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## PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### City of Waterloo Receives 1967 O. N. A. Medals for Archives

Bill English, president of the Ontario Numismatic Association presented the city, Monday, September 18, with a set of commemorative medals bearing the association and city crests.

The two medals, one of bronze and the other of sterling silver with a protective plastic covering, were attractively set in a decorative display box. Mayor Paleczny accepted the gift on behalf of the city and commended the Waterloo Coin Society for their numerous activities.

Mr. English told members of council that the coins, struck by the Ontario association, were being displayed all across Canada and in the United States, publicizing this community.

### Each Life Member to Receive a Special Medal

A special, one-of-a-kind, inscribed life membership medal will be struck for each life member. This will be in addition to an encased life membership card.

The draw for LM 1 - 2 - 3, etc., to cover the eligible membership applications post-marked on or before October 31, 1967 will take place early in November.

Life Member names and numbers will be announced in the December issue of the Ontario Numismatist

To have a chance for L. M. 1: be sure to send your application in before the closing date. All applications received after the closing date will be allotted L. M. numbers in the order received.

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## United States Paper Currency

Who's On What?

1 dollar	Washington
5 "	Lincoln
20 "	Jackson
100 "	Franklin
1,000 "	Cleveland
10,000 "	Chase

By Hazel Munro

For many years it was supposed that a coinage which is now generally recognized as Gaulish was of British origin. These are the coins that are now attributed to the Bellovaci, a tribe of northern Gaul, and which are found on both sides of the Channel.

The coinage consists of staters and quarter staters, both of which have certain pronounced characteristics, their origin being in the Philippos. They are nearly always struck on a very broad flan, the head of Apollo is very greatly exaggerated, occupying nearly all of the field, the flan being small in comparison. The laurel wreath, diadem and drapery over the shoulder are also pronounced. The reverse consists of a horse the chariot being reduced to a small oval ornament, and there is generally some semblance of a winged victory above. The average weight of the stater is about 116 grains the quarter stater about 28-30 grains.

It is most probable that these coins were brought to England by traders before the First Belgic Invasion of Britain. There are two very good reasons for supposing this to be so. First, no hoards of Bellovacian coins have so far been found in this country that could have been buried at this time. A few only have been found in company with coins of a later date. Secondly, the first gold coins to be struck in Britain were not copied from the Bellovacian stater. They do in fact bear very little resemblance to it, the only connection being that they both have their origin in the Philippos.

In these two features, the absence of hoards and lack of native imitation, the coinage differs from that of the first Belgic invaders which succeeded it. In fact these two features are what one would expect to distinguish a coinage which represents the establishment of trade routes from one representing the establishment of a people.

Bellovacian coins are fairly widely distributed over the southeast corner of England. Find spots seem to suggest that they were brought across the Channel by traders to the Essex, Kent and Sussex coasts. Thereafter they found their way inland as far as the borders of Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire. They were also present in the Carnbrae (Cornwall) find in 1749.

Many of the Bellovacian coins found in England are in a very worn state which seems to suggest that they may have been used as currency over here. Their probable date is between 100 B. C. and 75 B. C. when the First Belgic Invasion took place.

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There is another coinage of staters and quarter staters found roughly in the same areas of southeast England as the Bellovacian coins, but they are not often found near the coast. They are of two distinct types, both of which would be pre-Belgic invasion. Again, no hoards of these coins have been found in England. Both types have the obverse die deliberately defaced by a series of lines, but the reverses are similar or nearly similar to the Bellovacian coins. On one type, the reverse has what has been described as a monkey perched on a horse's hindquarters holding a long pole. These coins with the defaced obverse die are fairly rare in England, and like the Bellovacian coins are found on both sides of the Channel. Their style is Gaulish, and there can be little doubt that they were struck in Gaul and brought over to England by traders before the First Belgic Invasion."

#### NEW MEMBERS

Applications published in the September issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted. The following applications have been received. If no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the November issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 617. Mr. Wayne Novak - 16 Marwill St. - Downsview, Ont.
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- 627. Mr. A. J. Williams - Box 35 - Port Hope, Ont.
- 628. Mr. Howard McNabb - R. R. #4 - Owen Sound, Ont.
- 629. Mr. W. W. Quinton - Walters Falls, Ont.

#### PROJECT BRENDA

Further to the above, your Editor noted that this project is certainly going great guns. At the recent Central Coin Show, I attended a meeting the Oshawa Coin Club (where I was given the glad hand of friendship by President and Executive) and noted speaker and great friend of Canadian Numismatics, John J. Pitman gave P. B. a terrific boost.

Will C. N. V. C. A. please give any items of interest to our readers (which grow from month to month - 616 to date, with more to come from President Bill English Ontario district) -- there is great interest and we know our readers too, will probably come up with some fresh ideas - how about it - let us see if our many clubs can maybe have a "Project Brenda" drive for items to send to either Jack Wallace, 203 University Avenue, in Kingston, or Ricky Morse, c/o P. O. Box 91, Station "H", Danforth Avenue Toronto -- Note to Jack Wallace - for our readers information, please let us have some news on P. B. for our November Bulletin.

### CLUB PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

It appears a number of Ontario clubs have either produced or have been responsible for distributing Centennial Medallions - Niagara Falls put out an excellent Medallion as did St. Catharines and Brantford. If Niagara Falls (calling Mel Fiske) or Brantford would give us details as to the description, number minted, price, etc. we would be happy to pass it on to our readers. Maybe we can set up a "Swap Shop" among clubs who did produce medallions -- let us have some information please.

#### Huronian Numismatic Association

The next meeting will be our Seventh Anniversary meeting and it will be held on Thursday, September 21, 1967, at the Loyal True Blue Hall, High Street, Barrie, Ontario. The doors will be open at 7:30 p. m. and the business portion of the meeting will begin at 8:00 p. m. sharp. Guests who do not wish to sit through the business portion of the meeting may come any time after 8:30 p. m. to view the displays, enter material in the auction and help us celebrate our Seventh Year Anniversary.

President: Steve Wiggins

Secretary: Walter Schultz

#### Ingersoll Coin Club

President - Alan Macnab, 249 Hall Street, Ingersoll, Ont. Telephone 485-1292  
Secretary - Les Allsop, 135 Bond Street, Ingersoll, Ont. Telephone 485-3309

##### The September Programme:

Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre, Meeting Room

Sept. 18 "Canadian Silver Dollars" 8:00 p. m.

An Audio Visual

By William English

Lucky Draw

Auction

Visitors Welcome

Bill English, President of the Ontario Numismatic Association is well known to most of our members. You can be assured that the O.N.A. Audio-visual "Canadian Silver Dollars" will prove an interesting and informative programme, one not to be missed that will get the fall season off to a good start.

Alan Macnab, who represented the Club at the recent O. N. A. Convention at Kitchener gave a report on the Delegates meeting and told of club members successes in the competitive displays. Percy Elgie was 1st. in the Miscellaneous category with his Hudson Bay entry. Gord Gray was 2nd. in Canadian Currency and Alan Macnab was 2nd. in the Centennial category.

Two O. N. A. directors, Howard Whitfield of London and Charlie Laister of Tillsonburg were present and addressed the members.

The lucky draw winners were Stu. Thurtell, a 1966 silver dollar and Mrs. Joe Mustos Dorchester, a book, "A Guide for the grading of Canadian Coins." The meeting concluded with an auction, Ralph Atkinson, auctioneer.

#### Niagara Falls Coin Club

Niagara Falls Coin Club meets the third Wednesday every month, at the E. C. V. A. Hall, Magdalen Street, one block off Victoria Ave. Opposite Bordens Dairy.

President - Lloyd Hottot, phone 354-1907

Secretary - Mrs. S. Colley, phone 358-6549

Our September meeting the 20th to be exact, should be very interesting. Harold Daniels has some slides to show us from the O. N. A. and I'm sure there will be some interesting stories to be listened to. Our surprise visitor sure surprised us, he's not coming. October is another month, maybe we can get him for October. A small display or an interesting story will be most welcome at the meeting.

### St. Catharines Coin Club

The St. Catharines Coin Club held its first meeting of the fall season on September 17, in the Canadian Corps Hall with an excellent attendance of 61 members and 7 guests.

The O. N. A. Convention which was scheduled to be hosted by the St. Catharines Coin Club in 1968, has had to be cancelled. This cancellation was necessitated by a fire at Frudhommes Garden Centre in June. Pat Lambert has been appointed bulletin editor of the O. N. A. journal, for the coming year.

Prizes were won by Dick Ray, R. N. Voaden Brett Harrison, Fred Barley, E. Voaden, T. McLaren.

Recently when the Centennial Caravan was here, the club had two booths set up, outside the caravan. These were under the direction of Pat Lambert and G. Oblinsky.

The members were reminded of the Annual Coin Show and Banquet on October 14, 1967 at St. Barnabas Church.

Our club was honoured at the recent C. N. A. Convention when Betty Lou Bellows placed second in Category K, Miscellaneous.

Display winners: 1st. Vic Snell      2nd. Betty Lou Bellows      3rd. Catherine Oblinsky. Juniors: 1st. Debbie Bellows      2nd. John Sawatsky

Vic Snell conducted an informative quiz and gave us a brief resume of King George V and King George VI. A highly successful auction was held, conducted by Lloyd Dorsey assisted by Norm Bellows and Stan Aroe.

### Waterloo Coin Society

As this is our first meeting after a two-month rest (September 19), I guess we're all ready to get going again. So here goes. At this meeting, we will have an audio-visual film entitled "Collecting Church Medallions" by Allan Macnab, Ingersoll. This film has not been shown in this territory before, so it will be something new for our members.

Also for this meeting we have decided to have an auction. This auction will be from one cent to the silver dollar. So come on folks, and bring in those coins for the auction.

It has been brought to my attention that three of our members were at the Canadian Numismatic Convention in Ottawa. They were Bruce Raszmann, John Shaw and Bill English. If there are any questions to be asked about this convention, I'm sure between the three of them it could and would be answered.

Also, some of our members attended the Coin Show, etc. at the C. N. E. and I'm sure it was quite a success.

John Craig has promised to bring the Kitchener Coin Club out in full force to this meeting, so I hope the guests do not outnumber the members. When John brings them, they really come "en masse."

### COMING EVENTS

Please send your Club's banquet or convention news to the O. N. A. Editor, 57 Emmett Road, R. R. #4, St. Catharines, Ontario, at least two months in advance so we can help you to publicize your event.

- October 14      Bay of Quinte Numismatic Association (Quinplex Gemboree)  
Combination coins, stamps and mineral clubs. 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.  
Belleville Armouries, Belleville, Ont. Gwen Sager, Box 125,  
Belleville, Ont.
- October 14      St. Catharines Coin Club Banquet, St. Barnabas Church, Queenston  
St., St. Catharines, Ont. Banquet ticket \$3.00

- October 14, 15 Windsor Coin Show, Norton Palmer Hotel, Windsor. Bourse  
Chairman: Gordon Pomeroy, 264 Kennedy Place, Windsor, Ont.
- October 29 Tillsonburg Numismatic Society 5th Annual Fall Show, Orange Hall,  
Brock St. West, Tillsonburg, Ont. Starts at 12 noon.  
Chairman: Chas. Laister, #3 Highway, Tillsonburg, Ont.
- November 2 Champlain Coin Club - Banquet supper to follow regular club  
meeting - Y. M. C. A., Orillia, Ont.
- November 4 Transportation Ticket and Token Show. Central Y. M. C. A.,  
Toronto. Dealing with streetcar, bus, subway, bridge, etc.  
Contact John Regitko, 29 Spruce Street, Toronto 2, Ont.
- November 12 Huron County Numismatic Society 6th Annual Coin Exhibition,  
Elm Haven Motel, Clinton, Ont. From 11:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m.

FROM A GROUP OF INTERESTED TRANSPORTATION TOKEN AND TICKET COLLECTORS

Plans are well under way for the show being held in Toronto on Saturday, November 4, 1967, dealing entirely with the collecting of Transportation Tokens, Tickets and related items such as Transfers, Bridge and Ferry Tokens, etc. The show, to be held from 10:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m. in Rooms 7 and 8 (2nd. floor) of the Central Y. M. C. A., 40 College Street, Toronto, will have competitive exhibits, audiovisuals and speakers, and possibly an auction dealing entirely with Transportation collecting.

Best of Show, 2nd. and 3rd. prize trophies will be awarded, as well as ribbons. In addition, every exhibitor will receive a special "Exhibitors" ribbon in appreciation for setting up a display.

Bourse tables will also be available for a nominal fee of \$5.00 to help cover expenses. It is pointed out that these tables need not necessarily be used for buying or selling, but could be used for trading as well for anyone that has duplicate material. The buying and selling of Odd and Unusual numismatic items will be allowed providing a portion of the stock consists of Transportation numismania.

Anyone interested in reserving bourse space or display space should contact John Regitko Jr., 29 Spruce Street, Toronto 2, Ontario, as soon as possible.

CLUB MEETINGS

- Brantford Coin Club - Second Sunday, 7:00 p. m., Hotel Kirby, Brantford
- Central Coin Club - Every Monday, Central Y. M. C. A., 40 College., Toronto
- Champlain Coin Club - First Thursday, Y. M. C. A., Orillia
- Huronian Numismatic Association - Third Thursday, Loyal True Blue Hall, Barrie
- Ingersoll Coin Club - Third Monday, Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre
- London Numismatic Society - First Tuesday, London Labour Hall, 133 Kent St., London
- Niagara Falls Coin Club - Third Wednesday
- St. Catharines Coin Club - Third Sunday, Canadian Corps Hall, 17 Gale Cres., St. Catharines
- St. Thomas Coin Club - Second Tuesday, Grace United Church, St. Thomas
- Sarnia Numismatic Society - First Wednesday, Chalet Motel, Sarnia

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Tillsonburg Numismatic Society

Toronto Coin Club - Fourth Saturday, Royal York Hotel, Toronto

Waterloo Coin Society - Third Tuesday, Community Services Board, 40 Albert St, Waterloo

Woodstock Coin Club - Third Thursday, Old St. Pauls Parish Hall, Woodstock

Windsor Coin Club - Third Monday, Norton Palmer Hotel, Windsor, Ont.

Will all clubs supply us with their location of club meetings, date, and time, etc. (We meander about the Province, and could then drop in and say "Howdy")

AROUND THE PROVINCE

C. N. A. Convention

Your editor attended the a. m. convention and had a real enjoyable visit with old friends of O. N. A. and C. N. A. members - at times it was too crowded!! A really successful show - congrats to all who did such a swell job.

Central Coin Show

This event too proved a great success, and one thing I would point out - the education part of numismatics was well attended to by the Club - and, I'm sorry to say, an important part which is too often neglected -- had an interesting time chatting with old friends like John J. Pitman, Gale Jarvis, Vince Doran, John Regitko, etc. etc. Incidentally, John Pitman gave Project Brenda a real boost - here is one enthusiastic numismatist who is always keen to pass on knowledge and inside information to the betterment of our hobby - thanks John - it's enthusiasts like yourself who keep our hobby interesting.

One thing before we put this bulletin to "bed" - I note a sad neglect of any mention of Junior activities --- now I know many clubs have special activities for their junior members - why not let us have a report on them - how many members? What they do?? etc. Maybe we can run a special page for our collectors of the future ..... many clubs are not sending in news items --- please let us hear from you -- maybe we can help your club help yourself - give us a chance to do so.

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Pyx - Webster says it's a box or vessel with a lid. Numismatically it's a box to collect coins for the Pyx Trial.

Out of every 15 lbs. Troy weight of gold and every 60 lbs. Troy weight of silver, minted in England, a coin is put in the Pyx for the annual testing by weight and assay, which is known as the trial of the Pyx. This takes place in the Hall of the Goldsmiths Company in London, and is called a 'trial' as the ceremony is conducted in the presence of a jury of goldsmiths who must deliver their verdict in writing to the Lord Chancellor.

The trial was introduced from France in the reign of Edward I (1272 - 1307), and was held every three months prior to the reign of Edward VI (1547 - 1553).

They also assay specimens from mints of the Dominions and Colonies.

The United States also conducts a similar "Trial of the Pyx". Two quarters and two half dollars are taken from every 50,000 of these coins, as well as two dimes from every 100,000 struck. These coins are analyzed to determine their degree of fineness, they must contain 900 parts silver, with an allowable deviation of 6/1000. This annual inspection is held at the Philadelphia mint by the National Assay Commission. The members, who serve without pay or expenses, receive a commemorative medal known as the Annual Assay Medal.

So Long,

Pat Lambert, Editor.