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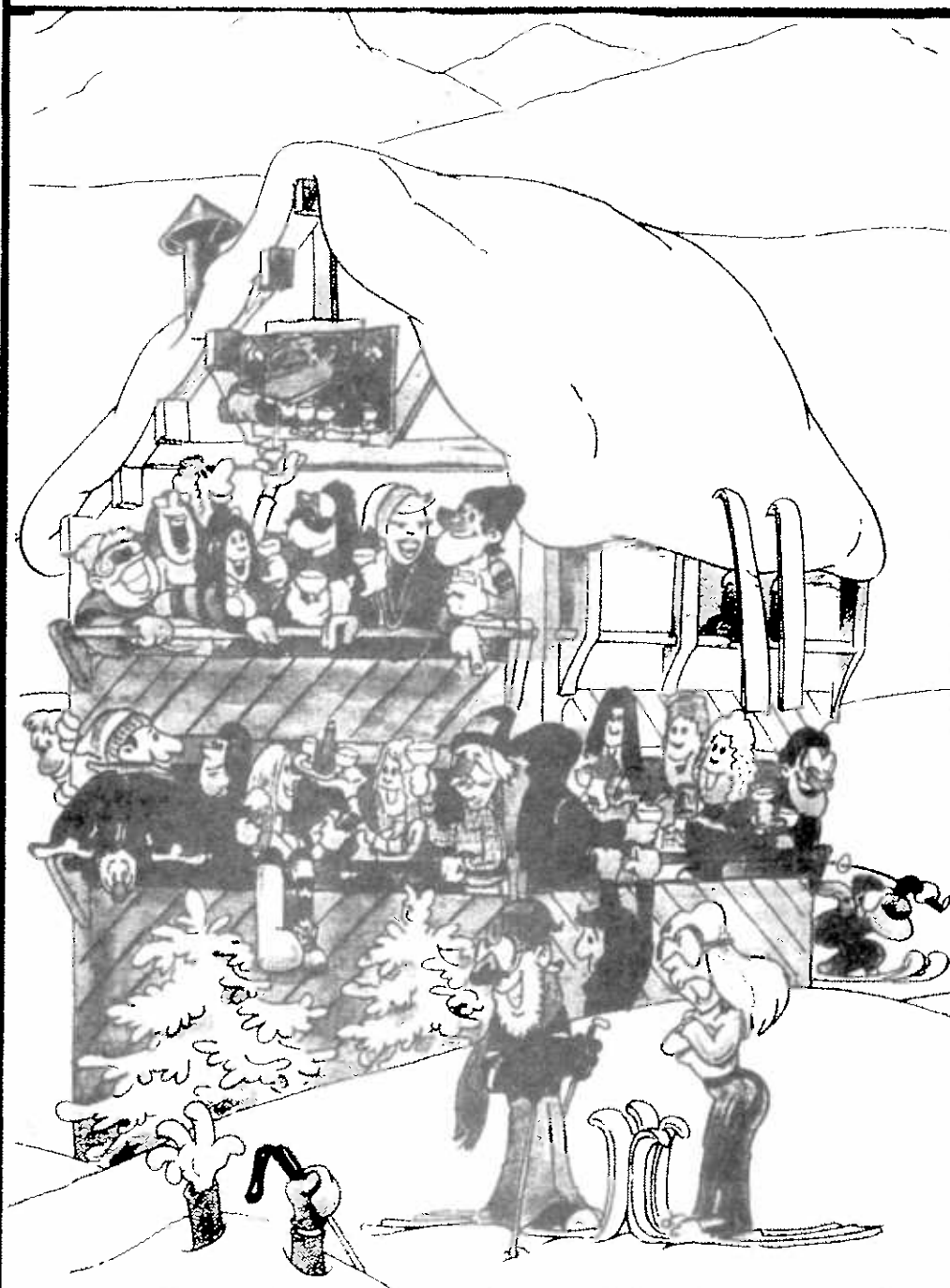
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November 15, 1979

Dear Fellow Numismatists:

As a member of the Toronto Coin Club, I have been very favourably impressed with their monthly publication edited by John Regitko, and it was gratifying to have it recognized as the outstanding club bulletin by the American Numismatic Association at the 1977 Atlanta Convention. The news and letters of the club can contribute a great deal of its success and encouragement to a collector. Keep up the good work Toronto.

I am sorry to inform you, that we have lost a true friend in the death of W.A. Pat Lambert, who passed away during the morning of November 4th. Pat was President of the O.N.A. from 1973 to 1975.

He received the O.N.A. Award of Merit in 1971. At the time of his death he held the position of Property Chairman and Advisor to the President of the O.N.A. Pat had been very active as a speaker, judge and exhibitor. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. We the members and executive of the O.N.A. extend to Trudy and his family our deepest sympathy in their time of sorrow.

I personally lost a good friend. He would come to my aid when ever I needed him, I will miss him.

On December 1st; 1979, we the Executive will be travelling to Ottawa to have a meeting with the Executive of the City of Ottawa Coin Club.

Till the December issue Of the NUMISMATIST I remain,

Sincerely

Bruce R. Watt
President

by Edwin D. Keetch

(Cont'd from October issue)

Sir Jeffery Amherst, Commander-in-chief of the King's forces in America, despised the Indians as dirty savages. Commandants obeyed his orders to withhold gifts, especially powder and lead, they received Chiefs in an insulting manner. British traders, who no longer had to compete with the French, were brutal in their dealings with the Indians.

Angered by such treatment the Indians needed only a leader. Pontiac, Chief of the Ottawa, induced other local tribes to join in a plot to take the fort at Detroit. After failing to capture it, they laid siege to it on May 9th., but Major Henry Gladwin held out and Pontiac withdrew early in November. Other tribes set off a chain reaction and Fort St. Joseph was captured.

All the Forts in Indiana and Ohio fell to the Indians and all in Pennsylvania except Fort Pitt.

But so long as Fort Detroit remained in the hands of the British the uprising was doomed. Fort Sandusky was taken May 1th, Fort St. Joseph on May 25th. Fort Miamis two days later and Fort Quiatenon on June 1st.

Indians besieged Fort Venango, Fort Pitt, Fort Le Bouef and Presqu' Isle. By the end of June only Fort Detroit, Pitt and Niagara were in the hands of the British and they were under siege. However two western posts remained unattacked, the fort at Green Bay and Fort Michilimackinac. The latter was built between 1720 and 1750 to control the fur traffic of the upper lakes.

Chippewa lived in the area and it was a rendezvous for traders, *coureurs de bois* and Indians in the fur trade.

Since 1762, Captain George Etherington had been in command of the garrison with two other officers and thirty five Royal Americans. He had confidence in his men and the high stockade with enclosed about two acres of ground. As long as there was an ample supply of food and ammunition, the captain felt safe from an Indian attack.

In May 1763, *voyageurs*, *coureurs de bois* and Indians were arriving daily from their winter camps and the stage for the massacre at Michilimackinac began to be set. One of four English traders living in the fort was Alexander Henry who had been at the post since 1761. In the fall of 1762 Henry was adopted as a brother by Wawatam, a Chippewa Chief.

The Chief left for the winter hunt, but when he returned late in May, he invited Henry to go with him to Sault Ste. Marie saying he was worried by the noise of evil birds. With further figurative language Wawatam tried to inform Henry of impending danger at the fort.

Because his canoes had not yet returned with furs, the trader declined the invitation. When another visit by the Chief on June 1st. failed to change Henry's mind, Wawatam and his wife tearfully bade farewell to their white brother.

Later in the day, Indians swarmed into the fort, visiting all the merchants and asking to see silver armbands and other ornaments, but their only purchases were tomahawks. This fact disturbed Henry after Wawatam's peculiar behaviour. He urged caution on Captain Etherington who shrugged off the possibility of danger from savages.

On June 2nd. 1763 the weather was warm and humid. The Indians were greatly excited, for a party of Sauk had challenged the local Chippewa to a game of baggataway(lacrosse) it was played by a swarm of Indians on either side, each player carried a stick about four feet long curved at the far end where a type of bag made of strips of skin in which a ball was carried, caught or thrown to a goal, a post set at either end of the field.

The Indians were great gamblers, made heavy wagers on the outcome of the game and invited the English soldiers, who were in command of Fort Michilimackinac of which Captain Etherington was in charge to wager on the game,

Etherington said he would bet on the Chippewa. He and Lieutenant Leslye were among the spectators outside the fort. Lieutenant John Jamet was on duty inside the stockade. The gates were open and blanket clad squaws entered the fort at will. The soldiers never became suspicious of the squaws.

The ball was played half way between the goals. Slashing vigorously, the braves put it in play. Several hundred near naked savages ran, shouted, brandished crossed, and tossed the ball about. Suddenly in the midst of wild confusion, the ball was hurled high in the air and fell near the entrance.

Players dashed pellme 1 through the open gates in hot pursuit. Dropping their crossed, they snatch knives and tomahawks for squaws who had concealed them under their blankets.

Outside Etherington and Leslye were taken prisoners. Inside a general massacre began. Alexander Henry was in his house writing letters. Suddenly he heard wild war whoops and screams of the victims. He ran to the window and saw the savages madly attacking every Englishman in sight. He saw John Jamet struck down by an Indian who straddled his body and scalped him.

Henry noticed that the Canadians stood apart, neither aiding the Indians or being assailed by them. Believing that one of them might help him he ran next door to the house of Charles Langlade, but Langlade asked him "What do you expect me to do?"

An Indian slave woman took pity on him and hid him in the attic. Through a crevice in the wall he witnessed the massacre of fifteen soldiers an English trader and John Jamet.

The next morning Henry was dragged from the attic by a bunch of near naked, drunken Indians, their leader, who had blackened his body was going to kill Henry with his knife but at the last mement changed his mind, with the help of Langlade, Henry was able to stay with him as a prisoner.

When the Ottawa learned of the massacre, they were furious at having missed the chance for scalps and plunder.

Chief Okinochumake led his braves to Michilimackinac and seized the fort from the Chippewa and after the surrender of much loot, returned to their village taking with them some soldiers, two English traders, Lieutenant Leslye and Captain Etherington. Langlade was left to take charge of the fort.

After being held a prisoner for the rest of 1763, Alexander Henry was released early in 1764 and permitted to return to Montreal.

Although Chief Pontiac raised the siege of Detroit near the end of October 1763, it was not until August 1764 that Colonel John Bradstreet arrived with relief. For Major Gladwin he brought a welcome order, relieving him of command and permitting him to return to England.

Chief Pontiac, with other chiefs assembled at Oswego, New York for a grand council in July 1766 with Sir William Johnson, Pontiac smoked the pipe of peace and presented wampum belts as a tangible evidence of his good faith. Johnson accepted his submission and gave gifts to the Chiefs.

In the spring of 1769, Pontiac was in Cahokia, Illinois, selling his winter catch of furs. Indians of the region were hostile to Pontiac, and some Peorias decided to kill him on April 20th, one of them, pretending friendship accompanied him into a store, and as he left, the Peoria struck him down with his own war club and stabbed him to death.

Thus died Pontiac, war chief of the Ottawa, who had inspired the greatest Indian Uprising in America.

The Pontiac car was named in honour of Chief Pontiac and a large oil painting has been placed in the lobby of the head office of General Motors of Canada in Ottawa.

The Lake of Bays in Muskoka, Ont. was first glimpsed by Etienne Brule' about 1610 when he came over with Champlain. Brule' lived with the Indians, and at first was well liked, but as the story goes he became too interested in the young Indian maidens which enraged the tribe to such an extent that they killed him and ate his body at a great feast.

After many years of the Indians fighting among themselves and with the white man, peace finally came.

There was a tribe of Indians near Dorset, Lake of Bays, Muskoka, called Yellow Heads, because of the clay they used to paint themselves with after returning from the trading posts where they traded furs for whiskey and supplies.

The trappers, who found life very hard and rough were rewarded with great quantities of furs. There were two main days for the traders to sell their furs to the Hudson Bay Co, or the North West Company, the 24th of May and the 5th of November.

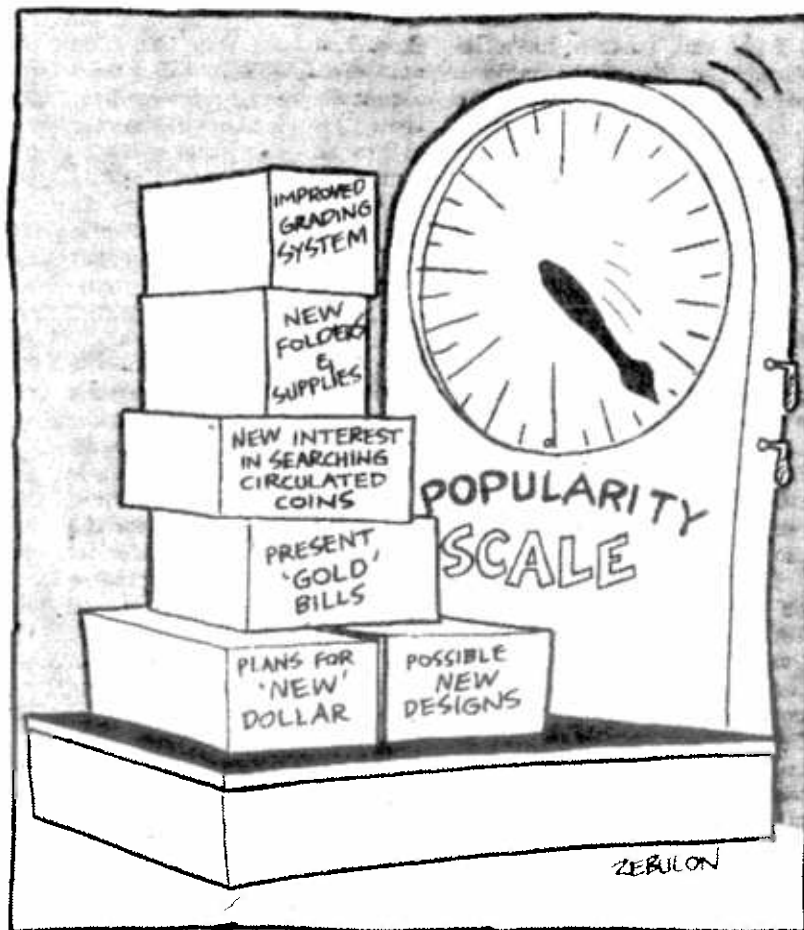
Indians and trappers would come from miles away to trade at the company on Bigwin Island. The Indians would only trade their furs to Chief Bigwin and he in turn took the furs to the Hudson Bay Co. and the North West Co. that had established a trading post across the river from each other and close to Bigwin Island.

Chief Bigwin was one of the best known Indians on the Lake of Bays. His father was for the Algonquin tribe, his mother was a Muskokian, from, which it is said, all Muskoka got its name.

Chief Bigwin died on the Rama Reservation at the age of 102 years. He was buried with a great deal of pomp and ceremony and it is said a cortege of Indians and whites over a mile long paid a final tribute to Chief Bigwin.

My Great Grandfather, William Keetch, who was an early settler and Pioneer built a log cabin on a piece of land given to him by the government, at Dwight, Ont. where he met Chief Bigwin and they became good friends. My Great Grandfather became a logger and eventually a Captain of a logging vessel, but that's another story.

Something For Everyone ...



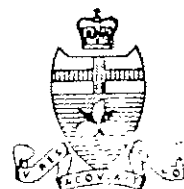
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18th. ANNUAL CONVENTION

MAY 23 TO 25, 1980

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AN EARLY RELEASE

The 18th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association will be held in Ottawa on May 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1980.

The City of Ottawa Coin Club will be the Host Club. W. R. (Johnny) Johnston has accepted the appointment as General Chairman of the Convention Committee.

During the past two months several members of the Host Club have been busy planning and organizing for this important event. Arrangements have been made with the management of the Holiday Inn, 100 Kent Street, (in the heart of the downtown area) for suitable space in which to hold the Convention. In addition a substantial number of hotel rooms have been reserved for delegates and dealers who will be attending the Convention.

The position of Chairman of the various Committees has been filled, in nearly all cases, and these people are busy recruiting members to serve on their committees. These Committees will be working, during the fall and winter months, with a view of putting together an exciting and educational three-day show so that you can enjoy yourself when you attend the 18th Annual Convention of the Ontario Numismatic Association in Ottawa during MAY 1980.

Further information will be published as plans are finalized.

All enquiries and correspondence should be addressed to:

18th Annual Convention
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CLUB NEWS

ST. CATHARINES COIN CLUB ...C13

The St. Catharines Coin Club held their 205th; meeting on October 21st; 1979 with 72 members and guests in attendance.

Carl Szic was selling peanuts for the Kidney Foundation for Halloween. Sales were going very well, Carl is vitally interested in this project as he himself is on a kidney machine.

President Steinhoff informed the members that the St. Catharines Coin Club has received the COIN WEEK Plaque.

Past President Vic Snell introduced the guest speaker, Scott McLaren, Publisher of Canadian Coin News. His topic for the meeting was the problems and pleasures he encounters in running his newspaper.

The draw prizes were won by Scott McLean and Carl Naumann.

The auction was conducted by Lloyd Dorsey assisted by George Oblinsky and Pete Kostyk.

OSHAWA DISTRICT COIN CLUB ...C35

The Oshawa District Coin Clubs Annual 19th; Coin - A - Rama, November 3rd; 1979, at the Midtown Mall, Oshawa was a success as usual.

The Displays were in excellant quality this year. The winners are as follows :

Junior NIL

Canadian.... I. Greg Backwell, London, 2. Ernie Ruch, Whitby
 British Empire & Comm.... I. Terry Campbell, Oshawa,
 Foreign.... Jules Loeffen
 Paper.... I. George Fraser, Toronto, 2. Alex Majers, Oshawa,
 3. Bobby Larmer, Oshawa.
 Medals.... I. Ernie Ruch, Whitby, 2. Bobby Larmer, Oshawa.
 Miscellaneous.... Chris Cole,
 Tokens.... Terry Campbell, Oshawa.
 wooden Money.... I. Norman Wells, Peterborough, 2. Edwin Keetch Oshawa.
 Best Club Member Trophy.... Ernie Ruch, Whitby.
 Best of Show Greg Backwell, London.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party, December 9th; Valley View Clubhouse on Gladstone Ave; Oshawa. Doors open at 12:00 Noon.

INGERSOLL COIN CLUB ...059

The Ingersoll Coin Club met Monday, October 15th; 1979 for their regular meeting in the upstairs meeting room at the Lions Hall on Thames St; Ingersoll, Ontario. One bourse dealer was doing a brisk business to a good representation of members present.

The container for members loose change for the crippled children was passed around and after three meetings the container, contains \$19.00. They expect to surpass last years amount before the end of the year, which was \$30.00.

The 1980 Executives are as follows:..

President... Thomas Masters, Vice President... Stella Hodge, Treasurer... Leonard Coles, Directors Lorne Mercer, Glenn Springer, Aulia Koalonen.

Appointments... Hostess ... Stella Hodge
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Christmas Party Meeting, November 19th; 1979

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