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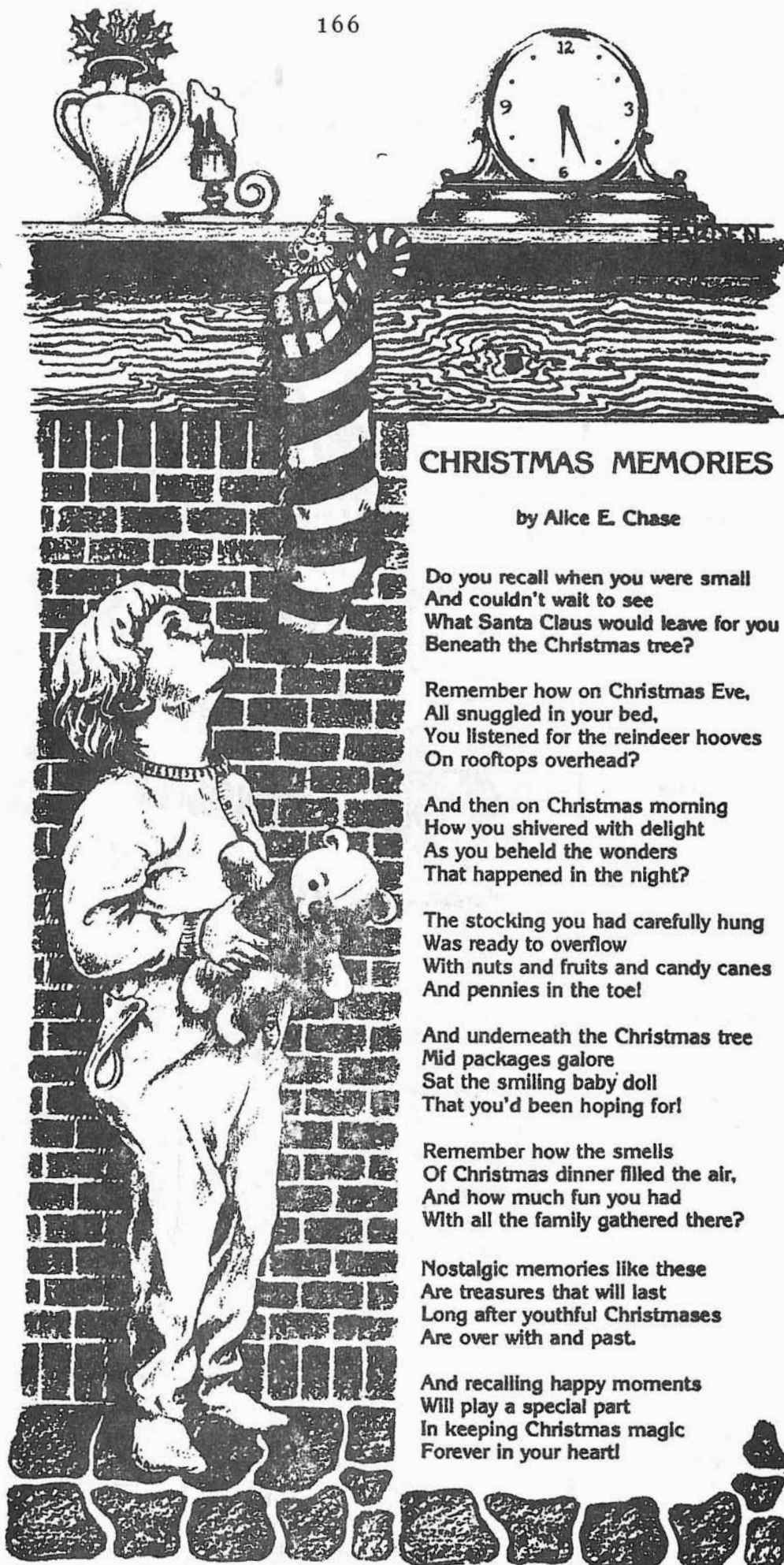
FROM YOUR

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

by Alice E. Chase

Do you recall when you were small
And couldn't wait to see
What Santa Claus would leave for you
Beneath the Christmas tree?

Remember how on Christmas Eve,
All snuggled in your bed,
You listened for the reindeer hooves
On rooftops overhead?

And then on Christmas morning
How you shivered with delight
As you beheld the wonders
That happened in the night?

The stocking you had carefully hung
Was ready to overflow
With nuts and fruits and candy canes
And pennies in the toe!

And underneath the Christmas tree
Mid packages galore
Sat the smiling baby doll
That you'd been hoping for!

Remember how the smells
Of Christmas dinner filled the air,
And how much fun you had
With all the family gathered there?

Nostalgic memories like these
Are treasures that will last
Long after youthful Christmases
Are over with and past.

And recalling happy moments
Will play a special part
In keeping Christmas magic
Forever in your heart!

Submitted by: Terry Roit

Stratford Coin Club

The President's Message . . .

In his forward to the catalogue for his December 10-11, 1982 Sale in New York, Wm. B. Christensen, President of Henry Christensen Inc. of Madison, N. J., gives a message which has great relevance to all numismatists. He writes . . .

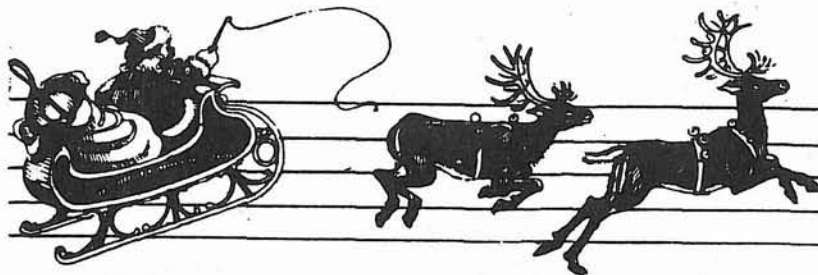
As the cataloguer drafts this letter, our October sale is in its closing hours, and, on the uncivilized side of the Hudson, the mammoth Eliasberg sale is underway in New York City. The Pridmore sale has just been a booming success in London. All indicators point to the fact that the numismatic doldrums are over, and series after series is rising like the phoenix. It is probably shouting into the wind, but may we cautiously urge that people exercise just a modicum of discretion during the incipient coin boom. To paraphrase a recent editorial by our philatelic colleague Mr. Robert Siegel, during our many years as professional numismatists we have witnessed and participated in both rising and declining markets many times over. "Advisors" and "Numismatic Investment Counselors" rise and fall. The numismatic gunslingers ride high and have their day in the sun, but, by the time of the final showdown in the cycle, they have usually faded off into the sunset.

The speculators of 1962 and the investors of 1979-1980 will no doubt be replaced by a new breed during the coming market uptick, and they are not to be disparaged; they do fulfill a vital function in the marketplace. But fads and fancies regarding "hot series" do and will change, and collecting tastes will continue to evolve. What has endured has been the true collector's basic desire to acquire quality coins for his collection at what he deems to be a fair price. Let's not forget that the collector is the basic raison d'être of the organized numismatic marketplace, and, for the past several centuries, the true collector wisely has rejected the numismatic "bigger fool" theory of coin investment schemes. Coins can and should stand on their own merit as desirable items to acquire and hold. The patient collector who regards any eventual financial benefit as a lovely but not essential extra dividend, seems to do better in the long run than the adherent of the get rich quick schemes.

With this thought, I extend to you

SEASONS GREETINGS AND THE BEST FOR 1983

F. C. Jewett



CIVIL WAR MONEY

COINS AND CURRENCY OF NORTH AND SOUTH

The issuance of coins and currency by both the North and the South to finance the Civil War comprises a staggering volume and possibly yet, an incomplete and untabulated sum. Figured at numismatic values more than 100 years later, the total would be incomprehensible! The financial demands by the two military forces were tremendous, not to mention the struggle of the civilian population to secure the small change necessary to carry on daily business and commercial transactions. In efforts to remedy the absence of circulating money on the home front both the U.S. and Confederate governments issued an impressive number of money substitutes, ranging from fractional and postage currency to tokens, cardboard money, shin plasters, bank and government notes – virtually any item which the public would accept and circulate. The situation called on the greatest resources to keep this country going financially, and it is truly a wonder that the Union survived economically in the process of solving its philosophical conflict.

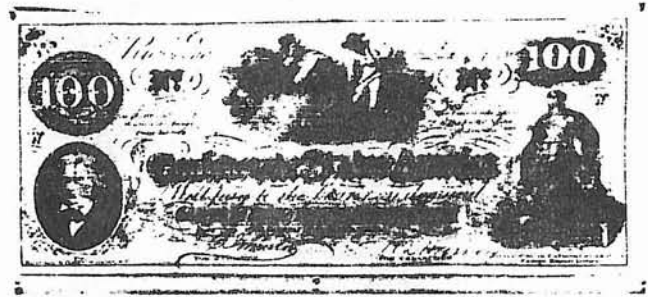
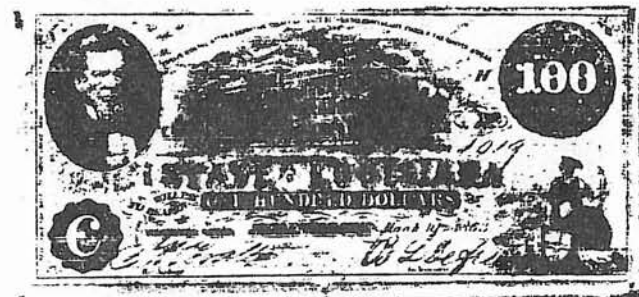
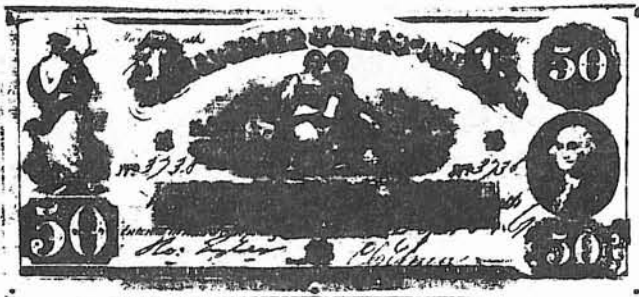


The U.S.'s first legal tender notes, authorized by the Act of Feb. 25, 1862, were issued as "lawful money and a legal tender for all debts, public & private"

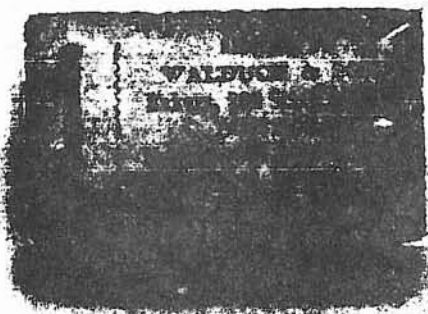
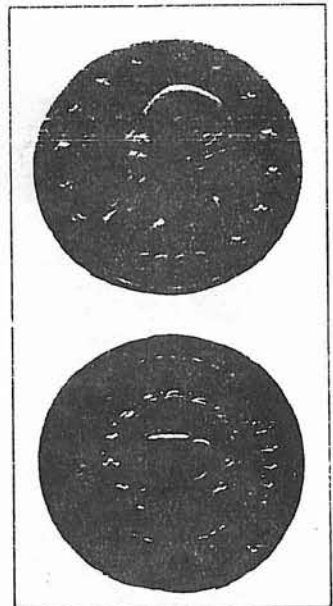


Under National Banking Act of 1863 banks buying government bonds with specie were chartered and permitted to issue their own paper called National Bank Notes.

PHOTOS BY LARRY STEVENS AT THE SMITHSONIAN



Left panel from top: \$50 Richmond issue of 1861 depicts Industry & Agriculture seated on bale of cotton; State of Florida \$3 note of 1863 depicts a sailing ship, Hope at right; \$100 note of Louisiana with Governor Thomas Moore left, Liberty seated right (1863). Alabama \$100 note 1864 depicts Group of Indians, tree & map. Right panel: \$100 Virginia Treasury note 1862, depicts Gov. Letcher, Washington left; \$50 Confederate States note of 1863 (1st series plain paper) depicts Jefferson Davis. "Fundable in Stocks or Bonds" at left end; \$100 Confederate note of 1862 shows Negroes hoeing cotton, J.D. Calhoun left, Columbia, right, bears "interest at two cents per day"; \$500 note of 1864 depicts equestrian statue of Washington & Confederate flag left, General Jackson right. Closeup of Washington mounted is beautifully depicted on medal.



Excepting the Washington 10-cent encased postage stamp of 1862 which served in a limited way as circulating small change during the period, all other items shown are classed as Civil War tokens. These varied and interesting pieces are classed as: Tradesmen's Cards and Patriotic Tokens and their function primarily was to provide small pieces of exchange in lieu of scarce bronze cents and nickels. Included are Knickerbocker, Lindenmueller and Cardboard currency, all representing substitute money.



Fractional currency succeeded postage currency as a substitute for non-circulating legal small change. Shown above right: 3-cent note of 3rd issue (1864-1869); 50 cent note 3rd issue; 3-cent copper-bronze piece issued 1865 to redeem 3-cent fractional notes.



Though forbidden by many states, private firms issued low denomination notes that found public acceptance. At left: a 5 cent Shin Plaster issued by Clark & White of New York; right: a 25 cent Shin Plaster titled "Corporation Order," circulated in Village of Rondout



Compound Interest Treasury notes (6 per cent for 3 years) were issued under the Acts of March 3, 1863 and June 30, 1864. Each has small red treasury seal with spikes, signatures of Colby-Spinner or Chittenden-Spinner.

Left: the obverse and reverse of the 1861 Confederate Half-dollar (four originals only) struck in the New Orleans Mint, made on hand press, using original silver half dollar planchets and original obverse die.

10,000 Commemorative Coins Minted for 125th Bowmanville Anniversary



Barring unforeseen hitches in production, 10,000 nickle-silver coins commemorating Bowmanville's 125th Anniversary in 1983 will be available to collectors the week prior to Christmas.

The coins showing Bowmanville Museum on one side and the town crest on the other side will be available from local banks and merchants at \$1.00 each.

Coin Committee Co-Ordinator Doug Jackman disclosed that the committee plans include the minting of a limited edition gold plated coin. These gold coins will be serial numbered.

The Bowmanville Museum was chosen to appear on one side of the coin in view of the fact it is one of the town buildings in existance when Bowmanville was incorporated.

Minting of the Commemorative Coins has been consigned to the Johnson Matthey Mint Limited in Toronto.

The cost of mail orders are Nickle-Silver ... \$1.50 each
Gold Plate.....\$10.50 each

Send orders to Mrs I. Jackman
Anniversary Trade Dollars Committee
52 Carlisle St,
Bowmanville, Ontario,
L1C 1W5.



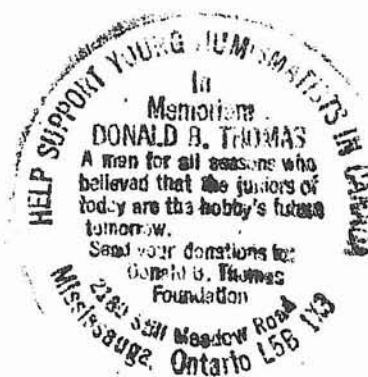
ATTENTION WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

New issues

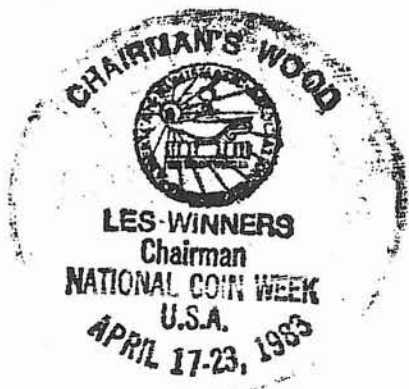
Newly-elected Mayor of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Louis H. "Scoop" Lewry, has announced the issuing of two new wooden dollars as he continues his numismatic interests.

The first, a 52mm wooden dollar has been produced in co-operation with Al Bliman, Chairman of the Board of the Donald B. Thomas Memorial Foundation, Mississauga, Ontario. It commemorates the memory of Donald B. Thomas, the late publisher of Canadian Coin, Stamp and Antique News. Each year since 1978 the Board of Governors of the Foundation have awarded grants to junior numismatists and philatelists in Canada.

Donations may be sent to the Donald B. Thomas Foundation, 2160 Stillmeadow Road, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 1X3, and the wooden tokens may be obtained for 50 cents each plus 35 cents postage, from Mayor L.H. Lewry, 1161 3rd Avenue N.W., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 3V1, or Al Bliman P.O. Box 3145, Station "D", Willodale, Ontario, M2R 3G5.



The second 52mm wooden dollar is the second Chairman's woods issued jointly by Les Winners, Chairman of National Coin Week in the United States, and Louis H. "Scoop" Lewry as Chairman of Coin Week Canada 1983 and co-ordinator of the second annual Coin Week North America. This wood may be obtained for 50 cents plus SASE from either Louis Lewry or from Les Winners, P.O. Box 212, Pineville, LA., 71360, U.S.A.



SHOW AND BOURSE DATES

MARCH 12, 1983

Willowdale, Ontario..... North York Coin Club's
Annual Coin Show & Exhibition
North York Community Hall,
5090 Yonge Street, Willowdale.
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Free Admission
for information... Harvey Farrow, Chairman,
P.O. Box 294, Station "A",
Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5S9.

APRIL 8-10, 1983

Peterborough, Ontario..... O.N.A.'s 21st Convention
Rock Haven Motel, Peterborough.
for information..... Henry Burke
181 Albert Street,
Oshawa, Ontario.

Hidden Messages in Paper Money

The finely detailed designs on some currency have provided ideal camouflage for subversive messages.

On the front of several U.S. legal tender notes of 1869, 1878 and 1880, the engraving of an eagle, when turned upside-down, becomes the head of a donkey. Known as "jackass notes," these bills were an embarrassment to the Republican administrations of Ulysses S. Grant and Rutherford B. Hayes. Perhaps there was a mischievous Democrat at work in the engraving department.

In 1954, the Bank of Canada unwittingly issued currency of all denominations with a picture of the devil cleverly etched among the curls of Queen Elizabeth 11's hair. It was widely suspected that an Irish nationalist was responsible for defiling her majesty's image on the notes.

And in 1968, Queen Elizabeth 11 was again featured on an unflattering piece of currency this time a 50 rupee note issued by the Seychelles, then a British colony. Clearly visible in the engraving, among some palm leaves behind the Queen's head, was the word "sex." It was a case where money not only talked, it talked naughty.



The Topless Quarter

The U.S. Mint once issued a 25 cent coin that many people judged to be obscene.

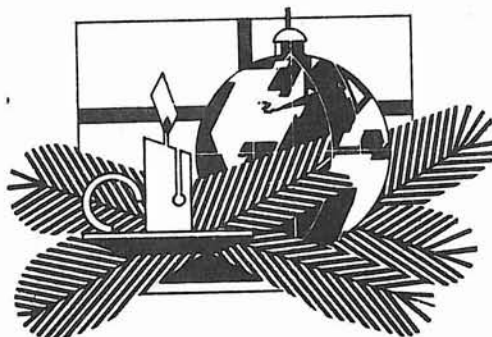
In 1916, the sculptor Herman A. MacNeil was commissioned by the director of the mint to modernize the quarter. MacNeil's design showed Liberty facing east, a shield in her left hand and an olive branch in her right. Everyone at the mint was pleased with the new look, and the Liberty quarter was duly issued for public use.

But the American public was not so receptive to the new coin. Many citizens felt that MacNeil had taken uncalled for liberties with Miss Liberty. Her right breast was completely exposed, as was an indecently large expanse of her right thigh.

Thousands of letters poured into Washington, D.C., to protest the monetary lewdness. The outcry forced Congress in 1917 to authorize MacNeil to revise his design, though the lawmakers did not at any time directly address the issue of Miss Liberty's undress. Rather, Congress asked for several minor design changes, which included altering the relief of the coins to make it easier to stack them in banks. MacNeil obliged, and at the same time he covered Miss Liberty's breast and neck with chain mail and chaste-ly draped her thigh. The no longer topless quarter remained in circulation, unprotested, until 1930.



Miss Liberty in brief bare-breasted appearance that shocked the citizenry



Association News:**MEMBERSHIP**

The Applications for Membership to the Ontario Numismatic Association, which appeared in the May, 1982 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have been accepted.

The following Applications have been received and if no written objections are received, the acceptance will be acknowledged in the January, 1983 issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

1219 Robert Levack, 13 Kerr Rd., Unit #19,
Toronto, Ontario, M4L 1K2

1220 Nick P. Villella, 206 Lincoln Street, E.,
Welland, Ontario, L3B 4M9

1221 R.E. (Ray) Desjardins, 49 Larkin Drive,
Nepean, Ontario, K2J 1B1

Bruce H. Raszmann
Membership Chairman



ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1983-1985

In accordance with our By-Laws and Amendments passed at the Annual General Membership 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 Membership Meeting. The closing date for this nomination is January 15th, 1983.

The Chairman mailing address is: Mel Fiske
7795 Beaverdams Rd., Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2H 1R6.

Use the following form to send in your nominations

- PRESIDENT.....
- 1st VICE-PRESIDENT.....
- 2nd VICE PRESIDENT.....
- SECRETARY.....
- TREASURER.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #1a.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #1b.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #2
- DIRECTOR, AREA #3.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #4.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #5.....
- DIRECTOR AREA #6.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #7.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #8.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #9.....
- DIRECTOR, AREA #10.....

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

1983 AWARD of MERIT
Nomination Form

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

NAME
(Nominee)

SIGNATURE.....

ADDRESS.....

NAME.....
(Nominee)

SIGNATURE.....

ADDRESS.....

The following are some of the reasons for our Nomination.....
(List achievements, Special Service, Writing, Research, Advance-
ment 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, JANUARY 15, 1983.

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 Robert Porter, but make sure YOU HAVE
TWO SIGNATURES.