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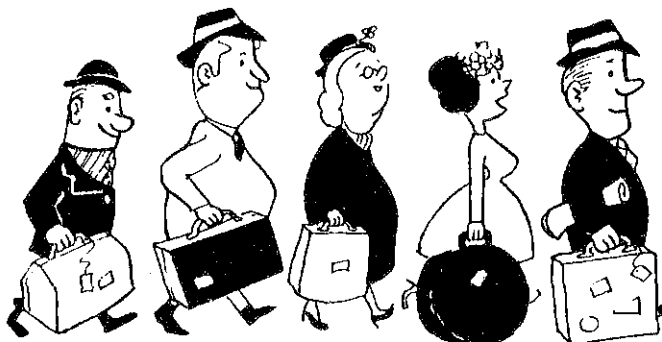
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Yes... we're all heading for...



One of the best O.N.A. Conventions yet...

There will be lots to do in Oshawa on May 13-14-15, during the 15th Annual Convention of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

Chairman Henry Burke has just announced some of the highlights....

There will be a tour through the General Motors Oshawa plant at 6.00 p.m. on Friday May 13th.

There will be a tour of the R.S. McLaughlin estate at 1.00 p.m. on Saturday May 14th.

There will be lots of time to shop, to golf; for a visit to the Winfield Farms or to Darlington Park or to the Farmers Market; and many, many other attractions in Oshawa.

Virgil Hancock, President of the American Numismatic Association, will be the guest

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speaker at the banquet on Saturday May 14th, at 7.00 p.m. This outstanding NUMISMATIST will no doubt have a very interesting message for all those in attendance.

The speaker at the Delegates breakfast, Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m. will be Russell Rulau of World Coin News.

Chairman Henry Burke also announced that over 60% of the BOURSE TABLES had been sold as of March 19th, 1977. Bourse Dealers who may still be contemplating on having a table at the Show should reserve one right away, as the OSHAWA COIN CLUB is out to make this CONVENTION one of the BEST in the history of the ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

People attending the Show should register in advance, particularly those who desire hotel reservations.

Following is the programme for the Convention :

Friday May 13th, 1977. 10.00 a.m. -Bourse and Display set-up.
1.00 p.m. -Official opening.
6.00 p.m. -General Motors Tour.
9.00 p.m. -Wine and Cheese.

Saturday May 14, 1977. 9.00 a.m. -Doors open.
9.00 a.m. -General membership meeting
1.00 p.m. -R.S. McLaughlin Estate Tour.
1.00 p.m. -Auction.
2.00 p.m. -Display judging.
6.00 p.m. -Cocktail party.
7.00 p.m. -Banquet-Speaker: Virgil Hancock,
President of the A.N.A.

Sunday May 15th, 1977. 9.00 a.m. -Delegates Breakfast: Speaker-
Russel Rulau, World Coin News.
9.00 p.m. -Show Closes.

Competitive display catagories are as follows:

- (a) Junior
- (b) Canadian Decimal
- (c) Canadian Paper Money
- (d) Tokens and Medals
- (e) World Coins
- (f) World Paper Money
- (g) Wooden Money - Can. Assoc. of Wooden Money Collectors trophy
- (h) Miscellaneous
- (i) Club Trophy - Charles B. Laister trophy.

For information regarding any part of the Convention, you may write to :

Oshawa District Coin Club,
P.O. Box 212,
Oshawa, Ontario. L1H 7L1

See you is OSHAWA on MAY 13-14-15, 1977.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

15th ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Oshawa & District Coin Club

BOX 212, OSHAWA, ONTARIO L1H 7L1



EXHIBIT RULES

1. Security will be provided during the three day Convention.
2. Competition for exhibitors is open to all members of the Ontario Numismatic Association.
3. Display material must be the property of the person displaying same.
4. The name or identity of any exhibitor shall not appear on the exhibit unless non-competitive.
5. 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 Exhibit Chairman.
7. Exhibitor is responsible for setting up display and removing same.
8. The judges will submit final point scores for all competitive displays 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.
9. Cases supplied are approximately 17" x 29" x 2½" inside, and about 18" x 30" x 3" outside dimensions.
10. No vertical frames or cases exhibits allowed. All cases must lie flat on exhibitor tables.
11. No moving or animated displays allowed.
12. No material of any kind allowed outside case.
13. Exhibit, in order to qualify, must be placed between 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 13th, 1977 or between 8:00 A.M. & 12 Noon on Saturday, May 14th, 1977. Your display must be left intact until 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 15th, 1977.
14. No advertising in any form will be permitted with any exhibit.
15. Any material known to be a 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.
16. Display awards will be presented to the winners at the Banquet on Saturday evening.
17. Judging will take place around 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 14th, 1977.
18. No one may enter more than one exhibit in any one category.
19. All exhibits shall be shown at the owner's risk and neither the Ontario Numismatic Association, The Oshawa & District Coin Club, or the Holiday Inn shall be liable in the event of loss or damage to any exhibit.

Any questions or problems should be forwarded to:—

DON COLE

Convention Exhibit Chairman,
P.O. Box 212,
OSHAWA -- ONTARIO

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EXHIBIT APPLICATION FORM

A condition of accepting your entry is that all competitive and commercial exhibits are set up between 1:00 P.M. & 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 13th, 1977, and 8:00 A.M. to 12 Noon on Saturday, May 14th, 1977.

(Please print or type)

NAME: AGE (Juniors)

ADDRESS:

PROVINCE..... POSTAL CODE:

O.N.A. MEMBERSHIP No.....*(Juniors may use parent's number)

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES:.....NUMBER OF YOUR OWN:.....

NUMBER WISHED TO BORROW:.....(Maximum of 2)

CATEGORIES

- A Juniors (born after May 13th, 1959).....() No. of cases
- B Canadian Decimal Coins.....()No. of cases
- C Canadian Paper Money.....() No. of cases
- D Tokens and Medals.....() No. of cases
- E World Coins.....() No. of cases
- F World Paper Money.....() No. of cases
- G Wood.....() No. of cases
- H Miscellaneous.....() No. of cases

Deadline for entries — Postmarked before May 6th, 1977

SEND ENTRIES TO:—

DON COLE
Exhibit Chairman,
Post Office Box 212,
OSHAWA — ONTARIO

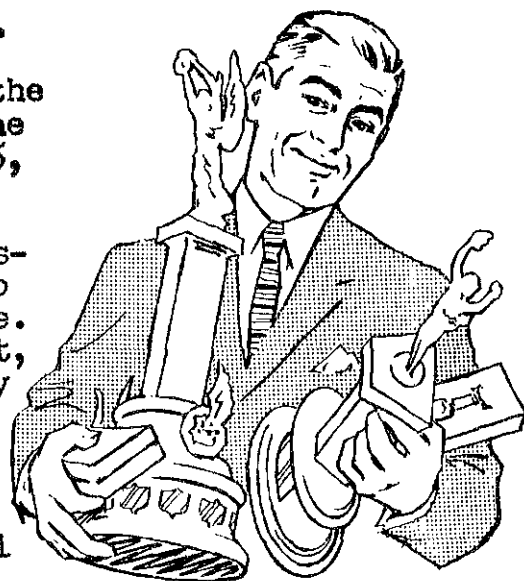
The "Chas. B. Laister Trophy" donated to the Ontario Numismatic Association for Annual Competition of O.N.A. Member Club Displays.

This trophy will be up for competition at the 15th Annual O.N.A. Convention, hosted by the Oshawa and District Coin Club, May 13-14-15, 1977, at the Holiday Inn, 1011 Bloor St. E.

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.



A WINNER

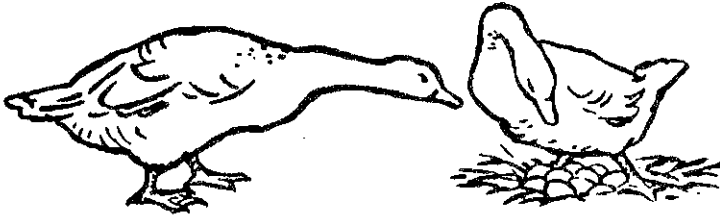


Award of Merit

Nominations are still open for the O.N.A. Award of Merit. This is a prize highly thought of in numismatic circles. Any person that 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 pastime, this is the person who should receive your individual consideration. Then take this name to your Club for their support. Make sure that your nomination is signed by your Club President or a member of your Club appointed by him.

All nominations for this award should be mailed to :
Chairman of Award Committee, W.E. Pat Lambert, Box 311, St. Catharines, Ontario. L2R 6T7.

Lets make it rough for the Chairman this year. Let's give him lots of names and make him work to choose the final Candidate, for the Annual Award of Merit.



LOOKING *for* SOMETHING **NEW?**

In a recent letter from one of our readers, he asked for an explanation of the following terms: "Touch Piece" and of "Saint Patrick's Money"

For his information the following is reprinted

from the "COIN DICTIONARY AND GUIDE" by C.C. Chamberlain and Fred Reinfeld.

Saint Patrick's Money : A copper halfpenny and farthing, struck at Dublin in the time of Charles II (probably 1678). On the obverse is King David kneeling and playing on a harp, and on the reverse St. Patrick blessing the people. The halfpenny bears the obverse legend FLOREAT REX (May the King flourish) and the reverse legend ECCE GREX (Behold his flock); the farthing bears the legends FLOREAT REX and QUIESCAT PLEBS (Let the people be still). Irish immigrants brought the coinage over to New Jersey in 1681, and it was legalized as currency for that colony. Both types of this coin are found with a plug of brass, with a crown impressed on the plug.

Touch Piece : A coin or medalet distributed by a person of royal blood to sufferers from scrofula (the "king's evil"), in the ceremony of healing by touch. According to both Tacitus and Suetonius, the Emperor Vespasian effected miraculous cures at Alexandria by his touch. (Tacitus, History, IV. lxxxix; Suetonius, Vespasian, VII.) Edward the Confessor is the first English King on record who "touched" for the king's evil (1058); the last English sovereign to perform the ceremony was Anne. Among those she "touched" was Samuel Johnson, then a child of two and a half. The original medalet placed round his neck is now in the British Museum. The ceremony of "touching" is alluded to by Pepys, and Evelyn gives curious details of it in his diary (6 July 1660, 28 March 1684).

The Tudors and the Stuarts used the gold angel in touching, doubtless from the symbolical type showing St. Michael defeating Satan. After the issue of angels had ceased, a special small gold medalet was struck for the purpose, in the time of Charles II. This bears the same type of St. Michael and the Devil; on the reverse is a ship with the legend SOLI DEO GLORIA (To God alone be the glory). Both coins and medalets are always found with a hole pierced in them for suspension. They were not merely mementos of the occasion, but were considered as amulets, intended to be worn around the neck of the sufferer until a cure was effected.

Proposed Coin Shows



The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your Club's Show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with any other coin show.

- April 14 - CAND Day at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St. Toronto.
- April 14 - 17th. - Torex '77, Spring Show at the Westbury Hotel, 475 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. For enquiries write to Torex, 347 Bay St., Suite 1000, Toronto, Ont. M5H 2R7
- May 1st - Nickel Belt Coin Club's Annual Show & Banquet, to be held at the President Motor Hotel, on Elm St. in Sudbury. For inquiries write G. Albert, 158 Dunvegan Crt., Sudbury, Ont.
- May 13-15th - The Ontario Numismatic Association Convention for 1977 will be held at the Holiday Inn in Oshawa. All enquiries re bourse etc., should be sent to the Oshawa & District Coin Club, P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ontario.
- June 4 - Newmarket Numismatic Society, Upper Canada Mall, Newmarket.
- June 19 - Brantford Centennial Coin Show - Senior Citizen's Centre, Bourse-Exhibition-Auction. 25 Charlotte St., Brantford, Ont.
- Aug. 3 - The 1977 C.N.A. Convention and Show will be held in Vancouver. More Details to follow.
- Aug. 23 - 28th. The A.N.A. Convention to be held in Atlanta, G.A.
- Sept 25 - London Numismatic Society at the Lamplighter Inn, London.
- Oct. 2nd - The Sarnia Numismatic Society will host it's 16th Annual Sarnia Bluewater International Coin Show, at the Canterbury Inn, London Road west of Modeland Road at the eastern limits of the city of Sarnia, from 10 am to 6 pm. Enquiries - D.W. Park, 308 Savoy St, Sarnia, Ont. N7T 3H6
- Oct. 22- The St. Catharines Annual Coin Show and Banquet will be held on this date. More details will follow. This will be their 18th consecutive Show.
- Oct. 30th- Stratford's combined Stamp and Coin Show will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion at Church St. and St. Patrick Streets. Enquiries to P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ontario.

A NUMISMATIC FAIRYTALE

by Ken Wilmot.

Once upon a time, a very long time ago, a young girl was born. (Whoever heard of an old girl being born). Now this young girl had all the trials and tribulations of kids growing up and, as a result, she became hypersensitive and a compulsive eater.

Now this turned out to be very, very important as she had a very sweet tooth. As time went by, our young girl grew older and older and fatter and fatter. All her friends started to call her fatty and much before her time she became the most buxom of all. Well with all her eating of candy and goodies she developed a real case of acne. This led to her being called the Ugly One. Now about this time by some strange turn of events along came a handsome Emperor who she married and became an Emperress. The term of the Ugly One did not sit well with her subjects but she still was quite corpulent and many decided to call her the Fat One.

Our heroine's marriage really lasted and she didn't even get divorced. She had 16 children and one even grew up to be more famous than her mother. Her famous daughter's name was Marie Antoinette whom many of you have heard of.

The Fat Lady reigned her country from 1740 to 1780 when she died. All her subjects were really sorry to see their Emperress go, but looked on her many achievements and decided that she would never die in the sight of man. How true they were as today we still can see coins issued to honour their Emperress.

When a fairytale ends everyone is supposed to live happily ever after but in this instance we are going to travel along from that sad day in 1740 and see if our fairytale heroine actually did accomplish this feat.

Maria Theresa shown on the obverse of the Thaler has been lovingly called "The Fat One", the "Ugly One" and the coin referred to as a "coin without a country". What makes the oddball silver Thaler (dollar) so oddball is that Austria mints about two million of them a year, yet the coins are not even legal tender in this country. Strange as it may seem, they do not even have any officially fixed value. However, with some 350 million of them already minted it continues to be used as a trading coin far from its borders.

Particularly is the Thaler riding high in the Middle East where, the Nationals prefer to carry out their transactions using "the Fat Lady" as the medium of exchange. This has been going on in the Middle East for nearly 200 years.

Some time ago, the Republic of Yemen issued a decree saying that the Maria Theresa Thaler would be outlawed at a given cutoff date. Anyone caught trading with the "fat lady" would be subject to a stiff fine or imprisonment and anyone importing the Thaler would be executed.

Although Yeman may successfully get the Thalers out of circulation, the coins are still widely used in many other parts of the Middle East. There's something about the Emperress Maria Theresa's

"profusion of bust" as one English explorer of yesteryear termed it, that moves the Arabs to profound admiration, a fact that keeps the coin very much in use.

Having cultivated some kind of nationalistic grudge against the maverick cartwheel, President Nasser of Egypt, a few years ago, confiscated 300,000 Thalers at Port Said on the excuse that they were destined for Israel. Actually, they were owned by English silver brokers who lodged a formal "act of piracy" complaint against Cairo.

Considered by many as the most beautiful of all coins, the Maria Theresa carries a low decolletage profile of the Austrian Emperress. The raised edge bears the inscription "Iustitia at Clementia" while the reverse side bears the two-headed eagle of the Holy Roman Empire. The raised edge creates a coin which is virtually impossible to counterfeit. It was originally introduced to the Dark Continent by Viennese traders for payment of African coffee and other articles. It was adopted by Great Britain, Germany and Sudan in the early 1800's when it opened up the international trade in Africa,

Weighing exactly 28.0668 grams and carrying a consistent pure silver content of 833 parts per 1,000 is the coin "without a country".

The first minting took place in 1751, but the coins issued today are dated 1780 the date of Maria Theresa's death.

If nothing else, the Maria Theresa Thaler proves one thing. The penny-careful Austrians who love to build banks also know how to make money.

Truly a Numismatic Fairytale.

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Membership

New Members:

The applications published in the March 1977 issue of the Ontario Numismatist have now been accepted.

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Anyone requiring a Convention Medal or Medals should order them promptly as there is only a limited number being minted. Bronze Medals are priced at \$8.00 and Silver Medals are \$20.00. Order from P.O. Box 212, Oshawa, Ont.

Hotel Reservations at the Holiday Inn, should also be reserved immediately, to assure the better rate.



TO THE New

EDITOR

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our newly appointed Editor of The Ontario Numismatist, Mr. Bill Gage, R.R. #1, Shanty Bay, Ontario. LoL 2LO

In his new post, he will be editing the next issue. He has a number of new ideas for our publication, and I'm sure you'll all co-operate and start sending him articles as soon as possible.

Bill Gage is well known in Numismatic circles; presently he is the President of the Upper Canada Token and Medal Society, Editor of the Orillia Champlain Coin Club Bulletin and secretary of the Huronia Numismatic Association. He has a lot more credentials of which I'm not aware of, but I'm sure we'll all get to know him better soon. Bill, the best of luck in your new endeavour.

As this is my final bulletin, I would like to thank all the individual contributors and all the editors of the various bulletins who, have permitted me to reprint their articles and stories. Without your help, I would never have succeeded in putting out this bulletin. Thank you also for the many kind remarks and letters received when we made changes in the "look" of the bulletin.

It would really help your new editor if he received your bulletins, news letters, articles, etc., before the 25th of each month, to enable him proper preparation time. His address again is Mr. Bill Gage R.R. # 1, Shanty Bay, Ontario, LoL 2LO

I've really enjoyed writing and editing this bulletin, but as I previously stated in the July-August issue of 1976, when I took over this job, I committed myself for two years or until I became Governor in Lions. Well the time has come and I can't hold the two jobs.

But, I will be around, and I hope to remain on the O.N.A. Executive. My term in Lions will terminate on June 30th, 1978. So who knows what the future holds for any of us.

For now, so long and may God Bless you all. Ye Ed. G.J.A.