, arbours, pergolas and many kinds of shrubs, fruit and ornamented trees. Two small lakes, each about an acre in extent, connected by a channel and fringed by willow trees, were constructed for boating.

The estate covered four hundred acres of virgin forest and was situated at the cross-roads of four townships; Saltfleet, Barton, Binbrook and Glanford. There was a stream of fine spring water, a lime kiln and a salt-lick where wild deer came. Huge barns were erected for farming on a large scale. The home was supplied with domestic water by a hydraulic ran pumping from a spring on the side of the ravine three hundred yards distance. This spring has never failed and is used by many persons today.

On this property, at an early date, probably 1817, there was a large house used by British soldiers as a barracks. The spot was marked for many years by the tall white chimney of the former building.

This castle commanded a wide range of vision in every direction of rolling hills and waving trees. It stood high above the ravine, now the King's Forest, and gave a wonderful view of a widening valley, Lake Ontario and Burlington Bay.

Time changes all things. In the 1870's the owner died, fire destroyed the barns, the castle was pulled down and the estate lost to the family.

Today, in 1980, all that remains on this show place, are the two little lakes already described.

### THE GHOST STORIES

Half a mile down the valley from Albion Falls, two streams join, one from Buttermilk Falls and the other from the Mill Falls, as it was called. Below this point, in days far distant, there was a dam and primitive saw-mill. In a quarrel among the workmen, a man was killed; for fifty years thereafter, his home near-by was said to be haunted. The ghost was frequently reported as seen roaming around the house, flitting through the woods, hovering over the stream, and travelling the roads. years later a wood cutter living in this house spent the day drinking at the Black Horse Tavern at Mt. Albion.

In his absence other men killed a pig for home use, to dress it, they hung it in a tree near their dwelling. This custom is followed to this day. When the tipsy man returned at midnight he saw the ghost, so often heard of, standing under a tree; he was well fortified with spirit and feared not dogs or demons, spooks or banshees. Marching right up to the ghost, he struck it a heavy blow with his fist and broke his right arm.

So endeth the first lesson in ghost stories, of the good old days.

#### THE PHANTOM TRAIN

At Hannon, a village not far west and south of the Falls, in St. Georges Anglican Cementery, a man named Thomas English was buried in 1876. He was a trackman and while walking on the railway at night, was killed by a passing train. For half a century afterw on summer nights, the lights of the ghost or phantom train that killed Tom English, could be seen moving along the railway line. The residents were quite accustomed to these lights, it was simply the ghost train. My father stated, he dad seen these lights many times in his boyhood.

Now for the cause of this phenomenon. Where this tragedy occurred the railway crossed a depression in the terrain and a large swamp along the twenty mile creek. This bog filled with decaying vegetable matter and rotting timbers gave rise to a gas, known as jack-o-lantern or willow-the-wisp. This marsh gas in balls or globulos, not unlike toy balloons, became luminous in the warm summer night air and was blown by the prevailing south-west winds along the railway line, giving the appearance, at a distance, of the head light of a locomotive and other lights of a train. The deception was remarkable. Today there is no swamp, no woods, no decaying vegetation, no ghosts and no phantom train.

So endeth the second lesson in things that are not what they appear to be. Ma you all sleep in peace this night and wake in joy.

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THE END

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

MAY 23rd; to 25th; 1980

OTTAWA, ONTARIO,.....

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S  
18th; Annual Convention  
Downtown Holiday Inn Tower  
100 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

HOST CLUB .... CITY of OTTAWA COIN CLUB

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

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JUNE 21st; 1980

CANNINGTON, ONTARIO,.....

VICTORIA SIMCOE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION  
21st; Annual Coin Show and Banquet  
Cannington, Community Centre

For information ... Elmer Workman  
Cannington, Ontario,  
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JUNE 29th: 1980

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO,.....

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY'S  
20th; Anniversary Coin Show

Brantford & District Civic Centre, Auditorium

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June 1st; 1980

Dear Fellow Numismatis,

On behalf of the Executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association, I would like to at this time give our appreciation for your support at our 18th; Annual Convention in Ottawa, May 23rd; to 25th; 1980.

We would like to thank the members and the executives of the City of Ottawa Coin Club for their outstanding hard work to present an delightful program for the three day affair.

We would like to thank the Dealers for their support, if it was'nt for them the Convention would not have been a success.

We would like to thank all Exehibitors, both Non-Competitive, and the Competitive for their outstanding Displays.

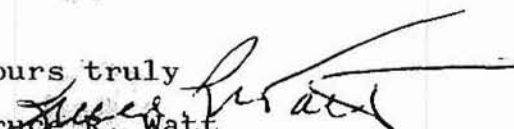
We would like to thank the collectors for their attendence, you are the back bone in our hobby.

For the ones that could'nt make it, we missed you, we will see you next year.

At this time I would like to congraduate Trudy Lambert, for been named the Numismatis to receive the O.N.A. Merit Award for the year 1980, for outstanding work in the field of Numismatics for the past years. Congraduations Trudy.

Again we thank you for your support, and wish a successful year 1980.

Yours truly

  
Bruce R. Watt  
President

MAJOR SHELDON CARROLL'S SPEECH DELIVERED AT THE  
18TH. ANNUAL O.N.A. CONVENTION BANQUET MAY 24. 1980

On behalf of the Governor of the Bank of Canada, the Mayor of the City of Ottawa, the Prime Minister and the Governor-General of Canada, none of whom could be with us this evening, I wish to welcome you to our capital city. I wouldn't like you visitors to Ottawa to think that its always this warm here. Last winter it was so cold that if the thermometer had been an inch longer we'd all frozen to death. My thanks to Mark Twain. As many of you already know Ottawa is a very cosmopolitan city with practically every country in the world being represented here. What you may not know is that Ottawa has a great many Laplanders. Laplanders are people who can't keep their balance on a bus.

Ottawa is largely a city of civil servants. One thing that civil servants enjoy very much is making up forms for other people to fill out. One small business man was filling out one such form when he came to the question. "Number of employees broken down by sex". He wrote "None as far as we know. Alcohol is a bigger problem". I sincerely hope that you are enjoying your visit to Ottawa. Having a sense of humour always helps one to enjoy life no matter where you are. I really believe that a good sense of humour is a divine gift. If you don't think that the good Lord has a sense of humour

just take a look at the person seated next to you. On the other hand some people are never happy. As one doctor said "If you wake up every morning feeling something terrible, get a divorce."

Well, now, I think we have talked enough about numismatics and we can turn our attention to museums. When Len Fletcher asked me to speak to you this evening he asked me to talk about how we created our currency museum. I agreed and asked him how long I should talk. He said, "Talk as long as you like but the rest of us are going home at midnight". With such helpful advice I shall plunge ahead.

The first thing to do when you decide to make a currency museum is get a lot of money. No, that isn't quite right. The first thing you do is decide what kind of museum you want. We decided from the outset that our museum would be designed primarily for the general public and not for the collector. After all, with due respect to all you devoted numismaniacs, coin collectors and paper money collectors make up less than one percent of the population of Canada. We also decided that our museum would tell two main stories: the story of how coins and paper money began and have changed over the centuries and the story of our own Canadian metallic and paper currency during the past three hundred years.

Having decided on the kind of museum we wanted to create. the next question was how to go about it. No one at the Bank of Canada, least of all me, had even the haziest idea how to create

a museum of any kind, let alone a currency museum. As a matter of fact no one in Canada had ever created a currency museum. There was no question about it I would have to start from the beginning and learn how other people did these things.. As a first step we joined the Ontario Museum Association, the Canadian Museum Association, the American Museum Association and the British Museum Association so that we would receive their periodicals and other publications. We started to build up in our numismatic reference library a whole section of the subject of museology and I started to familiarize myself with this vast field of endeavour.

When I first came to the Bank of Canada in 1963 I was told that I had two main tasks: to build up the National Currency Collection and to prepare a currency museum to be housed in the new Head Office building which then was in the planning stage. My first ten years with the Bank were spent mainly in building up the collection. After museum planning started the building of the collection was well along and proceeded at a slower pace. The work of creating a National Currency Collection has now been largely achieved although the collection will always continue to grow. At the present time our collection consists of approximately 100,000 pieces. You don't have to be much of a mathematician to see that we have acquired an average of over 100 pieces per week during the 16 1/2 years that I have been with the Bank. At the same time we have built up a reference

library of over 5,000 books on coins, paper money and related subjects.

In 1972 we decided to begin more intensive planning for our museum. It was time to go out and see what others were doing and to consult with the experts in this vast field. We quickly learned to avoid all self-anointed experts. After all if Christopher Columbus was so damned smart, how come he didn't discover Saudi Arabia. Avoiding self-anointed experts is quite easy to do for as Confucius once said: "He who gets too big for his britches will be exposed in the end." There our thousands upon thousands of museums in the world and we could not possibly visit all of them. We were fortunate in that planning for the Glenbow-Alberta Museum in Calgary was several years in advance of our planning and the Vice-President of the Glenbow Foundation had recently completed, a tour of over fifty museums in the United States. We were quite familiar with what the museums in Canada had to offer and he was able to give us a list of the museums in the United States which would be most useful to us. The Director of Numismatics at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and the Museum Section of U.N.E.S.C.O. in Paris was able to provide a similar list for Western Europe. We boiled the lists down to approximately 60 museums in Canada, United States, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Western Germany, Sweden and Great Britain.

It was obvious from the outset that the staff of the National Currency Collection was not adequate, either in

numbers or experience, to produce a first-class museum.

It was a job calling for experts with knowledge in the fields of design and exhibitry. We checked out several large commercial design firms in Canada and finally came to the conclusion that we could do no better than engage the Canadian Government Expositions Centre. No private firm in Canada has as large a staff of experienced designers or as complete workshop facilities. In addition we engaged the Chief Designer of the Smithsonian Institution to serve as a consultant as required.

During the autumn of 1972, in company with two museum designers and a writer-researcher, I visited over 60 museums in Canada, United States and Western Europe. We did not visit these museums as tourists or casual visitors nor did we spend most of our time in the public galleries. In each case we had written to each museum informing them that we were coming and what we were looking for. In this way we were able to meet the Director of the museum or one of his senior officials and in those museums which had their own design department we were able to meet their chief designer. We spent a great deal of time in their workshops, laboratories and storage rooms. Visitors to a museum are on the outside looking in, we found out what it was like to be on the inside looking out. We were interested in learning about all aspects of museology-museum design, museum lay-out traffic control, lighting, security,

heat and humidity control, etc., etc. We visited good museums and we visited poor museum. From the good museums we learned how to do things, from the poor museums we learned how not to do them. We talked to several hundred museum experts, we tape-recorded many conversations and interviews and we took hundreds of photographs. We learned, among other things, that there is no limit to the number of people who will stay away from a bad museum. From this long series of museum visits we produced a three volume report which formed the basis for planning our own museum. During 1973 and 1974 we studied the results of our visits, consulted with our architects, engineers, designers and consultants and committed many ideas and proposals to paper. By 1975 we had produced a conceptual model of the museum and had built prototypes of the two basic kinds of display cases that we planned to use in the museum. Later in 1975 we obtained approval of the prototype display cases, the conceptual model and, most important of all, the budget for the museum.

Our new head office building complex was planned to take place in several phases over a period of several years. Our museum was programmed to be produced at the end of the last phase and we confidently expected that construction of the museum could commence in 1977. Due to circumstances beyond our control we were not able to start setting up our museum until

early in 1979. The years 1976, 1977 and 1978 were not years of no activity. Hundreds of blue-prints had to be produced for the architectural, mechanical and electrical parts of the museum. Over two hundred detailed production drawings had to be produced for the exhibits. Details of a fire control system and an elaborate security system had to be worked out. Arrangements were made with the Royal Ontario Museum and the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts for the long-term loan of artifacts which we could not obtain elsewhere. Arrangements were made with the British Museum in London and the Louvre in Paris for the making of reproductions of several rare and priceless objects. In 1978 we let the contracts for the production of nearly one hundred display cases and tenders were called for the manufacture and installation of the background displays in six of the eight museum galleries. Those who were able to visit our museum yesterday afternoon could see the stage that we have reached. The work of the Canadian Government Expositions Centre is nearly complete. Within the next few weeks my staff will commence the very exacting work of mounting on the display panels the thousands of coins, tokens, bank-notes and other artifacts which will go to complete the exhibits in the display cases. Most of our completely bilingual museum staff has been hired and is now under training. Our museum will be ready for opening to the public later this year. No exact date for the opening has been set.

We have tried to create a museum that will appeal to all ages, all levels of education and those with a broad field of interest. We have tried to create a museum that is colourful, exciting informative and enjoyable to visit. We have done our best, whether or not we have succeeded in our objectives will be for the public to decide. It has been said that if we all had as much foresight as we have hindsight we'd all have a lot better sight by a damned sight. And if it does nothing else our museum will at least show what you can do with money. As Mae West once said: "Too much of a good thing can be wonderful".

I read recently that people to-day enjoy boredom and that accounts for the popularity of television. When we designed our museum we decided that above all we would try to avoid boring people. So I have decided that if we ever find a visitor to our museum who is bored we will tear it down and do it over again. Please don't tell anybody back at the Bank of Canada that I said that! For the future we are planning all sorts of interesting programs: educational tours of the museum, lectures, publications etc. These days all sorts of institutions and organizations are creating new and innovative programs. For example one our airlines is introducing a new type of trans-Canada flight-breakfast in Vancouver, lunch in Winnipeg, dinner in Halifax and your luggage in Toronto.

The past seventeen years have been the most interesting and enjoyable part of my life. Building up the National Currency Collection and creating the National Currency Museum have been worth all the blood, sweat and tears and even a heart attack.

1980 O.N.A. CONVENTION  
DRAW WINNERS

|                |                                   |  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1st; PRIZE...  | GOLD KRUGERRAND                   | Mr. Richard Field<br>407 Purham Street,<br>Walkerton, Ontario.                   |
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- Table #1... Springborn's Coin and Stamps, St. Clair, Mich; U.S.A.  
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Table #22.. Bryan Topping, Ottawa, Ontario.  
Table #24.. Glenn B. Rodger Numismatics, Fredericton,  
New Brunswick.  
Table #25.. Ken Aubrey, Ottawa, Ontario.  
Table #26.. M. Kendall, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.  
Table #29.. W.J. Grant Coins & Supplies, Kitchener, Ontario.  
Table #31.. Middleton's House of Numismatics, Ottawa, Ontario.  
Table #32.. Coins Unlimited, Welland, Ontario.  
Table #33.. Eagle Coin Co; Niagara Falls, Ontario.  
Table #34.. S. Hendler, Montreal, Quebec.  
Table #35.. Woody's Decimals, Rochester, New York, U.S.A.  
Table #36.. Wesley Ham, Huntsville, Ontario.  
Table #37 & 38.. Bob Armstrong Coins, Owen Sound, Ontario.  
Table #39.. Silver Dollars Reg'd, Ottawa, Ontario.  
Table #40.. Ohio State Currency Exchange. Fulton, Ohio, U.S.A.

Table #41.. Roger's Coins and Stamps, Guelph, Ontario.

Table #42.. Bruce Peninsula Coins, Hepworth, Ontario.

NOTE.. Table #30.. New World Coin and Stamps, Vancouver, B.C.  
booked a table but did not attend the convention.

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On behalf of the Executives of the Ontario Numismatic Association and the Ottawa Coin Club Convention Committee I would like to at this time give our thanks to all the dealers for their support the gave in making the 18th; Convention a success.

Bruce R. Watt  
President,  
O.N.A.

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O.N.A. 18th; ANNUAL CONVENTION

LIST OF NON-COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| MR. NORMAN WELLS,    | PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO. |
| MR. A.W. DRIEGA,     | OTTAWA, ONTARIO.       |
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| CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM, | OTTAWA, ONTARIO.       |

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On behalf of the Executives of the Ontario Numismatic Association and the City of Ottawa Coin Club Convention Committee I would like to thank all the Non-Competitive and Competitive Displayers for their outstanding displays at our 18th; Convention.

Bruce R. Watt  
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## O.N.A. 18TH. ANNUAL CONVENTION

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, MAY 23, 24, and 25, 1980

## COMPETITIVE DISPLAY WINNERS

| <u>CATEGORY</u>  | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>WINNER</u>   |
|------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. Junior        | 1st.         | Steven Hoffman<br>(W.E. Pat Lambert Memorial Award)         |
| 2. Canadian      | 1st.         | Jean A. Bullen  |
|                  | 2nd.         | Cedric MacVean  |
|                  | 3rd.         | Ross W. Caldwell  |
| 3. U.S.A.        | 1st.         | Tom Kostaluk  |
| 4. Br. Empire    | 1st.         | Tom Kostaluk  |
| 5. Foreign       | 1st.         | Tom Kostaluk  |
| 6. Paper Money   | 1st.         | Stephen R. Taylor   |
|                  | 2nd.         | George V. Fraser  |
|                  | 3rd.         | William King  |
| 7. Medals        | 1st.         | Paul Johnson  |
|                  | 2nd.         | Tom Kostaluk  |
| 8. Miscellaneous | 1st.         | Paul Nadin-Davis  |
| 9. Errors        |              | -No. Entrant-   |
| 10. Tokens       | 1st.         | Susan A. Nadin-Davis  |
| 11. Wooden Money | 1st.         | Howard Harris<br>(Cdn. Assn. of Wooden Money<br>Collectors) |
| 12. O.N.A. Club  | 1st.         | St. Catherines Coin Club<br>(Charles B. Laister Trophy)     |
|                  | 2nd.         | Woodstock Coin Club   |
| 13. Best Of Show | 1st.         | Stephen R. Taylor<br>(Douglas Wark Memorial Trophy)         |

# Membership

## NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the March 1980 Numismatist has been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the July issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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Ill; 61111, U.S.A.
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The following have been transferred from regular Membership to Life Membership.

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

JULY 22nd; to 26th; 1980

MONTREAL, QUEBEC,...

## C.N.A. CONVENTION

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SEPTEMBER 27th; 1980

TORONTO, ONTARIO....

## TORONTO COIN CLUB'S

Fall Show

British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec Rooms,

Royal York Hotel,

Toronto, Ontario.

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OCTOBER 4th; 1980...

## HAMILTON COIN CLUB'S

ANNUAL FALL COIN SHOW

Centre Mall, Barton & Kenilworth Streets,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

For information... Lou Henderson  
1861 Main Street East.  
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OCTOBER 19th; 1980

TILLSONBURGE, ONTARIO...

## TILLSONBURGE COIN CLUB'S

Annual Coin Show

Tillsonburge Community Centre,

For information... Doug Mitchener  
1 Mytle Street,  
Tillsonburge, Ontario

OCTOBER 26th; 1980  
STRATFORD, ONTARIO

STRATFORD COIN CLUB'S

4th; Annual Coin and Stamp Show  
Stratford Legion,  
St. Patrick & Church Streets,  
Stratford, Ontario.

For information... Stratford Coin Club  
Box 262  
Stratford, Ontario,  
N5A 6T1

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NOVEMBER 1st; 1980  
OSHAWA, ONTARIO...

OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB'S

Annual Coin Show  
Midtown Mall, Oshawa, Ontario.

For information... Henry Burke  
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**Wishing you a perfect**



As of June 1st; 1980 the following changes were made in the Executive of the Ontario Numismatic Association.....

F.C. Jewett appointed First Vice-President replacing Gerry Albert who resigned do to his occupation.

Mel Fiske Appointed to Second Vice-President replacing F.C. Jewett.

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President Washington invited Brant to Philadelphia in 1792.

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# CHIEF JOSEPH BRANT

CHIEF THAYENDANEGBA JOINED BATTLE AT 13.

By...TOM KUSTALUK

Among the great figures to stalk through the history of Brant County was the renowned Mohawk Chieftain, Thayendanegea or Joseph Brant as most people know him.

Brant was born on the banks of the Ohio River while his parents were on a hunting expedition in 1742. Their home was in Mohawk Valley in New York State and it was there that Joseph Brant was brought up. Shortly after his birth, his father died and his mother married a man named Barned. The name was later changed to Brant.

Brant, at the age of 13, was befriended by Sir William Johnson, who had taken as his life partner Brant's sister Molly, following the death of his wife. Johnson commanded the forces sent to fight the French at Lake George in 1775 and it was here that Brant received his baptism of fire when he was 13 years old. The lad was not too sure of himself and history records that fear made Brant take hold of a sapling to steady himself when the battle began. Eventually, setting control of his nerves, the young warrior was able to present ample evidence of his ancestry. Thereafter, wherever Johnson went to fight the French, he was accompanied by the young warrior.

## MARRIED CHIEF'S DAUGHTER

Brant married his first wife, the daughter of an Oneida Chief in 1763. She died of tuberculosis nine years later leaving two small children, a boy and a girl. He again married, this time to the half-sister of his first wife, Col. Guy Johnson, who succeeded his uncle Sir William Johnson as superintendent of Indian Affairs in 1774, made Brant his Secretary. He was also made principal War Chief of the Iroquois Confederacy.

During the next two years, the smouldering fires of discontent began to flare here and there until the colonists were in open revolt against the mother country. The rebels did their best to induce the Indians to fight on their sides, however, Brant and his loyal redmen refused to take up arms against the "White Father Over Water, King George 111".



Joseph Brant

### BRANT VISITS ENGLAND

The year before the rebellious Americans made their Declaration of Independence, Brant went to England to confer with the British Government. A painting of Brant by the British artist, George Romney, now hangs in the National Gallery in Ottawa.

While returning to New York in May, 1776 aboard the "Harriot", the ship attacked by a rebel privateer of superior force near the Carolinas. Brant and a companion who attended him picked off the rebel officers with a brass rifle presented to Brant by a Lord Townsend. The privateer sheered off and the 'Harriot' arrived safely in port.

### HARRIED SETTLERS

During the revolution, Brant and his Indians harried the settlers, burning their farms. He was commended by many British officers for his activities and in 1780 was granted a commission as Captain of the Northern Confederate Indians.

Brant's second wife died childless and he married a third time. His third wife was the daughter of the head chief of the Turtle Tribe. They had two sons, Joseph and Jacob.

In 1779, General Haldiman promised Brant land for the Six Nations at the Bay of Quinte. Learning of the location chosen by the Mohawks, the Senecas living in the Genesee Valley expressed disappointment that their brethren would be so far away when their aid may be required.

### CHANGED GRANT LOCATION

General Haldiman was approached again and acceded to Brant's request for lands on the Grand River including what is now the Six Nations Reserve. A few years before his death, Brant built a large two story home on a tract of land at the head of Lake Ontario. The land was a grant from the crown and was directly north of the beach which divides the lake from Burlington Bay.

Brant died on November 24th; 1807, at the age of 65. His remains were interred at Wellington Square (Burlington) but were removed to the churchyard at the Mohawk Chapel in November 1860. Brant's tomb also contains the remains of his son, Capt. John Brant who died in 1832. The tombstone was mutilated by souvenir hunters and it became necessary in 1880 to repair it and renew the inscription tablet. A high iron picket fence was built to enclose the site. A memorial to Brant was built in Victoria Park, Brantford, Ontario in 1886 at a cost to the Dominion and the Provincial Governments of \$20,000.00.

### BORDER PROBLEM

When Brant became a County in 1852, Brantford Township became part of Wentworth County. Its irregular borders surrounded the City, creating some special problems which did not become truly painful until some 100 years later. Some historians lay the blame for the Township's irregular shape directly at the door of the County's prime hero, Capt. Joseph Brant, otherwise known as Thayendanegea. Brant, they say, handled the sale of Township land with no particular regard for the resulting shape of the Township.

Of course, at the time he was concerned only with getting as much land cleared and settled as soon as possible. It was with this in mind that he suggested to two friends, John Smith and John Thomas, then living in New York State, that they come to Canada.

### SETTLERS INTERESTED

The idea fell on fertile ground and by 1785 Smith and Thomas had arrived. They built a two-storey frame house on a 200 acre lot fronting on what later became Cainsville. About the same time, Anthony Westbrook and his sons John and Alexander came here from the same state. John (later Major) and Alexander were no strangers to this part of the nation. Sometime earlier they had been captured by the Indians, who were allies of the British. According to reports, their captors treated them well and they found they liked the country. Finally, they were freed in an exchange of prisoners with the Americans. Other notables among the Township's earliest settlers was one John File, a Veteran of the American Revolution in which he fought for the British.

### THE BIG TOWNSHIP RACE

For about 150 years, it looked as though Mount Pleasant might win the race with Brantford to become the area's major centre. The village was settled in 1799 by a group of 16 settlers of the Ellis and Sturgis families. The group had set out in 1778 and finally got to the Township the following Spring in 1799.

### NAME OF BRANTFORD WAS SELECTED IN 1827

Brantford's name dates back 140 years. It was in 1827 that the small village on the Grand River, with a mere handful of inhabitants, acquired that name. The six Nations Indians who came to this locality after the American Revolutionary War,

found the shallowest part of the river a convenient crossing point and it became known as Brant's fort, because Joseph and his braves made frequent use of it. The name that was adopted by the small community was soon simplified to the form Brantford. The spot known as Brant's ford is between the present C.N.R. and T.H.& B. railway bridges just downstream from Lorne Bridge and the city dam. In the early days of Brantford a small frame hotel stood at the west Brantford end of the ford and alongside it was an old well, rounded with stones. Traders who came to this area from the west, crossed the river at this point before the days of the first bridge and if the river was high, they stayed at the hotel until the level had receded. Joseph Brant was frequently a guest at the hotel for the same reason.

In 1967, the City of Brantford issued a Centennial Medallion commemorating Joseph Brant.

The obverse has the Coat of Arms of the City of Brantford with the legend "Birthplace of the Telephone - Agriculture Industry".



The reverse shows the Joseph Brant Memorial with the legend "Canada's Centennial 1867-1967 Brant County" with the Centennial Logo.



## Association News:

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1981 - 1983

In accordance with our By-Laws, article 7, section 4, 5 and 6, 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 two members. Members of the committee shall not be seeking the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President."

This year's Election Committee is made up of Chairman, Henry Burke and members, Wm. English and Bruce Raszmann.

Also we quote, "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected. Failure to do this nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be so advised.

Also we quote, "Nominations shall close four months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting.

The mailing address is Nomination Chairman,  
Henry Burke  
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Above O.N.A. Executive Offices opened for Nominations

## O.N.A. CONVENTION DRAW

CLUB REBATES

| <u>CLUB<br/>NO.</u> |                                 | <u>BOOKS<br/>SOLD</u> | <u>REBATE</u>   |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1                   | Waterloo Coin Club              | 28                    | \$56.00         |
| 4                   | Cambridge Coin Club             | 3                     | 6.00            |
| 5                   | London Numismatic Soc.          | 5                     | 10.00           |
| 7                   | Sarnia Numismatic Soc.          | 3                     | 6.00            |
| 13                  | St. Catharines Coin Club        | 5                     | 10.00           |
| 15                  | Brantford Numismatic Soc.       | 0                     | -               |
| 17                  | Huronian Numismatic Assoc.      | 3                     | 6.00            |
| 19                  | City of Ottawa Coin Club        | 27                    | 54.00           |
| 20                  | Stratford Coin Club             | 66                    | 132.00          |
| 21                  | Champlian Coin Club             | 1                     | 2.00            |
| 35                  | Oshawa & District Coin Club     | 10                    | 20.00           |
| 39                  | Thistletown Coin Club           | 3                     | 6.00            |
| 48                  | Niagara Falls Coin Club         | 4                     | 8.00            |
| 55                  | Nickel Belt Coin Club           | 5                     | 10.00           |
| 59                  | Ingersoll Coin Club             | 34                    | 68.00           |
| 62                  | Hamilton Coin Club              | 3                     | 6.00            |
| 66                  | Richmond Hill Coin Club         | 2                     | 4.00            |
| 68                  | Welland & District Coin Club    | 1                     | 2.00            |
| 69                  | Timmins Coin Club               | 0                     | -               |
| 73                  | Canadian Numismatic Assoc.      | 2                     | 4.00            |
| 74                  | North York Coin Club            | 12                    | 24.00           |
| 76                  | Windsor Coin Club               | 1                     | 2.00            |
| 78                  | St. Thomas Numismatic Assoc.    | 1                     | 2.00            |
| 79                  | Toronto Coin Club               | 9                     | 18.00           |
| 81                  | Lakeshore Coin Club             | 1                     | 2.00            |
| 82                  | S.O.B. Numismatist              | 0                     | -               |
| 83                  | Canadian Assoc. of Wooden Money | 5                     | 10.00           |
| 84                  | Kent Coin Club                  | 0                     | -               |
| 85                  | Canadian Large Cent Club        | 2                     | 4.00            |
| 86                  | Woodstock Coin Club             | 1                     | 2.00            |
| 87                  | Peterborough Coin Club          | 3                     | 6.00            |
| 88                  | Scarborough Coin Club           | 11                    | 22.00           |
|                     | Ontario Numismatic Association  | 23                    | 46.00           |
|                     | Mississauga Coin Club           | 1                     | 2.00            |
|                     | <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>275</b>            | <b>\$550.00</b> |

To Whom It May Concern

We the Executive of the O.N.A. we thank you for your support.

Ken Wilmot  
Draw Chairman

Bruce. R. Watt  
O.N.A. President

AUCTION TENDERS INVITED

TO ALL INTERESTED AUCTIONEERS,  
 professional and amateur, the executive of the O.N.A.  
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 Auction, which is to be held in the early spring of 1981,  
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 Convention.

For information or submit tenders to....

Mel Fiske  
 7795 Beaverdams Rd;  
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Please Note ... Highest Bidder not necessary be accepted.  
 Auction will be awarded to best information  
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The deadline date for bids is December 1st;  
 1980.

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We have a member of the O.N.A. Executive who is a very light  
 sleeper. He wakes up at the crack sound of ice, and says " I  
 drink to that ". I wonder who it is ?

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## Foreign currency values

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|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Australia | Dollar    | 1.3900 |                | T/C    | .2500  |
|           | T/C       | 1.3850 | Japan          | Yen    | .00535 |
| Austria   | Schilling | .0975  |                | T/C    | .00530 |
| Bahamas   | R Dollar  | 1.15   | Mexico         | Peso   | .0545  |
| Barbados  | Dollar    | .61    | Spain          | R T/C  | .0184  |
| Belgium   | Franc     | .0435  |                | T/C    | .0182  |
| Bermuda   | Dollar    | 1.15   | Switzerland    | Franc  | .7495  |
| France    | Franc     | .2975  |                | T/C    | .7460  |
|           | T/C       | .2950  | United Kingdom | Pound  | 2.8075 |
| Germany   | Mark      | .6895  |                | T/C    | 2.8050 |
|           | T/C       | .6870  | United States  | Dollar | 1.1640 |
| Hong Kong | Dollar    | .2500  |                | T/C    | 1.1630 |

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# Economist fed up with

# 'worthless' dollar

## prints his own money – and it's all legal



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‘I have decided to prove that you can have honest currency’

Economics lecturer Lloyd Darland holds up his \$20 bill and the gold coin that backs it up.

ECONOMICS lecturer Lloyd Darland is so fed up with the "worthless" dollar that he has started to print his own money – \$20 bills called the Darland Dollars.

He even sign his name on them, just as if he were G. William Miller, the Secretary of the Treasury. And it's all perfectly legal, even though the Secret Service was called in.

For every \$20 bill Darland issues, there is a \$20 gold piece - one of the U.S. double eagles - in the bank to back it up. " My money is as good as gold" he jokes.

In fact, because of the rocketing price of gold, and the premium that collectors have put on the double eagles, each one of his \$20 bills is really worth about \$1,000 in U.S. Treasury greenbacks.

And that's the price people pay if they want one of his special "bluebacks".

His currency, sometimes called the G (for gold) note is a little larger than a U.S. Treasury dollar. They are made for him by a company in Philadelphia, P.A., which prints money for a number of foreign countries.

Recently, Darland, who teaches at Harford County Community College near his home in Aberdeen, Md. was investigated by the Secret Service, which is assigned to protect the country's currency.

" I informed the local police I was starting to print my own money, and I guess they got in touch with the Secret Service", he said. " At first they said that I was breaking the law and that I had to stop issuing the bills.

" But when it came down to it, they couldn't find any law that I was breaking, and so they decided to just leave me alone."

A spokesman for the Secret Service said, " We are aware of what Darland is doing. He is within the law just so long as he really does have a \$20 gold piece in the bank to back up each of the notes that he issues, and just so long as he hands over that gold piece whenever someone with one of his \$20 notes wants to claim it."

The lecturer pointed out that each one of his bills is clearly marked "redeemable in gold coin by bearer on demand."

" Im fed up with the way this country has handled its paper currency," he said. " Every politician will tell you that you cannot have honest currency. Well, I am out to prove that you can."

By " honest currency," Darland means dollar bills that are backed by something other than paper.

" A Federal Reserve note should be a certificate good for what it says it is. But if you take a Reserve note to the Treasury and ask them what it's worth in something other than paper, they'll just laugh at you." he said.

"I have decided to show by example that you can have honest currency.

"Of course, one problem is that one of my notes is equal to \$20 in gold or about \$1,000 Federal Reserve notes and that is not a very good thing to buy lunch with.

"So what is happening at this stage is that lots of people are buying my dollars for defensive purposes. That is, people buy them as a form of savings or investment.

"If they should want to change their \$20 bill for the gold piece, they just come to me and I go to the bank and get it out for them."

The lecturer would not reveal how many bills he has printed or sold, but said: "It's peanuts compared with what the government prints."

He believes that it is the printing of so much money by the government that has caused inflation.

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# Membership

## NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the June 1980 has been accepted. The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the September issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

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Bruce H. Raszmann  
Membership Chairman

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **C78 ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

The June 9th; meeting was held at the Central United Church, Wellington St; St. Thomas, Ont. Ray Else showed and told about Trade Tokens which was very interesting to the members that attended.

Plans for the July 14th Picnic was announced.  
A light lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

### **C15 BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

The June 22nd; meeting was held at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St; Brantford, at 8:00 P.M.

The theme for the night was " NOSTALGIA NITE ". There was a 50 lot Auction held at the close of the business meeting. Approx. 30 members and guest attended the meeting.

### **C21 CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB**

The June 5th; meeting was held at the St. David's Anglican Church, Orillia, Ont. There were approx 20 members attended. A small seminar with instruction on " setting up " displays was given.

Kentucky Fried Chicken was served at the closed of the very interesting evening.

### **C81 LAKESHORE COIN CLUB**

The May General meeting was held as a " Curio " night. Members were asked to bring anything remotely associated with Numismatics, e.g. savings banks, key chains, lucite blocks, sword money, scales etc. They also had a slide presentation. To close the season they held a dinner, May 31 at the Topaz restaurant. During the Coin Week activities the Lakeshore Club held a very successful Coin Exhibition in the Pointe Claire Public Library. They displayed coins in these areas, Ancient, Foreign, Merchant Tokens, 17th & 18th Century English Tokens, Maltese Coins and various coins of Canada.

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For information.... P.O. Box 226  
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SEPTEMBER 27, 1980  
Toronto, Ontario....

Toronto Coin Club's  
Fall Show

British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec Rooms  
Royal York Hotel,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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OCTOBER 4, 1980  
Hamilton, Ontario....

Hamilton Coin Club's  
Annual Fall Show.

Centre Mall, Barton & Kenilworth Streets,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

For information...Lou Henderson  
1861 Main St;E;  
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OCTOBER 16-19, 1980  
Toronto, Ontario....

Fall Torex  
International Centre  
6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ont.

For information...Al Bliman  
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OCTOBER 19, 1980

Tillsonburge, Ontario....

Tillsonburge Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show

Tillsonburge Community Centre,

For information....Doug Mitchener

1 Mytle Street

Tillsonburge, Ont.

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OCTOBER 25, 1980

Richmond Hill, Ontario....

Richmond Hill Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show

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OCTOBER 26, 1980

Stratford, Ontario.....

Stratford Coin Club's

4th; Annual Coin and Stamp  
Show.

st. Patrick & Church Streets

Stratford, Ontario

For information ....

Stratford Coin Club

Box 262

Stratford, Ontario.

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NOVEMBER 1, 1980

Oshawa, Ontario.....

Oshawa & District Coin Club's

Annual Coin Show

Midtown Mall, Oshawa, Ont.

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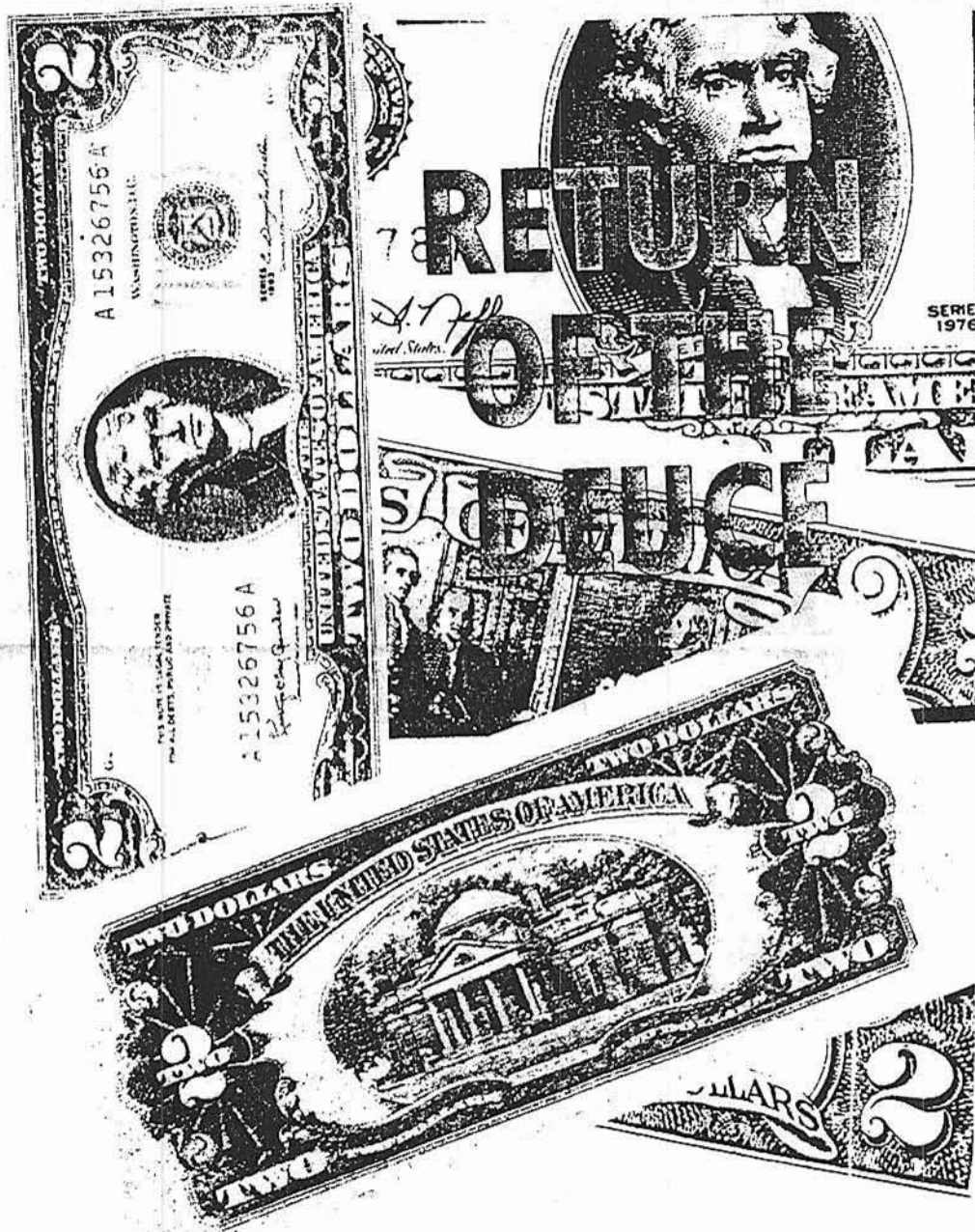
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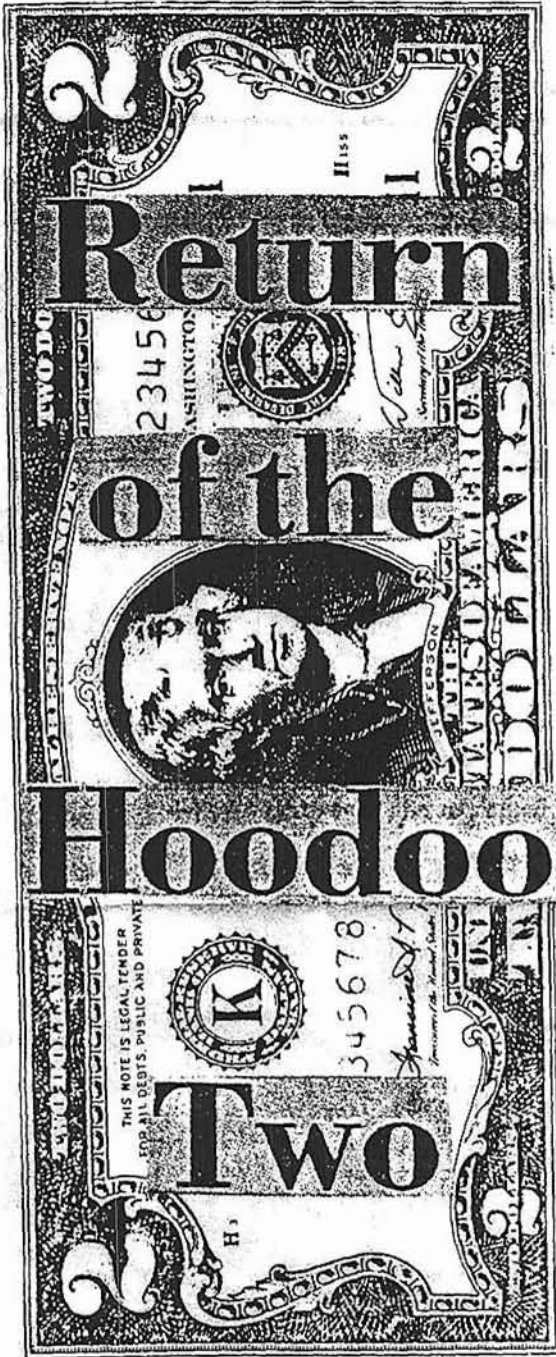
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Are you the superstitious kind? Do you avoid walking under ladders, feel uncomfortable in the presence of ambulatory black cats, and instinctively toss salt over your left shoulder when you upset the salt container?

If so, then you probably are not overly enthusiastic to see the return of the two dollar bill on April 13th; 1976 - yes, April THIRTEENTH, if you are American.

For the person steeped in superstition, the date is ominously appropriate. But like it or not, that's when the U.S. Treasury Department did unleash 225 million \$2 bills to work heaven knows what mischief on an unsuspecting public.

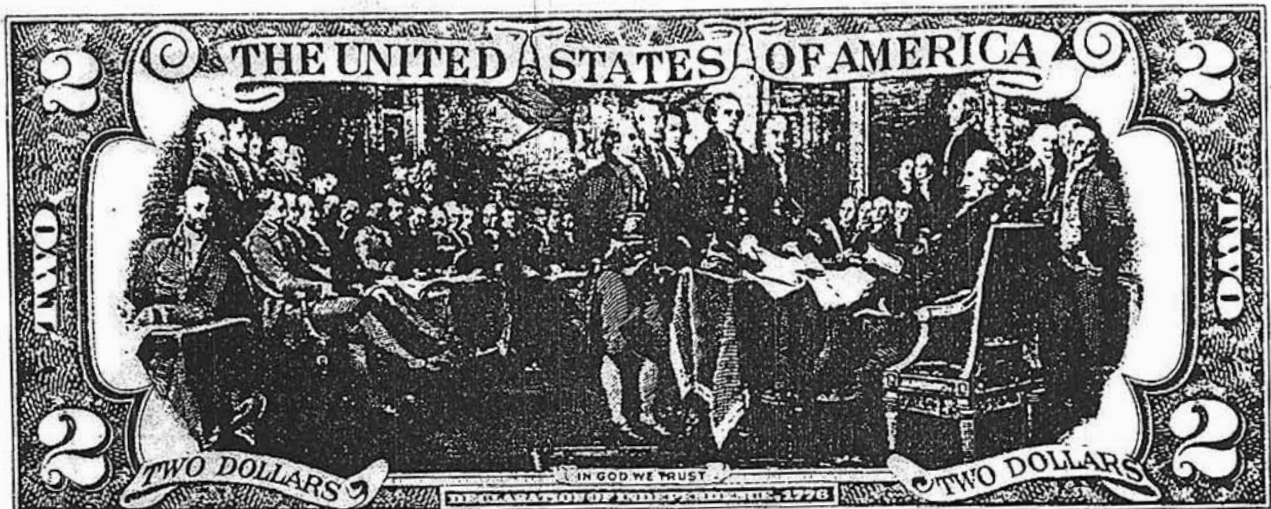
About a decade ago, when the \$2 bill was discontinued after about 190 years in circulation, it had achieved quite a reputation as a catalyst for bad luck. No one ever went so far as to burn a bale of duces at the stake, but some of the more superstitious, when receiving the note in change, would attempt to neutralize the "curse" by tearing off a corner, thereby negating the power of the hex.

"They were like voodoo," says Lenard L Babin, a Rochester, N.Y., coin dealer. "They had an awful image."

Babin confirmed the superstitious practice of cutting or tearing a corner off the bill to circumvent bad luck. Although he doesn't know the origin of the belief, he is well aware of its potency. Most of the \$2 bill he has handled in his shop had a corner torn off.



Another bad mark against the poor defenseless duce was the political practice of using them to buy votes in the 19th century (and probably later), and the image didn't improve when counterfeiters found it profitable to change their value to \$20. They also were associated with prostitution and, in some quarters, gained the unenviable label of "whore notes."

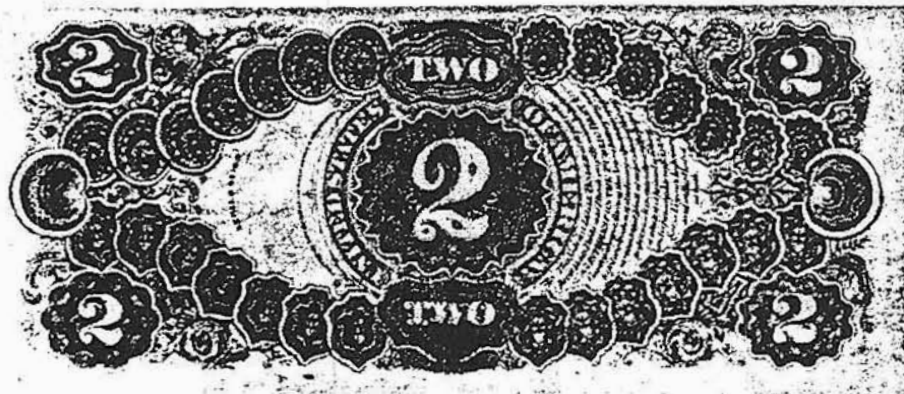


(Trumbull's Signing of the Declaration of Independence, as adapted to the back of the Series 1976 note, is minus six of the colonial patriots appearing in the original this caused some consternation)

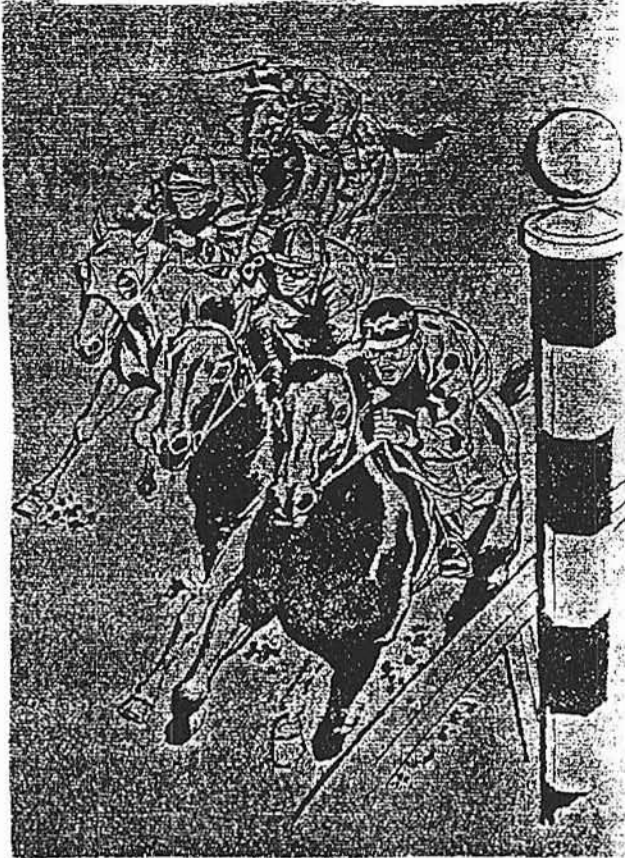
Until the decision was made to retain the likeness of Thomas Jefferson on the face of the 1976 series notes, there had been strong support for using the portrait of suffragette Susan B Anthony. That campaign fizzled, however, some say because of the bill's old and senseless association with prostitution.

"When we learned about that, we weren't so interested," said Roberta Lochiusa, president of the Susan B. Anthony Memorial Inc. in Rochester.

When it came to pinning hopes of fame and fortune on the nose of a race horse, the \$2 bill had a mixed track record.



Jefferson shared exposure with the Capitol building on the face of \$2 legal tender note, Series 1917, and on preceding issues since 1869.



Its reputation as a consort of the slightly unsavory betting crowd grew from the convenience of the denomination at the \$2 window. But even with convenience on its side, it was shunned by many of the betting crowd, who refused to even handle them less the hex rub off on a favorite nag.

In the face of all that potential hostility to the two-spot, the U.S. Treasury remains undaunted. Taking a page from the lexicon of modern warfare, it will use the tactic of "overkill". It will simply flood the country with \$2 bills.

When the notes were discontinued, they constituted only three-tenths of one per cent of the total paper currency in the nation. Government

printing presses are still turning out the bills, there were 225 million bills ready for circulation on April 13, 1976 the target date, which - appropriately- is Jefferson's birthday.

Other persons - notably Martin Luther King - were considered for memorialization on the \$2 bill, but it was Jefferson and his close ties with the American Revolution that were, after all, the most appropriate choice for a Bicentennial motif - even though officials say the note is not a Bicentennial issue.

Monticello, Jefferson's beloved estate that formerly graced the back of the two-spot, will be replaced by John Trumbull's painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That choice adds a nice touch, for it was Jefferson who supported Trumbull's work at a time when his paintings were objects of public ridicule and congressional caprice.

When the Capital was to be built in 1814, Trumbull took six of his historical paintings to Washington and proposed that they become the nucleus of a national gallery. Jefferson was all for it, stating that Trumbull's pictures should be retained in America as "monuments of the taste as well as of the great revolutionary scenes of our country."



*On \$2 notes from 1928 to 1963, Jefferson occupies the center of the face, and Monticello dominates the back.*



However, of Trumbull's 12 proposed subjects, a cautious Congress ordered only four to be placed in the Capital rotunda: the Burgoyne, the Cornwallis, the Declaration of Independence and the Resignation of Washington. Trumbull, then 60 years old, faced the awesome task of creating two new pictures, the enlarging the other four from two-by-four foot size to six times those dimensions.

Whatever warmth had been contained in the original sketches was thoroughly extinguished in the 900 square feet of finished works. When John Quincy Adams saw the nearly completed Declaration of Independence, he wrote in his diary that he was not disappointed because his expectations had been very low in the first place.

When the four canvasses were installed, they were subjects for scurrilous attacks. John Randolph labeled the Declaration a "shin piece," explaining that "never was there before such a collection of legs submitted to the eyes of man."

The government refused to buy a collection on which Trumbull had worked for more than 40 years, but finally Congress reluctantly doled out his fees. Dampness was already coating the backs of his rotunda pictures with mildew, and in the National Advertiser, the following cruel verse appeared.

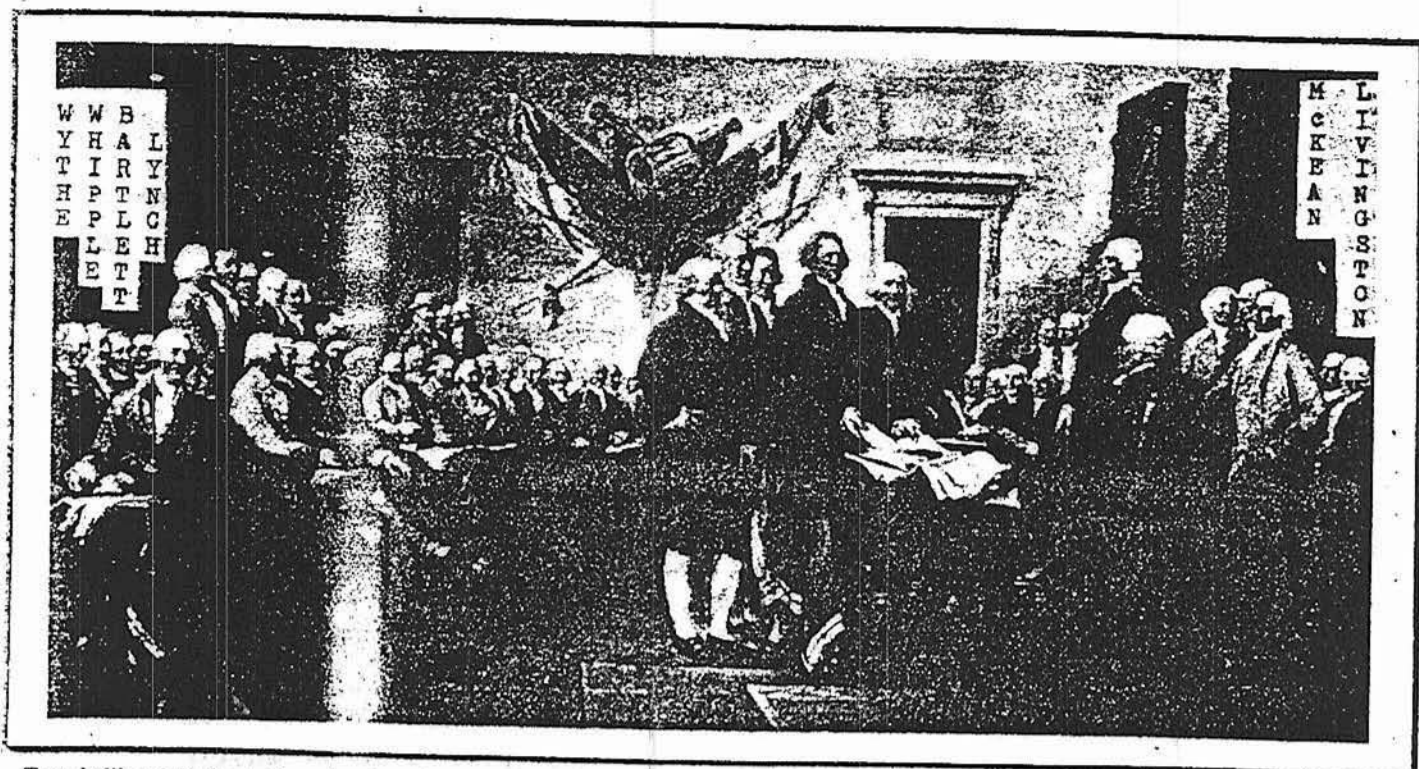
" How bright their buttons shine!  
 How straight their coat-flaps fall in  
   plaited grace;  
 How smooth the hair on every plate;  
 how vacant each immortal face!"

But both the Declaration of Independence document and Trumbull's painting of its signing have stood the test of time, a most formidable judge.

It would have been too easy had not the painting been forced to do battle for its own existence. It is more fitting that it, like the fledgling nation it honors, had to struggle to survive.

PLEASE NOTE...Recognition is given to Coins Magazine, Charles A. McKay and Lenard L. Babin for their information for research for this article.

Bruce R. Watt



*Trumbull's original painting, showing the four delegates at far left, two at extreme right that were deleted from the \$2 bill. Of the 48 men in the picture, Trumbull painted 36 from life.*

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OCTOBER 5th; 1980

Sarnia, Ontario.....

Sarnia Coin Club's  
Blue Water International Coin Show  
Holiday Inn, Blue Water Bridge,  
Sarnia, Ontario  
10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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OCTOBER 25, 1980

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St. Catharines Coin Club's  
Annual Coin Show & Banquet  
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OCTOBER 25, 1980

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Richmond Hill Coin Club's  
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OCTOBER 26, 1980  
Stratford, Ontario.....

Stratford Coin Club's  
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Stratford's Canadian Legion  
St. Patrick & Church Streets  
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NOVEMBER 1, 1980  
Oshawa, Ontario.....

Oshawa & District Coin Club's  
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Oshawa, Ontario.

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FEBRUARY 27,28 & MARCH 1, 1981  
Niagara Falls, Ontario....

Ontario Numismatic Association's  
19th; Annual Convention  
Sheraton Brock Hotel  
Niagara Falls, Ontario.

More information will follow at a later date.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY .. C1**

The Waterloo Coin Society's June 17th; meeting was held in the Waterloo Public Library, at 8:00 P.M.

Bernard Brohman got lucky! His was the first name drawn for the 8 o'clock attendance prize and he picked up the \$1.00.

In the Feature Draw the prizes were awarded as follows:

|           |              |                    |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|
| 1st prize | Bill English | 1972 P.L. Set      |
| 2nd prize | Bill Gordon  | U.S.A. \$2.00 Bill |
| 3rd prize | Ken McTavish | 1980 Charlton Book |

Ken Wilmot congratulated Waterloo Coin Society members for selling 28 books of O.N.A. Draw Tickets. Ken presented Bruce Raszmann the Treasurer a cheque for the amount of \$56.00 for the Societys efforts.

Bill English conducted the auction. The auction was very lively with 38 lots sold.

The guest speaker for this meeting was John Regitko. His topic was the minting process and how errors occur. John added to his verbal presentation through the use of coloured slides and many actual error pieces that he brought with him.

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### **BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY .. C15**

The Brantford Numismatic Society's June meeting was poorly attended, with only 26 members and 2 guests in attendance. President Ed Anstett welcomed everyone to share each other hospitality. There was a 50 lot auction. Ed Anstett gave a report on the up coming coin show.

## STRATFORD COIN and STAMP CLUB .. C20

The Stratford Coin and Stamp club has moved to a new location for their monthly meetings. The club meets at the Stratford Kiwanis Community Centre - Lakeside Dr; second Monday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Sharp.

The club members are selling raffle tickets for the draw at the up coming coin and stamp show on Sunday, Oct; 26, 1980, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 207 Patrick St; Stratford. The prizes are... 1st- 1 hind quarter of beef or 250 - 1980 dollars, 2nd- 1980 Prestige Set, 3rd- 20 1980 dollars.

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## CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB .. 21

The September meeting of the Champlain Coin Club was held at the St. David's Anglican Church, Orilla, Thursday September 4th; at 8:00 P.M.

The program for the evening was a numismatic film, a numismatic quizz, draws, and a coin auction.

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## ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION .. C78

The meeting was called to order, at 8:00 P.M Monday, September 8, 1980, by President Don Houghton.

The business session of the meeting was short, and there was a discussion on plans for the Fall Season.

There was a large coin auction, a door draw at the close of the meeting, with a lunch to follow.

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## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of WOODEN MONEY COLLECTOES .. 83

The Canadian Association of Wooden Money held its Annual Meeting and Breakfast in the Stratford Room, Sheraton Hotel, Montreal, July 25, 1980

There were 23 members present from accross Canada and United States of America. A donation auction was held, swapping bee, and fun for all.

## INGERSOLL COIN CLUB .. C59

The Ingersoll Coin Club met Monday, June 16, 1980 for their regular meeting in the Senior Citizens room at the Lions Hall on Thames Street.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by the Vice President, Stella Hodge, with a warm welcome to all.

Membership attendance draw of \$4.00 was won by Len Coles who donated \$3.00 back so other members could win and the winners were: Glen Zavitz, Charles Laister and Ken Wilmot.

T. Masters read a letter from the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club (re: Easter Seal Campaign) thanking the club for its continued support and for the \$1,000.00 donation.

The coin jar for the crippled children was passed around and after two months it contained \$12.75.

T. Masters gave a report on Major Sheldon as the guest speaker at the O.N.A. Convention in Ottawa. Stella Hodge report on her tour of the Bank of Canada Money Museum.

Stella Hodge gave a talk on Susan B. Anthony and her dollar. Stella explained how the Anthony Dollar was minted, and why it has a notorious bad record of public acceptance.. The talk was very interesting and well received by all.

T. Masters served the refreshments before the 30 lot Auction was held.

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## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB .. C74

Due to the long holiday week-end, attendance at the Garden Party meeting held at the home of Miss Jean Orr in Newmarket on June 29th was small, but those who did attend enjoyed themselves.

There was a short business meeting to welcome new members Norma Cruikshank and Kenneth O. Ryan to club, and to approve the third Tuesday of December as the date of our December meeting and Christmas Party. After that it was all feasting and fun. Miss Orr was presented with a hanging basket of flowers from the club. Draw prizes were won by Mrs A. Wilkinson, Mrs E. Jewett, Mrs A. Ciona, David Addison, Glen Williams and Basil Latham.

# Coin lends credence to the Shroud of Turin

CHICAGO (UPI) - The Shroud of Turin - honored for centuries as the burial cloth of Jesus - can be dated by the imprint of a coin issued by Pontius Pilate, the procurator of Judea at the time of the crucifixion, research by a Roman Catholic theologian concludes.

Markings detected on photographs of the shroud are extremely similar to those on the coin issued during the regime of Pontius Pilate between the years 29 and 32 A.D, the Rev. Francis Filas, said in a copyright report released in the last of July.

The imprint was found over the right eye of the "Man of the Shroud" and fits the supposition that a coin had been placed on the eyes of the dead man to keep them closed, said Filas, a theology professor at Loyola University.

The Shroud of Turin is a faded yellow burial cloth that has been kept in a chapel attached to the Cathedral of St. John in Turin, Italy, for 400 years.

It bears the bloody imprint of the face and body of a man - believed to have been Jesus Christ - and was subjected to severe scrutiny in 1978 by a team of 36 scientists who determined the imprint could not have been faked.

From an enlargement of a second-generation print used on original 1931 photographic plates, Filas discovered an astrologer's staff and four Greek letters that are part of the Greek inscription, " of Tiberius Caesar," on the coins of Pontius Pilate.



PONTIUS Pilate coin with typical astrologer's staff and letters IOU along the lefthand rim. <sup>UPI</sup>

In Memoriam  
Cale B. Jarvis, F.R.N.S.

It is sad to have to report the death of Cale Jarvis, the founder of Canada Coin News, He died on July 20th; in his seventieth year. Born in Vancouver, B.C., he served in the Canadian Army during the second World War, and was active in the Resistance in the Netherlands before the Allied landing of 1944. He was an original instructor in Canada's first commando school, and was on Field Marshal Montgomery's staff at El Alamein. After the war he became a mining engineer, and was on loan to the British Army for seven years as a consultant during the industrial reconstruction of Germany.

In 1962 Cale Jarvis began to write his well-known coin column for the Toronto Globe & Mail. He founded Canada Coin News in 1960. His chief numismatic interests were Canadian Colonial coinages and coins of the British Commonwealth. Besides his membership in the C.N.A., A.N.A., O.N.A., Cale Jarvis was a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society, and a Director of the International Bank Note Society. The Canadian numismatic scene will not be the same now that he is gone. He will be missed by many.

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# Investors find shelter a warm stamp or coin

By BILL KURCHAK

It's called "inflation."

That's the term many analysts are now using to describe our current state of the economy, in which a recession is compounded by inflation.

It's a cycle that has most investors running amuck, searching for the protection that will keep part of their money safe from the everyday risks of stock investments and well ahead of the lack-lustre pace of paper deposits. Many of the running scared are heading directly to the funny names in investment: Numismatics (rare coins) and Philatelics (stamps).

And why not?

Over the last 12 months, some of these tangibles, usually described under the heading of "collecibles" out-performed most other investments - even gold.

For instance, a rare U.S. coin portfolio worth \$5,550 in May, 1979 was revalued at \$16,000 in May of 1980. That's an increase of almost 200% a year. One rare stamp portfolio, worth \$14,844 in May, 1979, was revalued at \$20,150 the following May. Chalk up an annual increase of 35%.

## Investors swarming

Many portfolio managers are now strongly advising their clients to move swiftly and generously into this tangibles business. The result is this advice is two fold. Confidence in the traditional investment areas is being eroded and the pressure of the new swarm on tangibles is contributing to the increased biddings for rare and limited. It's sort of like downtown real estate in Toronto. But it has some strict basic rules.

In rare coins the major determinant of value is their condition. Until recent years, as investors put more emphasis on the precise value, there was little standardization in grading. Each individual seller and buyer had his own system for evaluating his or her price depending on personal knowledge and experience. Needless to say, the collectibles brought little outside attention and belief.

But as the American Numismatic Association developed both a numerical and verbal grading system that has been adopted as the official evaluation system for rare coins in the U.S., the day-to-day business has sky-rocketed.

There are various coin portfolio recommendations floating about, as the burgeoning field sends out more and more newsletters and experts. The basic criteria for selection of coins to any portfolio, however, should rely on: High quality, diversification, pricerange, liquidity and one year potential for appreciation.

The international recognition of American coinage seems to be the best way to start. Here are some of the types to look for. The U.S. half dime, shield nickel, and Liberty head nickel. The U.S. buffalo nickel and the Jefferson nickel. In the penny set: the U.S. Flying eagle cent, Indian head cent and Lincoln wheat cent.

Stamps or philatelics also fall into fulfilling the criteria for collection of rare and limited tangibles. There are about 50 million stamp collectors worldwide. This large collector base provides a strong and consistent market that will avoid the lable as fad amongst investment critics.

But the rule of stamp collecting as an investment are again strict, because the collector base is also filled with many who are easily termed hobby buyers.

Some of the rules: Always be sure you're buying a stamp or stamps for the right investment reason - because there is a real collector demand, not one that you have invented.

Purchase stamps that can be easily sold to any stamp collecting centre. Purchase stamps from countries that have strong or potentially strong economy with a strong or developing middle class.

Do not buy high-mintage issues.

Tangibles in the form of rare coins and stamps are fast becoming an indispensable part of many big and little guys a attempt to protect themselves against what many economists are saying will be the most perilous economic times in history.

It's an area of investment that can also be fun, and some of my friends who have gotten hooked lately will rant and rave that the stock market looks like certificates of deposit as far as return is concerned, and much like the riskiest penny stock when one compares the risk involved.

Collectors allege there is no such thing as a risk if you buy the best.

# SHOW AND BOURSE

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4th Annual Coin & Stamp Show  
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## Black Market in Chinese Money

Chinese sources say that a black market in money has prompted Peking to issue the special currency that all foreign visitors, including Chinese living overseas, now must use for many of their purchases in China. Only visitors can use the "foreign-exchange certificates." Chinese citizens had been lending money to relatives visiting from overseas, and arranging for repayment in equivalent deposits in foreign banks when the relatives got home. Many Chinese were using the ploy to circumvent currency restrictions in anticipation of being allowed to travel abroad.

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## *Divo reports new fake*

Extremely dangerous forgeries of a gold ducat of Leopold I, struck at Kremnitz in 1660 for Hungary has been reported by Bank Leu Numismatic Department, Zurich, Switzerland, according to Jean-Paul Divo, firm spokesman. Divo notes that several of the specimens were sold to coin dealers in Vienna, Austria, recently by a woman, perhaps of eastern European origin. The coin

measures 22 millimeters, weighs 3.475 grams, which is about correct, though specimens which have seen circulation should weigh less, Divo observes. The edge of the coin was hammered all around, making it too sharp. And, Divo says, the color of the gold is very dull. The address of Bank Leu Numismatic Department is Postfach 553, 8022 Zurich, Switzerland.

## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

Keep that CLUB NEWS coming in, folks!!!

### CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB .. C21

The October meeting of the Champlain Coin Club was held on October 2nd; 1980, in the St. Davids Anglican Church at 8:00 P.M..

The program for the night was a film called "THE FRANKLIN MINT STORY." A quizz on paper money and on decimal coins was held.

After the business meeting was completed a small auction was conducted.

The attendance has started to pick up now that everyone back from his or her holidays.

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### THE STRATFORD COIN CLUB .. C20

The September meeting was held at the Kiwanis Centre and once again the club was in the pleasant position of having too many out for the size of the room. There were 33 members and 4 guest bulging the seams of the meeting room.

The main part of the programme was a slide series on Edward the VIII Coins and an excellent quizz on Canadian coins and paper money.

Wm. Jarema won the membership draw. The prize was a 1980 Proof-like Set.

The major draw winners were as follows: 1978 Silver Dollar.. Dave Luna, Stratford Medallion.. Win Becker, 2 Theatre Tickets..Ken Wilmot.

The meeting was closed with a Coin Auction.

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### THISTLETOWN COIN & STAMP CLUB .. C39

The September meeting was held Tuesday, September 9th; 1980 at the Etobicoke Public Library. The doors were opened at 7:00 P.M.

The door prize for the night was a 10 POWER DOUBLE GLASS POCKET FOLDING MAGNIFIER FOR STAMPS or COINS. (No report on who won this excellent prize.)

The theme for this meeting was bring a friend. The attendebce was excellent. Lots of guests.

A Auction was held at the close of the business meeting.

## NORTH YORK COIN CLUB .. C74

The September meeting was held, Tuesday, September 30th; 1980 at the North York Memorial Community Hall, 5090 Yonge St; Willowdale.

Dr. John Wilkinson was the Guest Speaker. His talk and slides on ancient Greek & Roman Coins was an education to all who attended. Most of the coins shown are seldom seen outside of a museum, and Dr. Wilkinson's expertise in this field brought to life many historical names we had read in history books.

The lucky draw winners were; Mrs. Beatty, Jan Bajorek, Henry Burke, Basil Latham, Lucille Colson, Bruce Watt, and Bill Kieth. The attendance Draw was won by Miss Jean Orr.

George Fraser gave a report on the C.N.A. Montreal Convention.

Bruce R. Watt gave a report on the upcoming O.N.A. Convention, to be held at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls on February 27, 28th; & March 1st; 1981.

Jack Veffler gave a report on the A.N.A. Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alan Cornish distributed the Coin Week Canada Certificates to the members who participated in the 1980 Coin Week Canada promotion.

A 17 lot Auction was conducted by Glen Williams assisted by Basil Latham, followed with coffee & refreshments served by Miss Jean Orr.

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## BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY .. C15

The September meeting was held, Sunday, September 21st; 1980 at the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St; Brantford, at 8:00 P.M. sharp.

The September meeting saw one of the smallest turnouts in years, only 23 with guest attended our first meeting of the Fall season. Vice-President Frank Baka chaired the meeting in the absence of the President.

The members showed their hospitality and fellowship to the guests that attended. Everyone had an enjoyable evening. A 25 lot auction was held.

## INGERSOLL COIN CLUB .. C59

The Ingersoll Coin Club met Monday, September 15, 1980, in the Senior Citizens Room at the Lions Hall, Thames Street.

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Masters with a warm welcome to all.

A discussion was held on the prices of gold and silver, and what each member predicted the future of these prices.

Grant Monck gave a report on the C.N.A. Convention in Montreal.

Share the Wealth draw for \$8.25 was won by a new member Jack MacGinnie.

Grant Monck was the guest speaker for the night. His topic was a story of the Brasher Dubloon and of the well know goldsmith and jeweller Ephraim Brasher who engraved and produced these gold pieces. Also of its recent sale for \$750.000 and of other pieces related to Brasher. Over 20 colored slides complemented Grants's fine presentation.

A 40 lot auction concluded the evening.

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# Sloop Mary Ann's gold may lay in city marsh

Oshawa's lakefront could become the Yukon of the 80's. Treasure hunters may be overlooking this area of the world where buried treasure appears to be available for the lucky hunter.

Bob Stephenson, an amateur ship-wreck researcher and diver, believes one of the richest ships to sail Lake Ontario may be laying at the bottom of a small marsh, just west of Oshawa's water supply plant.

According to material he has collected over the years on the wreck the ship could be carrying as much as \$6.5 - million in gold or silver coins in its holds.

Stephenson believes the ship was the British-owned sloop Mary Ann, a supply vessel commissioned in 1813 for the garrison at Fort York, now Toronto.

An article in the Canadian Treasure magazine, referring to the same ship, estimated the sloop may have been carrying 37,000 pounds sterling in her holds, he said.

Stephenson said if the gold had been in the form of gold sovereigns, it would weigh about 600 pounds.

The Mary Ann's tale, he said, began one day late in the spring of 1813. The sloop Mary Ann, just bought by the head of the garrison, General Roger Sheaffe, had been ordered to sail to Fort Kingston to pick up the fort's payroll.

The sloop docked briefly at Kingston, picked up a few provisions and waited while the money in strong boxes was loaded into her holds.

After everything was secured, the ship cast off on its 160 mile return voyage to Fort York.

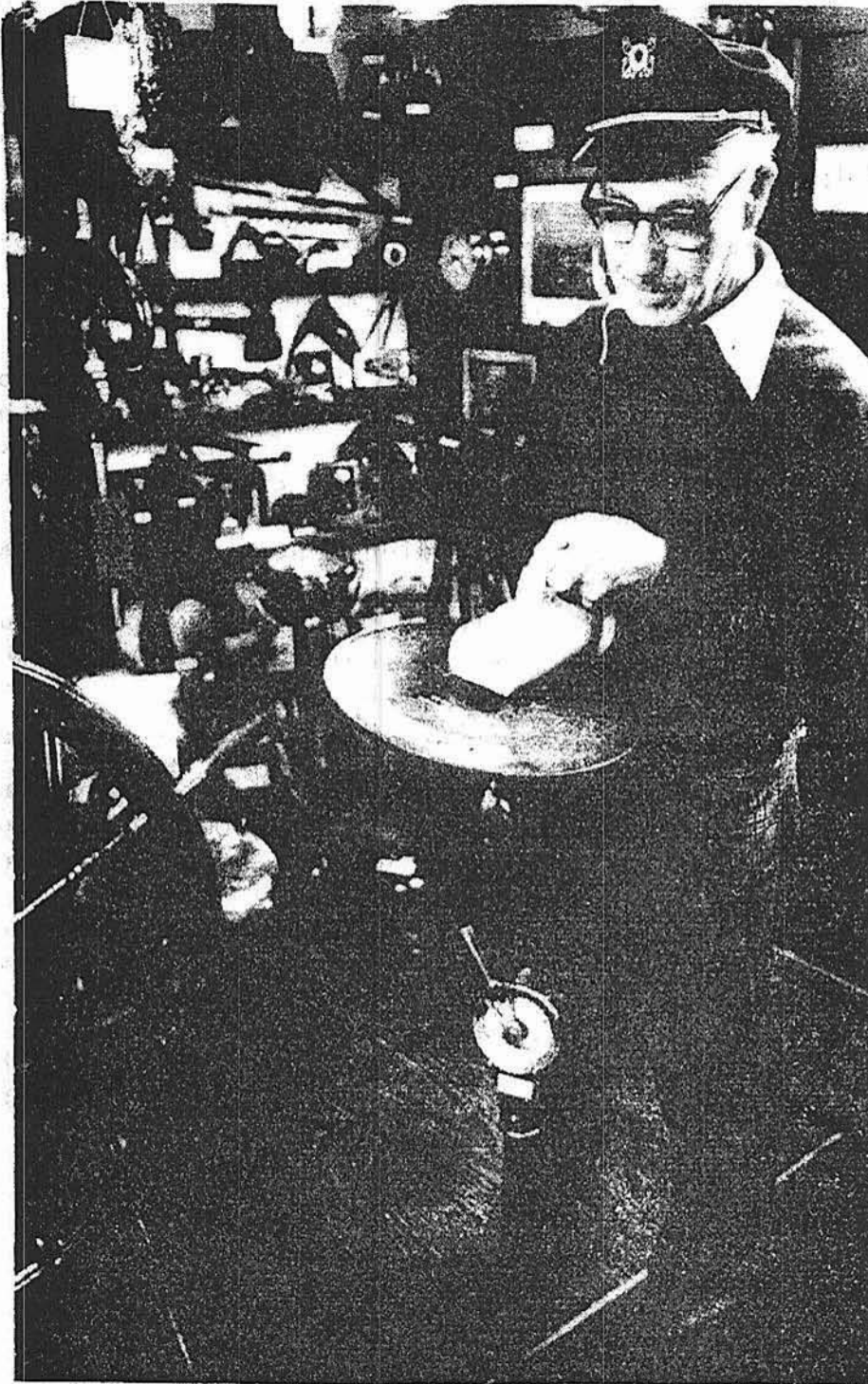
What the captain and crew of the Mary Ann didn't know, however, was that during their absence Fort York had been captured by the American Fleet, headed by Commodore Chauncey.

Stephenson said the crew of the little sloop Mary Ann must have been surprised when they sighted two of Chauncey's ships after rounding Gibraltar Point (now Hanlan Point).

The Mary Ann quickly turned around and began sailing back to Fort Kingston, hoping to outrun the two enemy vessels, now in hot pursuit.

The chase stopped in Oshawa when the two American ships managed to trap the Mary Ann too close to shore by Bonnie Brae Point - at that time a prominent headland.

(cont.)



**THE UNDERWATER METAL DETECTOR** that Oshawa diver Bob Stephenson holds can accurately pinpoint various types of metal from quite a distance, he said. During his years

locating and searching old ship wrecks at the bottom of the Great Lakes, Stephenson has still to come across anything which could be classed as treasure or money. In other areas

such as ship fittings, he said, he has been luckier. All the items seen in the background at his Stone Street residence were recovered from sunken wrecks.

The Mary Ann's captain, still hoping to prevent the capture of his ship, made a desperate run for a beach channel into to a marsh, just west of Bonnie Brae Point, relying on the shallow draft of his sloop to let him slip through.

Stephenson said the Mary Ann with her keel bumping and grinding along the bottom of the channel, managed to enter the quiet waters of the marsh.

The next day, however, the crew discovered there was no way to sail the Mary Ann back into the lake because the ship had become hopelessly "marsh-bound".

Stephenson said several theories have been offered through the years about the fate of the ship and payroll.

Some said the Americans rowed into the marsh, found the sloop abandoned with the strong-box missing and burned the vessel.

Others believed, he said, the payroll was dropped overboard into the shoreline shallows of the marsh with the intention of retrieving it later. The ship's crew then burned or scuttled the ship themselves to prevent the vessel from falling into enemy hands.

Stephenson said succeeding generations of treasure hunters have quietly searched the perimeter of the marsh with everything from divining rods to government surplus mine-detectors during the past 80 years without any success.

But before you reach for a pick, shovel or metal detector also consider this.

Stephenson said Public Archives of Canada records showed that during another naval incident that occurred in October 1813, approximately six months later Commodore Chauncy's American fleet captured five British Supply ships near the Duck Islands at the east end of Lake Ontario.

Stephenson said one of the sloops was called the Mary Ann.

But this doesn't mean the sloop was the same vessel.

The Oshawa diver said it was not uncommon in those days for early sailing ships to have the same name.

To illustrate the point, he said a check of ship registry records a few years later show there were seven schooners with the name Ontario operating on the Great Lakes.

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This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person you feel has done much to improve our hobby, worked hard to promote its qualities and spread the word as to the merits of belonging to a club which specializes in making our hobby a healthy and worthwhile past time, this is the person who should receive your individual consideration. Take this name to your club for their support. Let's make it tough for the O.N.A. Merit Award Committee this year and give them some real opposition to choose their AWARD of MERIT CANDIDATE.

In the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist the the committees names and address will be printed.

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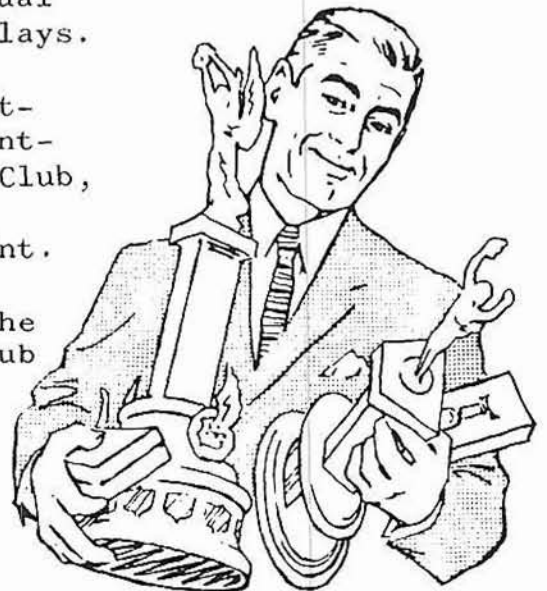
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This trophy will be up for competition at the 19th; Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club, Feb. 27, 28, & March 1, 1981, at the Sheraton Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, Ont.

The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time. This display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three display cases. The category will be of any



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But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any other O.N.A. Categories.

The Club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Annual Convention. At that time the Trophy has to be returned to the O.N.A. Annual Convention Committee for the next competition.



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In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting, May 1977, Article 7, section 5, we quote: " All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected. Failure to do this nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be so advised.

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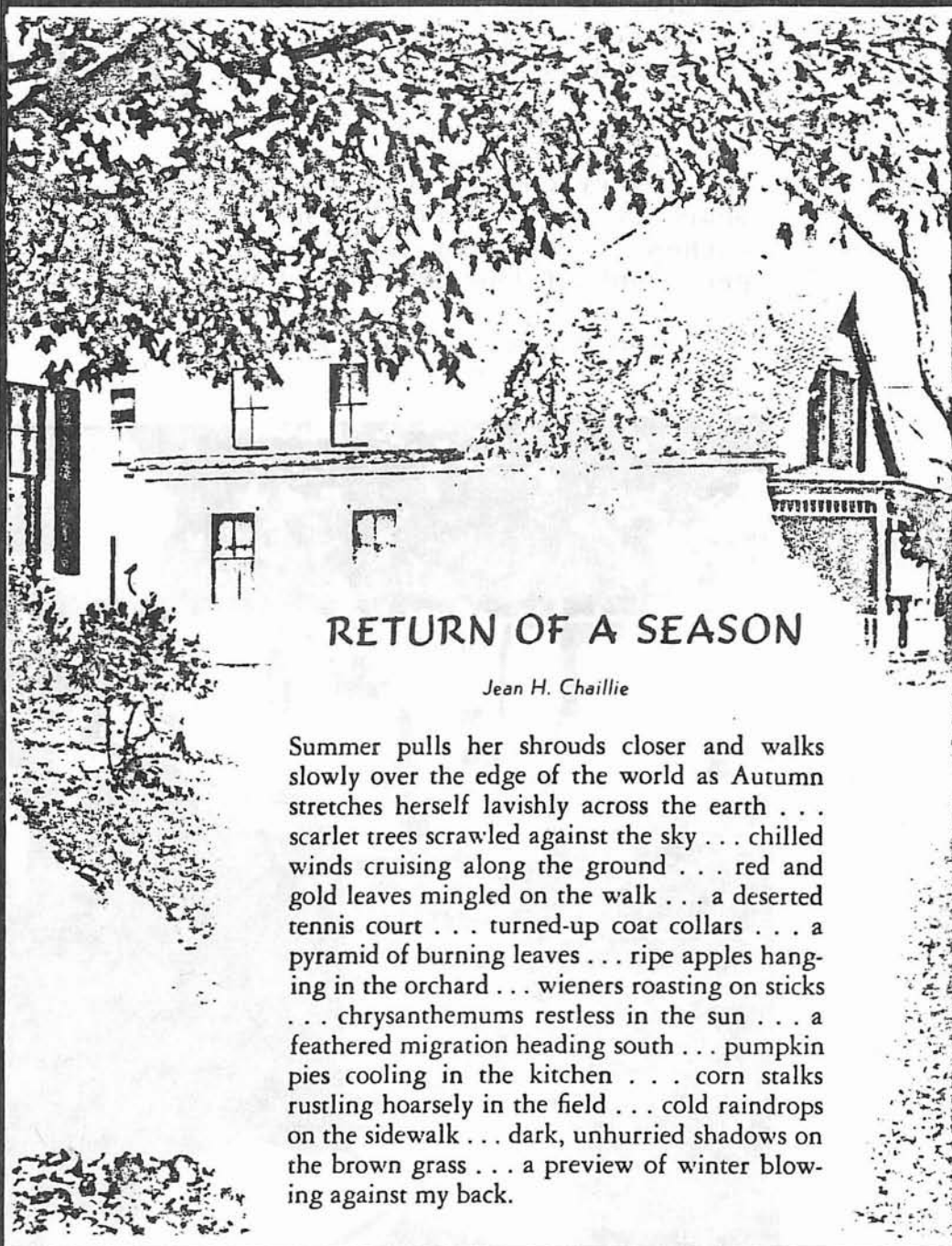
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## RETURN OF A SEASON

Jean H. Chaillie

Summer pulls her shrouds closer and walks slowly over the edge of the world as Autumn stretches herself lavishly across the earth . . . scarlet trees scrawled against the sky . . . chilled winds cruising along the ground . . . red and gold leaves mingled on the walk . . . a deserted tennis court . . . turned-up coat collars . . . a pyramid of burning leaves . . . ripe apples hanging in the orchard . . . wieners roasting on sticks . . . chrysanthemums restless in the sun . . . a feathered migration heading south . . . pumpkin pies cooling in the kitchen . . . corn stalks rustling hoarsely in the field . . . cold raindrops on the sidewalk . . . dark, unhurried shadows on the brown grass . . . a preview of winter blowing against my back.

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*A tale of Dunbar Hill*

# Refugees may have left

By Bruce R. Watt  
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# pot of gold

Every community along the rim of the Great Lakes has its share of stories and legends of sunken treasure and buried caches of gold and silver coins, according to Earl Hann, past president of the Oshawa and District Historical Society.

And Oshawa is no different.



ONE OF the more circulated stories according to Earl Hann, has it that pots of old coins may have been buried in the vicinity of Dunbar's

Hill, near the Port of Oshawa Pioneer Cemetery. Rumors suggest the money could have been squirreled away by Americans who

were afraid to keep their money in banks during the Civil War or counterfeiters who operated in the area. Hann said when

the cemetery was moved to its present site a few years ago construction activity failed to turn up even one coin.

Hann said many of the stories of buried money he has heard over the years are just that - stories. But a few, he concedes, could be true.

Take the story of buried coins on Dunbar Hill, for example, he said.

In 1878 stories have it, an American visitor to Oshawa nosing around the waterfront dug up a pot or kettle of coins on Dunbar Hill, in the vicinity of the port of Oshawa Pioneer Cemetery.

Residents in the area beleived the money belonged to American Civil War refugees who buried the coins there for the duration of the unrest.

Hann said with the war at an end and the United States beginning to recover, the Americans were withdrawing their money from the improvised bank.

Oshawa's wooded lakeshore was also known in the early 1800's as the home away from home for American counterfeiters.

An Oshawasettler, Thomas Conant in his book of LIFE IN CANADA tells how New England counterfeiters came over after the War of 1812 to set up their mints in the dense woods of Lower Canada.

The Americans specialized in milling fake Spanish and Mexican coins, a common currency of the day, he said.

Conant said that the counterfeiters melted the silver coins down, and mixed them with lead. The counterfeit coins were milled so carefully that one Montreal bank accepted \$4,000 of the 'queer stuff.'

Conant said American paymasters used to cross Lake Ontario on a regular basis to buy counterfeit dollars and exchange them for real coins.

Hann said references to certain incidents in old documents led him to beleive events happened which could lead to buried money.

After all Oshawa's history was'nt that dull," he pointed out.

Residents are always digging up artifacts over a century old, Hann pointed out. "Why not money then," he asked.

The Robinson House Museum, he said has two or three old cannon balls which were recovered from the Second Marsh where the story goes that another sloop sought refuge from American war ships.

Bob Stephenson, an amateur archaeologist specializing in sunken ships, agrees with Hann that every community along the lake has its share of stories.

"I think a lot of them are perpetuated by people who like to romanticize," Stephenson said.

In the years Stephenson has spent searching and finding old wrecks in Lake Ontario, the most the diver has found was ship fittings.

One story Stephenson likes to tell involves the strong-box of money lost on shore just west of Darlington Provincial Park by French fur traders.

Late in the 1700's he said a French sloop was sent to provision and pick up money from an illegal fur-trading post in the Darlington Park area.

A British sloop waiting further east for the French vessel forced it to go aground. The crew rowed ashore from the ship carrying their strong-box.

Stephenson said when the men were rounded up by the British troops ashore days later the strong-box was missing.

That rumor, he said was passed from generation to generation by one of the families with property on the lake.

You can accept it or not, he said.



**THE MOST EARL HANN** has come across buried in Oshawa are two old cannon balls and a flintlock pistol. The past president of the Oshawa and District Historical Society hastened to add that it didn't mean something more valuable such as money could have been buried in the area. Old stories and rumors of buried wealth always circulate in small communities, he said — more so if the community is located along the shores of the Great Lakes.

## Association News:

As of October 20th; 1980, the 19th; Annual O.N.A. Convention Dates and Location has been changed to.....

NEW DATES..... APRIL 24, 25 & 26th; 1981.

NEW LOCATION..... SKYLON TOWER, with accomodations at the YOUR HOST BEST WESTERN MOTOR INN, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.

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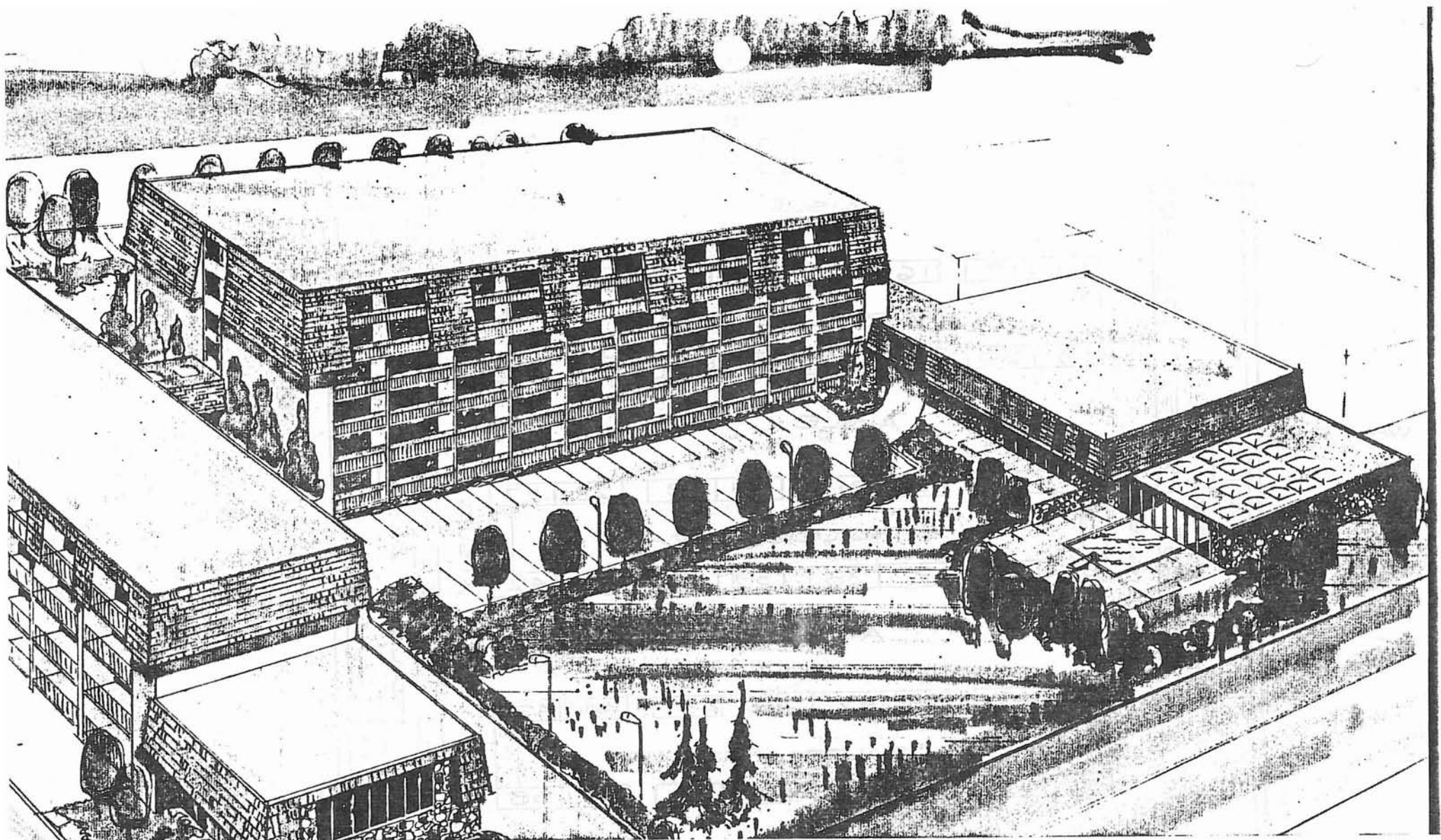
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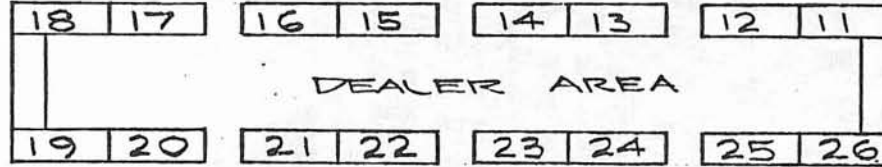
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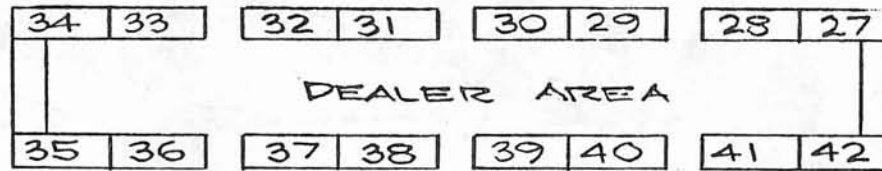
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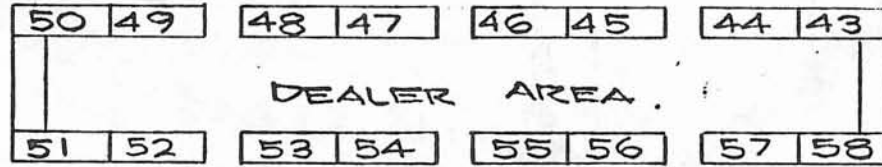
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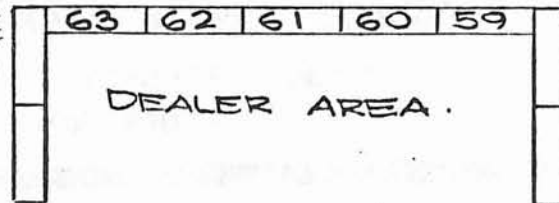
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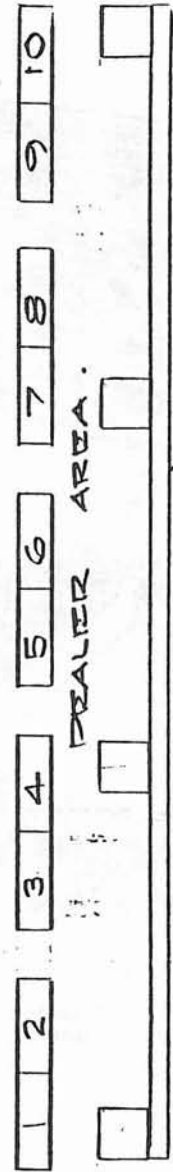
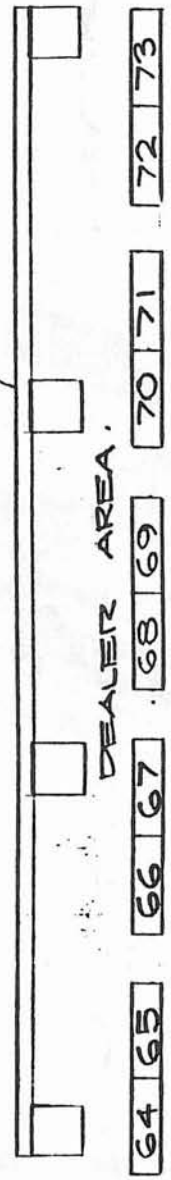
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## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBERS.

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic association, which appeared in the July-August issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1158.. Terry A. Campell, P.O. Box 26, Oshawa, Ont; L1H 7K8

1159.. Basil Latham, P.O. Box 503, Adelaide St; P.O.,  
Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2J6.

1160.. Mrs. Bev. Lenz, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario,  
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## Ontario Numismatic Association

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 (For Clubs Only) Address City Prov. Postal Code Phone

AFFILIATIONS: C.N.A. No. .... A.N.A. No. .... Others: .....

My particular interests in Numismatics are: .....

If accepted into membership of the Ontario Numismatic Association, I will abide by its Constitution. I HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPELLED OR REFUSED MEMBERSHIP IN ANY NUMISMATIC CLUB OR ASSOCIATION.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: ..... DATED .....

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We would like to submit the following Numismatist for the most coveted "AWARD of MERIT, of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION."

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NAME .....

SIGNATURE.....ADDRESS.....

NAME .....

The following are some of the reasons for our Nomination -  
(List achievements, Special services, writing, Research, Advancement of Numismatics.)

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(Please use separate sheets if necessary)

- RULES :    Nomination:
- 1 Resident of Ontario
  - 2 Summary to be included
  - 3 Closing date, March 24th; 1981

MARK ENVELOPE: "AWARD of MERIT" and mail to Award of Merit Chairman, Robert Porter, 46 Bankfield Dr; Rexdale, Ontario, M9V 2P8.

IMPORTANT: Make sure two signatures are on your nomination form as two are required. Members not wishing to mutilate their copies of the NUMISMATIST, may take the necessary information down on plain paper and mail to Bob Porter, but make sure YOU HAVE TWO SIGNATURES.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1981-1983

In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Meeting, May 1977, Article 7, Section 5, we quote: "All nominations shall be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing or by an officer of a member club that is in good standing, and sent to the Chairman of the Election Committee. All nominations must be accompanied by a written acceptance from the nominee or a declaration signed by the nominators stating that the nominee shall stand for office if elected. Failure to do this, nomination shall be invalid and the nominee shall be advised.

Nomination shall close four months prior to the opening of the Annual General Meeting. The closing date for this nomination is December 24th; 1980.

The Chairman mailing address is, : Henry Burke, P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6 ( O.N.A. NOMINATIONS)

Use the following form to send in your nominations

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NOMINATOR SIGNATURE..... O.N.A. #.....

CHAS. B. LAISTER TROPHY

The "Chas. B. Laister Trophy" donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of O.N.A. Member Club Displays.

This trophy will be up for competition at the 19th; Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the Niagara Falls Coin Club, April 24, 25 & 26th; 1981, at the Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The trophy will be awarded for the best display from any O.N.A. Member Club in Ontario that is in good standing at Convention time. This display can be put in as a club project, or by a member of an Ontario Club, but only in the name of the Club he or she are a member of.



A WINNER

Only one display will be allowed from each member club. The space or area allowed will be that of one, two or three display cases. The category will be of any category that the Club wish to enter. But all displays in this competition will be competitive and none of these displays will be allowed to compete in any other O.N.A. Categories.

The Club that has the best display will get the Laister Trophy till the next O.N.A. Annual Convention. At that time the Trophy has to be returned to the O.N.A. Annual Convention Committee for the competition.

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## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION .. C78

The October meeting of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association on Thanksgiving Monday, October 13th; 1980 at 8:00 P.M., at the Central United Church, Wellington Street, St. Thomas.

Ray Else the Vice-President was the speaker for the evening. His topic was on Canadian Large Cents.

There was a very active 49 lot auction, followed with Pumpkin Tarts and Beverage.

Future Date to keep open is... December 8th; 1980 for the Annual Christmas Party.

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### RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB .. C66

The Richmond Hill High School was the site for the October 21st; meeting of the Richmond Hill Coin Club.

The guest speaker for the evening was Jim Charlton. There were a very good attendance to Jim give his talk.

The coin show at the Hillcrest Mall was again a successful show. The dealers were busy and happy.

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### OSHAWA & DISTRICT COIN CLUB .. C35

The October meeting was held on Sunday October 26th; 1980, at the Valley View Park Club House.

There were a fair turn out for this meeting. A discussion was held on the up coming Coin - A - Rama show that was held on November 1st., at the Midtown Mall.

The Coin-A-Rama Show was a success for a Bourse turn out. The attendance was down this year. There were only 2 displays set up, and they were by Ray Pleau.

The reason of a poor turn out for displays and lower attendance was due the lack of advertising this year. It will be better next year, says Henry Burke.

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ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS OR EDITORS SEND YOUR CLUB MEETING AND SHOW REPORTS IN EVERY MONTH, SO THEY CAN BE PUBLISHED IN THE ONTARIO NUMISMATIST MONTHLY. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOUR REPORT OF YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES IS KNOWN.

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C84 Kent Coin Club  
C85 Can. Large Cent Club  
C86 Woodstock Coin Club  
C87 Peterborough Coin Club  
C88 Scarborough Coin Club

**Keep that CLUB NEWS coming in, folks!!!**

## THE STRATFORD COIN CLUB .. C20

The 1980 Stratford Coin and Stamp Show is now history. Held on Sunday, October 26th the show attracted visitors from Detroit, Sarnia, Toronto, Hamilton and many centres in Western Ontario. Approximately 300 guests attended the show and the dealings on the bourse floor was most active.

The exhibits totaled only 14 but some excellent ones made up for the somewhat disappointing number of cases.

Winners of the Display Categories are as follows:

Best of Show

Presidents Trophy..... Roy Richard

Best Junior Display

MacDonalds Trophy..... Cindy Williamson

Best Junior Member

Gordon Steed Memorial Trophy.. Keith Savile

Canadian Decimal.....1 - Roy Richard  
2 - Cindy Williamsen  
3 - Tom Kennedy

Paper Money..... 1 - Wilf Becker

Foreign Money..... 1 - Wilf Becker  
2 - Sam Smith  
3 - Art Leff

Tokens & Medals ..... 1 - Laurie Kraftcheck  
2 - Art Leff  
3 - Wilf Becker

Misc..... 1 - Tom Kennedy  
2 - Wilf Becker

Judges were .. Tom Masters, Stella Hodge and Howard Whitfield.

Winners of the Draw were... 1st Prize  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Beef  
J.D. Woodruffe  
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Pickering, Ont.

2nd Prize.. 1980 Presentation Set... Marion Heaman  
632 Ross Street,  
London, Ontario.

3rd Prize.. 20 - 1980 Dollars..... Bruce Raszmann  
P.O. Box 33,  
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#### THE NEW ENGLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MEMBER'S win big at the  
NEW ENGLAND STATE ASSOCIATION 36th ANNUAL CONVENTION,  
Worcester, Massachusetts, September 26 - 28, 1980

54 Bourse Dealers were in attendance.

200 attended the Banquet to hear Edward Kenerson speak  
on finding of the famous Sunken Spanish Treasure Ship  
"THE CONCEPCION"

There were over 30 Displays on Display.

#### CANADIAN WINNERS

Medals.. 1st;.. Paul Johnson, Toronto, Ontario.  
( A Selection of European Architural  
Medals)

FOREIGN..3rd;.. Tom Kostaluk, London, Ontario.  
( The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II  
Crowns)

POLISH.. 1st;.. Tom Kostaluk, London, Ontario.  
("Polish Patriot & American Herc, General  
Casimir Pulaski)

BEST of SHOW,.. Paul Johnson, Toronto, Ontario.  
( THE ANTHONY KRAJEWSKI MEMORIAL AWARD )

THE 1979 LITERARY AWARD, .. TOM KOSTALUCK, LONDON, ONTARIO.  
( THE IRENE D'ESOPPO MEMORIAL AWARD)

For

The Story on "POLISH NICOLAUS COPERICUS."  
This article was published in the April 1979 issue of the  
ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S NUMISMATIST.

This is the second straight year that the New England  
Literary Award was won by a O.N.A. member. The 1978 Award was  
won by Paul Johnson.

# *Hostage-Inspired Gimmicks Shunned by Their Relatives*

The International Gold Bullion Exchange a gold and silver broker took ads in several major U.S. newspapers in October, offering to sell a silver coin commemorating the Iranian hostage crisis.

The company, which is running the nationwide campaign from a swank branch office opened in Los Angeles in the early part of October, promises consumers that \$5 of the \$32 price of the coin will be placed in a special trust fund to be distributed eventually among the American hostages and their families.

Officials of the International Gold Bullion Exchange, which has been in operation less than a year, admit that they are out to make money and a name for the fledgling firm. They also proclaim a goal of raising nearly \$1 million for each hostage through the coin sales.

However, it appears that no representative of the company ever contacted any of the relatives of the hostages about the idea.

IN THE YEAR SINCE the hostages were seized, other American entrepreneurs have attempted to hawk everything from "Let Our People Go" T-shirts to anti-Khomeini toilet paper.

A few of the promotional schemes have included promises to turn a portion of the proceeds over to the hostages families, but there is no indication that such financial aid ever has been sought or received by the relatives.

Indeed Many of the relatives resent it.

"It's tacky," said Dorothea Morefield, wife of hostage Richard Morefield. "It's people making money at our expense."

While acknowledging that many of the operations are legitimate and some are well-meaning, family representatives said the promotions were unwanted and ill-conceived.

"The FLAG (Family Liaison Action Group) lawyers are following every one of these up and forcing them out of business," Mrs Morefield explained, referring to an organization of the hostages families.

"Apparently, if they actually put that money into some type of fund, we can't make them stop saying that the money is for the hostages. But we do our best to rattle sabres. None of these things have any backing of FLAG or of the families."

MEMBERS OF FLAG formally agreed earlier this year not to endorse anything.

That decision was triggered by a series of incidents, including one in which a car dealer in the Washington area offered to give FLAG \$300 for each new car he sold if relatives of the hostages would pose for pictures handing the keys to car buyers.

The list of hostage-inspired promotions is a long one, including bracelets engraved with inscriptions such as "I take a stand for the hostages in Iran," dart boards bearing the face of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, toilet paper with various anti-Khomeini slogans printed on each sheet, and a spin-the-dial game in which the fate of the hostages is "determined" by where the needle stops.

Annoyed by attempts to market such items, the relatives especially are irked when the sales pitch includes a claim that some of the proceeds will benefit the hostages.

KATHARINE KEOGH, president of FLAG, said she receives at least one report a week of some such promotion. In the most flagrant example. Keogh said, a North Carolina woman sold thousands of hostage T-shirts in bulk to companies with the claim that all the money would go to the hostages.

Keogh said the woman, who also at one time put out a hostage news letter and ran a "Center for Hostage Release," netted at least \$24,000 from the scheme before she closed it when FLAG and authorities threatened a lawsuit and possible criminal action.

Other promotions claiming to raise money for the hostages have included someone selling ash from Mount St. Helens, offers of hostage bracelets and a plaster of paris statue of Khomeini, which, according to the ads, would enable a purchaser to "Hold the Ayatollah hostage."

BENEFITS, SUPPOSEDLY for the hostages, were held last spring in bars in three rural Arizona towns before complaints from Mary Lopez, the mother of hostage James Lopez, and a local newspaper investigation stopped them.

A "They were using not just my son but the hostages as a whole as a come-on," Mrs Lopez said in a interview from her home in Globe, Arizona. "It made me very angry that someone was trying to make money on my son's situation."

No money from the promotions was ever given to Mrs Lopez or to any other hostage family.

A NEW WRINKLE IN the hostage exploitation game has cropped up in recent days as speculation has increased that the hostages may be released soon, according to FLAG President Keough.

Keough said that at least 20 families have received offers from various news organizations for all-expense paid trips to Germany in exchange for exclusive stories on their ordeals. Government plans call for flying the hostages to a medical hospital in Germany upon their release.

"It is again a commercial aspect of one's human suffering," she complained.

As with the others, the coin-sale promotion is being conducted without the consent or endorsement of the hostage families.

WILLIAM ALDERDICE, president of the Internation Gold Bullion Exchange, which began marketing the coin October 26th; with ads in papers in Los Angeles, Atlanta, New York, Dallas and Kansas City, insisted that his promotion was not exploitation.

Alderdice, stated in his office in Los Angeles, that the coin sales were designed not just to benefit the hostages, but also to provide purchasers with something that would grow in value as the price of silver increased and leave them with a memento of an important moment in U.S. history.

He also contended that safeguards would guarantee that the hostages or their relatives would receive the full \$5 per coin promised by the firm.

Asked whether the company had contacted any hostage families about the scheme, Alderdice said he had delegated the task to Ralph Greer, a Los Angeles attorney hired on third week of October to work on the coin promotion. However, Greer said he had never contacted any of the families nor was he supposed to.

My role in this is strictly to make sure that this thing is absolutely clean and legal," Greer said. "The Marketing aspects of it, the other aspects of it, the promotional aspects of it - I have nothing to do with that.

Alderdice's brother, Jim, Vice President insisted that the company plans to contact the families of the hostages.

"That is in the process of being done right now," he said. "We're having somebody do that." Alderdice, however, was'nt sure who would call the family members.

IN THE ADS, WHICH include toll-free telephone numbers and advise that the purchase can be charged on credit cards, the Bullion Exchange offers a commemorative coin weighing one troy ounce and made of .999 fine silver. A sketch of the coin, which William Alderdice said had yet to be minted, showed a picture of a blindfolded hostage in front of a map of Iran on one side, and pictures of Khomeini and the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi on the other side.

The ad carried the slogan "America, let them know they are not forgotten," and a price tag of \$30 per coin, plus a \$2 shipping and handling fee.

Raw silver is selling for about \$19 a troy ounce, according to Gerhard Stadler, head of the precious metals division of the First National Bank of Chicago.

William Alderdice contended that it would cost about \$1 apiece to mint each coin and as much as \$3 each for marketing and overhead costs, an estimate, which, if correct, would leave a \$2 per-coin profit.

His projections differ from those of his brother who said the company is not likely to make any money at all.

"We'll be lucky to cover our advertising costs on this," Jim Alderdice said. "We're not out to make a profit."

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# SHOW AND BOURSE

MARCH 7th; 1981  
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JULY 15 - 18th; 1981

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JULY 22 - 26th; 1981

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....Canadian Numismatic Association  
1981 Internation Convention

Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ont.

For information ... Toronto Coin Club  
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Adelaide ST; P.O.  
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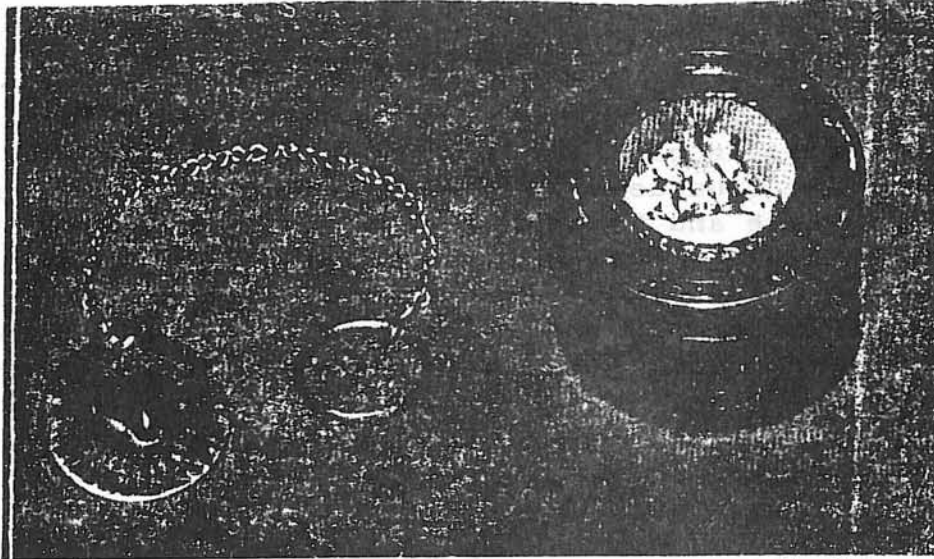
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*At this holy season,  
may your heart be filled  
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of God's grace  
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*Merry Christmas*



Bruce R. Watt and Family  
President



Tom Scott

The Lee Penny, cherished heirloom of the Lockharts of Lee and the gold snuff box in which it is kept. The box was a present from Marie Therese, Hapsburg Empress of Austria, to General James Lockhart in 1789.

## THE LEE PENNY

"Worth more than silver and gold"

CARL MacDOUGALL

*The Scots Magazine.*

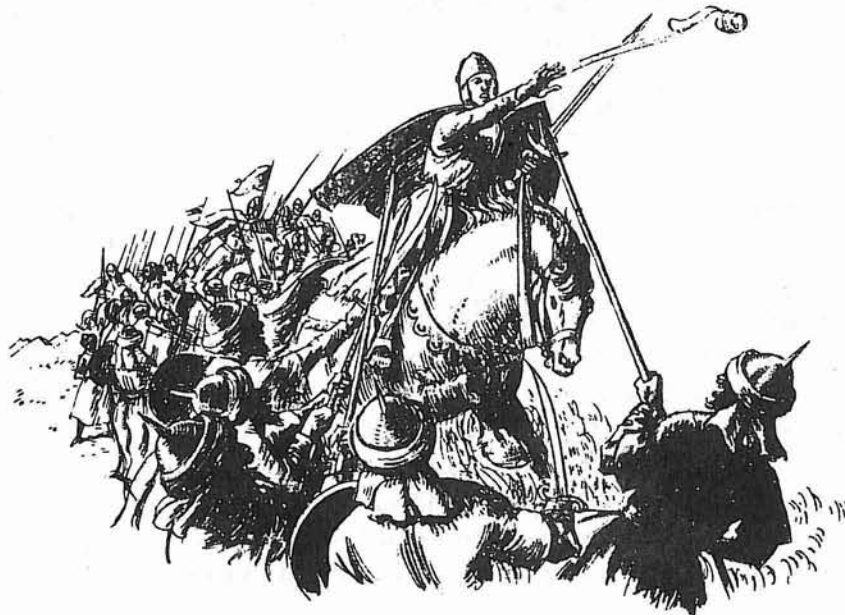
EDITED BY BRUCE R. WATT

For a time, when I was at school, I carried a white pebble I'd found on a beach somewhere. I suppose I used it as a good luck charm, for I remember holding it while being belted, thinking it would soften the blow. Around this time I was entranced by Sir Walter Scott's pseudo-mediaeval novel *THE TALISMAN*. I don't know what happened to my stone, I suppose my mother threw it out, and I didn't remember a thing about it till recently.

Stones are well established in folklore and as such come in all shapes and sizes. Folklorists have filled many pages recording and analysing the whys and wherefores of stone myths, but of the most fascinating I've heard of is the LEE PENNY. For one thing it furnished Scott with the idea for *THE TALISMAN*.

In his introduction to the novel, Scott records the incident which suggested its title. It starts with Robert the Bruce's death in 1329. Since murdering the Red Comyn on consecrated ground, Bruce had been anxious to visit the Holy Land but a troubled reign kept in Scotland. He had asked his friend Lord James of Douglas to take his heart to the Holy Land. Douglas carried the heart in a silver casket and his friend Sir Symon Locard of Lee carried the casket's key.

Though it seems strange now, most Crusading routes to the Holy Land passed through Spain, which seems to have been in permanent battle with the Moors throughout the Middle Ages. The Crusaders offered their services to Alphonso, King of Castile and Leon, at the battle of Tiba, where the Saracens were led by Osmyn, Governor of Granada. Tradition has it that there was a misunderstanding in the orders, hardly surprising in the circumstances, and that the Scots charged prematurely. Douglas soon found himself in a tight corner and when he went to the aid of Sir John St Clair, was surrounded by the enemy without hope of escape. He threw Bruce's heart in its silver casket in front of him, saying, "Now pass on, as ever was thy wont in life, first in the fight, and Douglas will follow thee or die." Douglas did follow and he did die.



He threw Bruce's heart in front of him . . .

The heart was recovered, that much is certain, but there is some confusion about the rest. The leaderless Scots, according to Barbour in *THE Brus*, elected William Kieth of Calston to lead them to the Holy Land, but they didn't go there. Scott says they did, but in fact they came back to Scotland and buried the heart at Melrose Abbey.

Sir Symon Locard does not appear to have changed his name when he returned from Spain. In a deed dated 1339 he still signs his name "Locard." A change was affected some time after this when the family became known as Lockhart, presumably to commemorate the journey. They adopted a new crest, too - a heart in a fettered lock.

Also in THE TALISMAN'S Introduction, Scott repeats the traditional story of how the LEE PENNY came into Sir Symon Locard's possession. During the battle Sir Symon had captured "an Emir of considerable wealth and consequence" and offered him for ransom. The Emir's mother came to redeem her son, and while counting out a large amount of gold from "a large embroidered purse" she accidentally dropped a stone among the money. She was so anxious to recover the stone that Sir Symon refused to release her son unless the stone was added to the ransom money. The stone was exchanged, the Emir was released and Sir Symon Locard "after much experience of the wonders which it wrought, brought it to his own country and left it to his heirs, bywhom, and by Clydesdale in general, it was, and still is, distinguished by the name of the LEE PENNY, from the name of his native seat of Lee."

She accidentally dropped a stone  
among the money.



The LEE PENNY is still in the possession of the Lockharts of Lee and when I met the present custodian, Mr Simon Macdonald Lockhart, he told me the Penny's story, adding that the Emir's mother, when she parted with the stone, told his ancestor, "What you take now is of more value than all the gold and silver. Water into which the stone had been dipped would, she told him, cure bleeding, fever, bite of a mad dog and sickness in horses and cattle."

Isobel Young of East Barns was burned at the stake.



Scott asserts that the pebble was inserted in a coin, "some say of the Lower Empire," when Sir Symon saw it fall from the purse. But Mr Macdonald Lockhart was recently giving a talk about the LEE PENNY to a numismatic society and its members confirmed that the stone is set in an Edward IV groat.

The stone is dull, dark-red, heartshaped and semi-transparent. It is about half an inch square, and, according to lapidaries who have examined it, it is different from any known species of stone. It is set in the centre of the silver groat, which is badly defaced. Some letters and what looks like a cross are still traceable and a small silver chain is attached to the coin. When the stone was inserted in the coin, where and by whom is not known, but a geat in Sir Symon's day had a far greater value than any equivalent coin today.

Sir Symon was'nt as well as he might have been. Before going on the Crusade he had to borrow a considerable amount of money from the Prior of Ayr to cover his expenses. The bond between them was so important it was witnessed by some of Scotland's principal nobles. The sum involved an annuity of no more than ten silver pounds: the Prior got his annuity, Sir Symon got his talisman and his descendants have been offered many times more for it. It is still a cherished heirloom of the Lockhart's secret. I can't tell you because I don't know.

Well, I can tell you a little bit. It is kept in a gold snuff box which was presented to General James Lockhart by Marie Therese, Hapsburg Empress of Austria. James Lockhart was a soldier of fortune who enrolled in the Hapsburg army "at the lowest rank." As well as a general he became Lord of Bedchamber and a Count of the Holy Roman Empire. I got almost

as big a thrill handling that snuff box as I did handling the LEE PENNY.

The box is a little over an inch deep and is the same in diameter. It is decorated with pale blue flower baskets and wreaths and inside, the lid is inscribed:

A PRESENT FROM THE EMPRESS QUEEN  
TO GEN. LOCKHART AND GIVEN BY HIM  
TO MRS. LOCKHART OF LEE 1789 TO  
HOLD THE LEE PENNY.

Mrs Lockhart was the general's aunt.

The properties of the stone are medicinal, characteristic of a mediaeval talisman, and the most marvellous cures have been attributed to it. Family tradition has it that the lady told Sir Symon that the stone should be dipped three times and swirled round once in water. No words are used, nor must money be taken for the favour.

Around 1629 "the routting evil" attacked Scos cattle so badly that "ane ox was nevir able to lie doun but roughted continuallie till he died." Haddingtonshire was badly affected and some people travelled to Lee to borrow the PENNY. They returned with a supply of treated water and when their cattle drank it they were cured.

According to the DOMESTIC ANNALS of SCOTLAND Isobel Young of East Barns was put on trail for witchcraft as a result of her visit and the PENNY featured in her indictment. She was burned at the stake and since those who travelled with her to Lee were only censured and made to do penance at Dunbar, we can assume that Isobel Young had done a bit more than they.

John Gilbert Lockhart's book CURSES, LUCKS and TALISMANS has a ten-page section on the PENNY and gives another instance of witchcraft. After the Reformation, Gavin Hamilton of Raploch "possibly with malice, for the Hamiltons did not always love the Lockharts" at a church synod in Glasgow "had preferit ane complaint against Sir Thomas Lockhart of Lee, anent the superstitious using of ane stane, set in silver, for the curing of diseased cattel."

The Synod referred it to the Assembly, who "have inquirit of the manner of using thereof, and particularlie understood, by examination of the said Laird of Lee and otherwise, that the custom is onlie to cast the stone in sum water, and give the diseasit cattel therof to drink, and yet the same is done w'tout using onie words such as charmars used in the unlawful practices;

and considering that in nature there are monie things seein to work strang effects, q'rof no humane witte can give a reason, it having pleasit Gog to give onto stone and herbes a special virtue for the healing of mony infirmities in man and beast, advises the brethern to surcease the process as q'rin theyperceive no ground of offence, and admonishes the Laird of Lee in the using of the said stone to eak heid it be usit heir-afftir witt the least scandal that possibly may be."

Sir Walter Scott called that the most remarkable part of the stone's history; he didn't comment on the spelling either.

During the reign of Charles I, Newcastle was in the grip of a cattle plague and the burghers asked to borrow the PENNY from Sir James Lockhart, who demanded 6000 pounds as security for its safe return. The PENNY worked so well that the Corporation offered to pay the money to Sir James if they could keep the stone. Sir James refused to sell and as the PENNY'S fame spread, requests from all over Scotland and from as far south as Yorkshire, arrived at Lee. John Gilbert Lockhart records that even in the middle of last century old men in Lanarkshire clearly remembered a time when no byre was considered safe unless a bottle of "penny-water" hung from the rafters.

The story I like best concerns the wife of Sir Robert Baird of Saughtonhall, near Edinburgh. It happened around 1750. Lady Baird was bitten by a mad dog and when she contracted hydrophobia her husband sent to Lee for a loan of the PENNY. An unusual favour was granted to the Bairds since the stone wasn't allowed to leave the house. Lady Baird had the stone for some weeks and after drinking and bathing in the treated water made such an astounding recovery, that by way of showing her gratitude, the Lockharts were invited to Saughtonhall and "most sumptuously treated."

When their cattle drank it they were cured.



There are many other recorded instances of the LEE PENNY'S powers, though Scott notes: "Of late, they have been chiefly restricted to the cure of persons bitten by mad dog; and as the illness in such cases frequently arises from imagination, there can be no reason for doubting that the water which has been poured on the LEE PENNY furnishes a congenial cure."

Scott found out about the LEE PENNY because his daughter, Sophie, married John Gilbert Lockhart, reviewer on BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE and the author of a ten volume biography of his father-in-law.

Hector MacLean, who was a factor of the Lockhart estates at Lee and Carnwath in 1853, noted an interesting cure which had taken place "some months ago." The district of Kirkwhelpington and Birtley in Northumberland had been affected by an outbreak of rabies and though seven dogs had been destroyed the disease was still rife among sheep and cattle. Matters came to a head when a horse, believed to be mad, bit a man on the hand. A barrellful of Lee water arrived, the man was treated with it and made an excellent recovery.

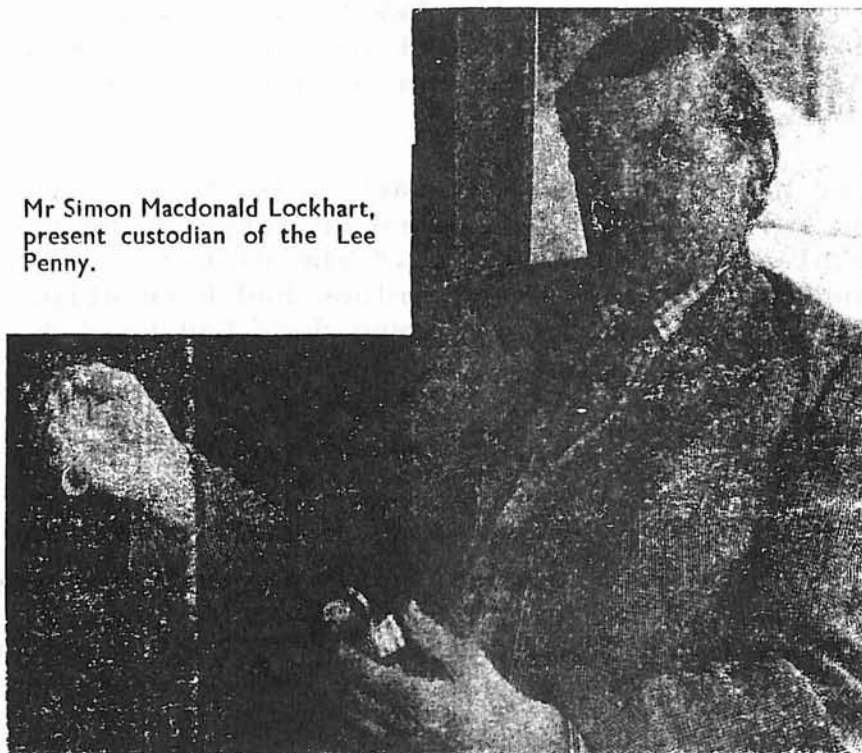
Sceptics who claim that horse was not mad and that the man was suffering from no more than an ordinary bite are given the following story which John Gilbert Lockhart relates without comment and which Simon Gilbert Lockhart told me on a wet, windy day, sitting in his car outside Lanark railway station. Just the place for it.

The Lockhart's baronetcy died with Sir Simon Macdonald Lockhart and in 1912 Sir Simon had a shooting party at Lee and one of his guests was a relative of the then Duke of Hamilton. At lunch on the moors the shooting party had no bottle opener and Sir Simon tried to open a sodabottle with his pe-knife while Lord Hamilton's relative held the bottle. The knife slipped and Sir Simon's friend's hand was badly gashed. The cut was very bad and that evening the man came down to dinner complaining that the wound would not stop bleeding. He and Sir Simon went into the Library ("That's where he kept the PENNY," said Mr Macdonald Lockhart) and dipped the bandage hand in water which had been treated to "three dips and a swiel," holding it there for some time. The bleeding stopped and by the following morning the wound had completely healed, except for a small, dry scar in the centre.

Just before I left him, I asked Mr Macdonald Lockhart if he was superstitious. "I suppose you could say that. Yes," he said.

I'm not surprised. If I possessed such an astonishing beautiful piece of history, I'd be superstitious. Cross my heart.....

Mr Simon Macdonald Lockhart,  
present custodian of the Lee  
Penny.



## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW MEMBER.

The applications for membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following application has been received and if no written objections are received, the acceptance will be acknowledged in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist..

1161.. D.T. Climenhaga, 5022 Cenaber Crt; Burlington,  
Ontario, L7L 5G7

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## **NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUBS**

### **BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.. C15**

The November meeting of the Brantford Numismatic Society was held Sunday, November 16th; at 8:00 P.M. in the Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St; Brantford, Ontario.

The programme for the evening was a slide presentation from the Ontario Agriculture Museum, conducted by Mr. John Carbert. This was a very interesting presentation.

The Auction was a little different at this meeting. Each person who entered any lots in the auction, had to auction off their own lots. Everybody had fun doing this and it gave the regular auctioneer a break.

It was noted that there were two members in the Brantford General Hospital... Treasurer Jack Stewart and Past President, George Wagner. We wish them a speedy recovery.



### **ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.. C78**

The November meeting of the St. Thomas Numismatic Association was held Monday, November 10th; 1980, at the Central United Church, Wellington St; St. Thomas, Ontario, at 8:00 P.M.

The programme for the evening was a film " How people lived many years ago in the time of King Tutankhamen." A 48 lot auction was held. Coffee, Tea and Cookies was served.

December 8th; - CHRISTMAS PARTY / ROAST BEEF DINNER will be served. This will be a very joyfull evening to all who will attend.



### **THISTLETOWN COIN & STAMP CLUB.. C39**

The Thistletown Coin & Stamp Club held the November meeting on Monday November 10th; instead of Tuesday November 11th; as the Library was closed on Remembrance Day. The club meets in the Etobicoke Public Library.

## LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ..C5

The London Numismatic Society showered honors on two of its members at the society's 29th Anniversary Banquet held in October.

William Clarke was presented with the Lloyd T. Smith Literary Award. Clarke is the editor of the London Numismatic Society's monthly bulletin. He has frequently written on various aspects of numismatics.

Grant Monk, a member of the Board of Directors in the L. N.S. for the past seven years and an O.N.A. member, was awarded the William N. Clarke Award of Merit for his contributions to the London club and to numismatics in general.

Monck has been a member of the L.N.S. for the past seven years. In 1978 he was one of eight junior collectors to receive the American Numismatic Association's awards at the Summer Seminar held in Colorado.

Last year Ted Leitch and Mackie Smith were the recipients of the Lloyd T. Smith Literary Award and the William N. Clarke Award of Merit respectively.



## WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY .. C1

The September 16th; 1980 meeting of the Waterloo Coin Society was held in the Waterloo Public Library, 35 Albert Street, Waterloo, at 8:00 P.M.

The 8 o'clock Draw was won by C.E. Weicher. Mr Weicher picked up the \$1.00 Prize because neither Wilfred Kneisel, nor Douglas Kneisel, whose names were drawn first, were present.

## Feature Draw:

|           |                    |                         |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1st Prize | Ken McTavish       | 1970 P.L. Set           |
| 2nd Prize | Richard Beckberger | 1981 W.C.S. Membership  |
| 3rd Prize | Haig Douglas       | 1980 Oktoberfest Dollar |

There were 30 members and guests on hand to a presentation by Tom Masters of London, Ont. Tom's talk had a title of "The Genius of Ben Franklin" and featured the Franklin U.S.A. 50¢ pieces.

A 35 lot Auction was conducted by Bill English.

# SHOW AND BOURSE

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Ontario, L4M 4T2

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MARCH 7th; 1981

WILLOWDALE, ONTARIO.....NORTH YORK COIN CLUB'S

Annual Coin Show and Exhibition  
North York Community Hall  
5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ont.

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MARCH 20-22, 1981

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....TORONTO INTERNATIONAL  
COIN FAIR

The Rodeway Inn  
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West Toronto, Ontario.  
information.. Robert Shillinworth F.R.N.S.  
319 Queen St; West;  
Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2A4

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APRIL 24, 25 & 26th; 1981

NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.....ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION'S

19th Annual CONVENTION  
Skylon Tower,  
Niagara Falls, Ontario.  
Information.. Mrs Marjorie Smith  
5138 Willmott St;  
Niagara Falls, Ontario.

JULY 15 - 18th; 1981

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....INTERPAM 81

International Paper Money  
Congress and Exhibition

Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ont.

Information... Interpam

P.O. Box 704

Stn; "B",

Willowdale, Ontario,

M2K 2P9

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JULY 22 - 26th; 1981

TORONTO, ONTARIO.....CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

1981 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

Information... Toronto Coin Club

P.O. Box 865

Adelaide St; P.O.

Toronto, Ont.



## Kennedy Half Dollars Are Still in Demand



**This half dollar is still being kept out of circulation by hoarders — partly because it carries John F. Kennedy's portrait and partly because of its silver content.**

The Susan B Anthony dollar has gained wide publicity in the twenty weeks since its introduction, much of it negative and focusing on faults people find with the coin. However, this new dollar does still attract attention.

That's more than can be said for the John F. Kennedy half dollar, which was introduced amid similar hoopla 15 years ago. The Kennedy "half" has become a forgotten coin - seldom seen, almost never used and barely even mentioned anymore. And yet, for all its apparent irrelevance in the marketplace, the half dollar still is being struck - and officials at the United States Mint say they have no present plans to stop producing them.

"We really don't think very many half dollars are being used in commerce," Mint Director Stella B. Hackel conceded in a recent interview. "They do go somewhere, though, so someone must want them. And so we are minting a sufficient supply to meet this demand for the coin - which is, for the most part, numismatic."

"There's no loss, really, to the government," Mrs Hackel added. "We make 46 cents on every half dollar we produce."

That profit results from seigniorage - the difference between the face value of a coin and the actual cost of its production and distribution. Like the Anthony dollar, the Kennedy half dollar currently is made of a copper-nickel alloy bonded to a core of pure copper. The cost of this metal is low, so the Mint can produce and distribute half dollars for a mere four cents apiece. (The somewhat smaller Anthony dollar cost three cents each, so the government's profit on them is 97 cents per coin.)

The Mint produced approximately 28 million circulation-quality half dollars in 1978, and made about 44 million more between January 1st and June 30th of this year. Its seigniorage on this combined production totals about \$33 million.

Kennedy half dollars are far from scarce. Since 1964, when the series came into being, the Mint has turned out some 2.5 billion examples of the coin - a greater number than the combined mintages of all previous half dollars in U.S. history. Yet, just as fast as the coins come out, people seem to put them away.

Hoarding of Kennedy halves was understandable at the start. The coins were highly prized as memorials to the slain president, not only among Americans but also among Kennedy admirers overseas. Foreigners, in fact, paid substantial premiums to get them at the time. Then, too, the first Kennedy halves had a silver content of 90 percent, and this prompted people to save them as bullion prices started to spiral.

In 1965, the coins silver content was cut to 40 percent but in time, as bullion boomed, even these "part silver" pieces came to have premium value as metal.

It's harder to explain why the hoarding has continued. Since 1971, Kennedy halves have had no silver content, with the exception of the 15 million Bicentennial half dollars which were struck in 40 percent silver for sale in special sets at a premium price. Mintage have been relatively high. Yet, people still insist on setting the coins aside, and few see significant circulation.

Part of the explanation may lie with the half dollar's. weaned away from their earlier use of the coin, many Americans now find it bulky and unwieldy. The very fact it isn't widely used also is a factor in perpetuating that disuse, being unaccustomed to handling the coins, people put it aside when it does come into their hands. But the primary factor, now as in 1964, appears to be what historians describes as the appeal of "the Kennedy mystique."

Mint official now concede that the decision to issue a coin honoring John Kennedy - a decision born of emotion, and widely hailed at the time seved, in effect, as a death sentence for the half dollar as a commercially useful denomination.

"I don't think anyone realized the implication at the time," says Dr. George E. Hunter, cheif of assay laboratories for the mint. "Essentially, we were relegating a denomination to less than full-circulation status. In retrospect, even if that had been recognized, it still might have been done," he adds. It's my guess, though, that if we had continued to issue Benjamin Franklin half dollars, and were making clad Franklin halves today, they'd be in general circulation now."

Dr. Hunter notes that the very first Kennedy halves soon became the target of a two pronged attack by hoarders. People who sought them as tributes to Kennedy were joined, in short order, by others who desired them as pieces of precious metal.

"It was this combination which made it so difficult to get the coin into circulation," he observes. "Everybody wanted it if not for one reason, then for the other. And that type of attitude just carried forward."

Granting that the government makes money by striking half dollars, the coins' continued production nonetheless puzzles some observers. Why make a coin, they wonder, if it isn't going to be used?

Then there is the matter of size. Perhaps the most common criticism of the Anthony dollar is the argument that its size is too close to that of the quarter. The coins will be confused, critics say. In this context, some see dubious logic in retaining a half dollar which is larger, in turn, than the dollar. Mrs. Hackel answers this objection by noting that the nickel is larger than the dime. Even so, some skeptics remain unconvinced.

"I keep wondering if Gresham's Law won't go onto effect," says Kenneth E. Bressett, editor of Whiman's Red Book, the most widely used guidebook on U.S. coins. "It strikes me that people will want to hoard two half dollars, rather than one Anthony dollar, just because the half dollar looks like it's more valuable even though neither coin really has much intrinsic value. I feel as though it's human nature to pack away two big ones instead of one little one."

Political considerations undoubtedly are involved in the Mint's determination not to drop the current half dollar. Retirement of a coin paying tribute to John Kennedy surely would encounter resistance on Capitol Hill and in any case it's the sort of move a Democratic administration would be most reluctant to make. It's worth noting that the same officials were less hesitant in shelving the coinage portrait of Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower.

However tenuous the Kennedy half dollar's role may be as a circulating coin, its status as a collector's item is healthy and that health has been improving steadily. Complete sets of Kennedy halves, including proofs plus uncirculated examples of regular issues, now bring upwards of \$150, twice the amount they brought two years ago. And dealers predict that the price will continue to rise, especially if the Mint terminates the series, as many anticipate will happen before too long.

"A lot of people think of a set of Kennedy halves as something common," says Jay Parrino, proprietor of The Mint, a coin dealership in Kansas City, Mo. "Well, they're not as common and easy to get today as they were a year ago. And a year from now, they'll be a lot less common than they are today."



## PASSING THE BUCK

The U.S. Government is determined to keep trying to get the public to use the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin because it is cheaper to produce than paper money. To meet objections that it is too similar to the quarter, Treasury officials are considering minting a new version that would raise the numeral "1" and add a gold tinge to make it easier to distinguish.

## Gold Medallion Sale

The U.S. Treasury sale of U.S. gold medallions has been extended through the end of the year. Plans had called for cutting off orders Sept. 30th; but as of late September the government had sold only about 335,000 of the 1.5 million medallions it produced. The U.S. Mint struck 500,000 medallions in a one ounce size and a million pieces in a half ounce version.

These are the first in a series of 10 such medallions scheduled for issuance over a five year period. Each is to bear the portrait of a famous American who has won recognition in the arts.



### From The Smile File

A policeman stopped a well-dressed man who was singing Christmas Carols loudly and staggering along the street in the wee, small hours of the morning and asked, "What is your explanation for wandering around drunk at this time of night?" "Officer, honest", the reveler replied, "If I had an wxplanation, I'd be home right noe".





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