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## JUNIOR COLLECTORS ON TELEVISION

By Bill English

CKCO Television, Channel 13, Kitchener, Ontario, in co-operation with "Big Al" is inviting participation in a coin panel and an exhibit contest.

In conjunction with the Big Al's children's program, a contest, to get junior collectors actively participating in exhibiting, has been planned. The plan is to get as many coin clubs and/or other groups to sponsor junior coin exhibits at local meetings. These exhibits are to be judged by the Ontario Numismatic Association judging point system and one junior winner will then appear on the Big Al Television program with his winning exhibit. Bill English will discuss the display to other junior and possibly not junior collectors.

Each display appearing on the show will be judged by the O.N.A. point system and the winning display will then win a special trophy donated by CKCO-TV. All Participants on the show will receive recognition from Big Al and the Ontario Numismatic Association. Exhibit rules are necessary for both setting up the displays and judging. These may be obtained from "Big Al Coin Exhibits" CKCO Television, Kitchener, Ontario.

Secondly, a coin panel, made up of junior coin collectors, in the viewing area of CKCO, will be composed of young active numismatists, who belong to coin clubs in Southwestern Ontario. The moderator of the coin panel will be Bill English who talks about coins each week on the Big Al show.

The thought behind both of these programs is to get active participation, where the junior collectors may be recognized. It will, we hope, also encourage other juniors and possibly many adults to explore the hobby of collecting numismatic material.

Although we call it coin collecting, coins are only a small segment of the hobby. Paper

money, tokens, medals, numismatic literature, wooden money, military badges are a few of other collecting avenues open to the collector.

We ask all clubs to plan junior exhibit meetings and select winning displays, so that both the junior collector and the club to which he belongs may get recognition. A trophy and prizes are part of the reward so don't delay, plan now to participate.

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### MANY COLLECTORS TOIL TOGETHER

By Ricky Morse

I think all of us, at one time or another, have collected stamps for a period of time. In our younger days, the colors and pictures depicted on the stamps of the world held a fascination that beckoned to many of us, and still does to a degree.

Both coins and stamps have been referred to as the King of Hobbies, and both have their merits in many ways. Personally, I collect both, but truly feel that coin collecting is the best for a conglomeration of reasons.

Stamps are too easily damaged, and once a stamp is torn, or a corner missing, no collector wants it. A coin, in a manner of speaking, goes on forever, unless, of course, it is melted in a fire or mutilated excessively.

Nobody ever throws away a coin, but millions of stamps are thrown in the garbage cans each week. Once a stamp is used, (cancelled), it cannot be used again, but a coin travels many millions of miles during its "lifetime".

Both stamps and coins have their stories and the history as to why they came into being, who designed them, and either printed or minted them, and both are interesting from this point, but the actual history of coins goes further back in time than the history of stamps.

Many coin clubs have encouraged stamp collectors to attend their meetings, and, in some cases, have even named the club the "so and so" stamp and coin club. It is true that some coin collectors cannot abide stamp collectors and vice-versa, but both hobbies should blend together as they are both interesting and educational.

I have noticed that more young girls collect stamps rather than coins, and this fact has always puzzled me. Perhaps it is because stamps are lighter to carry, and not so cumbersome if the collection is a large one.

The Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association sponsors Project Jerry, which is a plan to give stamps, and stamp books, etc. to crippled children who are not interested in coin collecting. The lady in charge of this project is Mrs. Lilian Zant, 647 Murdock Avenue,

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Noranda, Quebec. If you have any stamps in the house that are not doing any good, please send them to Mrs. Zant and she will see to it that some child is made happy.

Mrs. Zant is also one of the directors of Project Brenda, which is a plan to give coins and numismatic material to invalid children and she will welcome donations for this worthy cause also. We, who have our good health, and firm bodies, should help those far less fortunate to find happiness via the hobbies we enjoy. Helping is Happiness.

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F.C.N.R.S.

Just what do these initials stand for and how do they relate to numismatics? To the uninitiated it stands for "Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society". What is that, you may well ask? It is an organization formed in August 1963 by a group of dedicated numismatists who were and still are very concerned with the trend being followed in numismatics. They feel that far too much emphasis is being placed on speculating in decimal coins at the expense of study of our historic medals, tokens and the like. They feel that concentrated study in all fields of numismatics will counteract this avarice incursion into the field of numismatics.

It is composed of a group of men who enjoy the hobby and want to see it thrive. They are trying to re-nourish the hobby by doing research and making the results of their research available to others. Membership is by invitation only and is based upon what a person has contributed to Canadian numismatics through research. This restriction on awarding fellowships, they feel, will result in more accurate information that can be relied upon being disseminated to all true numismatists in a comprehensive readable form. This attitude has paid off and many fine examples of reliable periodicals have been produced since 1963 that have been established as authentic sources of information. It is a never ending job as new discoveries have been made as a result of this meticulous research. If anyone will read any of the following published booklets perhaps they will realize how many of our fellow collectors are putting untold hours of work in order to help you and I.

Bowman - Communion Tokens, 1965; Ontario Trade Tokens; Croghan - Canadian Cent Varieties; Gingras - Transportation Tokens of British Columbia; Tannahill - Saskatchewan Trade Tokens; Stewart - Manitoba Trade Tokens. There are others but they are serving you with these.

(Thanks to City of Ottawa Coin Club Bulletin)

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DID YOU KNOW-

That the Victoria Numismatic Society issued a British Columbia Centennial Medal as a commemoration of its 100th anniversary. It showed the Parliament Buildings on the obverse and Sir James Douglas first Governor of B.C. on the reverse. A really nice item to have in a historical collection if you can find one.

That a 1948 50¢ Canadian half was only worth \$6.50 in XF condition and a 1947 blunt Canadian \$1.00 was only worth \$7.00 in an auction held in London, Ontario on February 22, 1958.

Coin Collection, it is reported, has become Canada's most popular and one of its most profitable hobbies,----- with both old and new coins.

The following is a letter from John McKay-Clements of Haileybury . . . which speaks for itself.

"WHO IS CASSANDRA"?

Dear Pat:

Only you and Ricky Morse know who this modern Cassandra is. Why doesn't he or she get out from behind the nom de plume and use the same name that he or she uses on a cheque. I'm sure your readers would have more respect for the views that are being expressed if they knew the identity of your anonymous writer. How the dickens did Cassandra get into the field of numismatics anyway? The last I heard of her, she had been neatly polished off by Clytemnestra. Cassandra was quite a girl. Her pop was Priamus, the king of Troy during the Trojan wars and had two wives. I never did hear what happened to the first (her name was Arisba), the second, Hecuba, was Cassandra's mom. She had quite a spectacular end, the Greeks made her a slave. Her son was murdered and when his mother found his body on the seashore she had her revenge by putting out his murderer's eyes and killing his two children. She was finally turned into a dog and jumped into the sea at Cynossema which means "Dog's Tomb". Homer says Priamus had fifty children, nineteen of these were Hecuba's. When I think about it, I have a feeling that Cassandra is no lady at all, she never had a very good reputation in the old days (remember how she welshed on her deal with Apollo that if he would confer on her the gift of prophecy she would comply with his ideas of fun -- she broke that promise). He squared things up by a decree that no one should believe her prophecies. She got her just reward in the end, when Troy was captured she fled to the divinity Athens for sanctuary, However Ajax grabbed her and in the final division of the booty she became the property of Agamemnon who took her to Mycenae where Clytemnestra put paid to her account. Perhaps Cassandra might make some claim to knowledge about the ancient Greek coins (with all that family background) but isn't she a little bit out of her depth meddling with our modern club-member-dealers, coin-club-management-problems, dishonest-fast-buck-boys and the fast-returning-bankrupt-dealer. Something Ricky Morse said in his letter to Cassandra gives us a clue to the possible sex of our modern mystery gal. Trust Ricky to find out. He may get a little confused about when a token is a coin but he'd never be confused about what he saw just below the hem of Cassandra's mini skirt -- they must have been knobby, for did he not say he tipped his hat "for his first column". (If it should be, Pat, that your editorial scoop really is a lady, then I tender my most sincere apologies to her for saying she may not be a lady. I must blame Ricky for leading me astray). Whether Cassandra be male or female, I'm sure the readers of the Journal all wish "her" well. I for one promise to ignore Apollo's decree about believing "her" prophecies, if "she" ever makes any.

Sincerely yours,  
John McKay-Clements.

CASSANDRA SAYS

As you will have read Friend McKay-Clements gives you a very good run-down on the person whose name I've taken as a pseudonym--- I feel he's doing a little fishing somehow-- but in fairness to our fair sex members I shall set their minds at rest--I am not of their gender!!!---Although I'm most sympathetic and welcome any letters you wish to write with any points of interest for our readers.--I've had three letters this past couple of weeks but their contents are of such a controversial nature that I have had to withhold them from publication---After all this is for the interest of our hobby and our readers---not a platform for any one person to name-call or ram unpopular theories down our throats.

A few comments to "John", if I may be so bold ---My knowledge of Greek coinage is indeed small -- indeed one might even say my practical knowledge of coin collecting as a whole is not too great -- but I am learning-- in some ways the hard way--and I am trying to keep an open mind on many of the more complex problems which face our hobby. May I then ask some pertinent questions to the more knowledgeable of our readers-- for instance, Why is there such a big range in price between grades of our coins--viz.- an E.F. 1935 Silver Dollar runs about \$15.00, yet an uncirculated one is supposedly worth \$35.00, about double -- a 1948 Silver Dollar E.F. sells at \$200.00 yet \$325.00 is asked for one in uncirculated condition--The difference in condition seems to be so slight that, to the uninitiated it appears too small -- and speaking of difference in grading -- Surely some of our brainy members of our hobby should sit down and work out some form of "Grading Guide For the Amateur" (for want of a better title) -- something to help us to know if we are really buying a Very Fine or Very Good(?) coin.-- In all honesty, I must say that 95% of our dealers try to be honest with their grading but even among themselves there is a big difference between say, Very Fine and Extremely Fine -- depends upon whether you are buying or selling!! But seriously, I know here would be a worthwhile project - a real big one -- but, Oh Boy, so helpful to the average collector.

You will note I have kept my column this month free from beefs -- I have done so purposely -- I feel I should also try to pass on helpful hints and even the odd bouquet, when it is deserved. Finally, to those of you who have taken time out to drop a few lines to this "budding columnist" a big 'Thank You'. I hope I can contribute something to the hobby which has given me so many, many hours of real pleasure.

I wish you all a Healthy, Happy and truly memorable Christmas.

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DID YOU KNOW

Pennies were once in such demand that speculators offered Midwestern merchants in the United States 100 pennies for \$1.05.

No halfpennies were minted in England last year for the first time since 1860. The Royal Mint's annual report says it is fairly certain the coin is nearing its end. Farthings, worth a quarter of a penny, were taken out of circulation in 1960.

When a design on a United States coin is changed, it is done at the direction of the Director of the Mint.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A NUMISMATIC NEW YEAR

DON FLICK PRESIDENT

And to insure for better things ahead, I hereby make a New Year's Resolution - "That the O.N.A. will in 1970 do everything within its power to improve our Display Case Service to the coin clubs of Ontario".

There has been some criticism of this service from some of the clubs in the past and while the O.N.A. must take a large share of the blame, there have also been two other culprits - "The Case of the Careless Coin Club" and "The Case of the Delicate Display Case Crates".

To rectify the crate situation the O.N.A. has just spent several hundred dollars on new, stronger and simpler to operate crates that if used with care by the clubs and handled with care by transportation companies, should last for many years to come.

In order to function for a larger number of coin clubs, the O.N.A. has now reduced the number of display cases that can be ordered at any one time by any one club from 70 to 50 cases. To eliminate some of the confusion caused in the past by word of mouth or telephone ordering, cases now will only be released by the Display Case Chairman upon his receipt in sufficient time of an O.N.A. Display Case Order Form with deposit enclosed. This order will always be filled on a first come first served basis and never for favouritism or any other reason.

Order Forms may be received by writing the chairman.

I know that the above measures taken by this organization will improve our service to the clubs. If all the clubs in their turn will co-operate by ordering correctly and in lots of time and will take proper care of the cases and crates in storing and re-packing, there can't help but be a general overall improvement in the O.N.A. Display Case Service to ALL the coin clubs in our coin loving province.

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NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Ninth Annual Banquet and Exhibition was decidedly better than last year. The speaker, Dr. John Wilkinson, spoke on what to collect and how to arrange displays for show. He said counterfeiting has followed the coin collector for many generations and told how one such, Herrn Becker, of the 18th century, paid off his debts with counterfeit coinage. Congratulations were extended to our founding president, Walter Griggs, on his election to the Directorate of the Canadian Numismatic Association.

CENTRAL COIN CLUB

It was decided to issue a monthly bulletin to keep all members and friends in touch with what is going on in the club and also the developments on the spring show with the C.N.V.C.A. in April. Just a reminder that we meet every Monday Night and we welcome friends and guests.

GALT AND AREA COIN CLUB-

We were formerly the Preston Coin Club and the prize for the best name suggested was won by Norm Grayland was a 1969 mint set presented by Vince Neviden. It is hoped that the present executive will remain in office for another year to get the new-named club on its feet and used to its new surroundings.

LONDON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The topic of the last meeting was a preliminary showing of slides of London tokens being photographed by the club from the tokens of several members. Attention was drawn to a new book in the library, "English Coins, Charles 1 to Edward 111 by Amstell. Slides from the O.N.A. "Seafaring-The Development of the Ship" will be shown at the next meeting. This slide was produced by Alex Munro.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The treat of the meeting was a slide set, Canadian Silver Dollars, by William English. The Commemorative Silver Dollar and the 1948 Canadian Dollar was a triumph in coloured photography. The "Old Coin Box", in which members drop a coin as they come in and then some lucky member wins in the draw, was a great attraction.

KINGSTON COIN CLUB

The Annual Banquet and Show is over and due to the hard work of all members was a success. To paraphrase what the late President Kennedy said - it's not what your club can do for you but what you can do for the club that counts. Thanks to all who helped make our day such a fine one.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB

The November meeting featured a demonstration by the Kitchener Police Department's Bill Vogel and his associates on how to secure you home, protect your valuables and prevent robberies, They will show how the bad guys do it and how the good guys catch them. The other news is the great success of the annual show held in October. Thanks to one and all for making it the success it was.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB

The November meeting featured the film "The Money Minters" and plans are in progress for the annual Christmas Party. The juniors are writing essays on coins which must be in by the last meeting in November. The results will be interesting.

ST. THOMAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The special feature of the November meeting is the election of the officers for next year. This is a very important meeting as the success of our club for next year hangs on the results. The draw this month will be for a 1968 proof-like set.

THISTLETOWN COIN CLUB

We announce our new meeting place to our friends, The Albion Community Centre, Corner of Kipling Avenue and Albion Road, We hope our club will ~~prop~~osed in its new quarters.

TORONTO COIN CLUB

The last meeting featured three very interesting young people, namely, Miss Beverley White who brought with her the Duke of Edinburgh Award presented to her by Prince Philip and two students, Jack Ganz and Doug Sussman, from Forest Hill Junior High School, who gathered some valuable information on collecting through conversations with the members.

WELLAND COIN CLUB

Just a note to say we hope to have a real strong executive for the coming year. They will be announced next month.

NOTE - Any clubs not mentioned in this bulletin is due to the early deadline because of the Christmas mail rush. Get you next month!!

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

To help clubs decide upon a coin show date that will not conflict with another club in its area we are listing below proposed dates that we now have on hand.

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Jan. 29- Torex held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

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Feb. 28 - Canadian Paper Money Society Convention in the Dominion Room at the Toronto-Dominion Centre in Toronto. There will be 25 bourse tables available. Note extension from one to two days due to increased interest. Application forms and information by writing to The Secretary, c/o P.O. Box 7, Postal Station "S", Toronto.

Mar. 14 - Richmond Hill Coin Club Spring Show. Information re Bourse tables, etc., to:- Ricky Morse, P.O.Box 91, Station "H", Toronto, Ont.

Mar. 28 - St. Thomas Numismatic Association 1970 Banquet and Show in Grace United Church Hall. Details as to bourse, etc. write A. W. O'Neill, Secretary, P.O. Box 187, St. Thomas, Ont.

Apr. 11 & 12 - Canadian Numismatic Variety Collectors Association will hold their Convention in the Westbury Hotel, Yonge St., Toronto, with the host club being the Central Coin Club. Information either from CNVCA, P.O. Box 91, Station "H", Toronto, OR Central Coin Club, The Secretary, 306 Jarvis St., Toronto. Either Club will be glad to supply details as to Exhibits, Banquet, Bourse, Etc.

Apr. 18 - Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association will hold their Annual Coin Show at the Quinte Hotel, Belleville, corner Bridge & Pinnacle Sts. Exhibitors to supply their own cases. Room for 8 bourse dealers will be available. More details later.

May 2-3 - Huronia Numismatic Association will host the 1970 O.N.A. Convention in Barrie. Guest speaker will be Mr. John J. Pittman, President of the C.N.A. Notice well in advance so clubs can arrange their shows accordingly.

Oct. 17 - St. Catharines Coin Club Annual Banquet and Coin Show. Further details later.

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NEW MEMBERS

The applications for membership which appeared in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatic Association Bulletin, The Numismatist, have now been accepted as full members of the Association. New members will be listed next month.

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TENDERS WANTED

We are requesting tenders for our auction at the O.N.A. 9th Annual Convention to be held at Barrie, Ontario, May 2nd and 3rd, 1970. Please send your auction tenders direct to President Don Flick, 3263 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Toronto 14, Ontario. Please also remember "the early bird catches the heap big worm" - The O.N.A. Auction!!

MOSTLY ABOUT COINSKIND PERMISSION OF JACK WALLACE

The 25-cent fractional notes (shinplasters) were Canada's first paper money. The first "DOMINION OF CANADA" notes were issued on July 1, 1870, but were preceded by the 25¢ bills four months earlier. They were first introduced as a temporary measure to replace the mass of semi-official and privately struck "tokens" and U.S. coins that were circulating in Canada during that period.

The subsequent issues of 1900 and 1923 were probably due to popular demand as they were a convenient means of remitting small amounts by mail, as well as being valued as souvenirs by many people and were also useful as gifts to children.

It is estimated that approximately \$1 million worth of these notes have never been redeemed and are to-day in collections, or kept as souvenirs. Many readers may possibly have one or two tucked away which bring back memories of their childhood.

The memory of receiving my first "shin-plaster" is rather a painful one, as it was given to me as an inducement to get into a dentist's chair and have an aching tooth pulled.

Many varieties are to be found in paper money as well as in coins. There are three varieties of the 1870 issue of fractional notes, all signed by W. Dickinson and T. D. Harington. One has the serial letter "B", one with the letter "A" under the figure 0 in the date and one without a serial letter.

Three varieties exist in the signatures of the 1900 series. One is signed by J. C. Saunders; one signed by J. W. Courtney and one by T.C. Boville. In addition, there are three other varieties in the "Boville" notes. One with the face plate number at the upper right and none on the back; one with a face plate on the upper left and a black plate number on the lower right and, one without a plate number.

There are about 40 varieties to be found in the 1923 issues and all have either of the following serial letters: "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "H", "J", "K", "L", or "P". Ten of these issues are signed by G. W. Hyndman and J. C. Saunders with either of the above letters in red preceding the serial number, 10 bear the same signatures but with serial letters in black, another ten issues are signed by S. P. McCavour and J. C. Saunders, with still another 10 signed by C. E. Campbell and W. C. Clark, also with serial letters in black.

Values of the 1800 issues are from three to four dollars with the exception of the scarce Britannia with the letter "A" under the date which is valued at \$15. The 1900 and 1923 values range from one to three dollars. These prices are offered by dealers for notes in very good (VG) condition, with higher prices for those in very fine (VF) to uncirculated.

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Please start thinking about your O.N.A. "Award of Merit" (1970) nomination. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles, Any person whom 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, then take to your club for their support. Let's make it tough on the O.N.A. Executive this year and give them some real opposition to choose their Award of Merit Candidate.

THIS 'N THAT

Oh, Boy, this has been a real busy bee time for Ye Ed-- I no sooner get one Bulletin in the mail when I have to begin another in order that we can print and mail before December 10th, the Post Office deadline for assured delivery --- by the way, may I say here how much I appreciate the many contributions from our readers-- This year has seen quite a variety of topics covered, and to conclude our year there is an excellent article by Bill English on Junior Members on TV -- a brief note to Fred Steele of the Kingston Coin Club who commiserates with Ye Ed on his recent inability to attend their show due to illness, but please, Fred, I'm not a "she", I'm a "he" -- sorry to have missed your show -- better luck next time -- Visited the show at Hamilton last week and saw many old friends -- I felt the show deserved better support, for everything was well organized - exhibits were fine, and although low in number were high in quality -- congrats to the winners -- I note many clubs are making their banquet and show arrangements much earlier this year - some as much as a year ahead -- This is an excellent idea for it gives the executives of other clubs a better choice of dates by knowing the show-dates of their local opposition-- so may I request the in-coming executives of 1970 - make this a must - set your show date and/or banquet dates well in advance -- we will publish (December and January issues) all club dates so you can set your date without clashing-- This is all for now, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with the good things of life -- I end with a short quote sent to me by one of our Directors-- I think it is very apt to close the old year of 1969 and commence 1970 --

CHRISTMAS 1969            NEW YEAR 1970

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

- Ye Ed -

