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WOMAN RESPONSIBLE FOR WORD "MONEY"

By Byron Swayze, London Numismatic Society

From Women's News Service, New York - It may be Papa who pays around your home, but a woman was originally responsible for money -- at least for the word "money".

She was Juno, the Roman goddess who ruled the mythological heavens as Jupiter's wife. Like modern women, she had a number of tasks assigned to her, one of them that of issuing warnings. When the Romans finally devised a monetary system and looked about for someone to watch over their finances, they decided that Juno was their girl. So, she became known as Juno Moneta, her last name taken from the Latin word, "moneo", to warn. The word has been altered through the years until it comes to us as "money".

Latin, as a matter of historical fact, has a word in the background of many of the financial terms we use as important parts of our everyday speech. For example, "moneo", from which "money" stems, is the parent word also for "mint", to describe the place where the money is being coined. And "Cash" comes from the Latin "cases", meaning a box. Originally the word meant the box in which money is being kept for safety, but in time it came to refer to what was in the box.

How about the coins that fill North American pockets and pocketbooks? Before them, though, there's the "coin" itself. Again a Latin word is responsible -- this time "cuneus", meaning a wedge. Apparently the die that was used in casting coins at one time looked like a wedge, and the word finally came to mean the money itself.

A "dollar" is from the medieval German. Money during the 16th century came from silvermines in the Bohemian valley, or "thal", of St. Joachim. The coins came to be known as "Joachimsthaler", soon shortened

to "thaler", a short step to "dollar".

A dollar was with us early in history. During the Colonial period, various foreign coins circulated in the new country. Among them were the Spanish milled dollar, which proved to be more popular than the competing English guinea or French Louis. When American Currency was established, the dollar won out. The dollar is now divided into a half-dollar and a quarter-dollar.

This original Spanish dollar, immediately was divided into eight reals, or "bits". Two such bits made up a quarter of that dollar. So, to-day, "two bits" refers to a quarter-dollar, or, more simply, a quarter. "Dime" comes from "decimus", Latin for a tenth, and "cent" from "centum", Latin for one hundred.

"Cent" is technically a word for one-hundredth of a dollar. However, the word "penny" seems far more common even though there is no such coin in North America. In England, of course, for generations the word has been used for the coin worth one-twelfth of a shilling. This English word "penny" dates back to the 8th century. It is said to have come from a German word, "panna", meaning a pan, because the coin originally was shaped somewhat like a kitchen pan.

The following letter has been received from Mr. Don. Thomas, Publisher of Coin, Stamp and Antique News:

October 26, 1970.

The Ontario Numismatic Association,
Flick Printing Company,
3263 Lakeshore Blvd. West,
LONG BRANCH, Ontario.
Attn.: Mr. Don Flick

Dear Mr. Flick:

In keeping with our policy of expanding our coverage of Canadian events, groups and institutions, we are contacting various organizations with a view to publicizing their efforts for the benefit of the numismatic fraternity in this country.

Briefly, our idea is that we give your organization editorial space in our publication where your group can publish news, feature articles specialized matter and subjects of general interest to collectors.

Of course, any person in your group who wants to discuss a particular aspect of his specialty will be welcome in our column and we will publish any photographs he might want to send to accompany his article.

I am sure you realize, as I do, that this is a general invitation and that you might have your own particular ideas on the subject. If you have I will be glad to hear them.

I am keenly aware of the blank spots in communication in Canadian

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numismatics and am most anxious that C.S.A. News play its part in helping to fill these areas.

It may be that you will want to appoint one person to represent your group editorially or that your group will issue a general invitation to your membership to participate.

If this idea appeals to you, and I hope it does, I look forward to hearing from you. Any suggestions would be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Signed: D. B. Thomas, Publisher, C.S.A. News.

Any comments to help close the communication gap will be appreciated.

"Ye Ed"

UNCLE JOHN'S COIN CORNER

Dear Ollie, Nina and Art:

The Editor of the Ontario Numismatist tells me that I suddenly gained a number of nephews and nieces last week and that they are all under 18 and interested in coin collecting. It is a strange coincidence that the three I picked out to write to, have the initials, O.N.A. -- guess that makes you three the official representatives of the Junior O.N.A. I hope you have all paid your \$2.00 dues for 1971.

I started to collect coins long, long ago, more years than I care to remember, but there are other things about this hobby of ours that I love to recall. I hope that I shall never forget all the pleasures it brought me when I was your age. I want to share them with you and help you if I can. Write to me any time you like about your collecting problems, send your letters to -- Uncle John, c/o W.E. Pat Lambert, 57 Emmett Road, St. Catharines, Ontario. The Editor will send them on to me and I will answer them as soon as I can. If I do not know the answers I will see that someone who should know will write to you.

Enclose with your letters a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the reply. Print the address to make sure it can be clearly read by the post office people. Be sure to give me your O.N.A. membership number and sign your name. Never enclose coins or tokens in your letters, they might get lost and neither I nor the Editor can be responsible for them.

If you want to talk to me about a coin you would have liked to show me, make a rubbing of it by placing a piece of thin white paper over it and gently rubbing the lead from a soft pencil, H.B. or B grade, over it while making sure that the paper does not move on the coin. A little practice on any coin from your pocket will soon make you an expert at this handy little trick.

Another way to deal with this problem is to get a piece of unwrinkled foil from the kitchen cabinet (You know, the one that holds the paper towels, wax paper, saran wrap and foil), mother won't mind if you tear off a narrow strip neatly, taking as much as you want but not wasting it, and of course making a neat job of tearing it. If you place the foil over the coin and press it onto the coin with your thumb, again without allowing any movement between the coin and the foil, you will get a good impression.

If the coin is badly worn then neither method works. In this event try to describe it in your own words, say what kind of

metal you think it is and measure its diameter as accurately as you can. If I cannot identify it I may be able to suggest someone you can reach with the actual coin. I am sure there is not a single member of the O.N.A. or any other leading coin organization that will not be willing to lend Uncle John a hand in helping you.

In future letters I hope to write to you about the books you should have, something about coin grades, advise on buying coins for your collection, about cleaning or not cleaning coins, perhaps even how to wheedle that extra coin out of mum and dad -- I will if I can remember how I did it, and I was quite good at it too.

Before I have finished, both the Editor and Uncle John himself may be sorry they ever got into the position of catering to you, Ollie, Nina and Art. We both doubt that (there really are two of us), we, and all your fellow members in the O.N.A. want you to feel very much a part of our Association and we will do everything we can to work towards that happy result.

Sincerely yours----Uncle John.

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Letter received from our publicity chairman in answer to one printed in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist:

Dear Ye Ed:

On Page 99 of the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist, there was printed a letter from Area Director Elliott Jephson with reference to a proposal whereby the mint may produce a silver content Proof-Like Set for collectors.

I take issue with Mr. Jephson whether or not this can be considered legal tender. "WHY EVER NOT? IS THE 1967 GOLD SET LEGAL TENDER? IS THE \$20. GOLD PIECE LEGAL TENDER?"

"You say a coin is a coin and is circulated, but these silver peices would not enter circulation and would not be coins".

Please, Mr. Jephson, the fact that these would be of silver would not change the legal tender or the fact that they are coins.

I close asking you one question. "If you were cashing a cheque at your bank and the cashier offered you a \$20. gold piece as part of your drawings, would you refuse it because it was not a coin"?

Signed: R. N. Voaden.
Publicity Chairman O.N.A.

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DID YOU KNOW :

That Civil War Tokens (Copperheads) were private issue pieces usually made to the approximate size of the current U.S. cents which circulated during the Civil War because of a scarcity of small change.

That a Cob is a Spanish-American piece of the 16th century of characteristically crude fabric, irregular shape and bearing only a partial impression of the dies.

That an Error is a coin, token, medal or paper money item evidencing a mistake made in its manufacture.

NEWS AROUND THE COIN CLUBS

BRANTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Brantford sends us their slate of officers for 1971 as presented by the committee headed by Walter Griggs:-President - Ernie Baker, Vice-President - Gordon Durnford, Secretary - John Barchino, Assist. Sec.- Ernie Lightle, Treasurer - Thomas Savory, Librarian - George Brunnsden, Editor - John Barchino, Advisory - Walter Griggs. The theme for the meeting was the O.N.A. Audio-Visual "Canadian Large Coppers". The Club announced that the 1971 coin series from the Royal Canadian Mint are available: Presentation sets in leather case @ \$12.00 each (with 2 dollar pieces) Simulated leather cases @ \$6.50 each (with 2 1/2 pieces) Set in transparent film @ \$4.00 each, Dollars in simulated leather cases @ \$2.00 each (minimum order of 3), Gold-plated cuff links @ \$3.50 per pair, Rhodium plated cufflinks @ \$3.50 per pair. Remittance in Canadian funds payable to Coins Uncirculated, Box 470, Ottawa 2, Ont.

CHAMPLAIN COIN CLUB -

Officers for 1971 are:-Pres., Jim Jefferies, Vice-Pres.-Bill Gage, Sec.-Mrs. Horne, Auctioneer-Harry Booth, Editor-Gordon Horne. It was decided to start using the old coin box. Each member deposits an old coin the the box and receives a ticket. During each meeting one ticket is drawn and the holder gets the contents of the coin box. It was also noted that 1971 is the centennial for British Columbia and a new commemorative dollar will be struck bearing the heraldic shield and floral emblem of the province which is two flowering dogwoods.

HAMILTON COIN CLUB -

Hamilton welcomes Charlie Fincher as the new president, assisted by Eugene Lisicki (V.P.), Alan Hill (Treasurer) and Ken Lord (Secretary). The main feature was a talk by Gene Lisicki on some of the monthly publications he receives, among them "Le Club Francais de la Medaille" a division of the Paris mint and deals with mainly medals, plaques, etc., also the International Numismatic Collectors' Society offers books by noted authors, also discounts on coins and bulk foreign purchases. There is also Spink and Son's "Numismatic Circular" and Sherritt Mint Notices. All these contain valuable information. Plans were carried on for the Coin and Stamp Show to be held January 30th in the Hindoo Koosh Grotto.

HURONIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The last meeting took the form of a Christmas Party and the film "A Place to Stand" was also shown. At the January meeting the members brought Canadian Tire Coupons to help in obtaining prizes for the draws. There was also a talk by Bill Gage on the coins and history of Nova Scotia. In the auction besides coins were antiques and stamps. It was decided to have a telephone committee to try and get more members at each meeting, thus stimulating more interest at each meeting.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB -

Officers for 1971 are:-President - Vacant, Past President - Alan Macnab, Vice President-Howard Whitfield, Sec. -Editor- Barbara Macnab, Treasurer - Aulis Koslunen. The January meeting featured the O.N.A. Audio-Visual "Romance of World Gold" by Lloyd T. Smith. Art Leff gave an interesting talk on "Commemorative Coins and Medallions of Israel" which was enjoyed by all.

KITCHENER COIN CLUB-

Kitchener has a new executive to guide them this year. They are as follows:- Pres.-Raymond Cote, Vice-Pres.-James Dunn, Sec.-Ruth Jacobs, Treas.-Brian Miller. The highlight of the last meeting was the presentation of an engraved gavel to the past president (1969) Pat Collins by Albert Fuller. The club is moving to new quarters for 1971. The meetings will be held at the Breithaupt Centre, Margaret Avenue, in the Metropolitan City of Kitchener.

NIAGARA FALLS COIN CLUB -

To guide the club in 1971 the slate of officers is as follows:-Pres.-Mel Fiske, 1st Vice-Pres.-Phil Downey, 2nd, Vice-Pres.-Howard Hill, Treas.-Mrs. Daley, Sec.-Mrs. Smith. An excellent set of O.N.A. slides, "The Romance of World Gold" was much enjoyed. Howard Hill won the door prize so to earn it he had to conduct the auction. Also a set of slides "What's My Coin" tried to stump the experts but most were known.

PORT CREDIT COIN CLUB--

Some distinguished guests attended the last meeting in the form of Jack Forbes and his wife, Terry Wedge, who gave an interesting talk and display, Frank Rose with some advanced information on the 1971 coinage and mintage plans. Ronald Baily won the Junior Essay competition and Jim Allan was second. This is his essay:-"COINS" - I like going to coin club meetings because I find them very educational and you can meet people there. Sometimes if you are lucky you can win a door prize too. Our club also has a question prize and we have to look up the answer. This helps to learn about coins. There is a auction where you might be able to get some coins you want badly. You could get coins from salesmen there. Some of the coin salemen have coins from countries all over the world. You can see films about coins and films on where coin club members have been to, and you can learn things about the place where the film was taken. I like coin displays and I even like to take part in the competitions.

By Ron Baily."

Good work, Ron, it is good to see juniors taking part, Ye Ed.

SARNIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY-

Officers for 1971 are:-Pres.-Robert Sargent, Vice-Pres.-Fred Webb, Sec.-Dorrie Pratt, Treas.- Horace Bardwell, Exec.-Sec.-Amos Warwick, Auctioneer-Norm Scott. The last meeting featured coloured slides on Canada's 5¢ silver prepared by the O.N.A. in co-operation with B.C.'s Victoria Coin Club. Everyone present received an UNC 1970 5¢ piece courtesy of the club. Auction was conducted by Norm Scott. As a special feature Audrey Conson donated 3 corsages and these were won by Dorrie Pratt, Marie Hill and May Drulard.

STRATFORD COIN CLUB -

The first meeting of 1971 was held at the Stratford library with a membership draw to be held at 8.15, which will be for a 1960 silver dollar, a 1969 P.L. dollar and a year's membership in the club. Tom Orr gave an interesting talk on Coin Insurance which was enjoyed by all. Membership dues time is here and all members are urged to pay them so as to enjoy the full priviledges of the club. The club is sorry to see two good members leave in the persons of Mr. & Mrs. Tardif who will be moving to Windsor in the near future. The Windsor Coin Club will be the winners and Stratford is sorry to see them go.

RICHMOND HILL COIN CLUB-

At the last meeting the members and guests enjoyed a Christmas Party. The business mostly consisted of electing a Vice-President and Treasurer of the new year, namely Bill Smith and Joe Scala. Members were reminded that their dues for 1971 are now due and the club would appreciate receiving them.

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB -

At the January meeting the new officers for 1971 were installed by the chairman of the nominating committee, Pat Lambert. They are as follows: President - Howard Hill, Past Pres.- Frank Kiley, Vice-Pres.- R. Voaden, Secretary - Mrs. Foulser, Treas.- Fred Barley, Membership - John Morrison, Librarian - Mrs. Ritchie, Historian - Mrs. Lambert, Publicity-Lawrence Sheppard. One of the past presidents, Bernard Cook, presented Frank Kiley, immediate past President with a token of gratitude in the form of an engraved pen set for his desk. Speaker was George Oblinsky who gave an interesting talk on the value of Canadian Coins and ways of securing a collection.

THISTLETOWN TOWN CLUB -

At the last meeting a coin bingo was the main feature and a Do-It-Yourself acution. The 1971 executive are :- Vice-Pres-Ron Bennet, Treas.- Sid Ward, Sec.- Bob Porter, Director - John Jefferies, Publicity - Reese Dunsford, Librarian - Jim Petrie. Another feature was membership and a goodly number paid their dues. The positions of President and Editor are still vacant.

TORONTO COIN CLUB -

The last meeting was well attended. John J, Pittman came from Rochester with a supply of numismatic tales. He received the official endorsement as candidate for the A.N.A. Presidency. The next three meetings will be Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27.

WATERLOO COIN CLUB -

Results of the election was as follows :- Pres.- John Craig, V/Pres.- E. Stahley, Treas.- Bruce Raszmann, Sec.- Don Smith, Librarian - Mrs. Shantz, Membership-Paul Sandham, Reception- Joan Gordon, Editor - Heinz Herzog, Ex-Officio - Bill English. All were reminded that it was membership dues time. Details were arranged concerning the Banquet and Show on March 27 and 28.

CITY OF OTTAWA COIN CLUB -

At the last meeting it was announced that a selection of medals commemorating the 300th anniversary of coins in Canada are available through member Paul Sullivan and are reproductions of the first French coins in Canada. Considerable discussion took place concerning the upcoming spring show, the date of which is still to be set. It is expected there will be two new categories, namely Military Medals and Decorations and Gold Coins. It is hoped these will add interest to the show. It was announced that John J. Pittman expects to be in the area and it is hoped he will attend the April meeting.

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ANCHOR MONEY

Small silver coins, struck in 1820 and 1822, for use in Mauritis, the West Indies and other British Colonies. One-half, one-quarter, one-eighth and one-sixteenth of a dollar were issued. The reverse of the coins shows an anchor crowned.

PROPOSED COIN SHOWS

Listed below are the proposed coin club annual show dates and banquets. Please check to see if they conflict with your club's forthcoming show date.

- Feb. 12-14 - Greater Toronto Coin and Stamp Exhibition and Canadian Paper Money Society (Torex) Show in the Westbury Hotel, 457 Yonge Street, Toronto 5, Ontario.
- March 20 - North York Coin Club's Coin Show, Coin Sale and White Elephant Sale in the North York Memorial Community Centre, 5090 Yonge St., Willowdale, featuring Bourse, Displays, white elephant and numismatic appraisal booth. For further information apply:- North York Coin Club, P.O. Box 294, Willowdale 441, Ontario.
- Mar. 27-28 - Waterloo Coin Society Twelfth Annual Coin Show and Banquet at the Holiday Inn, Highway 7 & 8 & Fairway Road, Kitchener. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM LAST BULLETIN. Further details re bourse, displays, etc. to Waterloo Coin Society, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- March 28 - In conjunction with the Waterloo Coin Show a special event from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. called a "Token Collectors Trading Session". Any interested in trading tokens, etc., please contact Mr. John H. Shaw, P.O. Box 41, Waterloo, Ontario.
- April 10 - Woodstock Twelfth Annual Coin Show at Old St. Paul's Parish Hall from 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m, with banquet at 6.30 and Auction at 8.00 p.m. General Chairman - Raymond Palmer, 800 - 17 Rathborne Ave., Woodstock. Bourse Chairman - Victor Leake - Box 631, Woodstock and Display Chairman - Bert Carter, Innerkip, Ontario.
- April 17 - Belleville Coin Club Annual Show in the Pinnacle Room at the Hotel Quinte, Belleville. Bourse, display and auction from 10.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. For further details contact Charles Miller, Box 125, Belleville.
- April 18 - Kent Coin Club Third Annual Coin Show at the Holiday Inn, Keil Drive, Chatham, Ontario. Bourse Chairman - David Cregg, 192 Richmond St., Chatham and Douglas St. Pierre, #1 Madonna Cr., Chatham. Show Chairman - L. H. Toll, Port Alma, Ontario.
- Apr. 24-25 - Ontario Numismatic Association Annual Convention to be held in Sudbury hosted by the Nickel Belt Coin Club in the President Motor Hotel, 99 Elm St., Sudbury. Gerry Albert is chairman and Jack Dupnt co-chairman. Enquiries re bourse, exhibits, accommodation, etc. to Mrs. W. Campbell, 1369 Roy St., Sudbury. Special motel rates for Convention. Make your accommodations early.

NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the January issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

THOUGHTS ON BANK NOTES

By Harold Don Allen.

Your description of a bank note as 'a promissory note issued by a bank in useful denominations, payable to bearer and intended to circulate as money' is, of course, historically correct. In a very few countries, of which Scotland is the leading example, such bank notes--non-legal tender notes of commercial banks of issue--still circulate. In Canada, this is but tradition. Over the past two decades, nation after nation has unceremoniously deleted the 'promise to pay' from its folding money, and Canada has done the same with the first notes of its series 1969, so-called. The piece of paper has become the money, for better or for worse. One might, accordingly, distinguish between promissory bank notes, the world's traditional paper money, and legal tender notes, the uniform issues of central banks of today.

Mr. Allen has recently joined the O.N.A. and we welcome him as a contributor to our Bulletin.

THIS 'N THAT -

Sometimes when we start our Bulletin we wonder if we will have sufficient material to give our readers well-balanced and, we trust, interesting reading--once again our many contributors, coin club bulletin editors, etc. give us more than enough to keep us going, so to our unsung heroes and hardworking writers we say "Thank you" for your timely help---I see Bob Sargent's article has generated some discussion on judging--one of the club's has some harsh criticism on past judging "goofs" and plain poor judging--it would seem that this subject should be given greater thought and perhaps we can come up with a better form, one which is easier to judge and yet fair to the exhibitor--and the place to bring your beefs, criticisms and ideas and let's give them serious consideration is the forthcoming show at Sudbury-- I see the Toronto boys are giving a great deal of publicity for their show in February at the Westbury --keep your calendar free for Feb. 12-13-14 --Torex looks bigger than ever-- maybe their judging will merit a closer look -- a recent news release from O.N.A. Publicity Dept. tells auctioneer Frank Rose is getting all set for a big auction in Sudbury, April 24-25--Sudbury Chairman Gerry Albert and Co-chairman Jack Dupont with their committees have been doing everything to ensure you folks have a good convention with nothing--but nothing--left to chance--Accommodation Chairman C. F. Martin has asked those intending to stay to please book your accommodation as early as you can so you can stay right with your convention without leaving the building-- Congratulations to the organizers of the new association to be known as CIAC (Coin Irregularity Association of Canada)-- We wish you the best and look forward to your contribution to the hobby of numismatics.-- This is all for now except to wish all the new Club Executives a successful new year.

Applications subject to Constitution: #791--Gerald Albert, 158 Dunvegan Court, Sudbury. #792--Roland Albert, 30 Gatcher Ave., Sudbury; #793--Romeo Sonier, 622 Lasalle Blvd., -Sudbury; #794--Theodore Jonasson, 913 Grandview, Sudbury; #795--Ralp E Trimble, 10 Auston Ave., Toronto 252; #796--Mrs. W. R. Campbell, 1369 Roy Ave., Sudbury;

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