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THE BULLETIN January 1980

Well..Here we are. A new year along with new resolutions, promises, hopes and wishes. Greetings from the new executive and all the best your way for 1980.

This year promises to be an interesting one. I know that I speak for all of the executive when I promise to try and keep each and every member interested and stimulated during these erratic times. Well just think of it. Gold closed at \$750 and silver at \$43. If that isnt stimulating I dont know what is. After all who would have thought that your pre 67 silver dollar would someday have a melt value of \$25????

This newsletter is being produced on the club IBM photocopier. I hope it is up to par since the old IBM has been in storage for at least a year. Its working now Ray, with many thanks to Bill and Jack aiding your writer getting it up and down two flights of basement stairs. Must weigh a ton!

The executive had a real good meeting on the 6th. Sorry Edith, Bonnie and Gerry couldnt make it. We missed you. More on the subjects discussed in later issues. One thing is sure, we need your input so get pencil and paper and write me..Please.

Remember, the club is you and you are the club. How about some of you Juniors speaking up once in a while. Surely you must have something to say. One thing we really could use is a little educational forum for the beginner that is a little shy on background knowledge. Can any long time collector come up with a short (30 min) talk on any subject which might appeal to us all. How about grading.. buying..selling..experiences..history. You pick it. Well all promise to listen.

What else is new.. Well lets see. Oh yes, the Spring show is scheduled for the Apr 12-13 weekend (holiday inn). Ray B. has promised to act as coordinator providing we all help out. I'll be sending out the bourse applications soon to the regulars so watch for it. By the way it looks like tables are going to cost more. We figure \$25 per table is about right. Reason.. The room at the Holiday Inn is up to \$150 per day.. We all knew it was coming..right? Its still the best bargain I know of for a 2 day show. More on this at the meeting.

Here it comes. Check it under the heading of Unpleasant business.. As you all know THE DUES ARE DUE on January 1. Some, I repeat some members, still havent paid for 79!!! Send, or better still, bring your dues to the meeting. Jack will have the fastest receipt book west of Winnipeg ready and waiting. If you cant make it, send your money, cheque or whatever to Bonnie (Secretary) R.C.C. Box 174 Regina.

Well thats 30 for now. See you at the Union Centre 7:30 on the 18th. If were lucky I'm told we can use room A-1 or A-2 (tryout) if we like it maybe well move down the hall for good. Get rid of that echo, once and for all. See you there.

Murray



REGINA COIN CLUB

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January 26, 1980

THE BULLETIN

Greetings to all... We had a real nice group of members turn out at our last (Jan 18th) meeting. A lot of business was talked over and I think we got some feeling for the fears..wishes..desires of others. A lot of work remains to get this organization pulling together and become the truly fraternal and educational institution that it was at many times in the past. And, by the way, which a lot of us think it can and will be again.

I think that we all enjoyed the new room at the Union Centre?? Sure, it costs five bucks more but think of the comfort. At least a guy can hear himself (and herself, excuse please ladies) think and not listen to those echos all night long. I've entered into a tentative agreement with the landlord and we can have either room A1 or A2 depending on whether or not is has been rented out to a union group for a social. I think this is fair considering what we get for our money.

I've got a few apologies to make to seven members. You probably realized something was wrong when you did not get a copy of the last bulletin. Well.. to make a long story short..somehow your name got missed on the membership list and of course no bulletin went out to you. I'm truly sorry but I'll try to avoid doing it again.

Guess what... Tom Chen (the stamp club prexy) tells me that the stamp club are having their show on the same two days that we have ours scheduled for. I understand its at the Hotel Sask. A bit unnerving what? I don't think we should panic since we never had a true stamp crowd at our events anyway. Most stamp dealers had cried a little about the business that was done so maybe its for the best. My feeling is that if we get a crowd of stamp collectors coming in from out of town then maybe they will spill over into our show as well. One thing is sure the club has to get toghther with the philatelists and hold a combined show. No future in fighting each other. Lets talk about it .

Concerning our April show. Application forms were mailed a week ago and I've had two confirmations returned, with payment enclosed. Not bad for a week..

THIS SPACE FOR RENT..JUNIORS FREE..OTHERS 2 LINES FOR A DOLLAR

My comments about the price of silver in the last bulletin seemed to create a bit of controversy. Well, for what its worth sorry if I offended some, confused others and generally created an uproar. Many of us assume that we all know the facts of life and we often neglect to explain something fully. Anytime you find me doing that just drop me a line and tell me so. I'll explain it or find somebody who can. So then, here is how you calculate the melt value of any silver coin.

1) What is the price of silver today? Check your paper, call your broker, how you do it is up to you. Just keep one thing in mind, most quotes are per troy ounce. This is not the same old ounce that we use to weigh fish but as long as you remember this for now..carry on.

2) Convert the price of silver to Canadian ~~\$\$\$~~. Therefore, on Friday Jan 25th, silver was selling at \$33.50 (U.S. funds). If we assume a Canuck Buck is worth 18% less than a U.S. Buck then \$33.50 is equal to \$39.53 Canadian.

3) How much does your coin weigh? It can get a little sticky here.. All Canadian coins have their weights listed in the Charlton Standard Catalogue.. If you don't have one buy one. You can't work without it or something equivalent to it. For the record, All Canadian Silver dollars from 1935 to 1967 weighed 23.327 grams when they were minted. Whats a gram?? How does it relate to a troy ounce?? Good question..Carry on.

4) Silver is often quoted per troy ounce. Coins are nearly always weighed in grams, or gm. or occasionally gr. There are 31.103 grams in a troy ounce.

5) To find out how much a gram of pure silver is worth divide \$39.53(can. \$) by 31.103.. The answer is \$1.27.

6) Your silver dollar dated 1935 to 1967 contains 23.327 grams of silver and copper. Only 8/10's of the silver dollar is silver. Therefore, to find out how much your silver dollar is worth you multiply \$1.27 by .8 and multiply your answer by 23.327. The answer is \$23.70 (Canadian). Clear as mud..right? A little practice and its no problem but You should buy a calculator..

7) The value of \$23.70 is of course what the silver content of your dollar would sell for. This is not what you could sell it for since nobody (I think) believes in Santa Claus anymore....

You can do the same thing for any silver coin. The difficulty is that most coins have to be weighed since their weight is not often published. In addition, it is often difficult to know the metallic makeup of many foreign coins.

Your Editor is trying to arrange for a talk by the City Police at our next meeting. Subject...Security..I havent heard from them yet but with a little luck it will be a go situation. Of course an Auction will be held at the meeting as well. Bring your Duplicates. See you at the Union Centre on Feb. 15th 7:30.

Murray
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Meets every 3rd Friday
Union Center..2709 12th Regina 8:00pm

March 11, 1980

THE BULLETIN

As I write this we are in the grips of one of the worst storms of the season.. A nice night to stay home and look at coins..study coins or better still to write about coin collectors. Which is precisely what I intend to do this evening.

First.....A very painful duty... Among us there are those that have still not renewed their membership for 1980.. Amazing .. Maybe our dues are too high.. All kidding aside I just cannot visualize anyone not being able to afford \$3.00 per year. C'mon all you errant members.. Mail your cheque at once..or better still bring it down to the meeting on March 21st at the Union center.. Well all be glad to see you there. I truly regret the next statement but such is life.. IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY THE TIME THE SPRING SHOW ROLLS AROUND (APRIL 12-13) THEN WE ARE GOING TO ASSUME YOU HAVE LOST INTEREST.....ALL RECIPIENTS OF THIS BULLETIN WHO HAVE A LARGE RED X RIGHT HERE ARE IN ARREARS... NUFF SAID.

Hello to George Muntain..Just heard you finally got out of the hospital. Take care eh??? No more 22 hour days for you. While on the subject, Ray B. says he is feeling a lot better after his back started acting up. Hope to see you fellas at the meeting.

A comment occasionally drifts my way (usually second hand) about why such and such did not get a newsletter or why such and such has not received one for months. Based on my membership list which is current everyone gets a bulletin unless two members from the same family at the same address are paid up members.. In this situation I'll send only one copy to save a few cents. If you are paid up you should get a bulletin..If you don't see your post office. OR MAYBE YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER. HORRORS..

The Spring show continues to gather momentum, with a total of 12 tables confirmed. Amber stamp and Coin, Regina..Mary Johnson, Regina.. Nick Gerbinski, Winnipeg..Barry Belles, Regina..Fred Robinson, Regina.. Bill Bucsis, Prince Albert..Art Zacherl, N. Battleford..M. O'Connell, Winnipeg..Max Olson, Foam Lake..Pinetree Coins, Regina.. A couple more to come locally (that I know of) with 2 more from out of town.. Maybe more..

Speaking of the show (April 12-13..as if you didnt know..tell your friends) We need some more volunteers for security duty. We may not use your services but its nice to know who is available. Please let us know.. Also how about some more exhibitors. I think we have about ten cases presently lined up..We need more exhibits..Remember though, no prizes this time except for the best junior in show. We shall award honorable mention certificates however. I feel that prizes are really irrelevant...Just remember that there is more pleasure in being able to show your prizes than in receiving an award each and every time.

This year our show committee consists of yours truly as bourse chairman, Ray B. as bourse coordinator with Bill H. Assisting. Dean N. is in charge of publicity with many others too numerous to mention assisting in security, admission etc.

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Little known facts....Did you know that on this day in 1935 that the Bank of Canada opened for business?? How about the fact that on March 1st, 1870 the first Canadian shinplaster was issued?? That is my March concession to you Syngraphists out there..

Right about now I've probably got more than a few readers confused. A....wot?? The word is a new one. S-Y-N-G-R-A-P-H-I-S-T..Remember it since you will probably see more of it from time to time. Actually the word is getting a push in the hobby press and is becoming the accepted definition for a paper money collector. Well, actually it makes a lot of sense..The nearest term which could be classed as a universal term for a paper money collector was (get this) "A rag picker".. Its about time we got respectable. After all if a coin collector can be a numismatist and a stamp collector a philatelist then a syngraphist makes sense..A definition then. A syngraphist is to paper monies what numismatists are to coins and what philatelists are to stamps.

Well we started out on the subject of little known facts. How about some for the coin collectors in our midst. Did you know that there are three types of the 1947 dot coinage in the Canadian series? Yes indeed, a 47 dot 5¢, 25¢ and a \$1.00. The 5 and 25 cent piece are often seen but the dollar is truly seldom seen stuff. There is one school of thought which makes the claim the dot coinage is not an accident but was intentional..Something of the nature of the 36 dot coinage, in other words, a transitional series somewhere between the 47 plain, the 47 maple leaf and the 48 coinage. All in aid of the independence of India. Hard to say..Many doubt it..Lots have no opinion..What do you think????

To change the subject a bit..An officer of the Regina Police Dept will be at our meeting on the 21st. As promised for the last meeting but not delivered, this officer will be giving us all a talk on security in the home. It promises to be of some interest. How about a good turnout...While on the subject of security, how many of the members have their collection properly listed. Wouldn't it be nice to have it listed (on paper) just where and when you bought that nice coin. It does of course have other benefits..Insurance..Costing records..you name it. Everyone should keep an inventory..I do..itssimple and easy and it works. A couple of examples are listed below..they should be easy to duplicate.

COIN EXAMPLE					COUNTRY
DATE	TYPE	GRADE/QTY	PRICE PAID	WHERE BOUGHT	3" x 5" CARD
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PAPER MONEY EXAMPLE					
DATE (NONE)					CARDS CAN BE STORED IN A KITCHEN RECIPE BOX
ND	\$1	P29	1.00	PINETREE COINS CALGARY	
		CUC(1)		PICK CAT. NR	
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Well folks - That's it for now.
See you next Friday. Bring a friend
Murray



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Union Center..2709 12th, 8:pm

April 1st, 1980 (Really)

THE BULLETIN (Is for real no foolin)

Your executive are currently hard at it promoting your coin show and all too often everyone has the tendency to sit back and let the other guy do it all. Tis the time for everybody to get involved and help push our club efforts. Get out and tell your friends and have them tell theirs. Surely you must know someone who is interested in coins and paper money who would be willing to take in our show but is not all that excited about joining a coin club. I still hear the occasional query...But when is the show? Well really.....For the last time.

SPRING COIN SHOW

April 12-13th

At the Holiday Inn, 777 Albert St. Saturday 11 am - 9 pm and Sunday From 11 am - 5 pm. Admission \$1.00. As a tentative goal I'd like to see most of our Saskatchewan members there at least once. Talk about surprises....WOW...will I ever be. For those that have not met me I'd appreciate you giving me a holler. I'll be on the floor for most of the two days and filling in as relief for whoever needs help. Just ask for Murray.....

Received a nice little note from Cec Tannahill (White Rock BC) the contents of which were mostly of interest to you editor (Thanks Cec). Cec Tannahill for those that do not know was President #1 of the Regina Coin Club. Back in 1953 on a cold night in January (the 23rd) an organization then known as the Canadian Numismatic Assoc (Regina Chapter) was formed. This of course has over the last 27 years become known as the Regina Coin club. Looking over the slate of members back then we note Ernie Haddad, Jim Zeigler and Roy Miller as names we recognize today. I would like to hear more news of that time and with that in mind yours truly shall certainly follow it up for future bulletins..How about you old timers putting down a few words for us.

I started in to talk about Cec Tannahill. For those that are interested, Cec can be reached at PO Box 273, White Rock BC, V4B5C6. By the way Cec has a new book out. He was good enough to provide me with a copy of the frontpiece and index and this forms the last page of this newsleeter...newsleeter?? Thats a good one.NEWSLETTER.

While on the subject of books and things. The members are missing out on a good bet by not taking advantage of bulk purchasing in buying catalogues or other references. We all buy books usually at full retail. Have you stopped to consider that if we all get together and buy together we can demand and get a discount. Any takers..Bring it up at the meeting.

I guess everyone has been following the happenings in the numismatic press regarding the change in the 1¢ piece. It has apparently taken place. The cent is now thinner but of the same diameter and of the same composition. I have not seen a new cent yet. Has anyone????

I suppose the handwriting is on the wall for the bronze cent. It will probably end up being a 2¢ piece. I don't think it will ever be aluminum and it will never get smaller, so now is the time to get together that group of cents from 1937 to date. Not that they will ever be rare..far from it, just too many minted. On the other hand how long do you think they will be around once the new cents start coming out in volume...I'm not ordinarily a rumour spreader but I have heard that some of the banks have been notified of a possible recall once sufficient supplies of the new issue are out...One last shot, I see in Canada Coin News that a well known west coast dealer is buying 1937, 38, 39, 48 and 54 cents. Paying 6¢ each. Interesting to say the least.....

That was an excellent talk that constable Kereluk (Marv) gave us at the last meeting, on the subject of home security. For those that did not attend well I can only say you missed out on an informative topic, well presented by an excellent spokesman on the subject. I have taken the liberty of dropping his boss (Inspector New) a letter of thanks. I think that there were a few areas that Cst. Kereluk could have touched on, particularly as to the need for more secrecy in your dealings with others. I'd be pleased to give a little talk on this subject at our next meeting. It will of course be brief since we plan a busy program for the next meeting. Hopefully, I will be getting word from the CNA Librarian as to the availability of either a film or a slide set which is planned for a screening on April 18th. Also, with a bit of luck we might have the financial report for the show available then. Come out and see let us surprise you.

An unpleasant topic..It is my sad duty to report that the executive have voted to ask our Secretary for her resignation. In all fairness to Bonnie she did say when she took the job that she was busy but would give it her best shot. Sorry to say we haven't seen much of Bonnie for the last two months so I guess it's just too much for her. Sorry she couldn't make it but that's life. A letter went out asking for the resignation, last week. Do not like to do this but there's little choice I feel.

Well members, as of April 1st we have 6 Honorary members (3 of them with voting privileges) and 56 ordinary members. Sorry to say it would appear that around 20 members have not seen fit to respond to my last bulletin and have not paid their dues..Too bad..Sorry to lose you..Maybe somewhere down the line. Welcome two new members (Victor) and (Muriel) with a chance that Bob and Jim will also join us.

By the way..I'd like this bulletin to be a two way street. I do not enjoy talking to myself and thus working in a vacuum. Let me hear from you. Write to box 1514 Regina S4P3C2 or Phone 949-6026 and leave your message on my machine. See you at the show.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Murray", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.



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(Exc Summer) Union Center 2709 12th, 8 pm

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THE BULLETIN

I guess I must have Spring fever. Just got back from the Calgar-y Numismatic Society Spring show at the Paliser in the big city. Real friendly bunch in that town. Always enjoy visiting them and the folks really know their coins. Anyhow...This weather is real nice and I think I've been bitten by the spring fever bug. Lovely weather.

Well members, sorry I could not make the last meeting. My apologies. Feedback has it that Bill Holst did a first class job. Now all we have to do is to get Karen to take over the Secty job..What say Karen???

As most of you know, our Spring show was excellent from the point of view of a fiancial endeavour. Most dealers had nothing but kind words for the business they did. Very nice..It kind of makes a person feel good considering the work most of us put into the affair.

However....All is not well members. Why is it that a relatively small group of individuals do all the work?? It happens time after time and has probably been going on for the last 20 years at least. But...ladies and gentlemen I am here to tell you that It cannot be allowed to go this way any longer. Our Fall coin show is coming up and if we get our way it will be bigger and better than the last one. Who is going to help out? The same 5 or 6..Not likely...For one thing members, where did all the members go when it came to sitting security?? There were 4 of us to cover 12 hours..Well really!!! Either we get a club effort or we have no shows at all or worse yet we have shows and pay for everything (including security). The choice is yours..Your executive will be kicking this one around some more yet.

More concerning the show. Congrats to Edwin Baumgartner (Jr) who won the best junior in show. Actually Edwin was the only junior to display so... Prize was a 1979 Cased silver dollar. I don't know if Edwin was more pleased with his prize or his success as a bourse dealer. He took a half table and rumour has it he cleared table fees. Oh to be fifteen again! By the way, the ribbons awarded to all displayers were provided courtesy of Scoop Lewry (Canadian Lge Cents Club). Thanks to Scoop. They were a class item.

Speaking of the Canadian Large cents club. Its a nice organization to join and they put outa very informative newsletter. "Scoop" Lewry is the head whip and I'm sure he would be glad to send you info on their organization. Just write to C.L.C.C., 1161 3rd Ave N.W., Moose Jaw SK, S6H3V1. Dues are about the same as ours, \$3.00 per yr, so the price is right. If you fancy Large Cents then give em a try. They put out a neat little bulletin and sure seem like a friendly lot. I am told that Scoop Lewry has or will join us. Welcome Scoop.

Noted a real interesting comment by an American dealer on one of his recent price lists. Basically his position was simply that he was pegging the price of his foreign silver coins to \$30.00 (U.S.) per oz. His feeling, and I was given to understand that of his acquaintances, was that nobody in their right minds would, or should sell cheaper than that. Reason... well so many of what we have considered to be foreign junk box silver coins have gone to the smelter that catalogue prices are not realistic any longer. He further stated that it might take a couple of years (if then) for the value of these common items to reach their proper level. Its an interesting comment and who knows.....That British threepence dated in the early 1900's might just turn out to be a semi-key of the not too distant future. Some of us are of course hoping!!!

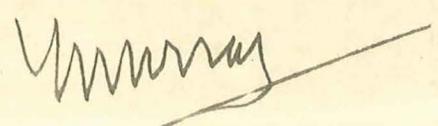
Have just finished arranging all the minutes for 1980 into the format normally followed, that is, an accopress folder. We are into volume 3 and this one is probably going to be a bit bigger than most. It's always bothered me that there has been no continuity insofar as newsletters are concerned so I'm filing all newsletters with the minutes. There is of course much useful information to be had this way. I Hope that those who follow after can do the same thing.

How about some people news. Heard at the coin show that Otto Schwarz ex Pilot Butte and Honorary member 008 has taken up residence in B.C. Otto was of course the subject of some controversy during the last couple of years which was regrettably the reason for a lot of bad feelings before he left. This preceded the tenure of yours truly so I can only say good luck to Otto . Other news, recruited two new members at the show, Max Olson (Foam Lake) and Bill Bucsis (Prince Albert) both dealers. In addition Gordon Burkowski of Thunder Bay has applied for and approved as a member. Our fame is spreading folks!! In case I have not mentioned Victor and Muriel, these are two new members in Regina. In addition to which welcome back to an old member Rob of Regina. Nice to have you all with us. By the way some have noted that I do not mention last names when discussing Regina members. Very true. I have strong feelings about this and its all tied into security. Out of province or dealers, well thats slightly different.

Got a few more things of general interest. Your Executive will be meeting on the 6th of May, discussing amongst other things, the show, future shows, etc. Also our charity donation policy plus a few other high level items. Come on out to the meeting and find out what is new. By the way, we plan to screen a movie from the Royal Canadian Mint at the meeting on the 16th of May..Remember..May 16th..Union Center. Be there if you can.

Some of you will recall the project initiated by Nick Parker whereby we would ask The Bank of Canada to try and bring a display to our Fall show. Well..we wrote and just got a letter back a few days ago. Doesn't look like we will ever see the Bank of Canada National collection here. Policy is that only major events qualify and also they are very short staffed etc etc etc etc. Need I say more.

See you all Friday the 16th..Union Center.. show time around 8:45.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Murray', is written at the bottom right of the page. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.



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(Exc July and August) at the Union Center, 2709 12th, 8 pm

May 30/80

THE BULLETIN

Greetings to all. It looks like it will be a nice summer (if we get rain). On the other hand if you are a sun worshiper then its right up your alley. Enjoy it folks.

This will be the last newsletter till the September meeting. Everybody has taken off for the season and interest in coins is probably at a low ebb, so why bother renting a room and having only 5-10 people show. So....

Some comments from your President and Editor..We had the exec meeting on the 6th and a number of interesting points were discussed.... 1) A 1980 double cent set was decided as being mandatory for the first prize at the Fall show, therefore it has been ordered. 2) Decided that instead of donating to charity's such as Heart Fund, Cancer Fund etc that we would buy books and donate same to libraries or schools and thus publicize our clubs activities. That is of course providing the membership wants to donate to charity!!

At our general meeting on the 16th the following items were discussed. 1) Scoop Lewry was accepted as a member. 2) The members voted against any participation with the local stamp club in a combined show. This is not to say that its buried once and for all but it is as far as I am concerned. Maybe somewhere down the road we will reopen it .. who knows. As a matter of fact and this news is as current as this morning, I ran into Tom (StampClub Pres) in the Post Office and mentioned the Clubs decision and he was not too heart broken about it all!! So ladies and gents..The matter rests. 3) The Fall show was fixed for the Weekend of October 18th and 19th.. Same place..same time. ONE THING THOUGH, WE NEED A BOURSE CHAIRMAN. ANYBODY OUT THERE INTERESTED?? SERIOUSLY MEMBERS THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY ITEM AND WE MUST PICK A CHAIRMAN BEFORE THE MEETING ON JUNE 20TH. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO AND SOMEONE SHOULD GET AT IT IF WE ARE TO HAVE A SHOW AT ALL. OK now that the fat is in the fire how about all you public spirited citizens stepping up and volunteering. Write me at the clubs PO Box (see above) or call me at 359-5735 during normal working hours. 4) The President proposed a series of bylaw changes by a notice of motion to be voted on at the June meeting. The changes are summarized in the next paragraph. Be at the club meeting and we will vote on the changes. 5) Lastly if you were not at the meeting you missed a good movie. I think everyone who was there felt that way.

The Bylaw changes are 1) Describes who may become a member and how 2) Tells what an honorary, ordinary and junior member are and what their privileges are and what their voting rights are 3) Tells who sets membership fees and explains that anyone who does not pay membership fee is expelled. 4) Sets term of office for directors at two years 5) Explains how bylaws can be amended 6) Sets petty cash fund and allows for changes 7) Allows signing officers to purchase services in addition to postage and necessary supplies.

Nothing too world shaking in these changes. I have a typed sheet giving the precise workding of the bylaw changes and you are more than welcome in requesting a copy if so desired. Please write....Above all be at the meeting and vote.

By the way allyou wooden nickel collectors out there. We received a short note from a Judith Brown, Box 72, Richmond Hill, Ont., L4C4X9. Judith wishes to trade woodies with any interested collector. Write her if interested.

If any members are planning trips this year I have gotten together a listing of the various coins shows planned around the country. Firstly, in the west.

July 19-20 Greater Vancouver Coin show, N. Vancouver.

Aug 23-24 Great Nothwest Coin Show, Tacoma Wash.

Aug 29-30-31, Greater Victoria Coin show, Victoria

In the east.

Of course the daddy of them all, The CNA 1980 convention, Montreal. *July 23-27*

If anyone is interested just contact a dealer in the town mentioned and I'm sure you will get directed in the right locality.

Other news, I note that the break in suffered by the publisher of Canada Coin news was finally traced to some poor jerk who got picked up on another charge and then confessed to the McLaren break in. Apparently he claims that the mailing list he stole was a case of mistaken identity. It was supposed to be something else!!!! When he found out what it was, he threw it away! Oh me. Just goes to prove what I have advocated all along that if you want security then rent a PO Box (preferably under an assumed name.)

Some time back I made the comment in one of our newsletters that members desiring to buy a book would be better off if they could combine their purchases and thus get the benefit of a discount. A couple of members have asked me to put them on such a list fOr Cec Tannahills book but so far only these two gentlemen have come forth. I think that before we can ask for and get a discount we should be prepared to have at least five buyers. What say, any takers?? Let me know by mail or.....

We are now receiving complimentary copies of the Saskatoon Coin Clubs newsletter. Really a nicely produced club bulletin and my compliments to to the editor. A copy of this and future Regina club bulletins will be sent to our sister club.

Best wishes for the summer season. Will see you at the meeting on June 20th. Remember, our bylaw changes.. We need your vote..Lets make our last meeting of the summer a good one. I know Gerry has been a bit discouraged lately with the auction bidding..If everyone brings a few pieces and if we get a nice turnout maybe Gerry will change his mind. See you there.

G Murray



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at the Union Center, 2709 12th, 8:00 pm.

August 29, 1980.

FLASH .. FLASH .. Due to the pressures of my work I have found it necessary to postpone the September Club meeting to the fourth Friday in September. SEE YOU ALL ON SEPTEMBER 26th same time..same place.

For those that have not heard our Fall Coin (some stamps) show will be held on the 25th and 26th of October at the Holiday Inn at 777 Albert street. Dean has graciously "volunteered" to be our show Chairman this fall and I understand he has matters well in hand. There are apparently 10 tables sold to date and seeing as it is still a bit early we will probably sell out this show. If any of you budding coin dealers want to try your luck I'd suggest you apply for a table as soon as possible. Write the Show Chairman c/o the Regina Coin Club (address above) be sure to enclose your \$25.00 (cheap as dirt). Please write soon since once the tables are gone there will be no more. In other words first come first served.

Your Exec held a meeting at Dean's house a week ago and talked considerably about the show. Security seemed to be a hot topic as it usually is. As most of you serious readers know sitting in a bourse room for more than 3 hours at a stretch is not my idea nor most anyones idea of a fun time. That is probably why we had such a monstrous waiting list of people banging on our door trying to sit security for us at the last show. Why belabour the fact. We just cannot seem to get enough members out to share this unpleasant task (at least not unless we point a gun at them!) so why worry about it. Right? The Exec decided that if we cannot get at least 8 bona fide volunteers who will show up and sit security then there is not any reason why we should not hire a commercial firm. After all, a guard dog complete with handler can be rented for \$8.75 per hour. This person is bonded and is top of the line. Total bill around \$125.00. If you have any objections to this proposal then show up at the next meeting and voice them. Better still, if we can get 8 members to share the unpleasant duties themselves then we can go that way but enough of this 4-5 volunteer assignment. Nuff Said?

I think you will enjoy the bulletin this time. It is a bit bigger than normal but then we havent seen each other since June. I enjoyed putting this edition together and I hope you enjoy it. By the way at the meeting copies of the club bylaws amended recently will be available for every member. I had hoped to mail em out but we might be able to save a buck or two if you come down and pick them up in person. If we don't see there then maybe we will distribute copies at the show. Sooner or later (by year end everyone will have a copy one way or another)

And so..Enough of this serious business..Something about coins and stuff?
Read on.

Warning to Coin Collectors

"HELP! WE'VE BEEN ROBBED"

"IT CAN'T happen to me," is the thought that passes through the minds of most collectors when the possibility of coin collection thefts is mentioned. We live in a false sense of security concerning our everyday lives. Some of the fallacies we continue to entertain in order to support this false sense of security are these:

1. I keep all my doors locked.
2. My house is on a busy street.
3. I leave a light on when I go out.
4. My neighbors keep an eye on my house.
5. No one knows of my collection except a few friends.
6. I'm careful of contacts and advertise for coins from a box number.
7. I keep my collection in a safe.
8. Thieves can't "fence" old coins.
9. We live in a good neighborhood.

I was robbed. I live on a busy street in a good neighborhood with fine neighbors who are fairly familiar with the habits of our household. Thieves broke through three doors and stole \$4,000 worth of coins which weighed over 120 pounds, and also stole three suitcases in which to carry the loot. Then they boldly left by way of the front door. (Just at dusk, a neighbor saw a man at our back door, and saw lights flickering through the windows. She had heard that we were planning a trip, and she concluded the man at the back door was a policeman checking the house, and the lights she saw flickering were reflections of auto-

mobile headlights passing the front of the house. Her conclusions were not illogical.) Most people tend to place crime at the bottom of the list when they notice something unusual. Police estimated that entry was made within two minutes and the robbery was completed within ten minutes. Needless to say, although most thieves are not interested in vandalism, they can make quite a mess out of a house.

A fellow collector lost about \$5,000 in coins about two weeks later. He had an automatic light switching arrangement for his living room. The burglars simply turned the light off one night and vanished without a clue. This man advertised through a box number only and very few people knew of his collection.

In these robberies, and many others, the significant trend one should observe is the fact that only coins were stolen. Furs, jewelry, and cameras were left untouched.

What about safes? Surely this would be an ideal place to keep a collection! It is true that safes can be picked up very cheaply second hand. If you want to use one, get the biggest you can find. Safes are often stolen *in toto* and opened at the thieves' convenience somewhere else. A four hundred pound safe offers no problem to resourceful thieves.

These facts explode all the little fallacies we entertain except one: A thief is sure to get caught if he tries to sell a stolen collection. Nothing could be further from the truth. Thieves can not only "fence" old coins, but they know values and

will "dicker" for the best prices. Most collectors or dealers are unsuspecting. The common approach is, "Bill Jones said you might be interested in these proof sets. . . ." Then the big fairy tale begins, and you can only assume that if this man is a friend of Bill Jones, this is sufficient introduction. One collector is played against the other.

The coin "fencing" may be done very shrewdly. The thief or "fence" is not stupid. He understands the psychology of the average man, and the desire of everyone to get a bargain — but not a big enough bargain to arouse suspicion. (Unfortunately, there is also a small minority of collectors and dealers who are not particularly anxious to determine the validity of the seller and his merchandise.) The "fence" is also careful not to cross state lines, and invite federal action.

Coin thieves may be divided into three categories: Common vandals or juveniles, thieves who accidentally find a collection while burglarizing a house, or a professional coin thief. The most dangerous of the three is the professional coin thief. He may operate alone or, more often, in conjunction with other professional thieves. His philosophy is different from that of the common vandal or juvenile. The latter, when apprehended, usually "spills the beans" and tells police officers everything, once he is caught with stolen merchandise. The "pro" tells nothing. He is an innocent bystander caught in a web of circumstances, and he banks heavily on the probability that you can't identify your coins in court. Now for the rude shock: Can you?

Before you throw up your hands and state emphatically, "Of course I can," back up and reflect for a few moments. Picture yourself in a court of law, before a jury. How do you know these proof sets are yours, or this gem set of nickels? Especially if all writing has been removed and new tags affixed to the folders and holders? What if several thousands of your individual coins have been placed in new envelopes, and the original description

recopied by the thief? You might convince a jury of coin collectors by your identification of certain conditions and identification points on the coins, but what of a jury of laymen, especially with a sharp defense attorney attempting to cut every statement you make to ribbons?

This brings us to the principal point of this modest essay. How can I avoid being robbed, and how can I positively identify my numismatic material? Prevention, of course, is better than cure. A small dog with a loud bark is a time-honored burglar deterrent. Electrical "bugging" of doors and windows, using solenoids or relays to operate lights or bells is also excellent. The latter method is free of the physiological functions of the former. The experienced burglar works in darkness and silence. He cannot tolerate light and unexpected noise. A skillfully "bugged" house can throw thieves into complete panic. Electrical alarms may be designed to ring bells and turn on lights or sirens, to ring a bell in a neighbor's house, or even the police station. Such devices should be installed only by persons experienced in these techniques and familiar with standard safety codes.

But suppose you are robbed, what then? The first step is publicity. Tell the investigating police to cooperate fully with the newspapers, radio, and TV; also, notify these media yourself. Contact the publicity secretaries of all clubs and numismatic publications of which you are cognizant. Give the police and insurance company an itemized list with valuations. Describe as fully as possible the holders, folders, cases, etc., in which the stolen merchandise was housed. Do not make this list public. It can aid the thieves enormously in their "cover-up" operations, also it is not good policy to give the list to people such as dealers and news reporters for the same reason. Give these people more generalized descriptions of the missing items, such as "forty proof sets, 1950-1960." The police list would, of course, have these forty sets broken down into number of each date, type

of holders, possible identification marks, etc.

Professional thieves are difficult to apprehend. Unless caught in the act, they can usually be brought to justice only by being arrested for some other offense, or by being caught disposing of the stolen merchandise. They are not so childish as to leave identifying marks such as fingerprints at the scene of the crime. Most states presume felony when the source of stolen goods cannot be accounted for by an arrested person, but who can prove that the stolen merchandise did not belong to a deceased father, uncle, or cousin, of the defendant? The thief has nothing to lose by lying and everything to gain.

Discouraging as it may seem, many of our legal procedures seem to be designed to protect the criminal rather than convict him. A shrewd thief and a clever attorney often sway juries toward acquittal or the misdemeanor offense of receiving stolen goods, especially if the jury foreman has just received a traffic ticket. The best weapon the prosecution has is positive identification.

Obvious identification marks will be removed, or the material discarded so use a combination of the following methods:

1. INVISIBLE INK. Marking inks are available which are invisible under white light, but fluoresce brilliantly under ultra-violet light. These inks are permanent and may be applied to roll wrappers, folders, or other paper base materials. On plastic holders, it should be applied inside the holder, as it might wear off plastic through handling. For roll identification, a further stratagem is to mark a small piece of paper and slip it between the coins of the roll.

2. HIDDEN IDENTIFICATION. Small slips of paper with the owner's A.N.A. number and name may be inserted inconspicuously somewhere in the pages and folders in current use. The laminated paper in some folders may be split, the

identification tag inserted, and the split resealed.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS. Coins alone are practically impossible to identify. An actual photograph, preferably of both sides of the coin, is the only method by which a police laboratory can compile "points of identification," when your photographs are compared with those of confiscated coins. If you are not a photographer whose abilities and equipment are such that good work of this type can be produced, check around among your collector friends, or try to find a photographer who will do this type of work reasonably. Photograph your more valuable coins, or those with unusual marks or other points of identification, and make enlargements at least twice the diameter of the coin. A tiny mark, scratch, hairline, or planchet defect is faithfully and exactly reproduced, and can be as damning as a fingerprint.

Coin collection thefts are common and are increasing in proportion to the number of collectors and speculators. The professional thief has struck a new twentieth century bonanza in the perfect merchandise to steal: money itself, often worth its weight in gold, and most important, it is generally unidentifiable. Coins do not carry serial numbers.

Only the collector can stop this surge of crime. Know the people who offer you coins for sale. "Fences" can wring your heart and pocket-book while they explain about poor Uncle Oscar or Cousin Elmer who is dying of cancer and must liquidate his coin collection for hospital bills. There are many other related fairy tales, but this is typical. Report suspicious persons to the police.

No collection is too small or too large to attract thieves. Coin collection insurance is cheap and should be carried by all collectors. Contact your insurance agent, and be sure to insure with well established companies. Most policies are quite simple and may not require a complicated time-consuming itemization of everything you have.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR COIN COLLECTORS WIVES

- 1) Thou shalt never, under any circumstances whatsoever, remove change from thy husband's pockets less thou inadvertently remove from therein some rare or scarce coin which he has not yet had a chance to file away among his archives.
- 2) Thou shalt not spend a single coin with a date prior to 1969. These shall be brought safely home for hubby's inspection and possible release for circulation.
- 3) Thou shalt not call thy husband to dinner while he is yet in the midst of filing away the day's finds.
- 4) Thou shalt never commit the unpardonable sin of referring to hubby's hobby as "playing with his coins".
- 5) Thou must be prepared, at any moment, to go on reduced rations when wonderful bargains appear which the spouse just cant resist.
- 6) Thou must never appear suspicious when the other half streaks into his den and slips small envelopes from his pockets into a certain desk drawer.

- 7) Honor thy husbands obsession to stop at small country banks while on vacation trips even if it means begging the motel owner to accept 20 rolls of nickels for the bill.
- 8) Thou shalt never casually mention spending a 1936 cent with a dot under the date because you were under the impression that he was looking for the one without the dot.
- 9) Thou shalt never schedule any events which will conflict with hubbys coin club night.
- 10) Thou shalt spread the good word about the Regina Coin club wherever thou shalt go.

Isn't it the truth ladies??

To rapidly change the subject. It was with some anticipation that Joe Graham dropped in on me one day at work and made the statement that he was here to narrate the story of his life in the coin business. Actually a few words are in order first to set the stage.

Some of you serious readers may recall a plea of mine some months back at which time I asked that the old timers in the club step up and narrate their story. Sorry to say..No takers. So, rather than wait around I wrote a few letters and Joe kindly stepped up and provided the following.

For those that do not know Joe, let me say that he was (probably) the first coin dealer in the city of Regina and in addition was the President of our club back in 1970 . He is not currently active in the coin business but maintains an interest and on occasion has been known to show up at the odd coin show. Who knows, he may even take a table at the Fall show. What say Joe?

Anyhow, Joe started up in 1953 upon the urging of Jim Hardie (an early collector in the 50's, and now deceased) by placing signs in the window of his shop at 1719 Rose St, known then as "Clearing House Pawnbrokers". Joe tells me that he was in partnership with another local entrepreneur who really did not care much for coins..and still doesn't. One of the interesting points brought out by Joe was the fact that their store published a Canadian Coin price list first in 1955 and lastly in 1962. The 1955 issue was certainly the first in this part of Canada and may have well been one of the first in Canada. I have copies of all of them and they make interesting reading. For example:

In 1955 they were paying .45 for 1925 nickels, 100.00 for 1921 halves, 1.50 for 1948 silver bollars. By 1962 the same coins brought 13.00, 1000.00 and 35.00. Oh for the good old days!

After being at 1719 Rose for a few years the business changed its name and moved to 1767 Rose under the name of the Option shop. I think the location of the Option shop and of the Clearing house have long since fallen victim to the wreckers ball and are just so much empty space now.

Well, to get along with the story. In 1962 he dropped most of his stock selling out and later in 1966 sold out completely. So ending an interesting time in the field of coins insofar as he was concerned.

Looking back on it all Joe has many interesting stories to relate. Some of can probably never be told in their entirety since most of the principals have long since passed away. And then, a lot of the stories he could tell probably might not sit too well with those still around so lets leave well enough alone.

Joe does say that He handled most of the rarities in his time with the possible exception of the 1921 half and the "Dot" series of coinage. An interesting comment was made by him when he said that he considered the 1913 Broad leaf dime to be one of the really scarcer coins in the Canadian series. Probably scarcer than the 1921 5 cent silver which he has had in fairly large numbers. I have heard the same comment about the 1921 5¢ so many times from others and I am now to the point where I personally have to agree with Joe's remarks. Another comment made by him was the one in which he claims the 1947 ML Curved seven was another real hard item to come by. Agreed.

And so it goes. Joe is currently in the field of Alternate energy sources and is a real booster for windpower setups. He keeps in touch and if you ever get the chance at a coin show look him up. He will gladly sit and over a coffee tell you things you have probably never heard before. A pioneer in the coin world ladies and gentlemen..Joe Graham.

And while on the subject of pioneers folks lets not forget some of the early club members to whom we all owe a lot for blazing the path that we all walk in 1980. As a matter of fact this is my way of saying thanks to the early members and let them know we care. It was rather surprising to hear from Wilf Latta in Punnichy the other day and receive his page or so of comments on his career in the business. Sorry Wilf, but I'd have liked to print both your comments as well as Joe's. But then, Joe hit me first and here we are....All you members out there be sure and watch for the next bulletin and I'm sure you will enjoy Wilf's comments. Some real vignettes from Reginas early days will be included.

And so folks, we come to the end of another edition. It's been a long one and kind of fun for me. Everybody remember, the next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Friday in September. We have things to discuss and lets try for a real nice turnout.

If all you out of towners havent given it much thought then its time to consider the Fall show. October 25 and 26 at the holiday Inn. Lets all make plans to be there. And remember members, we need your displays at the show. Contact Henry at 527-2709 and let him know what you have.

See you later.

Murray.





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October 10/80

THE BULLETIN

Behind the scenes activity continues at a feverish pace and our October show draws closer every day. You will soon begin to see the newspaper ads and the posters appearing and once this takes place it won't be long folks. Lets all get out and support your show. Remember, it is your event. Tell everyone that may be interested and lets try for a record.

We are still trying to get displays lined up so anyone that has not yet stepped forward please contact Henry at 527-2709. For those interested in displaying here are a few ground rules.

- (1) Every Junior displaying at least one case and all others displaying at least two cases of items numismatic in nature would receive a 68 or 69 P/L set.
- (2) The most popular display would receive a 1970 P/L in addition to the 68 or 69 mentioned above. The most popular display would be selected by the general public voting on the display which most appealed to them.

So what else have we to report....Well for one thing I was personally disappointed at the lack lustre turnout at our first meeting of the fall season. Really ladies and gents, 10 people turning out for a meeting after an absence of three months, well that is truly mind boggling! Remember that your club needs your participation to function properly and without it we will surely go under. Maybe not tomorrow but soon...Do you want that? Can't you spare one evening a month..once in a while? Think about it and think about the alternatives.

It is not too soon to start thinking about your 1981 executive. We must elect a new slate of officers at the annual meeting which is the third Friday in December, and December comes rather fast. I as your President, secretary and whatever, regret that I will be unable to stand for any elected office in 1981. Demands made on my time are getting to the point that they are detracting from my ability to try and make a dollar so I am personally going to have to take a less active role in the functioning of the club. Sorry..No appeal I'm afraid.

Some concern has been expressed about the poor response from members for material to be auctioned at our monthly meetings. Basically our situation is that only one person is bringing material and he is a bit discouraged at the lack of participation. So, effective next meeting our auction will now be a "sale". Everyone bring your goodies and go ahead and make your own deal with whomever is interested.

In the last bulletin I promised a few comments by Wilf Latta on his life in the coin business, how he got started, etc. Being true to my word. Here she be.

Wilf started out as a young fella in 1918 when his uncle Joe coming back from Europe in the Canadian Armed forces gave him an assortment of world coins picked up in his travels. Of course Wilf like so many collectors since, promptly filed away his prizes in the ever-present cigar box.

A bit later while attending primary school in Regina, Wilf had a couple of paper routes delivering the Leader Post and the "Evening Star" (new one on me) in the Angus, Rae, Retllack area, 10 block north to the 5 block, and of course since he was a young business person now had the "bucks" to buy the odd coin that his school chums would bring to school with them. Gradually over a period of time, and with the help of his two older brothers, who brought back coins from Europe, Wilf developed into quite a collector. Of course in the 1920's there were no Kraus Mishler world coins books nor were there many Charlton Catalogues either, but his interest was high and what he lacked in knowledge, he made up for in enthusiasm.

Many endeavours and experiments happened over the next few years, things like Wilf's desire to develop ways to properly house his collection. In the late 30's he did develop the Latta Coin albums primarily for his own use but some of them were sold. The albums themselves are not strangers to me since I do have a few of them which came my way as a result of a collection I purchased. They were a first in this part of the world and may have been a first for Canada. Does anyone know??

Around 1957 coin collecting really took hold and when various friends saw his mint set, Wilf was forced to order more for them. A slight charge was levied and from modest beginnings, the Coin of the year club was formed. The club was better known as the COTY club and most of us know it as that today. Wilf enjoyed a huge success with COTY and celebrated 10 years as head of the organization by issuing 5000 serially numbered medals for the membership. (I believe we have some in the club token collection) Subsequently COTY was sold to John Jamieson of the Saskatoon Jamiesons and continues there to day.

All in all a very interesting vignette on the experiences of Wilf Latta, Regina coin club member #12. To end up this piece, and make you all a bit envious for the early days let me quote a comment made by Wilf regarding the town of Govan. He says that "many" years ago when visiting the town of Govan (birthplace) he thought to call in at the local bank and ask if they had any large cents left. Imagine his surprise, even then, to hear them say sure, here a couple of rolls which he got for face value. Wilf did not tell me if they were BU examples or.....Eat your hearts out kiddies. Those days are long gone..Or are they?

Just a bit more about security at the show. It has been agrred upon that the club is going to hire commercial security for our October show. This will take the form of a man (c/w junk yard dog) and a walkie talkie. Price is reasonable. End of that subject.

Another rather unpleasant task faces me and that is to let everyone know that our year is drawing rapidly to a close. Of course this means that 1981 dues will soon be required. Your executive has agreed that the club will maintain the present dues schedule of \$3.00/yr for at least one more year, but this cannot continue forever at the bargain basement rate. There are pros and cons to this situation but rather than burden everyone with the problems I propose to brief the new executive on the situation. In any case, the end of the year is not too far away and anyone choosing to drop us a cheque now would of course be most welcome.

What else is new....I guess most have heard that our two local dealers currently residing at the foot of Hamilton street are looking for new premises. It appears that our city fathers have decreed that area of the city to be expendable and it is supposed to fall to the wreckers ball sometime after December 1st. No word at presstime as to where Messrs Muntain and Parker are going, nor is there any word that they are looking real hard. Who knows..only time will tell. I note also that the coin store in the Moose Jaw Co-op has changed hands. Previous owner Nick Kacenia having moved out to the land of Milk and honey (British Columbia) where I am told he will retire and take life easy in two or three years. While on the Moose Jaw topic, story has it that Art of A & A coins experienced a break-in late at night and they made off with a considerable pile of goodies. I seem to remember another such incident a year or so back. Talk about bad luck..It was a bit shocking to hear John tell us all at the last meeting that there seems to be a lot of unusual material being offered around town. Things like American gold etc..Careful folks.. Know your seller.

I think thats about it for now. There will be a meeting before the show so if you can spare the time come out on the 17th. Nothing unusual planned but I have something in mind and I won't say one way or another. Either way, if we do you will be pleasantly surprised and if we don't then you will have devoted an hour or so to a good cause. See you.


Murray.



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November 4/80

THE BULLETIN

By now I guess everyone has heard. Our show held on October 25/26 was the best ever. At the exec meeting held on October 29th your treasurer (Jack) reported paid attendance of the order of 435!! Truly a fine performance and the show committee deserves a special thank-you for a job well done. Thanks to Dean, Henry, Jack and Gerry. Also the girls at the door were there without question taking the money and generally keeping things running smoothly. Thanks to Edith and Mary. I personally heard many nice words for the quality displays we had at the show, and the Saskatoon Coin Club were particularly envious. Really folks I think we impressed everyone and we have reason to be proud.

Carrying on with show matters. Dean tells me that all door prizes were taken home by non-club members with the majority of prizes staying in the Queen city. One prize went to Pleasantdale Sask. The "peoples" choice balloting went to display #21 "Gemstone Pictures" with #18-Crowns of the World and #31-Shinplasters right in there a close 2nd and 3rd.

For those that did not choose to show up at the last meeting let me give you a bit of a briefing on what went on. First off, an old letter from the editor of the CNA Journal was read which made reference to a supposed collection of foreign coins held by the city Transit department. Scoop Lewry and I have been trying for some time to track this one down and all of our efforts come up blank. As a matter of record I personally placed a phone call to a retired gentleman named Murray in Nanaimo who apparently held a senior position with City Transit back in the 40's. He knew of no collection but did acknowledge that they did turn in a bag or two of misc. foreign coins and got some kind of payment in Canadian Dollars in return. There was never any real collection as such. Member Rene tells me that when he was a youngster living on Albert street he and his pals were able to go down to the car barns and buy foreign coins from the cashier. This was on roughly similar type coin for similar type coin basis. In other words, a dime for a six pence etc. Interesting point Rene and one that I had never heard before. So much for the subject in question.

More on club happenings...Jack gave us a short talk on the numismatic course he and his wife are taking at the Community college. Member Chris is giving it and everyone attending the classes seem enthusiastic about what they are learning....Later on towards the end of the meeting the President briefed those present on the fact that he had culled over all the old club files from 1953, saving things like minutes and financial records along with any newsletters he managed to find. The residue will be kept until the end of the President's term in December and then destroyed if no one objects.

Our meeting ended up with a special effort by Gerry who demonstrated the use of his metal detector in locating coins and other metallic items. It was enjoyed by all being informative and enlightening. Thanks Gerry.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, elections are coming up and so far we have not had any luck in getting anyone to run for elected office except for Jack who has agreed to take on the Treasurers function for another year. Your President and Henry have agreed to be a nominating committee of two and we may be contacting you. If you are approached please give it your serious consideration since the club needs you to continue to operate. It has been said many times before and I'll say it again, the same dedicated group of people are the ones who attend the meeting, help out at shows, and stand for elected office. If we cannot get anyone to stand for office then some serious thinking will have to take place concerning the club in general and where we are going to be next year. At your recently held exec meeting this problem was identified and all present felt the best way to go would have to be determined by the club members. Along with this newsletter you will find a questionnaire which asks you what you want to do. Please take a few minutes of your time and reply to our queries. It is all for the future good of the club.

Just one last item and I think I'll pull the pin on this edition. Most will recall my comments about A & A coins in the last bulletin. Just after presstime I found out that the coin store was sold and it was too late to include it in the news. Yes..Art of A & A has sold out to Dan of Northern Alberta and Dan is currently setting up for business. Went over and introduced myself to the new prop. a week ago and I think he will be good for the hobby in this part of the world.

That's it for now. Happy collecting. Try and get out to the next meeting. If we are able to come up with a few names maybe..just maybe we will have a few important matters to decide about the new exec etc.

Murray.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Regina Coin Club

At a recent meeting of the executive your elected representatives discussed the future of the Regina Coin Club. To put it bluntly, some of us think that we are in serious trouble.

For example, the same 10 or 15 people are turning up at every general meeting...The same group are "helping" out at the coin shows...No body has expressed an interest in leading the club for the 1981 season and it almost looks like either a previous president will probably have to step in and take over... again ... or that some drastic measures will have to be taken in our thinking about the club, our meetings, coin shows etc. Frankly, it is a monstrous job (if you want it done right) and nobody can seriously expect the same people to do it over and over again.

Please everybody, I know that we have a long way to go before it gets interesting for all members but we try. Sure maybe we make mistakes and maybe we are a little dull, but, the club will fold unless you participate..participate..participate.

Can you help us??? We need to know your thinking and where you want us to go. Please take the time to answer the few questions we have listed below. Be honest but above all reply..

- 1) Why have you stopped coming to the club meetings?
- 2) Would you be in favour of fewer meetings, say 6 or 7 per year rather than 10 as presently done?
- 3) Do we need two coin shows a year? If not, and assuming we have one show annually, when would you prefer to have this show?
- 4) If the worst comes to the worst, then would you prefer that we have no meetings at all but keep in touch with a quarterly newsletter??

Other comments

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can.



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December 2, 1980

THE BULLETIN

Well here we are, into December and the end of our year. -25 as I write this and cold...brrrr. Looking back at the last twelve months your editor has time to reflect on the happenings in 1980. It was a tiny bit hectic at times but basically satisfying. I would have liked to have seen more participation by the juniors in our club but it was not to be. Oh I know we do have one die hard member (Edwin) but what about you others out there, lets see more of you next year.

Other things to occupy my thoughts were the two fine coin shows we held and the slow growth of our club. Many thanks to the public spirited members who gave unselfishly of their time to keep the club going and to make all of our projects as successful as they were. We owe them a lot and it is my hope that 1981 will bring others to step forward and participate in the clubs operation, to a greater degree than has been the custom in the past.

Actually, and on the same train of thought, I see by the Current issue of the Victoria Numis. Soc. bulletin that they are having precisely the same problems as we are experiencing. Things like non-participation and apathy are the major causes of trouble in small clubs and are to be avoided at all costs; it is surprising that this same sickness has been with us for many years and it would appear that we are not unique in this respect. Small consolation I say but lets all try to push our club in 81, and maybe we can all turn it around.

Enough of this soap-box stuff. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FOLLOW.....

DUE TO XMAS, OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 12TH OF DECEMBER. SAME TIME AND PLACE. A SMALL SELECTION OF GOODIES AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

Most of you will probably have already noted the changes in the meeting schedule (top of sheet). Lets discuss this a bit. As you all know we have been experiencing difficulty in getting people to stand for elected office of our organization and it was my intent to gracefully step aside this year and let new blood take over. Nice thought but it did not quite work out that well in theory. Nobody stepped forward and most said they would not take it on a bet! Oh well....we issued a questinnaire and mailed out 71 copies hoping to find out what the club wanted to do for 1981 and thereafter. Well to make a long story short only 25 bothered to respond and the views were wide and varying. More on this later.

At our last meeting in November the results of the questionnaire were tabled and basically most people wanted to continue as we have in the past. Regrettably, this was not possible since we had no President or Vice President and we were a bit short of secretarial help as well. After much discussion, your President "agreed" to run for another term if there were fewer meetings and fewer newsletters. It was generally agreed by those present (consensus) that we should aim for 6 meetings a year and 4 newsletters. A number of others offered their services as members of the executive and those members present had no objections so we now have an exec for 1981.

President - Murray
V/President - Gerry
Secty-Chris
Treas-Jack

No exec directors have yet been selected but hopefully we can do this at our December meeting. So, our schedule for 1981 will look something like this.

January - No meeting
February - Meeting
March - Meeting (prior to show)
April - No Meeting
May - Meeting (last for summer)
June/July/August - No meeting
September- Meeting (prior to show)
November - Meeting
December - Annual meeting

Newsletter schedules are as follows.

February, May, September and December.

We will try to give a lot of advance notice of upcoming events and the like so please scan your Newsletters carefully. I think that what we have done is going to keep the club going so in that sense something useful has been done. By the way, for all of those members who replied to the survey indicating they would like to see the meeting days moved to earlier in the week we have not ignored your comments but based on things as they are now we could not accommodate you. I feel bad about that but life is a compromise and there are things wrong with meeting earlier in the week. I won't elaborate on them here but I will be glad to do so at the next meeting if you show up and ask.

Welcome to four new members..Bill, Herb and John of Regina and Glen of Hudson Bay. No last names of course as per our identity protection promise of some months back.

UNPLEASANT TASK COMING UP....YOUR DUES (UNLESS ALREADY PAID) ARE DUE IN FULL. \$3.00 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS AND \$1.00 FOR JUNIORS..THIS IS THE BEST BARGAIN AROUND SO SEND YOUR MONEY OR BETTER YET BRING IT TO THE MEETING. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IF YOU DO NOT.

See you at the meeting. Bring your spare coins and display them and make a deal with whoever is interested.

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Murray